

Threads

July 2017

Crazy Quilters of Federal Way

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Musings from Mary Ann

Where oh where has the month gone?

My online quilting group retreat has come and gone. We all had a great time, Diane Kellar gave a great talk on her favorite tools and why they are also she talked about sewing with cork that is something that most of the ladies have not seen or worked with. We did 5 quilt tops and another one the blocks were made one of the ladies took it home to finish it.

I'm so sorry that I had to miss the picnic it sounds like it was fun.

Don't forget that we have our business meeting on the 27th. Next month's program meeting will be getting quilts ready for the upcoming fair in September.

I also wish to thank all the people who took the time to sell raffle tickets at the King County fair July 13th thru the 16th way to go.

Mary Ann

Multi-Service Center Donations:

Toiletry items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, shampoo, soap, combs, brushes, lady's sanitary items

Business Meeting Minutes – June 2017

Cheryl Belcher, secretary

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

New visitor was introduced. Welcome to Jean Baever.

Motion to accept the May minutes was made by Anne Mulholland & seconded by Kathy Wyckoff. The motion passed.

Show & Tell:

Susanna Gantt showed a "Pitcher & Pinwheel " quilt, and a carryall.

Connie Mayor finished a purple t-shirt quilt .

Susan Smith had a "Heron" appliqué quilt.

Linda Hill displayed a Therapy Quilt table runner.

Pam Elliot had a "Little Engine That Could" baby quilt, storybook practice for her mid-arm machine.

Sharon Meeds had a coffee tote bag, a Halloween wall hanging done on the embroidery machine. She is having a Row X Row Social on Mondays July through August at Quality Sew & Vac.

Carolyn Jones had a pink minky backed "Lorilie, a "Rescue Truck" with red minky, and a "Monkey Business" with blue minky, all child's quilts.

Margaret Mortensen displayed flannel Sounders & Seahawks boxers, an embellished blue shirt, & a white shirt with circles.

Mary Ann Morris showed her "Ugly Christmas Quilt " aka the Ugly Duckling Quilt.

Maddie Hall had a "Rainbow Shells " wall hanging.

Community Service Blocks: Margaret has blocks, 3 per bag, pick one up to help our projects.

Raffle Quilt ticket sales: Mariana Garrett sold 16 tickets at the Meeker Mansion. She needs 2 people to take the quilt to "Quilters by the Bay" quilt guild at Chambers Bay building, June 28th, 2017 at 6 pm.

BOM : July block is "July 4th Star" . Do not trim. Cost is \$1.00.

VP Char requests you to keep your auction stuff for now, will let you know when to bring it.

July Program is picnic potluck Steel Lake Park. Bring bag of ice to keep things cold.

Badges: We will have a workshop for those needing to make their badge sometime soon.

LAST CALL FOR DUES! ! You will be off the roster if not paid TONIGHT.

Gail Woods & Mariana Garrett would like to do a string quilt block exchange. There will be more information at the July business meeting

Susanna Gantt shared the way the menstrual kits for "Days for Girls" in Africa. These are made so they can go to school all month and not miss days.

Badge winner was Carol Berg. Wear your badge, ladies.

BOM winner was Mariana Garrett. She won 48 blocks.

Retreats : Fees for Retreats are going to be \$42.50 per overnight, & \$25.00 per day (not overnight). There is a \$350.00 per day room charge. Check-in is at 9:00 am, & check-out is at 12:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

