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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.

Hope you're enjoying the spring. In a week, summer begins and we'll be half way through this year. I wondered where the time went. Although, that's a question I ask myself a lot.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, I spent a lot of time with my daughter doing projects around her house. She wrote all the projects on the whiteboard, and we began conquering them one by one. It was amazing what we got done in 4 days. We worked hard and had a fun time together. All she needed was support, encouragement and some of my time.

For me and many others, time is a precious commodity. Once you use it, you can't get it back. Unlike other things, you can't buy more, you can't get a two-for-one deal, or bargain to get extra. There is only so much in one lifetime. Someone once told me that life isn't a trial run, but what you do is in "real time".

Recently, each of us gave a lot of our time making quilts that had a big impact on other people's lives. Patty Spaulding and others at the Multi-Service Center are very grateful for all the quilts and are amazed with the beauty of each of them. But sometimes, it only takes a little time to make the same kind of impact. Like sharing a cup of tea with a friend, sending an email or calling to say hello, being there to just listen when someone is having a difficult time, or one of my favorites, giving a big hug. When you give that time to someone, it may be the exact time they needed it the most. But don't forget to spend some of the time on yourself.

As the weeks and months go by, I hope to spend my time wisely. Of course, some of it is set aside for the quilt retreats. What a wonderful gift of time to myself.

Until later,
Pam

The Multi-Service Center donations for July will be lunch food for children: peanut butter and jelly, snack packs, raisins, etc.

We continue every month to donate baby items (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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Jean Snedden

Carol Berge

Barb McClure

Sue Hopper

Cathy Norgaard

Ken Tagious

Jean Markl



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!

2011 Raffle Quilt – Jean Snedden

The quilt is being passed around for the appliqué to be added. I would say it is over half done. My hope is to have the quilt done by the middle of July, or very latest, end of July. We are almost done with the middle. Will have to show at the next meeting. As soon as a name is picked, the tickets can be made.

July 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!

Kristi Warren	3	Donna Conley	11
Zora Buckenberger	5	Pam Pollinger	21

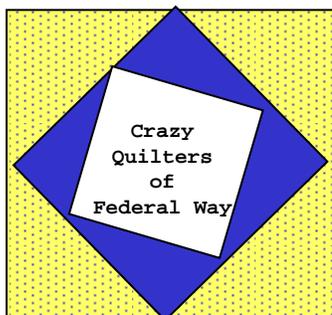


Wear Your Badge! – Janine Walker

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 the name of someone not wearing her badge is drawn, there will be no winner for the month. If you need directions for making a badge, please see me.

Recycled member:

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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 July retreat is filling up, so if you are planning to attend please sign up now. The cost is \$23 per day, plus the shared cost of one meal. We always have a grand time and great food. Contact Janine Walker. If you've never been to a retreat and are curious about what goes on, you are welcome to visit any time. 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 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 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 16: Mukilteo Garden & Quilt Tour, 10:00 to 5:00. Tickets required: \$12 in advance, or day of tour \$15. Available through the website or from many local merchants (listed on the website) beginning June 1. Tour includes eight beautiful gardens; six are private and two are public gardens in which the color, texture and thematic elements are echoed in the approximately 100 quilts that are carefully placed within each location to enhance the beauty of each. To learn more or reserve tickets, go to www.mukilteogardenandquilttour.org

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.

August 27-28: 13th Annual Outdoor Quilt Show and Folk Art Sale, sponsored by The Buggy Barn, 28848 Tramm Road North, Reardan WA 99029. Admission free, hours 10-4. Info www.buggybarnquilts.com/quilt_show.htm.

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. Hours Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$4.00. Boutique, White-Elephant Bazaar, raffle baskets, raffle quilt, vendors, tea room. Info www.evergreenquilters.org.

Community Outreach, June – Barb McClure

Thanks to everyone who dropped by to help us organize our club's "fabric stash." There is still more that needs to be done. Please volunteer to give a few hours of your time. The work isn't physically challenging because much of the work deals with separating the fabrics according to color families. Most of the fabrics to be folded are approximately one-yard pieces. Some are larger and some are quite a bit smaller, around the fat-quarter size. Even I can work with my right leg and foot in a cast. There are chairs to sit on and a large dining table to fold fabric, which will be stacked on the shelves.

