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## President's Ponderings Mary Ann Morris

It is September, the Washington State Fair is on and soon to be over. I want to thank all of the ladies who will be tying quilts at the fair--- I know that we will have lots of fun.

Char Peterson got us a good speaker for our program night. Marsha Sable of More the Merrier Pattern Company showed us some of her great quilts. I bought one of her quilt patterns--now to find the time to do it. Thank you, Char.

Let's take a walk down memory lane: Do you remember an old commercial for Lowe's or Home Depot, where a couple is standing in the tool aisle. The husband has a tool in his hand and he tells his wife that he has to get this tool. His wife asks, "Don't you already have one of them?" and he answers, "Yes, but not in this color!" How many yards of material do we have in all colors and patterns and yet we never have just the color that we need? The next commercial, he is again in the tool aisle, holding a tool, and the wife asks what it does. He answers, "I don't know, but it will look good on my pegboard!" How many of us have duplicates of some of our tools? My husband has told me he is going to put a lock on his tool box so I will have to go to the hardware store and buy my own tools, or he will go and get replacement tools. When we go into a fabric shop, how many of us look at all the tools to see if there is something new that we just have to have? I know that I do this all the time, as does my husband in the hardware store. I have lots of rulers, seam rippers, scissors, thread nippers, and marking tools like you would not believe.

When you are starting another quilt, you have picked out your pattern and your colors, and you want to know if you have a good mix of lights and darks, there are a few ways to tell. One way is to take a picture and print it in black and white, which will tell you if you have enough contrast in your fabrics. Another way is to use a pair of special glasses that have deep red lenses, which will block out all color so you will only see light or dark. Now that I have told you how to do it, I will tell you how I do it. I usually pick out my colors not by value so much, but more by if I like the colors together, and then I look for the pattern that will fit my fabric. Sometimes I will fall in love with a pattern and then I will start collecting the fabric that I want to use in it. It may take a year or more to find the right fabric, but that is part of the fun of making a quilt, don't you think?

Well that is it for this month. Our business meeting is this week, and the program for October Anita Siegenthaler showing us how to do Millefiori. This should be a fun night. Thanks for stopping by.

#### **Multi-Service Center Donations:**

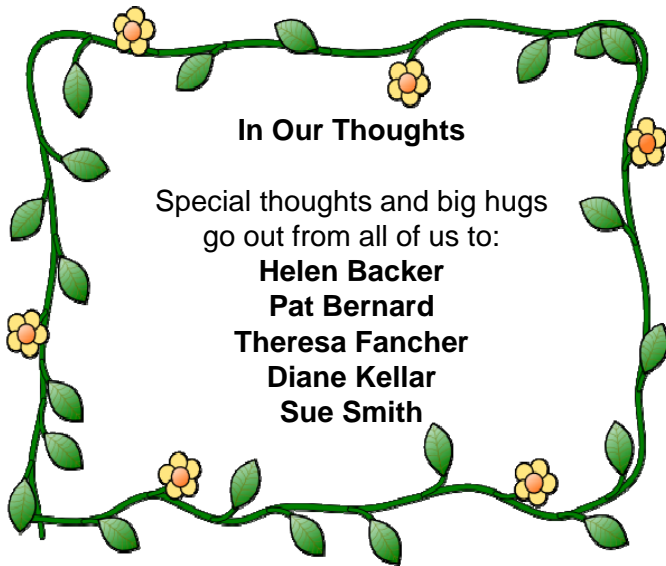
Toiletry items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, shampoo, soap, combs, brushes, lady's sanitary items.  
Canned goods, especially the kind with a pop top.

This is YOUR newsletter. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please email ([jillzquilts@hotmail.com](mailto:jillzquilts@hotmail.com)) or mail (P.O. Box 4243, Federal Way 98063) it to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thanks! jill

**Members' Sale Table – Jill Ellis**

Maddie Hall will be the Member Sales person for July's business meeting. Here are some of the treasures she will be bringing, most of them from a friend who is downsizing and likes to make crazy quilts: Velvet, suede, linen, lace, tulle, felt, gingham, flannel, cotton, terrycloth, apparel fabrics (shiny, slippery stuff), zippers, beads, buttons, rick rack, trim (lace, beaded, fringe), thread, pillow stuffing.

Every business meeting, you have an opportunity to sell your good stuff to good people. You'll go home with money, they'll go home with bargains, the guild gets 10% of what you made, and everyone's happy. If you'd like to sign up to sell your STUFF, please contact me. [jillzquilts@hotmail.com](mailto:jillzquilts@hotmail.com) or 253-927-1260. We have no one scheduled after this week.



**In Our Thoughts**

Special thoughts and big hugs go out from all of us to:

- Helen Backer**
- Pat Bernard**
- Theresa Fancher**
- Diane Kellar**
- Sue Smith**

**Treasurer's Report – Janine Walker**

Checking	\$5,932.33
Savings	<u>5,515.59</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,447.92</b>

If you have receipts for reimbursement, bring them to a meeting, fill out a reimbursement request form, and I will give you a check.

