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President's Pieces

Pam's Palette

"The President's piece is always a mix of thoughts - the colors of our lives."

Hello everyone,

As we begin a new term with new officers, it's my hope that this year will be filled with fun and laughter for all. Diane and Debby have had so many great ideas, and I'm sure there will be many interesting programs to come.

May is finally here and my flowers are creating a wonderful color scheme of purple, white, red, yellow, pink and green. Now, if we could only get more days of sunshine. Anyway, I have renewed energy for creating and making quilts.

I recently moved my sewing room to a bigger room in the house. During the move, I found things I forgot I had and did major cleaning and organizing. Amazingly, everything fit into one room with room to spare. Of course, now I feel a need to fill up the empty space. There could be a road trip in the near future.

I spent hours going through old magazines, taking out the articles and patterns I liked and sending the remainder to recycle. When my husband's grandmother passed away at 93 years old, I got all of her old patterns. Some are from newspapers clippings. She loved to quilt and embroidery. I feel blessed to have gotten them.

Well, I'm off to my sewing room (which doesn't have a name).

Just a reminder: if you have a chance, go visit Barb McClure.

Later,
Pam

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.

New Members: Please introduce yourself and make our newest members feel welcome!

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Birthday January 3

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June 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!

Babe Geiger	2	Barb Lobdell	23
Carolyn Jones	2	Carol Berge	25
Janine Walker	13	Rebecca Keller	28

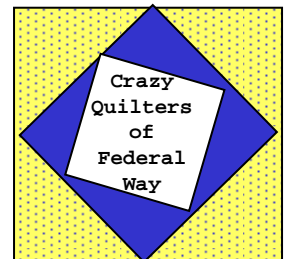


Quilt Buddy Program – Jill Ellis

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!

Wear Your Badge! – Janine Walker

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 quilt by 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

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.

June 25-26: "Life in Stitches" Quilt Show, sponsored by Vashon Island Quilt Guild, Vashon High School Gym, 20120 Vashon Highway SW, Vashon Island. Hours 10-6 Saturday, 10-5 Sunday, admission \$5. Special display of historical quilts provided by the La Conner Quilt Museum.

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 15-17: Columbia River Gorge Quilters' Guild Quilt Show, featuring Maggie Ball (www.dragonflyquilts.com). Skamania County Fairgrounds, Stevenson WA. Admission \$6; hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info www.gorgequiltersguild.org.

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.

September 16-17: "Essence of Evergreen," presented by Evergreen Quilters. 400 Meadowbrook Court, Bellingham. Info www.evergreenquilters.org.

September 22-24: Northwest Quilting Expo, Portland Expo Center, 2060 North Marine Drive, Portland OR. Hours 9-5:30 Thurs & Friday; 9-5 Saturday; admission \$9.50 per day or \$27 for 3-day pass. Info www.nwquiltingexpo.com.

September 30-October 2: La Conner Quilt Fest. Hours Friday & Saturday 9:30 to 5, Sunday 12-4 at Maple Hall and the La Conner Quilt & Textile Museum. A \$10 donation includes entrance to both venues. Workshops and quilt events can be found at www.laconnerquilts.com.

Community Outreach Block, June – Carol Berge – Please return blocks by June 23

CQ Community Outreach is a huge undertaking for our guild and can't be accomplished by just a few members. We need your help, please! This month's BOM is one of the guild's favorite blocks. This block was created by Lu Olson. Please use yellow and blue prints from your stash. Kits will not be available this month. Each block submitted by you will be eligible for the monthly drawing. We need 72 blocks to make one queen top; hopefully our members will submit enough blocks to make two tops.

Diane Kellar generously provided the instructions for April's BOM, "Highlight," which was a huge hit with the members. She also put together the kits using guild fabrics. Su Jaynes has spent many hours sewing the BOM blocks into tops for the guild. She recently finished the January BOM blocks into a 72x84 top, which was given to Pam Elliot at the April business meeting.

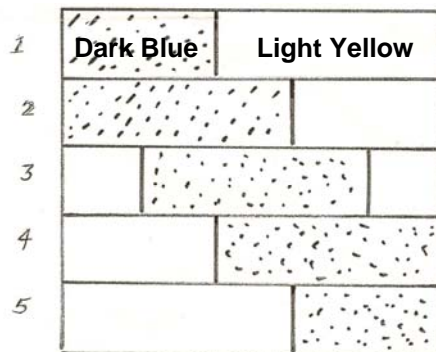
Thank you for your continued support!! Our community thanks you!!

