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President's Pieces

Lines from Linda

During the past couple of months, I thought about what I wanted to say in this, my last President's Piece, but alas, now that I am writing it, my mind is going a hundred miles an hour (oh, that's supposed to be my car) and getting away from itself. So, I have decided that KISS (Keep It Simple, Stupid) is the way to go.

Thank you for having enough faith in me to let me lead this group for the last three years. Leading the group has not been hard because I have had a great supporting cast of officers, committee chairs, and members. Without each of you doing your part, we would not have had a great three years. I hope you have all learned many new ideas, formed new friendships, tried different techniques, and taken a chance by working outside your comfort zone.

With all of us working together Crazy Quilters is a great guild that has accomplished much. The list is so long that I am only going to mention a few: held many potlucks including a Garden Tea Party, shared our knowledge and talent with the public while we tied quilts at the Fair, held workshops to learn new skills, held several challenges (Block in a Box, Ugly Panel), worked together on Community Outreach programs, supported the Multi-Service Center, provided Christmas stockings and quilts to Emeritus. Applaud yourselves for what we have accomplished. It is tremendous.



By the way, the quilt you gave me last year looks great on my living room wall. It really shows up great from the street. I hope the people in my housing development are enjoying it as much I as am.

Again, thank you for all the support you have given me. I feel confident that you will also support the new officers in the year to come.

Now, before I head up to the Meadow, I would like to leave you with this thought: *"Have patience with all things, but especially with yourself."*

Linda

The Multi-Service Center donations for May will be dry pastas, rice, dried beans, soup mixes.

We continue every month to donate baby items, as they are always needed: diapers, food, clothing. Other items always needed include tealight candles, canned goods, easy-to-open meals, personal hygiene items for women.

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

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Dues are Due!

(I wait all year to say that!)

- Membership dues of \$30 need to be paid by the end of May. Please make a check out to Crazy Quilters and give it to Janine Walker, Membership, along with any information that changed since last year. Janine will have forms at the guild meetings. If you need to mail your payment in, please send it to Crazy Quilters, P.O. Box 3002, Federal Way WA 98063.

Susan Alcalá said a lot of people have asked her about her "Crazy Quilters" T-shirt, so I'm reprinting this review of www.cafepress.com, which Susan supplied for a newsletter last year.

Susan Alcala has this review of www.cafepress.com: I've purchased from this business before and was happy with their products and service. This site offers many items with phrases (including quilting themed) on the T-shirts, sweatshirts, aprons, mugs, note cards, etc. Clothing includes plus sizes! Some of their quilting expressions are, "Crazy Quilter" (how cool is that!), "Quilting Chick," "I'd Rather be Quilting," "I Love Quilting," "Sew Happy to Be Quilting "Born to Quilt," and dozens more. Great for gifts, even gifts to yourself!

May Hospitality and Birthdays

Please bring hospitality goodies to guild meetings during the month of your birthday. In addition to bringing treats, you are responsible for helping with room setup and cleanup. Contact Roxy Dysert, 253-839-9967, if you have questions or are unable to attend.

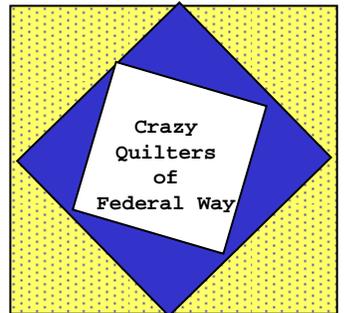
Happy Birthday!

Gail Woods	1	Lynn Ready	14
Mary Jo Knittel	1	Nancy Neff	25
Su Jaynes	11	Barb Angevine	27



Wear Your Badge! – Jill Ellis, Membership

At each meeting, please sign in to the Membership Book. Signing in not only satisfies the insurance requirement to know who is present in case of an emergency, but you may also win a prize! At each Business meeting, I will draw a name from the members signed in and if the person whose name is called is wearing her membership badge (one made of fabric, not the plastic one), a prize will be won! If I draw a name of someone not wearing her badge, there will be no winner for the month. If you need directions for making a badge, please see me.



2011 CQ Retreat Schedule

Those who didn't attend the previous retreat may sign up first. Retreats are \$23 a day. Contact Janine Walker.

