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## President's Ponderings Mary Ann Morris

Where oh where has this month gone? I want to thank Char and Susanna for our really great program by Sharon Wallace. I enjoyed all of her quilts. I know that she has another great program lined up for next month.

My question for you is to wash or not to wash your batting before you use it in a quilt? I have never prewashed my batting before using it in a quilt, but some people do. I will put my batting in the dryer to take out some of the wrinkles before using. I would like to know if you do. Some have put the batting in the bath tub and soaked it, then dried it before using it. So do you or don't you?

Quality Sewing and Vacuum brings us "Sewing tips from Reva" for this month Threads for your thoughts.

- **30wt thread, 40wt thread, 50wt thread** - With thread, the general rule is that the higher the weight number, the thinner the thread. This means a 50wt thread is finer/thinner than a 30wt thread.
- **30wt thread** - most all-purpose polyester thread, like Aerofil is 30wt thread. This thread is stronger and appropriate for all types of sewing projects and garments. It normally has a polyester core or is 100% polyester.
- **40wt thread** - Most embroidery threads are 40wt and have a are shiny appearance. These threads can be made of polyester or rayon. It is not uncommon for embroidery threads to be wound looser than all-purpose/construction threads so that they can fill the embroidered area beautifully. Many prefer to embroider with a polyester thread so there is no worry about bleeding or fading of their colors, even if beached.
- **50wt thread** - Many piecing threads are 50wt. For piecing a quilt together, a lighter weight thread is preferred. Since it is important for your finished block to be a specific measurement, one does not want to have a heavy thread taking up extra space in the seam allowance.
- **12wt threads** - Threads that are less then 30wt are designed for decorative purposes. They make beautiful decorative stitches and topstitching. A 12wt thread is about the heaviest that you can get through the eye of a machine needle. any heavier, you may decide to use them for couching, bobbin work or in your serger.
- **Perfect cotton plus** - this is a 60wt piecing thread and comes in 60 luscious colors. This thread is everything both machine and hand piecers love about sewing with Egyptian Cotton thread "plus" the added strength needed for machine quilting!
- **Para-cotton poly** - This is an 80wt thread that comes both on spools and as pre-wound bobbins (both "L" and "class15"). It comes in 40 colors stat have been thermally treated to remove undesired stretchiness and shrinkage. This process reduces the shiny sheen to make the thread feel, stitch and look like mercerized cotton! GREAT for quilters, fiber artists and embroiders. You can find most of these threads at one of their stores.

Have a great time sewing.



#### Newsletter Contributors

Mary Ann Morris	Char Peterson
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Sharon Meeds	Eileen Peacher
Cheryl Belcher	John Diss
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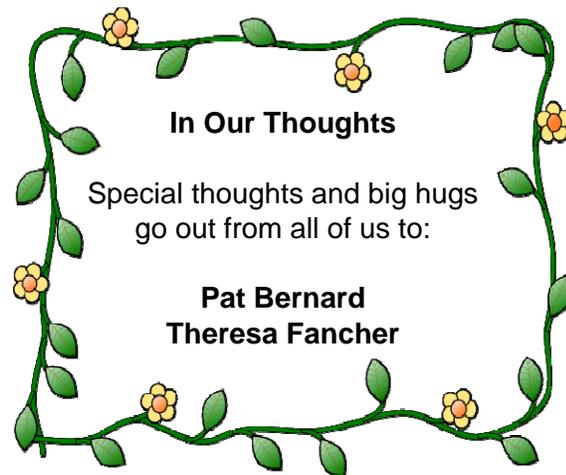
#### Multi-Service Center Donations:

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



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.



**Vets for Vets Yarn Group – Contributed by Cheryl Belcher, 253-278-2576**

Vets for Vets Yarn Group are incarcerated military veterans, who are dedicated to the cause of helping their brothers and sisters who have served our country. They accept donated raw materials, and in turn, make hats, scarves, mittens, slippers, blankets & other items to give to struggling or homeless veterans.

The following items are the supplies needed :

- Crochet hooks -All plastic (Susan Bates Luxite are best), Sizes D-P (mainly G-I, L, M, N.)
- Knitting needles - All plastic, size 4mm-12mm (8" straight, 8" double point, 8" to 16" circular
- Tapestry needles - All plastic, Size 3" & 5"
- Looms - All plastic, Round or Squares-Size 5"-12", Afghan Loom-60" figure 8.
- Patterns-Books, Leaflets, or Downloads for knit, crochet, fabric, cross-stitch.
- 14-Count Aida cloth-white (cross-stitch for labels)
- Embroidery Needles /Sewing Needles -metal, no bigger than 3".
- Yarn: All types are usable (incomplete projects are usable).
- Embroidery Floss- All shades are usable.



