

Threads

September 2017

Crazy Quilters of Federal Way

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Musings from Mary Ann

Well here again I'm working on my newsletter notes at the very last minute, my how time flies it seems like just yesterday I was doing the notes for last month.

Last month we got lots of quilts ready for the fair. This month we will be tying the quilts. I want to thank all who gave up their time to come to the fair and tie the quilts, I'm sure that you had a great time doing it.

For our program meeting Char asked our own Sue Smith to show us some of her great Art quilts and tell us how she does them. I'm so in awe of her talent. I know that I could not do them as I don't have the patience for doing it. We all thank you for sharing your talent with us.

Don't forget that we will have the sewing auction for our October Program night. It will be held at the Twin Lakes Country Club. Sharon should put the address, time and directions on how to get there for us who don't know the area. We will start earlier than we normally do. We also need volunteers on the 30th of September to sort and tag the items. (Place changed – will be announced) They can use lots of help. Any amount of time you can give will be appreciated.

Now on a lighter note I have a small quilt that I need to quilt and I didn't want to put it on my long arm, so I thought that I would pin it at Friday Friends and do it on my regular sewing machine. I was trying to think how I could clamp the backing to the table so I could place the batting and the top on the backing. I was looking at a Lowe's ad and I saw an ad for some quick grips and I had a light bulb moment. So I again raided my husband's tool box and found that he had enough of the Quick Grips (small ones) to do what I wanted to do they should work just fine. I didn't feel bad about raiding his tool box this time because about half of the clamps came out of a tool box that I had years ago. Isn't that why a husband has a tool box so we can raid it for some of our sewing tools?

Well my time is up so until next month may all your sewing time be accident free and if you have an accident may it become a divine design opportunity.

See you next month, Mary Ann

Multi-Service Center Donations:

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

Business Meeting Minutes – Aug. 2017

Cheryl Belcher, secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:38 pm.

BOM: Chair Jill Ellis has blocks. Jill won the blocks for this month. New BOM are \$1.

Show & Tell:

Sharon Meeds showed "Row x Row" from Salam, Oregon with embroidery, and a Crabapple Hill that was colored with fabric crayons.

Cheryl Belcher showed "Woodland Friends" baby quilt.

Linda Hill & Pam Eliot had an antique "Cathedral Windows" showing for Gail Woods.

Pat Bernard had a Scrap Happy "Courthouse Steps".

Margaret Mortensen had a purple & pink quilt donated for community service by Pat Bernard.

Char Peterson showed a jelly roll quilt.

Kathy Wyckoff told that she is teaching her granddaughter Abby to quilt by having her sew the scrap block tubes.

Community Service: Margaret Mortensen reported that we need children's quilts. She has "Wonky Jungle" blocks to make. Pick up at break.

Raffle Quilt 2017: Mariana Garrett reported on raffle sales.

Milton Days - \$71.00

Secret Garden - Saturday - \$114.00, Sunday - \$51.00

Total: \$685.00 from the remotes, not members.

Retreats: Janine still has room at the October retreat. Management has been making improvements, new mattresses & a fire pit. See Janine at break.

Washington State Fair: We will be quilting on September 18, 20, 21, & 22, 2017, 10 am to 4 pm, in 2 hour shifts, with 4 per shift. Eileen Peacher has sign-up sheet, tickets, and parking passes. See her at break.

Mary Ann Morris gave Maddie Hall her thank-you gift for last year.

Tina McCarter informed the guild that if you need any materials to finish a quilt to be returned to the guild, let her know, she can get what you need. We gave 6 Cancer Quilts to St. Francis Hospital. They sent us a thank you note.

VP Char Peterson: September Program is CQ Sue Smith showing her path to her Art Quilts. In October, we will have the Auction. Start gathering sewing related items. On Saturday, September 30, or Sunday, October 1, we will meet at Mariana Garrett 's cabana to sort. Time will be 10 to 5 or so.

Minutes from July meeting: Sharon Meeds & Margaret Mortensen motioned & seconded to accept July minutes. Motion passed.

New Business: Ann Mulholland wants any & all small scraps to stuff an extra-large dog bed for her 180 lb English Mastiff. Eileen Peacher gave directions for a simple polar fleece dog bed.

