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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,

My life wasn't exciting enough, so I decided to join the "in crowd" to spice it up. Yup, I'm hanging out with a lot of 20+-year-old kids. Although, I have to say there are other "mature" people doing the same thing (if you call being mature, hanging with kids in their 20s). I have returned to college (Highline Community College, to be specific) full time to get my Accounting AAS degree.

The thought of mingling with all the kids wasn't scary since mine are the same age. The scary part is all the homework and studying. Oh my God, I haven't spent that much time in a textbook for eons! Give me a quilt magazine and I can read for hours.

Each quarter I will be taking three courses. Hopefully my brain will not scramble all the information together. I should be out in March 2013, six quarters in total. That's a lot of studying! I can do the all-night studying, but I think I may have to forgo the parties.

All things considered, I'm excited to be back in school. Of course, I will have to plan time for quilting. Maybe that will be one of my "all-nighters."

Until later,
Pam

The Multi-Service Center has lost their FEMA funding for diapers and baby formula and are in desperate need. You can also donate money, as every one dollar buys three dollars of goods. There will be a collection can at the business meeting if you wish to donate. The money will be given to Nan so a check can be written to the Multi-Service Center.

Other items always needed include tealight candles, canned goods, easy-to-open meals, personal hygiene items for women.



Newsletter Contributors

Pam Elliott	Connie Mayor
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Susan Alcalá	Nan Naubert

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

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!

2012 Raffle Quilt and In-House Raffle Quilt – Jean Snedden

Reminder: Tickets are available for the antique lady quilt raffle for \$2.00 each. The drawing is in December. Only Crazy Quilters are allowed to purchase tickets.

Tickets for the 2012 raffle quilt have been printed. Distribution will start in January. Sell those tickets!



November 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!



Sonya Parisi	11	Carolyn Grennan	16
Connie Mayor	13	Beth Tays	26
Lu Olson	14		



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.



How to be an Artist

Stay loose. Learn to watch snails. Invite someone dangerous to tea. Make little signs that say "Yes!" and put them all over your house. Make friends with freedom and uncertainty. Look forward to dreams. Cry during movies. Swing as high as you can on a swingset by moonlight. Cultivate moods. Refuse to "be responsible." Do it for love. Take lots of naps. Give money away--do it now; the money will follow (it will). Believe in magic. Laugh a lot. Celebrate every gorgeous moment. Take moonbaths. Have wild imaginings, transformative dreams, and perfect calm. Draw on the walls. Read every day. Imagine yourself magic. Giggle with children. Listen to old people. Open up. Dive in. Be free. Bless yourself. Drive away fear. Play with everything. Entertain your inner child--you are innocent. Build a fort with blankets. Get wet. Hug trees. Write love letters.

Places to Go . . . Quilts to See!

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



October 21-30: 5th Annual Southwest Washington Shop Hop. Check with one of the shops for details. Participating stores are Quilt Harbor, Aberdeen; Country Manor Fabrics, Battle Ground; The Quilt Nest, Castle Rock; Quilters Junction, Centralia; The Country Mouse, Eatonville; Quilt Peddler Elma Variety Store, Elma; Creative Quilter, Graham; Karen's Quilt Loft, Kalama; Paisley Duck Quilting & Design, Kelso; Pfaff Creative Sewing Center, Lacey; Shibori Dragon, Lakewood; Sugar 'n Spice, Morton; Cranberry Bay Fabric & More, Ocean Shores; The Wild Rose quilt Shop & Retreat, Orting; Parkland Parish Quilt Co., Parkland; The quilt Barn, Puyallup; Annie's Quilt Shoppe, Shelton; Just for Fun! Quilting, Vancouver; The Quilter's Stash, Westport; Gee Gee's Quilting Inc., Yelm.

November 11-13: "Color Expressions," sponsored by Block Party Quilters, Issaquah Community Center, 301 Rainier Boulevard South, Issaquah. Merchant mall, door prizes, tea room, demos, raffle quilt, challenge quilts, boutique and quilts for sale. Featured quilter Coleen Wise. www.bpquilters.org.