If you have anything to donate, please bring it to a meeting and I will get it to them through my church. Thanks.

**Retreats – Janine Walker**

The retreat the weekend of March 10 was a lovely time. Kathy Wyckoff won the 30 split-nine patch blocks. Jean Snedden, our timekeeper, changed all the clocks for daylight savings. Jill was working on a 2-sided Quilt of Valor/Seahawks quilt--great use of 1/2 square triangles. Sue Hopper fell and broke her hip (hairline fracture) before she even got to retreat. Jill took her to urgent care, and Char Peterson gave up her wheeled chair for the weekend. Sue was very well taken care of and fussed over. Char was also our barista, and learned a bit about machine maintenance from Anita Siegenthaler. Margaret Mortenson was working with her mother's unfinished quilts (again—her mom had been very busy). Look for the green bargello strip quilt at a future Show & Tell. Beth and Ed Tays brought the store, which we always appreciate. As always the food and company were great.

**CHANGE OF DATES FOR NEXT RETREAT.** I spoke with our lovely hospitality person, Rebecca, about the June retreat. She came back and said that May 26-29 was available, which is Memorial Day Weekend. I snapped it up, and let go the Father's Day weekend in June. So, if you have a 3- or 4-day weekend for Memorial Day, think about joining us. The new management at Gwinwood is doing a great job and value our ideas and opinions.

The remaining 2017 retreats are: May 26-29, October 13-16, November 6-9.

The signup for May will be at the next few meetings. The cost is \$32.50 per day, plus your share of preparing/serving/cleaning up one meal.

**From:** Colton Colwell  
**Date:** Sun, Feb 26, 2017 1:50 PM  
**To:** jillzquilts@hotmail.com;  
**Subject:** Found Pin

Hi Jill, my name is Colton, and I recently found this pin that says "Crazy Quilters of Federal Way" at the Centralia outlets, and I figure it probably belongs to one of your members. Would you like for me to mail the pin back to you?

Thank you. Colton

I replied that same day:

Oh, how funny! I have about 100 more pins, so I will make an announcement at our next meeting that if someone lost one in the Centralia area, I'll give them a new one. How very nice of you to offer to mail it back, Colton! You should keep it and use it as a tie tack. :-) Or if you're into piercings like my godson, use it that way. You have made my day with this email. You're a good soul. :)

Jill

I mentioned the email at retreat, and Debbie Guthrie said she was in Centralia that same weekend the pin was found and no longer had her pin, so I will give her one at the business meeting.

### News from and of Avalon Care Center – contributed by Sharon Meeds

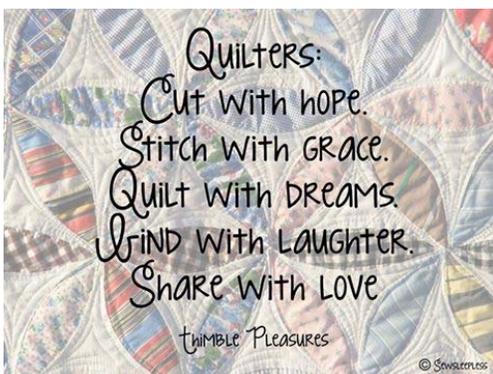
For those who weren't aware;

"Our administrator at Avalon, Tricia McCullough, passed away unexpectedly in an accident this last weekend. She was a no show at work on Monday and when family checked on her found her at home unresponsive. Everyone at the facility is devastated. She was a young, amazing woman that opened her heart to so many.

Sincerely,  
Charles Kotlan, Avalon Care Center Federal Way"

Mary Ann Morris and I took a quilt for the staff and residents to sign and send to her parents as a remembrance.

We also took 8-12 (didn't really count them) lap quilts to Charles at Avalon to add to his stash. We have also donated a quilt to the Milton Community Center for their auction. You can request a quilt for your nonprofit group (churches, schools, etc.) to auction, also, but please remember to provide a "procurement" form (that's a request form) from that group. As a nonprofit group, we cannot donate to for-profit groups.



### April 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.

Nan Naubert	3
Mia Pratt	15
Eileen Burns	17
Kathy Wyckoff	25
Carol Novotney	29



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



**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 1540<sup>th</sup> birthday. Engleridge Community Centre, 1089 Langford Parkway, Langford, B.C., Canada. Admission \$6. Information [www.westshorequiltersguild.ca](http://www.westshorequiltersguild.ca).