That's all for this month.

Cheryl

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



Treasurer's Report - Janine Walker

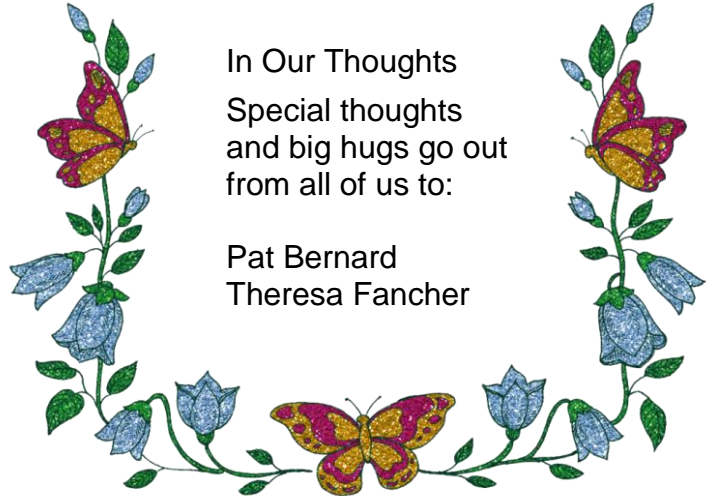
Checking: \$ 1,420.08
 Savings 4,940.97
 Total: \$ 6,361.05

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



Have you gotten your tickets?

Have you shared the quilt at your place or work (or at least draped it in your cubicle & sold tickets? Can you help share it someplace? See Jill Ellis for tickets or Marianna Garrett if you can help take it "on the road"!



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

Pat Bernard
 Theresa Fancher

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 Keller, 253.219.6408, if you have questions or are unable to attend.



Eileen Peacher 1
 Betty Howard 2
 Jan Kusler 10
 Donna Loughlin 13
 Theresa Fancher 16

Renee Pace 18
 Margaret Roth 13
 Pat Hightower 27
 Margaret Mortenson 28
 Susanna Gantt 30
 Jill Ellis 30

AUCTION

We will be having an auction NEXT MONTH! 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??"

Items CAN be brought to the September meeting BUT it would be better if you could take it to the "getting ready" event.

We are in a "waiting moment" as we look for a place to stage the items we've received.

Start inviting your friends! The more the merrier!



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.

September 28	Business meeting and show 'n tell
September 30	10am – 7pm getting items ready for the Auction at a place to be announced
October 12	AUCTION!! We will be at the Twin Lakes Country Club, 3853 SW 320th, Federal Way
October 12-16	<i>Retreat</i>
October 26	Business meeting and show 'n tell; Panel Quilt challenge ends, bring your finished quilt
Nov 6-9	<i>Retreat</i>
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)
January 11, 2018	Program meeting
Jan. 19-22, 2018	<i>Retreat</i>
January 25	Business meeting
February 8	Program meeting
February 22	Business meeting & ELECTIONS
March 8	Program meeting
Friday Friends	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!

AUCTION – Twin Lakes Country Club....from 1st Ave S (the main street by where we meet at Avalon) and 320th Ave (the main street east/west in Federal Way, the street the Mall is on); head west (into the sun, toward the water) on 320th.

STAY on 320th. There is a stop light at 21st. Keep going. Twin Lakes Country Club is on the left hand side of 320. It is about 2 miles from the 320th & 1st Ave intersection. (the address is above) Times not known at the point I'm doing the newsletter.

Member Updates

Cherie Warren
727 SE 54th Avenue
Portland, OR 97215
no home phone
(new address only)

Carolyn Jones (yep, she's not new, just misplaced from the directory)
2101 South 324th #150
Federal Way WA 98003
253-249-9513
Cfaj40@yahoo.com
Birthday: June 2

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



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: Gig Harbor "Quilts Ahoy" 10am-6 on Friday, 10am-4 on Saturday; \$5 donation. Gig Harbor Yacht Club, 8209 Stinson Ave, Gig Harbor (near Harborview Dr in the historic waterfront. Traditional, contemporary & art quilts; Woolies; Wearable art; Appliqué & beading & more. Silent Auction & Treasure Chest