July 8-11

October 21-24

November 14-17

Reminder: if you'd like to attend a retreat, but find it to be a financial burden, the guild may be able to sponsor you. Contact Janine Walker.

The next Crazy Quilters Retreat is July 8-11. The sign-up sheet will be at our meetings, or contact Janine to be added to the list. If you've never been to a retreat and are curious about what goes on, you are welcome to visit any time. You may even see Bambi! Retreats are a great place to learn from others; there is no shortage of experience and opinions. The food is always top-notch, and the building is air-conditioned. You can even get a massage. Good Times!

Places to Go . . . Quilts to See!

How about a road trip? Near or far, there's a trip for you.



March 30-June 26: La Conner Quilt & Textile Museum (www.laconnerquilts.com), "What Remains," art quilts and poetry about Japanese Americans in Internment Camps. Quilts by Cathy Erickson, poetry by Margaret Chula. "Story Quilts," featuring the work of Mary Lou Weidman. 703 South Second Street, La Conner WA. Hours Wednesday-Sunday, 11 to 5 (extended hours for April Tulip Festival, 10 to 5, 7 days a week). Admission \$5.00; members/children under 12 free. Info www.laconnerquilts.com

April 1-31: Fidalgo Island Quilt Walk. Quilts displayed in shops of downtown merchants. Maps at participating merchants and Anacortes Visitor Center.

April 30-May 1: Krazy Horse Quilt Show, Pendleton Convention Center, Pendleton OR. A nonjuried show, with featured quilter Helene Knott. Hours 9-5 Saturday, 10-3 Sunday; admission \$5, good for both days. Info www.krazyhorsequilters.org.

May 13-14: "A Quilters' Garden," sponsored by Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild. 1301 South Fair Avenue, Yakima. Hours Fri 10-7, Saturday 10-5; admission \$5.00. Info www.yakimavalleyquiltersguild.org.

May 21-22: "A Quilter's Journey," presented by Evergreen Piecemakers. Merchant mall, gift gallery, special displays of round robin and 9-patch exchange quilts, small quilt sales, fat-quarter raffle, demos, dessert cafe, raffle quilt. Featured quilter is Barb Frazier. Kent Commons, 525 Fourth Avenue North, Kent. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. \$5 donation.

May 21-22: "Reflections: Quilts!" presented by Helena Quilters' Guild, Helena Civic Center, Helena MT. Hours 10-5 Saturday, 10-4 Sunday; admission \$4. Info www.helenaquiltersguild.org.

June 3-5: "Blast of Color," sponsored by Woolley Fiber Quilters. Downtown Sedro-Woolley (follow the signs!), all on Metcalf Street. Admission \$3 donation. Info www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com.

June 22-26: Western Washington Shop Hop. Wed-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 60 shops to visit. Info: www.westernwashingtonquiltshophop.com.

June 24-25: Basin Piecemakers Quilt Show, Moses Lake High School, 803 East Sharon Avenue, Moses Lake WA. Raffle quilt, vendors, quilter's boutique, door prizes. Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-4. Info www.basinpiecemakers.wordpress.com.

July 19: 36th Annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, Sisters OR. Hours 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. admission is free. People come from all over the country to attend this outdoor show, where quilts are hung on buildings, in windows, from trees. It's never rained on the day of the show! Info www.sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org.

June 20-July 31: "Piece by Piece: A Quilting Art Show." A juried gallery show celebrating the art and beauty of quilting. Arts of Snohomish Gallery, 105 Cedar Avenue, Snohomish. Info: hcvl1@frontier.com or readtobe2002@yahoo.com.

July 29-31: "Spooktacular," 31st annual quilt show sponsored by Busy Bee Quilters Guild of Snohomish. 17001 Tester Road, Monroe. Hours 10-5 Friday and Saturday, 10-4 Sunday; admission \$7.00. Info www.busybeequilters.com.

August 26-28: Association of Pacific West Quilters (formerly APNQ). The venue has changed to the Tacoma Convention & Trade Center. Fri & Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 10 to 4. Admission \$10 daily, 3-day pass \$20. Info: www.apwq.org.