Lu's Scrappy Block, Crazy Quilters favorite BOM! 10x10-inch finished block. Use blue and yellow prints from your stash. Four blocks can be made from just two fat quarters! Using a variety of prints makes a great scrappy quilt—make lots, we need your help! Please square up your blocks to 10.5 inches. A scant ¼-inch seam is suggested to obtain the best results for a 10.5-inch block.

Cut the following for each block, using 2.5-inch strips

Blue prints
Cut 2 pieces 2.5 x 4.5
Cut 3 pieces 2.5 x 6.5

Yellow prints
Cut 2 pieces 2.5 x 2.5
Cut 2 pieces 2.5 x 4.5
Cut 2 pieces 2.5 x 6.5



To assemble each block:

- Row 1 Sew black 2.5 x 4.5-inch piece to white 2.5 x 6.5-inch piece
- Row 2 Sew black 2.5 x 6.5-inch piece to white 2.5 x 4.5-inch piece
- Row 3 Sew white 2.5 x 2.5-inch piece to each end of a black 2.5 x 6.5-inch piece
- Row 4 Sew white 2.5 x 4.5-inch piece to black 2.5 x 6.5-inch piece
- Row 5 Sew white 2.5 x 6.5 inch piece to black 2.5 x 4.5-inch piece

Please contact me if you need assistance constructing your block; phone 253-859-8913, or email carol_berge@msn.com.

Charity Quilt May Be World's Longest Quilt

Quilt makers in Elderslie, a suburb of Sydney, Australia, are working for a good cause and seeking a world record. Jenny Thurling of Narellan Vale, Australia, coordinated volunteers to make a 600-foot quilt that will be cut into smaller quilts and auctioned to raise money for a Down Syndrome center in MacArthur, New South Wales, Australia. A crowd gathered earlier this month to hold the quilt as it was measured. Paperwork is en route to Guinness in hopes of claiming the record for the longest quilt in the world.

United in stitches, quilters chase a record
BY MICHELLE FENECH
06 Apr, 2011 12:00 AM

It was all hands on deck recently when locals took part in some heavy lifting to help measure what could be the world's longest quilt. They lined Curry Reserve in Elderslie at the World Down Syndrome Day celebrations to help Macarthur MP Russell Matheson measure the quilt.

The quilt was made by Narellan Vale resident Jenny Thurling and a group of local volunteers who will now fill out the official paperwork to apply for the Guinness World Record. Mrs. Thurling said the quilt length was 600 feet (or 182 metres).

"We now have to send all the information in and then we'll go from there," she said. "Then we will separate the quilt into smaller quilts and are hoping to auction some of them on May 7 for The Right Start."

Money raised by the sale of the quilts will be put towards Australia's first Downs Syndrome-specific center in Macarthur.

Fat-Quarter Exchange at Business Meetings – Marianna Garrett

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

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



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.

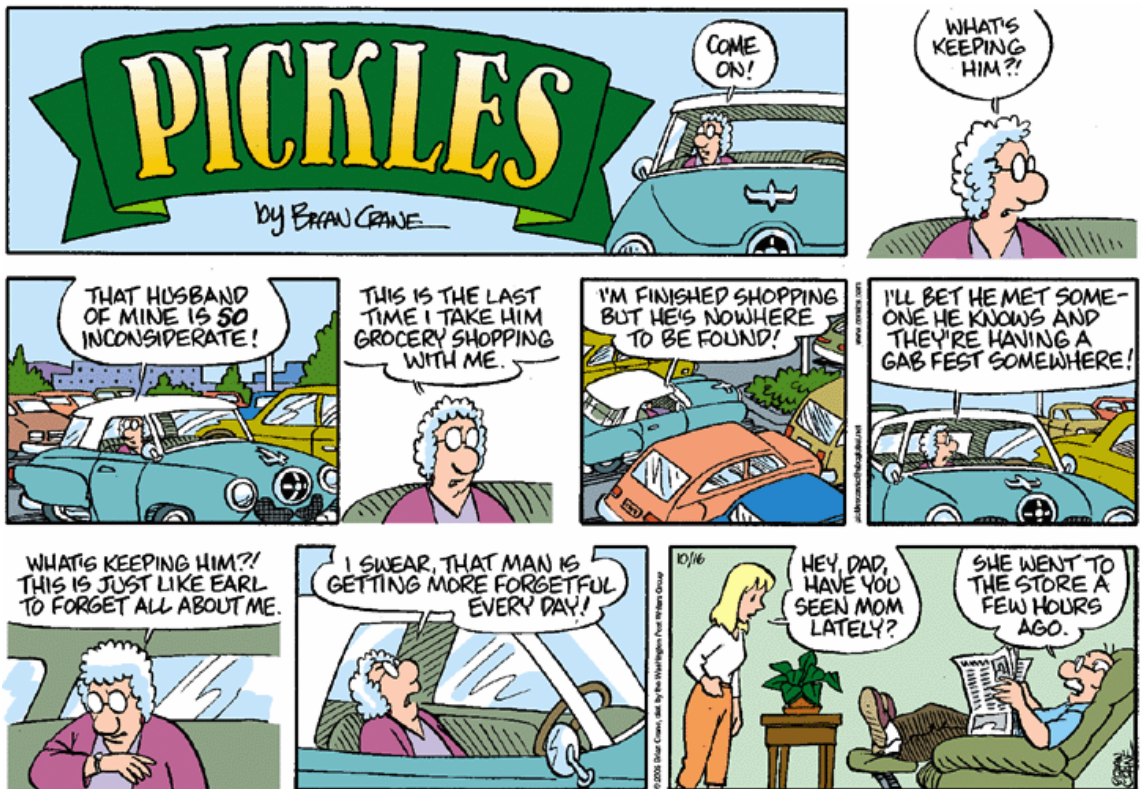
Marianna Garrett collects empty wooden and plastic thread spools and cones to give to her niece, who is a nursery-school teacher. If you'd like to save a little bit of landfill space, please bring your empty spools to Marianna at any guild meeting.