I carry a small notebook in my purse, so I can jot down things for the newsletter, quotes, or inspirations for a quilt pattern. I was looking through an old notebook and saw this:

4 times light
Gorgeous floor
Sue laughing

I have no idea what it means or where we were, but it made me smile, because I was with my friend and she was laughing. And right now I know she's rolling her eyes after reading this.

New Member and Changes for Directory

Avis Kreger
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Birthday: December 29

Su Jaynes has email and a new cell
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jaybear51152@hotmail.com

Directories will be emailed very soon (hopefully by this week's meeting, but I'm not promising anything), with paper copies for those who do not have email.

Community Outreach – October – Pam Elliott

As of October 9, Barb McClure has stepped down from being Community Outreach chairperson. There has been so much pressure and changes in her life that she felt she needed to step back and reevaluate everything. She has carried the responsibility of Community Outreach for over six years. She has done an awesome job and far beyond the responsibilities required.

We are looking for someone to replace Barb. If you (and a friend) are interested, please let me know. I will be happy to go over the responsibilities of Community Outreach chairperson with you. Until another person(s) has been appointed, all questions are to be directed to me or Diane Kellar.

The fabric was moved to our storage unit (Federal Way Storage) about a mile from Emeritus down 312th. At present, there are about 20 quilt kits that are ready. These kits include a finished top, backing, batting and binding. Some kits may require you to sew the binding pieces together. We will continue to work towards our goals of providing the quilts requested by Seattle Union Gospel Mission.

Barb, we all thank you so much for all you have done!



MINUTES - 9/22/11

Visitors: Francis Painter - will become a member; Diane DeLander, from New Mexico; Elizabeth White, from the Fair.

Old Business

Multi Service Center still needs diapers. Checks help too and should be made out to Crazy Quilters so Nan can write a single check to MSC.

Quilt show - planning meeting will be at Marianna's next Thurs. Sept. 29th at 6:30.

Treehouse - needs sizes sent in email. Twin and Sofa sizes.

New Business

Be sure to fill out a DONATION FORM. Barb has the form to be filled out for ANY quilts donated. The form will also be on website and was emailed out.

CQ received a thank you card from Sally Gilman for all the card sent to her.

Quilts coming back from the Fair need to be bound.

Congratulations to all our Guild members who won ribbons for their quilts entered in the Fair. Everyone who entered this year won a ribbon.

The Celtic Square quilt is 82 x 96 and was quilted by Michelle Bunker. Tickets are being sold and drawing will be tonight. Angie Eichholtz won the quilt!

The area by the Organs is the freebie area. There is access for walkers requested.

Reports:

Kathy has signup sheet for November Retreat. Janine is ill at home.

Treasurers Retort. Checking and Savings total = \$10,500.

Community Outreach – Jill Ellis suggested someone contact The Warm Company about donating batting to our guild for charity quilts; Barb Vanderbilt will do that. Anna Hudson has volunteered to be the BOM person for Community Outreach.

2012 raffle quilt top is done, needs backing. Eileen Peacher will quilt it and it will be ready by January. The Quilt name is Stars Around the Garden. Jill will be making the tickets.

2013 raffle quilt is doing well. Kits will be ready for us to work on by January.

BOM - 4 missing blocks. Jan Bruell will have next months batik blocks. \$1 each.

Block in a Box - doing good.

4.5-inch half-square triangle exchange starts tonight. Squares need to be dark and light triangles.

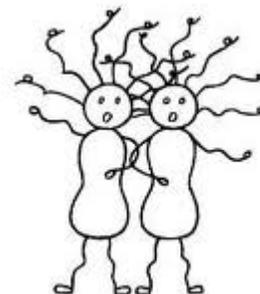
Fat Quarters - Marianna

Secret Pal starts today - Jill will hand them out during break.

Memorial for Peggy Burgess will be Sunday Sept. 25th 4:30pm at Auburn Senior Cntr. Potluck.

More Beanie Babies for sale by Laura Coy, \$3 for large. \$1 small - Halloween.

DRAWINGS: BOM = Pat Bernard, Community Outreach = none, FQ = Martha Lamerson, Badge = none.



Fat-Quarter Exchange at Business Meetings – Marianna Garrett

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

- October Any food / any animal except dogs & cats
- November Very warm or very cool
- December: Looks like gift wrapping paper



(FAT quarter)

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.

