

Executive Board and Committee Chairs

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President's Ponderings Mary Ann Morris

Due to the weather our program night was canceled. Avalon was in lockdown due to illness, so Susanna Gantt got us the meeting room of her church. Rain flooded the room we were going to be in and all the other rooms were being used, so we had to cancel the meeting. The board really feels bad about that, as Char Peterson had lined up an interesting program. The workshop planned for Friday, February 10, went on as planned, with 11 attendees.

Now some good news and some not so good news. The good news is that Char Peterson and Janine Walker have said that they will serve another year on the board. We will have to have a special vote on this, as the bylaws say each office can be held as a two-year term. We will be saying goodbye to Jill Ellis as our membership and newsletter editor after doing it for a number of years and has been doing a good job of it. Now the not-so-good news is that we need to be thinking of next year and a new Executive board. To have a good guild, we all have to be involved with the running of the guild. So be thinking of how you can be involved in the guild. Now to get off of my soap box.

Have you thought of how many different ways to make half square triangles? I can think of four; how many ways can you think of? And how many ways can you think of to make the flying geese block? Again just off of the top of my head, I can come up with about 4 ways now how many ways can you come up with? Be thinking about this as I might be asking you what you can come up with.

This is a short note just like this month is. I will be seeing you at the meeting next Thursday night hopefully it will be at Avalon. Again, we want to thank Susanna for stepping up and trying to get us in at her church on such short notice and sorry that the weather did not work with us. See you later in the next month's newsletter. Mary Ann

Helen Backer's Memorial: Saturday, February 25 – Dee Lord

Christine and David Backer, Helen's children, just announced that they will be having a memorial service for Helen on Saturday, February 25, 1:00 p.m. at the Tribute Center Chapel at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery, 11111 Aurora Avenue North, Seattle 98133. You might want to check into car-pooling.

Multi-Service Center Donations:

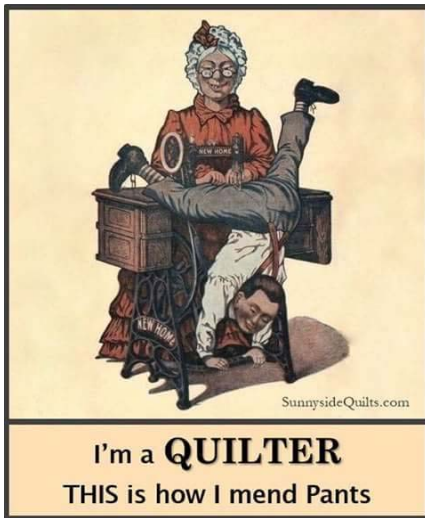
Toiletry items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, shampoo, soap, combs, brushes, lady's sanitary items.
Canned goods, especially the kind with a pop top.

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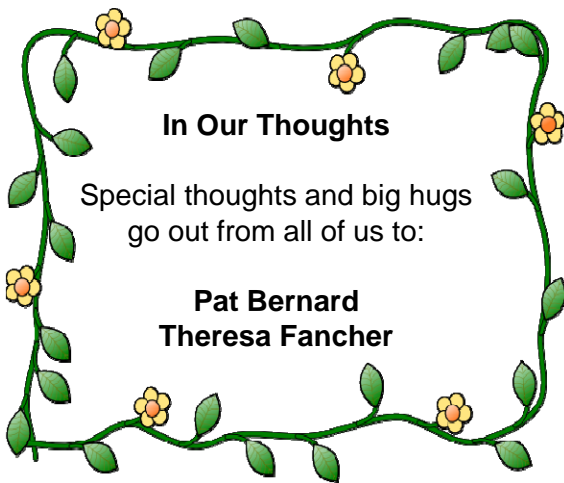


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| Mary Ann Morris | Sue Mee |
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This is YOUR newsletter. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please email (jillzquilts@hotmail.com) or mail (P.O. Box 4243, Federal Way 98063) it to me by the 15th of the month. Thanks! jill



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.