August 26-28: 3rd Annual Crazy for Quilts Show, "Old Meets New," sponsored by The Crazy Quilt Shop, 104 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Roslyn WA. Friday Night Fabric Art Walk with live music 5-9 p.m.; Saturday's Main Event Quilt Festival and Show, 9-5; Sunday, 10-2; admission is free. Info 509-649-3777 or crazyquiltshop@hotmail.com.

September 1-October 15: La Conner Quilt Walk, featuring quilts from the Tri-City Quilter's Guild of Southeast Washington. The group was founded in 1982 and has over 350 members. Maps for the Quilt Walk will be available in late August at www.laconnerquilts.com/quilt-fest/quilt-walk, at the Quilt museum, or any participating shop.

September 9-11: 16th Annual Leavenworth Quilt Show, Leavenworth WA. Quilt walk through all shops September 7-11. Show hours 10-5 Friday & Saturday, 10-4 Sunday; admission \$5 for all three days. Featured artist Jan Tolleson from Leavenworth and Guest Artist Laura Estes from Odessa. Info www.quiltersheaven.com

September 16-18: Walla Walla Valley Quilt Festival, Southeast Washington Fairgrounds, Community Building, 360 Orchard Street, Walla Walla WA. Hours 10-5 daily, admission \$5 for all three days. Info www.wallawallaquiltfestival.org.

March Business Meeting Minutes – Kathy Wyckoff

Welcome to Visitors and New Members . We welcomed three visitors this meeting. No new members

Announcements: We received a thank-you note from the City of Milton for the quilt donation we made for their raffle. They will use the proceeds of their raffle to restore the floor at the Milton Community Center.

2010 Raffle Quilt: Earned \$1723.00. Great job, everyone!

Treasurer Report: We have \$5148.92 in checking and \$3608.94 in Savings as of the end of February.

Slate of Officers: Our new year begins May 1. No nominations from the floor or any changes in the Slate of Officers. Motion to accept the slate of officers passed unanimously; thank you all for volunteering. New Officers are: Pam Elliott, President; Diane Kellar and Debby Coleman, Vice Presidents; Connie Mayor, Secretary; Nan Naubert, Treasurer.

Retreat. Janine is taking names for the July retreat.

Ugly Panel Quilt Challenge: WOW! WOW! and WOW! The quilts and wall hangings that came in for this were phenomenal. JOB WELL DONE, LADIES! What a show! Thank you to all that participated. If you had as much fun as I did, you are a lucky lady. What you were able to create from some very challenging panels was off the charts. Such creativity and vision! Here are the winners.

Most Creative: First Place, Pat Hightower; Second Place, Kay Thomas

Most Beautiful: First Place, Gail Wood and Dee Lord; Second Place, Lynn Ready

Best Use of Panel Theme: First Place, Eileen Peacher; Second Place, Pat Bernard

This was such a popular challenge that we will do it again in the future. Jean Snedden has volunteered to collect and present this challenge again. Diane would do it again but she would like to participate this next time.

Multi-Service Center Donations: For the first meeting of April (the Program meeting), please bring Easter Basket items for kids (baskets, candy, small toys, small stuffed animals, basket grass). Remember not to make the baskets too big because it takes a lot of things to fill those big baskets and if they use the same amount of candy etc. in the small and big baskets it looks like the bigger baskets don't have anything in them--just a thought! Regular donations can include canned fruit and vegetables, candles, blankets, baby items, feminine-hygiene products, etc.

Multi-Service Center needs larger quilts. They still want baby quilts, etc., but have had some requests for full and queen size. Adults get cold too. Linda Hill will be coordinating a quilt tie party.

UFO Challenge: Awards at April Business Meeting and Prizes in May

Block in a box: Reveal at the April Business Meeting. NOTE: come early to have your blocks hung and for voting.

Stash Buster: Awards at the June Business Meeting (I think it is in June).

Block of the Month: No new block this month. Note: April and May will be the end of Eileen's run as the BOM person. We need a volunteer to take over this, please.

Mici has quilt tickets to sell for "Relay for Life." There are only 200 tickets and they are \$5 each. This raffle quilt will be awarded in June.

Community Outreach: Carol Berge had kits for this month's block, a Ohio Star. Directions in the March newsletter.

Barb McClure gave an invitation to come and get fabric at her home to make quilts for the Multi-Service Center or other charities. Please call first.