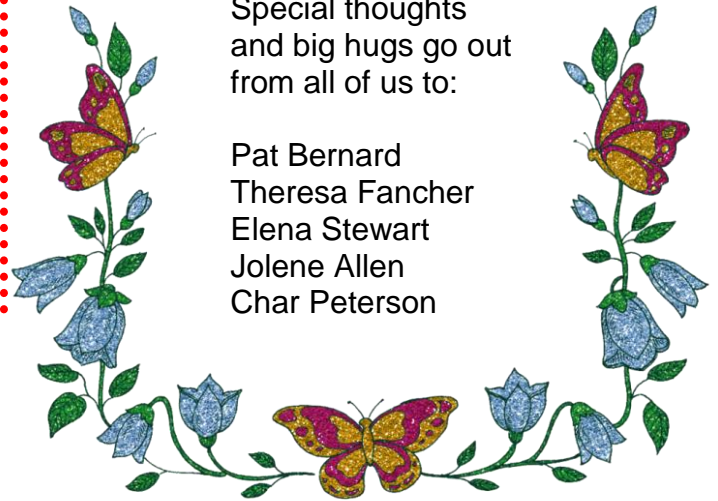
That's all for this month. See you at the meeting.



Tickets are available for our 2017 Raffle Quilt – Carpenter’s Star. Be sure to pick up yours from Jill Ellis at the next meeting. Every Guild member is required to sell a minimum of 20 tickets. The income from the raffle quilt allows us to continue making quilts for our community.

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

Pat Bernard
Theresa Fancher
Elena Stewart
Jolene Allen
Char Peterson



August Hospitality and Birthdays

Please bring goodies to meetings during your birthday MONTH. You are also responsible for helping with room setup/cleanup. Contact Rebecca Keller, 253.219.6408, if you have questions or are unable to attend.



Laura Coy 3
Marcia Swindle 3
Teresa Koe 3

Anita Seigenthaler 10
Martha Lamerson 19
Cheryl Belcher 27

This is another good month for November & December folks to help, if they haven’t already!

AUCTION

We will be having an auction THIS OCTOBER! Start saving your textile-related items to donate (it’d be a BIG help if you could sort them; mat’l together, sewing tools together, quilt patterns/book, etc). 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??”

Currently, if each of us could keep the items we have at home, Char will let us know when and where to bring them. More information will be available in the upcoming months.

Start inviting your friends! The more the merrier!

Special Announcement!

Our Auction will be held at the Twin Lakes Country Club, 3583 SW 320th, Federal Way

Members' Sale Table



Every business meeting, YOU have an opportunity to sell you 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. Everybody WINS!

If you’d like to sign up to sell your STUFF, please contact Jill Ellis at jillzquilts@hotmail.com or 253.927.1260.

Crazy Quilters – Mark your calendar for these great happenings!

We meet at Avalon Care Center, 135 S 336th St, Federal Way. We can get into the meeting room about 7:15pm.

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| July 27 | Business meeting and show 'n tell |
| August 10 | Program event: getting quilt tops, backing & batting ready to tie at the Fair |
| August 24 | Business meeting and show 'n tell |
| September 14 | Program meeting |
| September 28 | Business meeting and show 'n tell |
| October 12 | AUCTION!! our Auction will be at the Twin Lakes Country Club, 3583 SW 320 th , Federal Way |
| October 12-16 | Retreat |
| October 26 | Business meeting and show 'n tell; Panel Quilt challenge ends, bring your finished quilt |
| Nov 6-9 | Retreat |
| November 9 | Program meeting (THIS IS THE ONLY MEETING IN NOVEMBER & no newsletter!) |
| December 14 | Program meeting: Christmas Party and Potluck PLUS show 'n tell (only Dec. meeting) |
| Friday Friends (every Fri. EXCEPT Nov. 13, as there is a workshop then) | Join in the fun as several guild members meet every Friday, 10am – 4pm. Milton Community Center, 1000 Laurel St., Milton, 98354 Bring your lunch, work on your unfinished projects or start a new one, and fun with fellow Crazy Quilters. We generally DO NOT meet the Friday before a major three-day weekend (July 4, Memorial Day, Labor Day) or if the Community Center is closed. We use the little room for our Friday Friends – come sew and have fun with us! |



Tying Quilts at the Puyallup Fair (really the Western Wa State Fair)

We have our dates: Sept. 18, 20, 21 & 22

We have our times: Hours will be 10 – 4; broken into 2 hour shifts

The Fair has decided to have quilt guilds work only on weekdays as week-ends are too crowded.
WATCH FOR THE SIGN UP SHEET!