Soon we'll be receiving a large quantity of fabric from a quilter who recently passed away. Pam Elliott said the quilter had so much fabric there was only a small pathway into each room. Her fabric has been divided between 3 groups. The fabric we will receive completely filled a pickup truck with a camper shell, plus Pam's car that had every nook and cranny stuffed solid. Pam will need assistance to remove it all from her living room ("Please!" she says.). The fabric needs to be transported to my house where our club's fabric is located on my second floor. When our club receives donated fabric, it's better than Christmas morning! We open each box and do the "touchy-feelies" with each fabric, and make all of the exclamations: "Look at this!" "Wow!" and "This is cool!" So please, come and "play" with the fabric! The best thing is, we didn't have to buy it to have all this fun.

Special thanks to Pam Elliott, Diane Keller, Linda Hill, Peggy Pierce, Camille Foote, Cathy Norgaard, Karen Holm, Angie Eichholtz, and Connie Mayor who helped sort and fold fabric, pick up fabric to sew at home, and pull fabric for kits to be tied at the Fair. The next month will be busy completing the tops for this event.

Block in the Box – Gail Woods

The Block in a Box winners were picked at the April Business meeting. Dee Lord won a \$25 gift certificate for Overall Best Quilt. There was a three-way tie for Brest Block: Martha Lamerson, Sonya Parisi, and Pat Bernard each received a \$10.00 Gift Certificate. The new year of Block in Box starts with the June Business meeting. Twelve people are signed up.

New Fabric Store: West Seattle Fabric Company

There's a new fabric store in Seattle, West Seattle Fabric Company, in West Seattle (duh). I went there Memorial Day weekend to check it out. The shop owner is Monica, who was very friendly and eager to help you with whatever you need. She's been open since December and has lots of fun fabrics, ranging from \$7.50 to whatever batiks are now (I didn't look). I was there because she sent an email about a 25%-off sidewalk sale; I got some fabric that worked perfectly for a baby quilt I'm making. Check out her store; it's in a friendly neighborhood with lots of other fun shops all around.

West Seattle Fabric Company
2210 California Ave SW
Seattle, Washington 98116

Phone 206-257-1083
www.westseattlefabriccompany.com
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10-6; Saturday 11-5; Sunday 12-4 (closed Monday)

Project Cool for Back to School – Laura Coy

Help homeless students start the school year off right! Project Cool provides backpacks, school supplies, and gift certificates for new shoes to 2000 homeless children in King County. I have been doing this for several years. Our donations are truly appreciated.

You can help by donating school supplies or money. Project Cool is able to purchase backpacks from a supplier. That way, everyone gets the same quality backpack. I am collecting school supplies again this year. My deadline is the last quilt guild meeting in July. Here is a list of supplies needed:

Crayola crayons (24 count)	Crayola colored pencils (12 count)
Crayola markers	Highlighters
Pens (black and blue)	Pencils (12 count)
Pencil pouches, soft	Pink erasers
Glue sticks	Two pocket folders
Spiral notebooks	Notebook paper, wide- and college-ruled
Index dividers (5-tab for 3-ring binders)	Small tissue pouches
Toothbrushes and toothpaste	

Contact me if you have any questions (206-824-6087 home, 206-683-2348 cell, or email me at quiltrose054@comcast.net. Thank you for your continued support!

Fat-Quarter Exchange at Business Meetings – Marianna Garrett

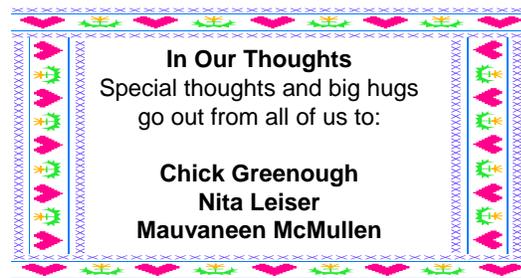
Here are the categories for the Fat Quarter Exchange for 2011.

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



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

July 14 Note early start	Program Night: 6:30 p.m., Crazy Quilters Potluck Picnic at Diane Kellar's house. Bring your favorite dish and come hungry! 33412 Fourth Court SW, Federal Way 98023, phone 253-874-0537.
July 28	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.

Business Meeting Minutes - May 26 – Connie Mayor

We had three guests: Shirley, Tina, and Patty from the Multi-Service Center

Old Business:

We were asked for volunteers to help sort food at the Multi-Service Center.

Dues are due. \$30 for the year.

New Business:

We will have the continuation of our Auction on June 9 on our program night. Additional items need to be to Diane Keller ahead of time, not the night of the Auction.