**April 6-8:** "A Walk on the Wild Side," presented by Clark County Quilters, Clark County Event Center, 17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield, WA. Hours 10-5 Thur & Fri, 10-4 Sat. Admission \$7 or \$10 for all 3 days.

**April 21-23:** "Fabric of the Forest Quilt Show," presented by Piece Makers Quilt Club, Forks WA. Forks High School Auxiliary Gym. Hours Fri noon-6, Saturday 10-6, Sunday noon-4.

**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](http://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](mailto:jillzquilts@hotmail.com) or 253-927-1260. We don't have anyone signed up for any month in 2017.

### Treasurer's Report – Janine Walker

Checking	\$3,879.97
Savings	<u>5,518.33</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,398.30</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.

### Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

We meet at Avalon Care Center, 135 South 336 <sup>th</sup> Street, Federal Way. We can get in the meeting room around 7:15 p.m.	
March 23	Business Night: Block of the month, committee reports, show & tell, badge drawing.
April 13	Program Night: Grita Gidner, Brazilian embroidery.
April 15	Milton Community Center, 10-4, glass from Grita Gidner on Brazilian embroidery. Cost is \$15 for the kit; if you have signed up but find you can't come, you still have to pay 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.
<b>October 12</b>	<b>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.</b>

## Business Meeting Minutes – January 2017 – Cheryl Belcher, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm.

- Puyallup Valley Quilters Guild brought their 2017 Raffle Quilt "Dream Catcher". Members Jane Graham & Elaine Ducken are selling tickets, \$1 per ticket. Please support other guilds. Also has information about "Cascade Retreat" in Yelm in May. Contact PVQ.
- Show & Tell: Janine Walker showed several lap quilts for Avalon.
- Dee Lord reported that Helen Backer Memorial Service is Saturday February 25, at Evergreen Washelli.
- Mary Ann Morris showed a chevron quilt, a Retreat quilt from Circle of Friends, that will be donated to Cystic Fibrosis Association to be raffled off, & a strip poker quilt.
- Kathy Wyckoff reported that former member Laura Coy is doing better. Linda Hill fell & broke her arm in 3 places. Ouch!
- Diane Keller is teaching a class at Sew & Vac, "Jitterbug". Will be a 12 hr class, over 4 days. Diane & former member Debby Coleman will design a block for Craft Depot in Portland for September.

### Old Business:

- Raffle Quilt tickets will be available soon; Jill Ellis is making them. Sell Sell Sell! !
- Elections: Mary Ann Morris & Cheryl Belcher will continue as President & Secretary for the next year.
- Vice-president & Treasurer - proposed to suspend 2 year term for 1 year, so current VP & Treasurer, Char Peterson & Janine Walker, can continue until next year. Motion made by Jill Ellis & seconded by Kay Thomas.
- Motion passed.

### New Business:

- BOM: New BOM is "Blocks in a Box". See Jan Bruell for block.
- Community Service Block: "4-patch in a 4-patch". See Margaret Mortenson for a block.
- VP Report: Char Peterson reported on Grace Errea demonstration & class. The demonstration/meeting had to be canceled due to unforeseen circumstances (Avalon Care Center in lock down due to illness, and the alternative meeting place flooded), but the class was presented at Milton Activity Center the following day. Eleven members attended & learned how to applique with a new heat-setting method.
- March Program: "Collaboration Quilts" - Sharon Murphy will talk about making quilts with a partner long distance. She will also have a trunk show.
- April Program: "Brazilian Embroidery" - Girda will have a demonstration on Brazilian Embroidery technique, then have a workshop at Milton Activity Center on Saturday, April 15. The cost is \$15; bring a 5-6 inch embroidery hoop.
- May Program: "Mother 's Day Tea" - Come in your best bonnet.
- Auction: We will have an Auction in October. Please save sewing related items to donate. Keep until Char can store in her garage.
- Community Service: Margaret reported only 1 block was not turned in. Good work, ladies.
- BOM Drawing: "Pinwheels " block won by Pat Bernard. Congratulations, Pat.
- Badge Drawing: Carol Berge won badge drawing. Congratulations, Carol. Wear your badge!
- Retreat: Next Retreat is March 10th to 13th, Friday through Monday. Sign up with Janine Walker.
- Raffle Quilt ticket sales: It was proposed that members who do not attend be sent 20 Raffle Quilt tickets to sell. It was successful in the past to increase sales.
- Block-in-the-Box: Exchange your boxes tonight.
- Quilters Anonymous: 17th annual Quilt Show in Monroe.
- Port Gamble has a new quilt shop, reported to be very nice.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