This is YOUR newsletter. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please email (sameeds@comcast.net) or mail or give it to me at a meeting by the 15th of the month. Thanks! Sharon

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



Year Round – Kittitas County Barn Quilt Trail: a self-guided driving tour that celebrated the art of the American quilt and the strong, resourceful women who created them. (Sharon Meeds has a barn quilt in Manastash Canyon at Lazy F Camp which is on this driving tour!) For more information at www.barnquiltswashington.org

NOW – Sept 5: Washington Row by Row Experience www.rowbyrowexperience.com or www.facebook.com/WARowbyRowExperience (also see page 7)

August 10-12: Lazy Daze Quilt Run, a small shop hop for Snohomish County online quilt shops. Quilter’s Roost, Cotton Candy Quilt Shop, Quilter’s Coop, Bear Paw Quilts, Back Porch Quilts. www.lazydazequiltrun.com Hours 9-5.

Sept 15-16: Evergreen Piecemakers Quilt Show “Stitching a New Leaf” New Hope Presbyterian Church, 19800 108th Ave SE, Kent; Hours:10-5, 10-4. Admission \$6 donation

Sept 15-17: Walla Walla Valley Quilt Festival “Paint the Town Red” www.wallawallaquiltfestival.org

Sept 15-17: Ocean Shores Sea Pal Quilters “A Whale of a Quilt Show” www.seapalquilters.org

Sept 29-30: Enumclaw Crystal Quilters “Sharing our Stitches” Enumclaw Expo Center, 10am-5pm, bring a non-perishable food item & receive a fat quarter from Crystal Stitches crystalquiltersofenumclaw.blogspot.com

Sept 30: Duvall Outdoor Quilt Show, 10am-5pm www.cuvallquiltshow.com

Oct. 6-7: Bremerton, “Tradition with a Twist, 9am-5pm. Kitsap County Fairgrounds, President’s Hall

Oct 6-7: Ladies of the Lake, Longview “Quilting for the Art of It!” www.lolquiltguild.org

Oct 13-14: Washington Stars Quilt Guild, Olympia, “A Starry, Starry Night” will be held at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor 9101 Steilacoom Rd. SE Olympia Washington. Admission is a \$5.00 donation. Featuring an exhibition of Vintage Star Quilts, Vendors, Quilt Sales, a boutique and a Raffle Quilt made by guild members. More information available on our website www.washingtonstarsquiltguild.com

Oct 14-15: Washington State Quilters, Spokane “Stitches in Bloom” <http://www.wsqspokane.org>

Oct 20-21: Rainy Daze Quilt Guild, Centralia <http://www.swwrdqg.org/quilt-show.htm>



Treasurer's Report - Janine Walker

Checking: \$ 727.35 *
Savings 5,519.70
Total: \$ 6,247.05

If you have receipts for reimbursement, bring them to a meeting, fill out a Request Form, and Janine will give you a check.

Retreats – Janine Walker

*With the changes taking place at Gwinwood, we now must pay a \$500 deposit for each retreat to secure our reservations for the next year. So the deposit for the November 2017 retreat and the 5 retreats in 2018, which is why the checking balance seems so low.

Our next retreat is October 13-16 followed by November 6 – 9.

2018 Retreat dates are:

January 19-22

March 9-12

June 22-25 (no more Father's Day Weekend)

Sept 28-Oct 1

Nov 12-15

Most retreats are Friday through Monday, Except for November, which is Monday through Thursday.

Signup sheets will be at the meetings. Or you can contact me at janinew13@yahoo.com to reserve your place. Pre-payments is necessary to secure your reservation. As always, those who did not attend the last retreat have priority on the signup sheet. Since the fees at Gwinwood have risen considerably, our cost per day needs to increase by \$10, to \$42.50 per day. That's still a good price, compared to other retreat centers, and we can cook our own food, which helps to keep the cots down. One more change is that we need to be out of the building by noon on the last day, which many of you were doing anyway.