Raffle Quilt 2011: Jean Snedden reports that all blocks have been turned in except one, the appliqué is being done now and all things are moving forward. Thank you Jean for heading the raffle quilt 2011.

Drawings:

Block of the Month: Pat Bernard

Fat Quarters: Xenia McGowan

Community Outreach: Pat Hightower

Wear Your Badge: Nancy Neff

As if the Ugly Panel Challenge show wasn't enough, we had many show & tells; you did it again! Such wonderful quilts and projects displayed. We had a wide variety of things this time; so fun to see everything you are doing. I forgot mine...go figure!

Fat-Quarter Exchange at Business Meetings – Marianna Garrett

Here are the categories for the Fat Quarter Exchange for 2011.

April	Florals	September	A favorite of yours
May	Black & white / white & black	October	Any food / any animal except dogs & cats
June	Cats or dogs / neutrals	November	Very warm or very cool
July	Patriotic	December	Looks like gift wrapping paper
August	Anything		



For each fat quarter you bring for the drawing, your name will be put in a bag. The name drawn will win all of the fat quarters.

Marianna Garrett collects empty wooden and plastic thread spools and cones to give to her niece, who is a nursery-school teacher. If you'd like to save a little bit of landfill space, please bring your empty spools to Marianna at any guild meeting.



Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

April 28 Business Meeting	Business meeting: 7:00 p.m., Emeritus Assisted Living, 31002 14 th Avenue South, Federal Way Show & Tell; Committee Reports; Block of the Month
May 12	Program Night: 7:00 p.m., Emeritus Assisted Living, 31002 14 th Avenue South, Federal Way The April program is the skills builder. There will be 5 or 6 people demonstrating quilting skills in different areas of the room. You will start at one area, then every 20 minutes you can move to another area or remain where you are, if you choose.
May 26	Program Night: 7:00 p.m., Emeritus Assisted Living, 31002 14 th Avenue South, Federal Way The May program is the Mother's Day Potluck. Bring your mother, your mother-in-law, or whomever represents "mother" to you, along with your favorite potluck dish. Eating will start at 6:30 (EARLIER START TIME than usual).
Friday Friends (every Friday)	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 3-day holiday such as July 4, Memorial Day, Labor Day, or if the Community Center is closed.

New Quilt Shop

The new quilt shop I mentioned in February's newsletter will open on May 3. Alice Marshall worked at The Calico Cat and will be opening her store in downtown Kent. It is a great space with lots of natural light in the classroom area. Stop by and check it out after May 3; we need to support our local quilt stores!

Running Stitch Fabrics
213 First Avenue South
Kent, WA 98032-5955
Telephone – 253-277-2248

Located next to Spiro's Greek Island Restaurant.
Hours will be Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and
Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed on Mondays.

Quilt Buddy Program – Jill Ellis

The Quilt Buddy program is underway and a big thank you to all who have stepped up to be a mentor to new members. Being a Quilt Buddy is simple: seasoned guild members explain to a new member how things work, introduce her to other members, and help her feel comfortable at meetings. You will NOT be teaching them how to make a quilt, unless you want to do so. Please see me to volunteer; I'd like to have 3-4 names in reserve so we're ready each time someone joins the guild. This will be a rewarding experience for new and old members alike!

April Fool's Day!

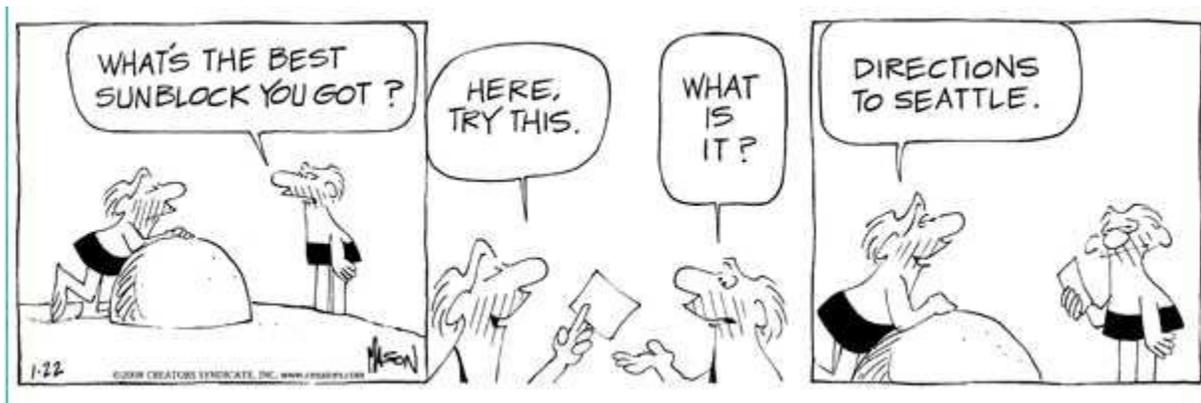
Some of my friends played an April Fool's Day joke on me. Usually I'm the one playing jokes on everyone--my favorite thing to do at work is tape the button of the phone down, so when someone picks up the hand piece, the phone keeps ringing. I had Friday, April 1, off as a day of vacation. I received a phone call from Sue Hopper and the first thing she said was, "Are you nuts?!" "Why, what did I do?" She read me this from her email:

"As announced at the last business meeting, the new board will take over on May 1, 2011 with one revision. Pam Elliott has stepped down as President. The Executive Board has asked Jill Ellis to step in and take on the role of President. All hail the new President, Jill Ellis. Thank you for stepping up in this time of need, Jill."

I said, "Oh no, I'm not! I have to go, I need to call someone!" I hung up, then stopped, thought about it, called Sue back, and said, "Oh yeah, funny, it's April Fool's Day." Sue said she wasn't fooling, she had the email from Mici Wiggins. I hung up to call Mici, then thought, "SHE'S the one playing the joke." Mici tried to act innocent, but she's not a good liar. She finally said it was Eileen's idea. I told her she needed to send a note out to the guild and tell everyone she was just kidding, but she told me only sent it to a select few people. I left Eileen a voice mail later: "This is your president. My first order of business will be to NOT fall for April Fool's Day jokes. Ya got me, Eileen!"

By the way, Sue and I were not the only ones who fell for it. Diana Rawlings sent me an email saying the same thing: "Are you nuts? What about all the other stuff you do?"

Just wait until next year, Ms. Peacher!!!



Five Ways to De-stash Your Studio- written by Cate Prato (interweave.com) – Submitted by Jean Markl

Cate's Clutter Needs Organization.

I'm no different from the rest of you. I see a pretty piece of fabric, a sparkly skein of yarn, a hand-dyed ribbon, and I've just got to have it. But eventually all those little got-to-haves turn into a big, unwieldy pile of stuff and I realize it's time to clear the decks so I can actually make something. That's when I know it's time to de-stash. Over the years, I've learned a few tricks, and in the spirit of spring cleaning, I'm going to share them with you.

- 1. Start small.** Don't try to do it all at once. Pick a category, such as patterns, kits, or one particular fiber form (yarn, fabric), and tackle that from start to finish.
- 2. Sort.** Get three bins or bags and label one "give," one "toss," and one "keep." Things that are broken, ripped, or outdated in a way that makes them unusable go in "toss." Recycle what you can.
- 3. Donate it.** Nursing homes, senior centers, schools, and community groups (like Girl Scouts) are often looking for craft materials for activities. Many groups even use the donated materials to make things like mittens and scarves that they, in turn, donate to those in need. Just be sure to call and ask if the group is looking for supplies, and what kind. Don't just show up with bags of your "give stash," unless that's their policy.
- 4. Sell it online.** There are many online venues for selling your stash. Many people have great success by packaging the items as a kit, by color, or by style. Wrap it in cellophane, tie a pretty ribbon around it, and watch your stash vanish.
- 5. Don't bring it home.** Next time you see a bag of Depression-era fabric scraps at the flea market or your neighbor offers you a plastic bin full of crochet supplies, ask yourself: do I really need it? Do I have room for it? Does it help me create now? If the answers are no, smile, and walk away, happy in the knowledge that you still have room in your studio to create.