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

**Su Jaynes
Chick Greenough
Nita Leiser
Mauvaneen McMullen**

Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

June 9	Program Night: 7:00 p.m., Emeritus Assisted Living, 31002 14 th Avenue South, Federal Way The June program is the second half of the Auction from last autumn. Please bring your auction items to the meeting THIS WEEK (May 26) and not the night of the program meeting; items are being presorted to make the auction better (hopefully ☺). Just bring all your friends and your money to the auction. Call Diane Kellar if you can't make the deadline and arrangements can be made for you to get your items to her.
June 23	Program Night: 7:00 p.m., Emeritus Assisted Living, 31002 14 th Avenue South, Federal Way Reports from committees, Show & Tell, Block-of-the-Month, drawing prizes.
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 three-day holiday such as July 4, Memorial Day, Labor Day, or if the Community Center is closed.



Community Outreach – May – Barb McClure

Greetings! It's been 6 weeks post-foot surgery and I've graduated to a walking cast for 6 more weeks. By June 29, I'll be able to drive again. Yeah!

Thanks so much to everyone who sent cards and notes, and called and visited with me. Kathy Wyckoff took me to a medical appointment and afterwards she said, "let's go for a drive!" She found a great place to stop and look out across Puget Sound and watch the water splash among the rocks and driftwood logs. We kept the motor running in case the police came, because we had backed into someone's parking space under their home and signs were posted everywhere! We didn't get caught! ☺

On May 12, we had a Mother's Day potluck. Our members are great cooks and always bring "yummy" food for all to enjoy. Most of us cook only when we have to – we'd rather be making quilts. During the meeting/potluck, quilt kits were handed out to everyone to put together and return them to be worked on and completed in group workshops to be scheduled in the near future. Check your e-mail and Newsletter for dates, times and locations.

Please let Pam Elliott, Linda Hill, Diane Kellar and Kathy Wyckoff know how much you appreciate the amount of time they spent pulling fabric from the club's "stash." After fabric was sorted, they bundled them up into "quilt-top kits" and place each kit into plastic bags and distributed them at the Mother's Day Potluck to everyone. They still have about 4 more kits to give out. It is very important to put these quilt-top kits together and return them by the next meeting, May 26. Otherwise, we will not have any tops to tie at the workshops in the next few weeks. We need 12-14 large tops just to go The Puyallup Fair. This is where our club volunteers will demonstrate over a period of several weekends how to tie a quilt for everyone who visits the Home Arts Department on the second floor during The Fair.

I've heard there are plans to organize our club fabric and batting. Oh, I hope so! In December 2006, I volunteered my two large upstairs rooms to house all of the club's donated fabric, to be organized on racks by color, season, novelties, plaids, fat quarters, and large pieces for backs and borders. Also, there are shelves holding fabric that has already been made into binding strips, and fabric "leftovers" to be used for binding, patchwork or strip piecing. All of this is available for use, but it has reached a point where we need to be more organized. The club needs to have more than just one person to "sort-of" know where to find "stuff"!

Please organize between yourselves when you would be able to come. Just give me a call; I'm here most every day during the week and most Sunday afternoons. Bring your Starbuck's, sack lunch or snack. My kitchen is available to warm up your food. See you soon!

A gift of warmth for woman vets – found at www.timesunion.com (Albany, New York) – by Dania Bianchi Published 12:01 a.m., Thursday, April 14, 2011

A local quilt shop owner saw an article about plans for a shelter for homeless female veterans and knew she wanted to help out. Vicki Feldman said she and shop co-owner Barbara Haynes figured they had the means right at their fingertips. "We decided we wanted to provide the women with quilts," Feldman said.