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.wsgspokane.org>

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

Retreats – Janine Walker

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

There is still room for you at the October and November retreats. The cost per day is \$47.50 plus your cost for part of one meal, which you will prepare with 3 or 4 others. Day-trippers are charged \$25, if you want to come down to Gwinwood and check us out. We have lots of fun and there's no telling what new technique or ideas you'll pick up. The sign-up sheets will be at the next several meetings, contact Janine 253.941.4958 or janinew13@yahoo.com

2018 Retreat dates are:

January 19-22

March 9-12

June 22-25

Sept 28-Oct 1

Nov 12-15

Panel Challenge Contest

Don't forget ladies – these are due at the October business meeting!

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

Carol Berge – stars

Margaret Roth – Sun Bonnet Sue

Maddie Hall – bright Spring

Jean Baever– cats

Pat Bernard – friends & flowers

Rebecca Keller – blue vest

Gail Woods – Sun Bonnet Sue

Connie Mayor – Daisy Kingdom toy chest

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!

String Quilt Block Exchange

We have a total of 18 participating in our String Quilt Block Exchange!

You need to bring 18 blocks to the September business meeting;

then one final batch of 18 to the October business meeting.

Our String Quilters are:

Tina McCarter

Debbie Guthrie

Susanna Gantt

Joan Bassen

Margaret Mortenson

Kay Thomas

Kathy Wyckhoff

Sharon Meeds

Winn Curry

Gail Woods

Pat Bernard

Connie Mayor

Mary Ann Morris

Jill Ellis

Cheryl Belcher

Marianna Garrett

Anita Seigenthaler

Our 18th blocks will be made into at least one, if not 2 quilts for our Charity causes.

Sew You Oughta Know

This is still important; so it's worth hearing twice



Don't forget --- YOU will need to remember to sign in with Anne Mulholland, our Membership Chairperson.

We need to wear our name tags at all meetings. Yeah, I know that we haven't been wearing them, for the most part, at Program meetings – and we really need to. Some of us have been members since the beginning, but not everybody. Some of us are good with names and putting the correct name to the face (count me out on that), but not everybody.

There will be a name-tag drawing at all meetings, both Program and Business.

It's not that we're trying to be hard on you or make you find your name tag all the time – there is an ulterior motive beyond learning who we are. And we have an insurance policy that asks us to “take roll” at our meetings. And, should there be an emergency and we would have to evacuate the building, Anne would be able to say, without a doubt “Yes, we all got out safely”.

Dig out your name tag, or make one ([pattern is on the Crazy Quilters webpage](#)) and come prepared.



THE LOLLIPOP TOOL --- The Newest Tool for Quilters!!!

Here are 13 ways to use your new Lollipop Tool!

1. **Stiletto:** Hold the ball in the palm of your hand and use the stick as an extension of your finger when sewing at the machine.
2. **Temporary, water soluble, adhesive.** Just lick it and stick it!
3. **Emergency piece of freezer paper** for appliqué.
4. **Thread Spindle:** break off the stick and use as an emergency replacement on your sewing machine.
5. **Hera Marker:** Use the tool as a stylus – draw your design on the fabric.
6. **Pressing Tool:** Leave the wrapper on if you don't want your pieces to get “sticky”.
7. **Bookmark:** use the wrapper to mark your spot in the quilting book you're looking at.
8. **Safety Pin** closing tool: it'll protect your fingers.
9. **Turny-Thing:** use the stick to poke out the corners when you turn something right-side out.
10. **Self-Defense Tool:** Walking to your car after quilt class, hold the lollipop in the palm of your hand with the stick sticking out. If needed, poke the enemy!
11. **Low Blood Sugar** – a quick fix!
12. **Half Square Template:** draw a line diagonally thru the wrapper. Lay the wrapper on 2 pieces of fabric with right sides together and sew 1/4-inch on both sides of the diagonal line.
13. **Counter:** Keep up with how many pieces you cut by lick the Lollipop (maybe a Tootsie Roll Pop?— remember that commercial?). You will be able to cut forever, because no one ever gets to the center of the Lollipop Tool!

(thank you Colleen!!)

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