Community Outreach – April – Barb McClure

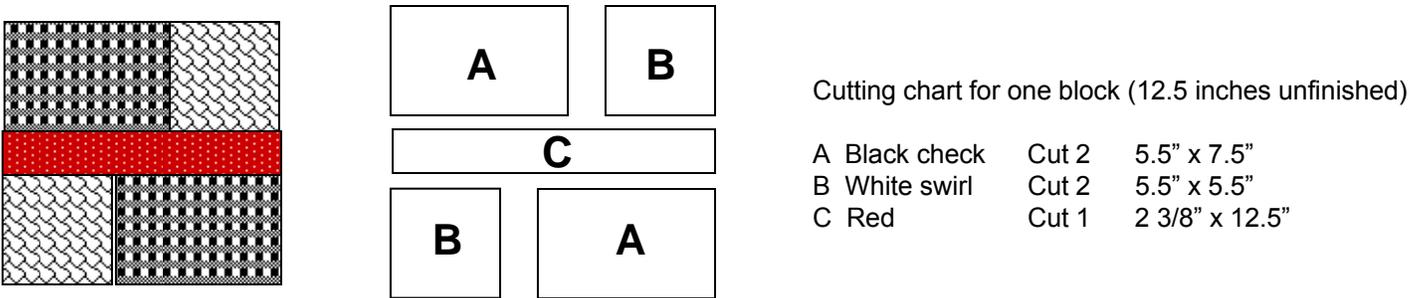
On March 31, I had surgery on my right foot. Now it is a “wait and see” if it was successful. Since I am unable to drive until some time in July, Pam Elliott and Linda Hill have volunteered to organize several workshops to create lots of quilt tops and quilt kits for club members to work on.

The big push right now is to have 10-12 large quilt tops completed in order to make a “ready to tie” quilts with all the components inside, so we can tie them at the Puyallup Fair in September. The top, back, batting and the binding need to be individually sized to fit each top. Once these quilt bags arrive at the fairgrounds, each one needs to be ready to put on the frame. If anything is missing, it won't be able to be worked on. Once the quilt has been tied, be sure the identifying tag on the quilt matches the tag number on the bag it came in. The binding needs to be in the bag (cut, joined, pressed, and ready to be applied). The binding can be finished by hand or machine. Please return the quilt quickly, including the ID tags to Pam or Linda. They will be donated to the Multi-Service Center of Federal Way. The clients are needy and are asking for a quilt or blanket because they are cold. Our members are so generous with their help in making life more bearable for those in need.

Carol Berge is the Community Service chairperson for the Block of the Month. Each month she submits a pattern for the newsletter with all the “cutting and sewing” instructions. Members are encouraged to make more than one block. The more blocks are collected means the more tops that can be made. Please volunteer to help join the blocks and apply borders where required. It is very important the blocks are the exact measurement requested (big problem if they are not). If they are not, they cannot be joined accurately. These quilt tops will also be used at the Fair to demonstrate how to tie the quilts.

Hopefully, it won't be long until I can see everyone at the meetings again. Once I have a walking cast, I won't have cabin fever!

Community Outreach Block – Due at May Business Meeting – Diane Kellar



UFO Challenge 2010-11 – Diane Kellar

- Project must have been started prior to June 2010 and completed by April 21, 2011.
- Project start date is the date CQ member began work on the project.
- “Started” means some progress has already been made (cutting, stitching, etc). Simply buying fabric/patterns doesn't qualify as a UFO.
- Total outside perimeter must be at least 54 inches.
- “Finished” means that quilting and binding are done. Embellishments are optional.
- UFO Entry forms should be submitted when project is shown during “Show ‘n’ Tell at business meetings.
- Entry forms may be submitted with a picture of completed project (if project is not be available for show ‘n’ tell)
- UFO projects other than quilts are eligible for entry if project has at least 6 hours labor involved in completion.
- Have fun. Get creative.

Another New Quilt Shop (Woo Hoo!)

Since the closing of Hancock's Fabrics in West Seattle a few years back, the nearest quilt shop was in Ballard, The Quilting Loft. As of December, that situation was rectified with the opening of The West Seattle Fabric Company. I have not been there, but Cherie Warren, who lives in West Seattle, dropped by; she said the owner is young, very nice, and eager to learn. The owner is slowly adding fabrics and classes. Check out her website (www.westseattlefabriccompany.com) or drop by. It's nice to see a new shop opening in this economy!

West Seattle Fabric Company
2210 California Avenue
Seattle 98116
Phone 206-257-1083

Open Tuesday-Friday, 10-6
Saturday 11-5
Sunday 12-4
Closed Monday