Treasurer's Report – Janine Walker

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| Checking | \$6,170.75 |
| Savings | <u>5,517.91</u> |
| TOTAL | \$11,688.66 |

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

There are still a few openings for the March 10-13 retreat at Gwinwood. Come join us for an afternoon, or 2, 3 or 4 days. It is a great way to “get away from it all,” and learn something new you didn't know about quilting and the people who love it. While there, you help out with one meal, then relax and enjoy the rest of the meals that others cook for you. Save the dates for our future 2017 retreats: June 16-19, October 12-16, and November 6-9. The cost is \$32.50 per day, plus your share of that one meal. 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.

March 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.

- Lisa Martin 2
- Peggy Pierce 4
- Diane Kellar 5
- Pat Larson 11
- Frances Painter 15
- Winn Curry 16



- Kay Thomas 17
- Joleen Allen 18
- Kathy McClung 18
- Marianna Garrett 18
- Jean Markl 21
- Gladys Johnson 28

Bad Habits Quilters Need to Quit – found at www.superiorthreads.com – contributed by Carol Berge

Have you heard the story about the woman that every time she makes a roast she cuts off the ends because that's the way she saw her mother cook it? The truth was the mother had too small of a cooking pan and cut the ends to accommodate. Sewing can be like this too. You're taught or observe someone doing something and figure that's the way to do it. But there are some sewing and quilting habits that could be hindering your sewing experience. Here are 10 habits we recommend quitting:

Not organizing your fabric scraps: Will you ever use fabric scraps if you can't even tell what you have? Our favorite thing is to organize scraps by colors. If you don't have them organized, you might as well throw them out because they won't be used and they're taking up precious space!

Overly criticizing your work: Do you nit-pick and over analyze your stitches and points? Stop it. Seriously, just stop. You're not doing anyone any favors and especially yourself by trash talking. Why not celebrate that you actually made time to sew? Congratulate that you finished a project. Be happy that you created something that didn't exist before. That's pretty cool.

Putting water in your iron: We might all be guilty of this one. Water in the iron (with the exception of distilled) can corrode your iron. Or worse, a leak could leave a spot stain on your fabric. Get a spray bottle of water to help with misting needs.

Cutting the same place on your mat: Want a quick way to wear out your mat? Always cut at the same place. Mats need time to heal.

Sewing over pins: Sewing over a pin causes problems. Needles bend, dull, or worse—break. If you have a habit of sewing over pins because you haven't experienced issues yet, please stop now.

Not maintaining your machine: Clean your machine regularly. Change the needle when you see stitch quality decrease or hear a thud sound. Take your machine to the mechanic once in a while. Be good to your machine and she'll be good to you!

Not completing your projects: Having too many unfinished projects is discouraging. If you find you have a project you started, but haven't returned to in years, probably you're discouraged or simply not interested. This is a great opportunity to donate your half-done project to your guild or a friend who might love a head start on a new project!

Unthreading the machine incorrectly: When you change a spool color, the first thing we normally do is just pull the spool off the machine and pull the thread backwards through the tension discs. Easy? Yes. Bad for your machine? Yes. Time to break the habit and cut the thread at the spool and pull it out through the needle.

Using dull cutting tools: This is a no brainer, but sometimes you just hope our rotary cutter will make it a few more squares or that the frayed fabric edges from your shears aren't that bad. Sewing is much easier with crisp edges and choosing to use high quality sharps can help alleviate a lot of frustration and save time.

Using low-quality thread and fabrics: You knew this was coming! Low quality threads shed lint, break, and may not stand the test of time. Similarly, fabric quality will affect how long your quilt will last. We recommend buying the highest quality you can afford. This will make sewing and quilting much more enjoyable.

Not all who
wander are lost...
SOME PEOPLE ARE JUST AT THEIR
LOCAL QUILT SHOP LOOKING FOR
PRETTY NEW FABRIC.



Is he walking
a cat??

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



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 24-25: Tri-City Quilters' Guild presents their 34th Annual Quilt Show & Merchant Mall. Three Rivers Convention Center, Richland.