**Retreats – Janine Walker**

The October retreat is full, and looks to be a great group of ladies. The November 7-10 retreat sign-up sheet will be at the guild meetings. This one will be Monday through Thursday. Cost is \$32.50 per day plus the split cost of one meal for the group. Everyone should have sent their Presidential Ballots in by that time, so you can come and get away from all the craziness. Our 2017 retreats will be:

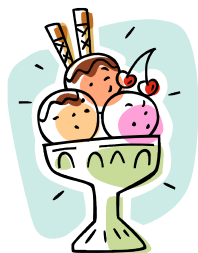
January 20-23 / March 10-13 / June 16-19 (Father's Day weekend) / October 12-16 / November 6-9



**October Hospitality and Birthdays**

Please bring goodies to meetings during your birthday MONTH. You are also responsible for helping with room setup/cleanup. Contact Rebecca Kellar, 253-219-6408, if you have questions or are unable to attend.

Eileen Peacher	1	Pat Hightower	27
Betty Howard	12	Margaret Mortenson	28
Theresa Fancher	16	Jill Ellis	30
Renee Pace	18	Susanna Gantt	30
Margaret Roth	24		



## School Supplies for Children's Hospital – Marianna Garrett

I am collecting coloring books and Crayola-brand crayons for the kids at Children's Hospital (anything other than Crayola brand are donated to another program). You can bring them to any meeting up to and including the December 8 program meeting, as they will be delivered on December 23. The Dollar Store has thick coloring books. Thank you!

## Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

We meet at Avalon Care Center, 135 South 336 <sup>th</sup> Street, Federal Way. We get in the meeting room at 7:15 p.m.	
<b>September 25</b>	Business meeting: committee reports, Block of the Month drawing, Show & Tell, Secret Pal gift exchange. If it's your birthday month, please bring a treat to share and help set up the room.
<b>October 13</b>	Anita Siegenthaler, guild member, will be giving a presentation on the New Hexagon Millefiore Quilting. She will be providing a brief explanation of English Paper Piecing, a brief history of the Millefiori as an art form, and then she will be explaining the New Hexagon book and technique and how it relates to the Millefiori quilt. She will have some hands-on for members creating hexes and blocks.
<b>November 10</b>	Program meeting: Bonnie (Sabel) Welte "Quilted Postcards.com" will be giving a presentation. Most of her 85 postcards pictured in her book will be passed around, along with a few albums of postcards that have actually gone through the mail in swap groups, which are in reality, a small "mini art quilt challenge" on a particular theme. Kits will be available for purchase, as well as the "innards" kit for the middle and back of the postcard. Her book will be available to purchase, also. Char has kit samples and the book at the September and October meetings. Bonnie will be teaching a Quilted Postcard class on Friday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> at the Milton Activity Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost for this class is \$25. Signups have begun and she has a 12 person minimum. Please plan on signing up at the September and October meetings.. well worth the money!! Bring a sack lunch.
Friday Friends (every Friday, but not Nov 13, as that's when the workshop is)	Join several club members every Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Milton Community Center, 1000 Laurel Street, Milton 98354 Bring your lunch, work on your unfinished projects or start a new one, and have fun with fellow Crazy Quilters. We generally do not meet the Friday before a major three-day holiday such as July 4, Memorial Day, Labor Day, or if the Community Center is closed.

## Ugly Panel Challenge – Sharon Meeds

The Ugly Panel Challenge will be due at the October business meeting. Are you working on yours?

### Rules

1. You need to end up with a lap quilt. These will go to either Avalon or to our Cancer Charity quilts.
2. You may NOT cut the panel into any size square and just sew it back together again. This is not a water color, 6, 9, 12 or 16-patch type quilt project.
3. You do not have to use the entire panel, BUT there must be enough visible to know it was the panel you got.
4. It must be quilted and bound when returned.
5. Judging will take place at the October business meeting (this leave you all summer and part of the fall to get you 'ugly' panel de-uglified (I made that word up).
6. There will be prizes: most creative; best use of panel, prettiest, and anything else Tina McCarter and I can come up with.
7. Pictures will be posted of the original panel and the finished quilt.
8. It's for fun and for our community charities!

## Places to Go . . . Quilts to See: Road Trip!



**September 22-24:** Northwest Quilting Expo, Portland Expo Center, Portland OR, [www.nwquiltingexpo.com](http://www.nwquiltingexpo.com)

**September 24:** 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoor Quilt Show, Main Street, Duvall WA. Free, 10-5, [www.duvallquiltshow.com](http://www.duvallquiltshow.com).

**September 30-October 1:** "Quilting for the Art of It," sponsored by Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild. Demos, quilts for sale, door prizes, make & takes, country store, bed turning. Admission \$5. Hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 907 Douglas Avenue, Longview WA. [www.lolquiltguild.org](http://www.lolquiltguild.org)

**September 30-October 1:** "Sharing Our Stitches," Crystal Quilters, Enumclaw Expo Center, 45224 284th Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA, 10-5 p.m., admission is \$6 donation. Bring a nonperishable food donation and receive a fat quarter from Quilter's Roost.