Still need quilt tops for the Fair. Tops only for tying. Please contact Mici Wiggins to sign up to work at the Fair—free admission and parking!

Block in a Box starts again on 6/23. Do your own block first and add to your box along with your fabric.

Treasurers report was given. We have \$4839.50 in checking and \$3609.00 in savings.

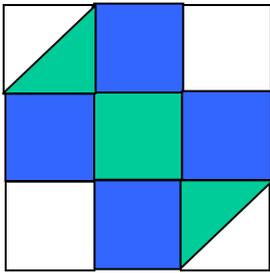
Work continues on the Raffle Quilt.

Drawings were won by: BOM, Kay Thomas; Community Service, Margaret Mortenson; Fat Quarters, Tina McCarter; Badge, no one won—wear your badge!

Community Outreach Block of the Month – Cathy Norgaard

Cathy has volunteered to do the BOM this month, giving Carol Berge a well-deserved break. Kits will be available at this week's Business Meeting. You can also make your own blocks from your stash, using the same color scheme. For each block you submit from your stash, your name will be entered in a drawing for a small thank-you prize.

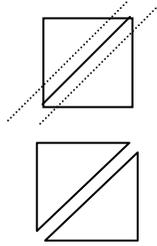
Hourglass – Your block should measure 12.5 inches when complete. (And before anyone points it out to me, I used squares when building this block, but for some reason they look like rectangles....just sayin'.)



Green One 4.5-inch square
One 4 7/8-inch square

Blue Four 4.5-inch squares

White One 4 7/8-inch square
Two 4.5-inch squares



Place the green and white 4 7/8-inch squares right-sides together. Draw a line diagonally, corner to corner. Sew 1/4-inch on either side of the line. After sewing, cut on the original line, from corner to corner (see diagrams). Iron open, toward the green. You will now have two diagonal half-squares, which should measure 4.5 inches. Assemble block as shown. Questions, please call Cathy, 253-874-4027.

UFO Contest Results – Diane Kellar

The UFO Contest has ended for the year and is in need of a chairperson for the new year. If anyone is interested please let me know. Nancy DePoorter has offered to help, but does not want to chair as she is out of the area for part of the year. Congratulations to everyone who participated. Eileen Peacher won the black walnut ruler holder made by my husband, Jeff Kellar.

Results of this years UFO contest

A total of 24 participants finished 68 quilts and donated 12 to our auction. Nancy DePoorter finished the most UFOs with 13. I finished 7 after being spurred on by Nancy's success! Marianna Garrett finished 3 and donated an additional 5 to our auction. Mici Wiggins donated 5 to our auction, and Eileen Peacher donated 2 and finished another 2. Jean Snedden finished 6 and Susan Alcala finished 5. Many others finished 1-3. Debby Coleman finished her first quilt, pieced and quilted entirely by hand. I think the oldest UFO was finished by Susanna Gantt, started in 1996. That's only 15 years old! Thanks again to all who participated.



Picnic News – Diane Kellar

Our Annual July Potluck Picnic will be held at my house this year on July 14. I am planning a special treat for entertainment, so don't miss this fun event! We will start eating at 6:30, so arrive a bit early to get settled in. My address is 33412 Fourth Court SW, Federal Way 98023, phone 253-874-0537.

Auction – Diane Kellar

Our auction was a huge success with over \$1200 raised. 90 wonderful items were donated and auctioned from old quilt tops to new quilt tops, fabric, notions and kits. Thanks to our new first-time auctioneers who stepped up in Marianna's place (due to her broken arm - heal quickly, Marianna), Theresa Fancher and Jill Ellis.

We had lots of fun and got to know a little bit more about some of our members from what they are passionate about, how competitive they are, and what their "stink eye" looks like. It was fun to watch friends bid against each other and others get caught in the middle! I can't wait till the next auction!



Treasured Quilt Recovered in Glencoe after Tornadoes – Contributed by Sue Hopper

Written by Nick Johnston, Sportswriter – Gadsden Times – Gadsden, Alabama – Published May 28, 2011

The owl quilt belonging to Netty Wolfe of Shoal Creek Valley is pictured where it came to rest on the ground in Glencoe. Netty and her husband, Charlie, both were killed in the storms.

As the crow flies, it's about a 15-mile trip from Shoal Creek Valley to Glencoe. But in this particular instance, it could be as the owl quilt flies.

