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President's Ponderings Mary Ann Morris

Welcome to 2017. So far it has not been a happy one.---- We lost a good friend and fellow quilter, Helen Becker. Our Vice President, Char Peterson, had to have some surgery. Marianna Garrett has had back surgery and is recovering very nicely, but still has a long way to go. I'm either in bed or in my easy chair with pain in my right leg. My doctor thinks that it is arthritis in my knee and right hip. The ER doctor thinks it is caused by the scratie nerves. What ever the cause is, it hurts, but I think it is on the mend (I really hope so). So much for me.

On a good note, Margaret Mortenson got a longarm and is learning how to use it. I encourage all our members who have or had a longarm to give her encouragement on using it. I'm sure any tips you have will be welcome.

SAVE THIS DATE: The Sewing & Stitchery Expo is March 2-5 at the Puyallup fairgrounds. It is always a great event, so be sure to get your tickets and sign up for your classes early. Also, our own Diane Kellar will once again be hosting her Quilting Social Classes once a month at Quality Sew & Vac. She welcomes anyone who wants to come. Don't forget on Fridays we have our Friday Friends sewing at Milton Senior Center. This is open sewing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Friday. This is a good time to get some of your UFOs done, or anything you are having trouble with done.

I was told that I missed a really good program meeting and demonstration on making pillowcases earlier this month by Joleen Allen. I'm sorry that I had to miss it. I believe that Sharon has sent out some info on it.

It is that time of year again: I need volunteers for doing an Audit on our accounting books, and one or two volunteers to serve as the Nominating Committee to find people to run for office for next year (our year starts May 1). Char Peterson has been our VP for 2 years and Janine Walker has been our treasurer for 2 years. They both have done an outstanding job, but it is time for some other members to step up and take over for them. Thank you both for helping to make this last year a successful year. [Editorial comment: I am not going to do Membership or Newsletter after April 30, so we need those positions filled, too. – Jill Ellis]

Now for my sewing tips for this month: The old carpenter adage of "measure twice and cut once" is so true. Accurate measuring makes for better and smarter seams. So make sure you have a good ruler and sharp blades in your cutter. This is also a good time to clean your sewing machine and have it serviced, and if you have not done so in a long time, place a new needle in your machine. We have all been told not to put pins in our mouth. I saw some pictures on fb of a woman who bought a new box of pins. After she finished sewing for the day, her lower lip started to swell up and a few hours later both of her lips were very large. She had put some of her new pins in her mouth and that is how she found out that she has an allergy to the metal that the pins were made of. So, be careful about putting pins in your mouth.

Well I think that this is enough for this month. As I was typing this out my husband said to tell you to stay out of your husband's toolbox (ha ha LOL) .

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.

Newsletter Contributors

thank you!	Mary Ann Morris	Georgie Girl
	Char Peterson	Janine Walker
	Sue Hopper	Sharon Meeds
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This is YOUR newsletter. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please email (jillzquilts@hotmail.com) or mail (P.O. Box 4243, Federal Way 98063) it to me by the 15th of the month. Thanks! jill

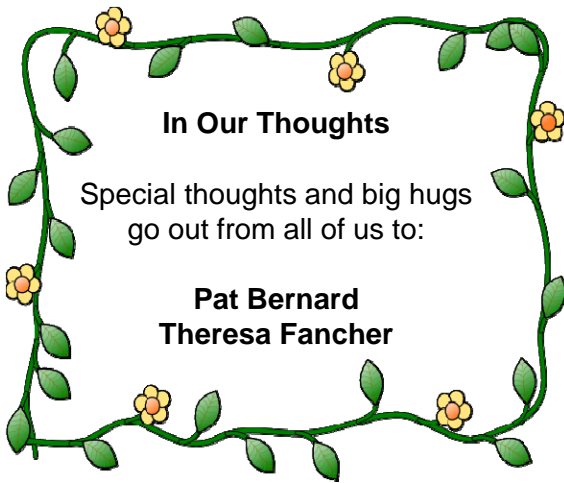
Sad News

We have lost two of our quilting friends. Helen Backer passed away in late December, and Ella Hibberts passed away in July. Both ladies were long-time members of Crazy Quilters, though Ella hadn't been a member in several years. Hopefully we will hear of a memorial for Helen, who had been dealing with health problems for several years. There was no memorial for Ella, who had been bedridden for two years with dementia and other health problems. Both ladies were talented quilters and just plain good people. We shall miss them.

In Our Thoughts

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

Pat Bernard
Theresa Fancher



Treasurer's Report – Janine Walker

Checking	\$4,808.92
Savings	<u>5,516.96</u>
TOTAL	\$10,325.88

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

Because of illness and cancellation, the January retreat had only 10 members. The normal sewing room was without heat, so we sewed in the dining room, which is where we used to sew before the new sewing room was added about 10 years ago. We had enough room for a cutting table and sewing table, and everyone was warm. The next retreat is March 10-13 and the signup sheet is available for you to add your name. Gwinwood is now under new management and in the transition process. So far, things are looking up. They are very enthusiastic about restoring Gwinwood to top condition. Our 2017 retreats will be: March 10-13, June 16-19 (Father's Day weekend), October 12-16, November 6-9 (Monday-Thursday). The cost is \$32.50 per day and the shared cost of one meal—one of the best deals around!

February 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.