**September 30-October 2:** "A Floral Fantasy," sponsored by West Sound Quilters, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Presidents' Hall. Admission \$5. Vendors, demos, raffle quilt, wearable art, café, quilt turning. Featured artist is Kathleen Littfin.

**November 11-13:** "Give Me Space to Create," presented by Block Party Quilters. Issaquah Community Center, 301 Rainier Boulevard South. Friday & Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. Admission \$7 (whoa!). Merchant Mall, tea room, boutique, door prizes. Featured artist is Lisa Jenni. Info [www.bpquilters.org](http://www.bpquilters.org)

## Business Meeting Minutes – August 2016 – Cheryl Belcher, Secretary

- The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. We had a visitor, Gwen Martin, from Phoenix, a friend of Winn Curry.
- Minutes from the July meeting motioned to accept by Sharon Meeds & seconded by Kathy Wyckoff.
- Treasurer Report is in the newsletter.
- Vice-president Report by Char: In September, Sylvia Harden will have a trunk show, "The More the Merrier." In October, Member Anita Siegenthaler will do a demonstration of "Millifiore", a type of English paper piecing. In November, Bonnie Sabel will have a demonstration of "Quilted Postcards."
- Retreats: October Retreat is October 14-17, only one more spot open, see Janine Walker. November Retreat is November 7-10, Monday through Thursday, sign-up tonight.
- Raffle Quilt: Tina McCarter has tickets & pictures for the Raffle Quilt, "Crazy for Pinwheels." Pick up your tickets tonight. Jill Ellis sold \$100 of tickets between her work & the Covington Quilt Guild. Good work, Jill. Anyone else can take the quilt and sell tickets, also.
- BOM: Jan Bruell – everyone turned in their 'heart' blocks. The block for September is made with Shop Hop Fabric from a few years ago, and Jan said the winner gets a lot of extra fabric with the blocks.
- Block-in-the-Box: Exchange your boxes tonight.
- Secret Pals: Exchange gifts tonight.
- Community Service: Margaret has 4 kits ready to sew together. She also has 1 quilt to be hand-quilted. Jill & Tina each took 1 kit home. Thanks, ladies.
- Show & Tell : Susanna Gantt hurt her ankle working in her yard.  
Quality Sew & Vac in Tukwila has "Quilts of Valor" sewing on the first Saturday of the month.  
Tina showed her quilt she finished from the Block-in-the-Box group from last year. Way to go, Tina.  
Mici Wiggins showed a quilt from a kit from 1976!  
Kristy Warren, a fairly new quilter, showed her 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quilts.

### New Business:

- Puyallup Fair : 13 quilts are ready to be tied at the Washington State Fair.
- Name Tag Drawing: Margaret Mortenson won. Congratulations Margaret. Wear your badge, ladies.
- BOM: Tina McCarter won the batik heart blocks. Congratulations, Tina.
- Quilt Show for 2017: Next month we will have to decide if we are going to have a Quilt Show in 2017, & who will lead it. Think about it, everyone.
- Please take extra grapes home.
- Helen Backers's husband's service was very nice.
- Mariana hurt her back & has bronchitis. Char has dental problems. Get well soon, ladies.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



## Quilt Show 2017????? It's Decision Time – Linda Hill

Almost a year has passed since we held our last quilt show, which was a success, if I do say so myself. Now the time has come for us to decide if we are going to hold our bi-annual quilt show in 2017. Well, if we are, we need to get moving **NOW**.

To have a show in 2017, *within the next month*, we need to have someone volunteer to be the Chairwoman for the show; secure a venue; set a date; decide on a theme; start publicizing our show; form a Planning Committee.

Planning a quilt show is very similar to making a quilt. For a quilt, you:

- pick a pattern; choose fabric; determine the logical, simplest way to put each block together; sew the blocks; play with the blocks to determine layout; sew top together; add batting and backing; quilt as desired.

For a quilt show, you:

- Pick out a location; set a date; choose a theme; form a planning committee made up of a Show Chairwoman and Committee Chairs for location, publicity, registration, vendors, raffles, coordinate volunteers, coordinate tea room, quilt submission, set up, take down; work hard pulling everything together; display our creations for our viewing audience.

There is no doubt about it: planning a quilt show takes a lot of time and energy, but many members working together makes it doable. Some of the committee chairs from the 2015 show are stepping down (but they will share their expertise). And I am still sitting on my hands!

It is time for other members to step forward and face the challenges and joys of planning a successful quilt show. Are you one of the “other members” who will step up?

**I like to party...and by “party, I mean stay home and sew.**

**Life isn't about finding yourself. It's about finding the perfect fabric and never cutting it.**



**FYI: Charles, the Activity Director at Avalon, has asked the guild members not to help someone get back to their room from the dining room. There could be a liability issue if someone fell out of a chair, or the person pushing it tripped and got hurt. If need be, find someone who works there to assist the resident.**