A great big THANK YOU to all who helped tie quilts at the Puyallup Fair in September. There was a bit of a snafu on the first day, with no scissors or clamps for the frame, but someone came to the rescue and eventually everything went smoothly. There were 8 quilts tied over the 6 days Crazy Quilters were there. Thank you for your time and your efforts, ladies!



The memorial for Peggy Burgess, held on September 25, was very nice. Some of Peggy’s quilts were exhibited, as well as a pictorial slide show of family, along with Peggy’s ancestral scrapbooks. Six Crazy Quilters attended the memorial; her daughter, Mary, said it meant a lot to her that we were there, as her mother so enjoyed our guild and the members with whom she shared her love of quilting.

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

November 10	Program Night: 7:00, Emeritus Assisted Living, 31002 14 th Avenue South, Federal Way November Program: Award Winning Quilts! - Members of our guild who have won awards recently or had quilts accepted into juried shows will be sharing their quilts, entry tips and requirements, judges comments, and answering your questions about entering quilts into shows and contests. If you have an award-winning quilt you'd like to share, please contact Diane Kellar, 253-874-0537
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.

Stash Bash – Ongoing Competition – Jill Ellis

Using only your stash, create something wonderful. You can purchase fabric for the four Bs (back, borders, binding, and batting), but the fabric for the rest of the top has to come from what you already have, using nothing purchased or given to you after June 1, 2010.

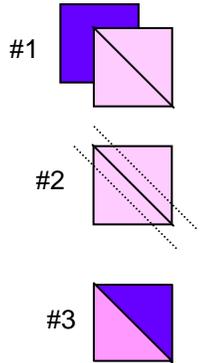
Each item will be measured along all four sides and the total number of inches will be on the slip put in the drawing box (I will provide a tape measure at each meeting). Those with the highest amount of inches at the May 2012 business meeting will be winners (number of winners to be figured out later). The item must be complete, which means quilted and bound, in order to count as a finished item.

Half-Square Triangle Exchange – Gail Woods & Jill Ellis

This will be an exchange of 20 4.5-inch blocks per month. They do not have to all be of the same fabric (though they can be, if you'd like). Use a good contrast of light and dark fabrics. This is a good opportunity to use up your scraps!

Take a dark 5-inch square and a light 5-inch square, place them right-sides together, and draw a line diagonally (#1). Sew 1/4-inch on either side of the line (#2). Cut on the drawn line, iron the two half-square triangles open, and square to 4.5 inches (#3).

Bring your 4.5-inch squares to the Business Meeting each month, in a Ziploc bag with your name written on it. You will go home with 20 different squares. We will do this for a year, which is how we did the exchanges for the 9-patches and the 2.5-inch squares. There will be no limit on the number of participants; you can participate one month or all months. You'll always go home with 20 squares.



UFO Rules – Xenia McGowan

- * Project must have been started prior to June 2010 and completed by April 2012..
- * 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 & Tell at business meetings.
- * Entry forms may be submitted with a picture of completed project if project is not be available for Show & 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!

Name:

Description of your project:

Date project was started:

A Day in Paducah, Kentucky – Susan V. Alcalá

I visited the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky, on October 11 with my older brother, Walter (a contemporary art quilt aficionado). The museum displayed simply exquisite examples of the best of American quilting as well as borrowed displays of miniature and machine-quilted pieces. A few of the quilts I'd seen in quilting magazines, but, like live concerts, there's nothing like viewing quilts "up close and personal."

We finished the afternoon at Hancock's of Paducah's store – NEVER have I seen such an array of every current quilting fabric! For the most part, I shopped from their tail-end-of-bolt sale table, but I did find the New York State Flower (roses) fabric I wanted for a special wall hanging. Granted, a week to wander the aisles and a credit card without limits would have delighted me more, but I did leave the store a happy quilter with new fabric! I've got Hancock of Paducah's latest fabric catalog, if anyone would like to see it.