The two own Almost One of a Kind Quilt Shop in Ballston Spa. When word of the project got around, Feldman and Haynes found plenty of people willing to lend a hand.

"The response from the community has been unbelievable," said Haynes, who added she has lost count of the friends, store customers, and others who have helped with the effort. The shop is offering a discount on quilt materials for those taking part.

The shelter will house 11 beds, with the average stay expected to be 6-12 months. During their stay, residents will receive support to find employment, manager their physical and mental health conditions, reconnect with family, and later move into their own residence.

The quilts will be given when women move in to the shelter, and they will be able to take them when they Feldman and Haynes hope the quilts will make the veterans feel more at home. "Not one person that comes into our shop is not touched by the service of our veterans," says Feldman. The owners say many of their customers are women who want to help other women. "The military is finally realizing that women need support, too, and we want to help them," says Feldman.

Haynes and Feldman are continuing to accept donations for the quilts in what they call an ongoing project. They plan to supply each woman arriving at the house with a quilt.

April Business Meeting Notes – Kathy Wyckoff

Just a quick note from me to you. This is my last reporting of your minutes and I gladly pass this on to Connie Mayor; she is going to do a great job for you. I have enjoyed being your secretary and will continue to serve Crazy Quilters in other ways. You have been an inspiration to me to do better and do more with my quilting. Many of you have been my mentor and guide and I appreciate all you have done for me. Thank you all for your friendship and love; I will cherish it the rest of my life. Now for the confessions of the Secretary—again--ugh! I am embarrassed to tell you this: once again, I LOST MY NOTES AGAIN! Can you believe that?!? And once again, Linda has bailed me out, but there is some information that will not be reported. Thank you, Linda, for helping me yet another time. I know I will find them just as soon as I send this to Jill for the newsletter, but to tell you the truth, I have torn this house apart several times and still haven't found them. They are in plain sight and laughing at me, I know it!

Welcome to Visitors and New Members .

Treasurer Report: We have \$4398.35 in checking and \$3609.83 in Savings, for a total of \$8008.18.

Announcements: We received several thank you notes this month. Linda read them for us and they are with my notes.....to be found later.

Multi-Service Center donations for May: Dry pastas, rice, dried beans, soup mixes. There is a great need for baby food, diapers, and feminine hygiene products.

UFO Challenge Awards will be presented at the May business meeting.

Mici has raffle quilt tickets for sale for 'Relay for Life'.

Multiservice Center needs larger quilts. They still want baby quilts, etc., but have had some requests for full and queen size. Adults get cold, too. Diane Kellar and I spent about 6 hours at Barb McClure's putting fabric packs together to be used for MSC and Puyallup Fair projects. They were given out at the business meeting; thanks to all of you for taking packets and participating in this. There is such a need in the community and your efforts, creativity, and love are appreciated by those who receive our quilts. We will have packets available for you as you turn in your current projects.

Block in a Box Reveal: OH MY GOSH!! They were fantastic. Such wonderful colors and imagination. We had some fabulous individual blocks. If anyone has the list of who won The People's Choice blocks, please tell Jill so she can honor them in the next newsletter. I apologize once again for not having this information. This is huge and for those who won, I am really sorry not to have your names to say GREAT JOB!

Stash Buster Contest: Awards at the June Business Meeting

Block of the Month: Eileen Peacher has her final BOM, to be returned May 26. Suzanna Gantt will be taken over as the BOM chairman starting May 26.

Raffle Quilt 2011: The appliqué is being done now and all things are moving forward. Thank you, Jean, for heading the raffle quilt 2011.

Show and Tell: WOW! Beautiful! I know we all had our favorites but overall I could not pick; they were all fantastic! It is so great to see what all of you are doing. I invite those who don't bring Show & Tell to do so; share your projects with us--we'd love to see them.

Publicity Report – Susan Alcalá

I am the new Publicity Chairperson for Crazy Quilters. I submitted our meeting information for the community calendars of these newspapers: Federal Way Mirror, The News Tribune (Tacoma), Tacoma Weekly Newspaper, Fife Free Press, Milton-Edgewood Weekly Signal, the Auburn Reporter, and the Kent Reporter in early May, 2011.

I also ordered 1000 CQFW Business Cards that will have our guild's logo in color, meeting information, Agnes Rischard's phone number, Jill Ellis's e-mail, and the guild website to contact for location of meetings (in case we relocate). Each member will receive 6 cards, with nearly 500 remaining for The Puyallup Fair and CQFW president's discretionary use. Each card costs 2.7 cents (including postage).