The storms of April 27 will not soon be forgotten. So many lost their lives and many more saw their lives changed forever. The family of Charlie and Netty Wolfe know that all too well. The Wolfes were in their home in Shoal Creek Valley when an EF-4 tornado ripped through the community, leaving a trail of destruction and tragedy. Charlie and Netty both were killed in the storm, and for the past few weeks it has been up to their family to piece together what they can from their lives. But it hasn't been easy.

Their granddaughter, Crissy Wolfe Haynes, said it's actually been next to impossible. All she and the family had been able to find until recently was some paperwork and shredded clothes in the rubble where Charlie and Netty's house stood. No photos, no furniture, no jewelry, nothing substantial. But thanks to a Facebook page dedicated to items found following the storms, Crissy and the entire family now have something to hold on to that has sentimental value. And that's where I played my small role in this story, a story that began more than two decades ago.

That's when Lila Mae Bishop, Netty's mother, knitted [*forgive him, he's a sportswriter...ed*] a beautiful quilt adorned with owls. She was retired by the mid-1980s, which left her plenty of time to quilt in her home. She made an owl quilt for Netty and others around that time, including one for Netty's daughter-in-law, Cheryl Wolfe. It's a quilt Netty treasured, keeping it packed away so that it would not get damaged. It held even more sentimental value when Lila Mae died in 2008.

The quilt likely was in a cedar chest when the tornado struck Charlie and Netty's home. The 180-mph winds should have ripped it to shreds, like they did everything else. But somehow, the owl quilt stayed intact and likely caught a bird's-eye view of all the destruction going on below. There's no way to know exactly where it traveled in the night. It may have landed somewhere, only to be picked up again by the high winds.

The morning after the storms, I walked out of my home in Glencoe and saw something lying next to a large oak tree in my front yard. It was a quilt in remarkably good shape. No way this could have come from the tornado, I thought, because it was in such good shape. No tears, just a few stains. After hearing stories of things found in other parts of the state, I went to Facebook and posted a picture to my profile. Soon after I found the Facebook page — Pictures and Documents found after the April 27, 2011 Tornadoes — and posted it there.

I told everyone I know. I Googled "owl quilt" and kept checking Facebook to see if someone was looking for it. Weeks went by and I had decided I never really would know the story behind this hand-crafted quilt. Then a message came in on Facebook.

"Hi. I saw where you posted a found quilt," Crissy wrote. "It is my grandmother's quilt that my great-grandmother made her and I know this because she made my parents one, too. My grandparents lost their lives in the tornado that went through Shoal Creek Valley ... We really want this quilt back ... You don't know how excited we are to find something from their house."

Several messages later, Crissy, Cheryl and I met. They brought the other quilt Lila Mae had made, which was identical to the one that dropped in my yard. It was somewhat of an emotional meeting. "I felt it in my heart that it had to be hers," Crissy said. "I just can't believe it was found."



Secret Pal Program Starts in September – Jill Ellis

You will receive the name of your Secret Pal at the September Business meeting. At the Business meeting each month (Program meeting in November/December, since we only have one meeting those months), you will bring a gift for your Secret Pal. You don't have to spend a lot of money on your pal: fabric from your stash, a small packet of note cards, a small potted plant of their favorite flower, maybe even make a block a month so at the end of the six months they have enough for a wall hanging! We'll continue until the March 2012 Business meeting, when we'll have our Big Reveal. At that meeting, in addition to what you bring for your Secret Pal, you would also bring the person who had your name a small thank-you gift.

If you would like to participate in the Secret Pal program, please fill out this questionnaire and get it back to me by the end of June. Since the newsletter is in PDF form and you can't modify it in any way, if you would **like an emailed copy sent to you, let me know** (jill.d.ellis@boeing.com). I will have paper copies at the June/July/August Business meetings, too.

Remember: This is not about how much money you spend, but about doing something to make someone happy, and about getting to know a fellow guild member! It's a lot of fun! Also, the more information you supply on the form (I'm a coffee drinker, love baked goods, favorite candy is Twizzlers, love the cold weather, etc.), the easier it is for the person who has your name to find fun things for you.

Crazy Quilters Secret Pal Program – September to March

Name:

Email:

Address:

Birthday:

Name of spouse/significant other:

Anniversary:

Kids' names & ages:

Pets?:

Favorite colors/themes to use in quilts:

Least favorite colors to use in quilts:

Favorite quilting techniques (appliqué, piecing, paper-piecing, etc.):

Favorite flowers / plant:

Other hobbies, interests, how you like to spend your spare time (continue on back if necessary):

Anything else you'd like your Secret Pal to know (continue on back if necessary):