So come check us out. We always have a good time, help each other with quilt questions and eat very well. Get to know your quilting sisters a little better, and spend some time in a lovely, peaceful setting.

Panel Challenge Contest

Our panel quilts will be going to our Cancer Care quilt program.

The following are participating in our Panel Challenge Contest and wrote a brief description of their starting point:

Susanna Gantt – flowers

Mary Ann Morris - mushrooms

Tina McCarter - ducks

Cheryl Belcher – Sun Bonnet Sue

Sue Smith – cats

Debbie Guthrie - cats

Anne Mulholland – blue Hawaii

Carolyn Jones – Western

Margaret Roth – Sun Bonnet Sue

Maddie Hall – bright Spring

Pat Bernard – friends & flowers

Rebecca Keller – blue vest

Gail Woods – Sun Bonnet Sue

Connie Mayor – Daisy Kingdom toy chest

Carol Berge – stars

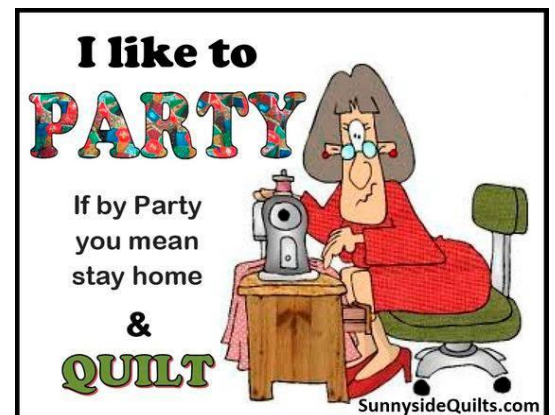
Jean Baever (a new member!) – cats

Peggy – purple flowers

Sharon Meeds – John Deere

I can't wait to see what beautiful quilts they make with their panels!


And, yes! there is a prize!





Sew You Oughta Know

great tips from Margaret Mortenson

When you start to stitch, does your machine sometimes “eat” the material or “scrunch” it up? Why and what to do about it?!? Yesteryear machines – before we could zigzag or other fancy stitches, when we could only straight stitch, our throat plate had only a circle “O” and the oblong  hole for the needle to go through wasn’t around. So – it did not “eat” the material.

Now most of our machines have the oblong slit and the larger hole (for fancy stitches that we can use and not break our needle because we forgot to change the throat plates) and the material goes down.

Solutions:

grab the thread, hang on, and give a slight pull as you start sewing.

use a small piece of cloth as a “starter” or “leader” to stitch on for a little way in from the edge then follow with your pieces of material

change throat plates

String Quilt Block Exchange

A String Quilt Block Exchange has been proposed as a fun thing for us to do!

If you want to participate, sign-ups will be at the July business meeting (July 27th).

If 6 people sign up – each person will make 6 blocks; if 12 people sign up – each person will make 12 blocks and so on. You will make one block for every person signed up.

We have some directions for the String Block that Marianna has helped with. We would need to decide our “official” start date and “official” end date.

Come prepared to sign up! Come and have a blast making an easy string block!



For those Row by Row enthusiasts, who want time to make their Rows and have some fun and fellowship (and to be in an air-conditioned room!) there will be a Row by Row Social and Support Group (hi, my name is Sharon, and I have too many RxR's) held at the Federal Way Quality Sewing (31653 Pacific Hwy S), beginning Monday, July 10. We will meet from 10am – 2pm (bring your lunch). You can sign-up at Quality Sewing, or on their website [Row by Row Social & Support group](#). The store has a “what to bring” list and the cost is \$5.00 for the group. We are scheduled, for Mondays, and to run through the end of August, right before RxR is officially over on Sept. 5.

But wait, there's more! The Quality Sewing outlets (10 of the 13 are participating) have their own “Quality Sewing, Sew on the Go”. The same rules apply, you must visit the stores to get your free pattern.