Linda Ferguson	3
Sally Vance	5
Jan Bruell	9
Nancy Agler	9
Pat Bernard	11



Camille Foote	12
Jean Snedden	18
Carol Cowan	27
Jana McLeod	29



Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

We meet at Avalon Care Center, 135 South 336 th Street, Federal Way. We get in the meeting room at 7:15 p.m.	
January 26	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. THIS IS THE NIGHT WE WILL DRAW THE WINNING TICKET FOR THE RAFFLE QUILT, so make sure you bring all of your tickets and money to this meeting.
February 9	Program night: Presentation from Grace Ertea, who will be demonstrating heat-set applique with a liquid that she invented to prevent frays.
February 10	Class from Grace Ertea, 9:00 a.m. at the Milton Community Center. Class cost \$30; a supply list will be provided once you pay your class fee. See Char Peterson.
March 9	Brazilian embroidery with Grita Gidner
March 10	Class from Grita Gidner at the Milton Activity Center, for a small Brazilian embroidery piece. Most information on the cost at a later date
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.

From: Charles Kotlan
 To: Sharon Meeds
 Sent: December 23, 2016 at 3:19 PM
 Subject: Thank you for the quilts!!

Just so you know, we are very appreciative of your quilt and flower donations to the facility! Your last donation of quilts was 38, I had went ahead and saved every single one of them that any of your team gave me during 2016, about 20 of them.

With other outside donations we had almost 70 Quilts and blankets to give away! Every single last one went to residents in this facility. This means that with last years donated batch, I was able to make sure that virtually every resident that's been here longer than a week in the facility has a quilt from your team! That's amazing!

Just can't stress enough how perfect a handmade quilt is for folks in this setting. There really is no better gift to give them! Each one was so beautiful, so well made. We went ahead and let the nurses choose who received each one on their halls, and then we marked the names in them and handed them out on the 22nd.

Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH! We are truly blessed to have the Crazy Quilters in our facility!

Sincerely,
 The Extremely Grateful Residents of Avalon

Charles Kotlan, Recreation Director
 Avalon Care Center Federal Way

Christmas Potluck – Cheryl Belcher

Meeting called to order at 7:34. Potluck Dinner served, The guild provided a ham, and members provided sides. It was all very good. We had Show & Tell: Maddie Hall showed a tree skirt. Xenia McGowan showed a Comfort Quilt for a friend. For the gift exchange, vice president Char Peterson read, "The Night Before Christmas," and when she said "the," we passed the gift we had to the left until the end of the story. You don't realize how often "the" is used. It was a lot of fun. Poinsettias were donated to Avalon, three big ones & four smaller ones. Thanks to Char for the ham and setting up the room, as it was a lot of hard work. Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

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

February 17-18: Kitsap Quilters Guild annual Quilt Show, 1250 Fairgrounds Road NW, Presidents Hall, Bremerton WA. Hours 10-5, admission \$5.

March 2-5: Sewing & Stitchery Expo, Puyallup Fairgrounds, 110 Ninth Avenue SW, Puyallup WA. Hours Thursday-Saturday 9-6 p.m., Sunday, 9-4

March 17-19: "All Quilts Wild & Wonderful," presented by Quilters Anonymous Quilters, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe WA. Hours Fri & Sat 10-5 & Sun 10-4.

March 31-April 1: "SesQUILTcentennial," presented by Westshore Quilters' Guild, who are celebrating Canada's 1540th birthday. Engleridge Community Centre, 1089 Langford Parkway, Langford, B.C., Canada. Admission \$6. Information www.westshorequiltersguild.ca.

April 28-29: "Through the Eye of the Quilter," sponsored by All in Stitches Quilt Guild. Everett has needed a quilt show for a long time and now it is becoming a reality. Join us to see quilts, listen to quilters, watch demos, shop vendors, take classes, hear an evening lecture and more. Ride the train to Everett and make it a quilt buddies weekend! The city welcomes you to stay the night in a local hotel, sample restaurants, attend a play...the possibilities are endless! Children are welcome to experience our show. We will have a scavenger hunt for them to find motifs in the quilts and an opportunity to sew something. This an event to honor quilters and celebrate the work they do, while educating the public on the art of quilting. Xfinity Arena & Event Center, 2000 Hewitt Avenue, Everett WA. Info www.allinstitcheswa.org/events



Attention Doll Makers! – Marianne Garrett

In times past, several quilt clubs made ragdolls for a variety of charities. I taught making the large dolls for years and burned out. I passed on my leftover supplies to a group in Bonney Lake. Now they are burned out and guess what, gave back the leftover supplies.

I have nowhere to store them and am not going to be doing the dolls. All this stuff is FREE. Girl Scouts, Blue Birds, church groups, individuals any and all are welcome to this stuff.

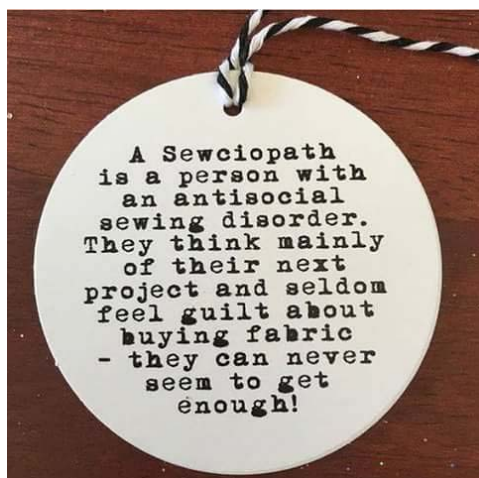
There is 24-inch ragdoll pattern, 18x18-inch box of fabric to make clothes, and the equivalent of approximately 20 1.5-pound bags of poly fill. I must get rid of this stuff quick, as I live in a trailer that is already filled with my stuff. Help!

There are 14 dolls done and dressed that need only the yarn hair sewn on. I would be happy to show anyone how to apply hair.

Please call around to your friends about this. It is all FREE. My number is 253-347-1345, and you can call as late as 11:00 p.m. Thank you!

Members' Sale Table – Jill Ellis

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. jillquilts@hotmail.com or 253-927-1260. We don't have anyone signed up for any month in 2017.



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.