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

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

Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

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| We meet at Avalon Care Center, 135 South 336 th Street, Federal Way. We can get in the meeting room around 7:15 p.m. | |
| February 23 | 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. |
| March 9 | Sharon Murphy and Georgianne (Gigi) Kandler with a trunk show. Sharon and Gigi met at a Ricky Tims quilt retreat in Colorado in 2006. Shortly after meeting they began collaborating on quilts. The biggest challenge to this collaboration is distance: Sharon lives in Seattle and Gigi lives in Arroyo Grande, California. They have completed seven quilts and are working on Number 8. Rather than one designing/making the quilt and the other quilting, they share all tasks 50/50. Sharon will bring all their quilts to share and discuss how they work together. Their quilts have been in many shows, won awards, and one was on the cover of Quilter's Newsletter magazine. |
| 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 |
| April 13 | Grita Gidner, Brazilian embroidery. |
| April 15 | Milton Community Center, 10-4, glass from Grita Gidner on Brazilian embroidery. Cost is \$15 for the kit. You will need to bring a 5-inch embroidery hoop. |
| 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. |
| October 12 | AUCTION: We will be having an auction this year, so start saving your textile-related items to donate. This is a good fundraiser for the guild, and we all have things we no longer need, or can look at and think, "What the heck was I thinking when I bought this??" More information will be available in the upcoming months. |

Business Meeting Minutes – January 2017 – Cheryl Belcher, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Show & Tell:

- Winn Curry showed 2 Christmas quilts & a Santa wall hanging.
- Sharon Meeds made a bag from Disney maps.
- Jill Ellis showed a quilt using 2.5-inch squares from an exchange we did several years ago, and a chevron baby quilt.
- Martha Lamerson sent in a tip to the Fons & Porter Love of Quilting show. Her tip will be shown on the 2913 episode, and she gets a free subscription to F&P's magazine for her submittal. Martha showed a grandmother's flower garden quilt.
- Kathy Wyckoff displayed a Dresden Plate quilt made by her son-in-law's great grandmother. Very precious, Kathy.
- Mariana Garrett had the new Raffle Quilt for 2017 to show us. It is Carpenters Star, 80x80 inches.
- Susanna Gantt had a hand-embroidered basket quilt.
- Colleen Linstead had a Comfort Quilt, "Wonky Cottages," for a 3-year-old with cancer.
- Maddie Hall won the Snowman BOM a while back, so she made 2 wall hangings.
- Kathy Wyckoff reported that former member, Laura Coy, has been seriously ill. She spent about 6 weeks in the hospital. Prayers for her & her family.
- Diane Keller reported that Quilts of Valor will have a workshop on October 4, 2017 from 10 am to 4 pm, at the FW Quality Sew Store. Contact store for details.

Raffle Quilt ticket sales need to be turned in TONIGHT. Drawing will be after the break.

New By-law proposed that members aged 85 & older will not be required to pay dues, it will be optional. They will still be full members. Kathy Wyckoff & Tina McCarter motioned & seconded, motion passed.

Char Peterson VP report:

- February Program is Grace Errea, demonstration of an applique technique. Also, a workshop on Friday February 10, at Milton Activity Center, from 9 am to 4 pm. Cost is \$30 for the class, plus \$23 for supplies. Please pay Char.
- March Program: Sharon Murphy will talk about making a quilt in collaboration with someone else, & put on a show.
- April Program: Grita Gidner will demonstrate Brazilian Embroidery, then have a class on either Friday or Saturday at MAC, details to follow.

Miscellaneous

- Community Service Report: Attic Windows block, pick up from Margaret Mortenson.
- BOM: Pinwheels. Pick up from Susanna Gantt.
- Elections: We need a new VP & Treasurer. It was proposed that term be extended to 3 years. Nominating Committee is brand-new member, Anne Mulholland, and Char Peterson. Thanks, ladies.
- Audit: Diane Keller & Tina McCarter will do the audit. Again, thank you, ladies.
- Membership & Newsletter: We need a new coordinator for Membership & Newsletter, does not have to be the same person. Jill Ellis will be relinquishing both positions. Sharon Meeds will be Membership.
- BOM for November: Won by Cheryl Belcher. Thanks again.
- Badge Drawing: Won by Pat Bernard. Wear your badge, ladies.

Raffle Quilt 2016: We sold 753 tickets. Good job, people. Quilt won by Kay Thomas. Congratulations, Kay.

Raffle Quilt 2017: "Carpenters Star" Quilt, 80 x 80 inches. Jill Ellis will make tickets, Mariana Garrett will coordinate sales.

Rebecca Keller requested a quilt to auction off at Faith Baptist Church. We voted and agreed to give her a Community Service Quilt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