Checking account:
Beginning balance \$6,878.16
Income 163.5
Expenses 279.96
Ending balance \$6,761.7

Savings \$3,610.73



Get to Know Your Fellow Crazy Quilters! – Jill Ellis

We have had several new members join us over the last two years and we need to get to know them. If you have not filled out one of these questionnaires, please do so and I'll put it in the newsletter. It's always nice to get to know those around us! If you'd like an emailed form to fill out, please let me know and I'll send you one. A paper copy is fine, too—just hand it to me at a guild meeting and pretty soon we'll be getting to know the real you!

Name:

Birthplace:

How long have you lived in the Puget Sound area; where did you live before you came here?

Tell us a bit about your family (including pets):

What is your occupation?

How long have you been a quilter? Who or what introduced you to quilting?

How long have you been a member of Crazy Quilters, and how did you come to join the guild?

Do you consider yourself a contemporary or traditional quilter?

What inspires you creatively?

What are your favorite and least-favorite color schemes in a quilt?

What are your favorite/least-favorite parts of the quilting process?

Has quilting ever helped you through a time of struggle? If so, can you share with us?

Do you create your own patterns, or mostly use patterns you buy?

Have you ever tried to get someone else to take up quilting, either by teaching them yourself or going to classes with them?

Is there a quilting technique, pattern, color combo, etc., that you've been dreaming of, but haven't tried yet?

Do you take classes? Teach classes? Attend retreats?

Do you collect certain themes of fabric, quilting tools, gadgets, or supplies?

What projects are you currently working on? How many UFOs (UnFinished Objects) do you have?

Do you have any tips or advice for beginners?

Do you have suggestions for quilters who are trying to fit more quilting time into their day?

What other hobbies/activities do you enjoy?

October Retreat Report

Retreat was fun, as always. There were several new faces this time; it's always good to make new friends! Marianna Garrett brought a felt ghost with BOO painted on his tummy. If you found the ghost, you picked a fat quarter from the cauldron, then hid the ghost for someone else to find. We did this a few years ago, but that time we were hiding a large black spider, which elicited a lot of screams. Surprisingly, there were a few screams when the ghost was found, even though it was friendlier looking than Casper!

Sue Hopper brought a basket of Halloween Hands to share, which were a big hit. I ate the palm, then the thumb, then the fingers one by one.

Laura Coy organized a Disappearing 9-Patch block exchange. I cut enough for 29 blocks, but after deciding I don't need another UFO (I have 80—that I've found), I only made 13. I received an email Sunday night from Sally Gillman, still at retreat, saying I'd won the blocks. Because Kathy Wyckoff really wanted them, I'm going to split them with her. Yes, occasionally I am nice...write down this date as a reminder.

Speaking of Kathy, she scratched and rubbed Elena Stewart's back and head for quite awhile. I think it put Elena into a pleasure coma for a few minutes.

I made friends with Noah, an orange kitty roaming around outside. He'd come in when someone opened the door, Elena would put him out, he'd come back in when the door opened again. I miss my kitties when I'm away, so it was nice to hold him and hear him purr, even though my cats sniffed me for a long time when I got home and knew I'd cheated on them with a strange cat.

If you haven't gone to a retreat, you're missing out on great things: camaraderie, nice kitties, Halloween hands, backrubs, and good times!



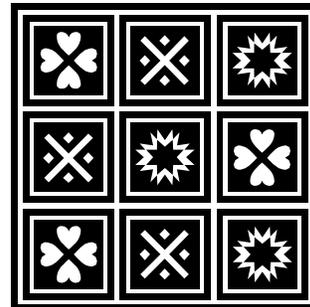
Sue Hopper's Halloween Hands



Kathy working her magic on Elena

A Quilter's Psalm – Connie Huddleson

Quilts are my weakness, I shall always want.
They maketh me to lie down stacks of fat quarters.
They leadeth me to racks of patterns.
They restoreth my soul.
Yeah though I walk down paths to quilt shops, I fear I'll buy more.
My credit card is with me.
Thy calico, flannel, and wool, they comfort me.
Another quilter eyeing what I want becomes my enemy.
I annointeth my cupboards with fabric stash...the house overflows.
Surely this love will follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in a house full of quilts forever.



2011-12 CQ Retreat Schedule

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

November 14-17
February 3-6, 2012
April 20-23
July 6-9
October 19-22
November 12-15

There is still room in the November retreat. Please contact Janine Walker if you'd like to join in the fun!

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.