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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."*

As I come to the end of 2011, it seems only fitting to look back over the last year. I see all the many ways Crazy Quilters has been a part of other people's lives. We have donated a LOT of quilts to several different charities; toys, quilts, clothing and food to the Multi-Service Center; dolls to the hospital for sick children; quilts and holiday gifts to Emeritus; emergency quilts to Seattle Gospel Missions when the apartment complex burned down; school supplies to needy children; and raffle quilts to places to raise needed money. I'm sure there are more that I don't remember right now. At the end of 2011, we expanded our outreach to include four more organizations that are in need of the quilts. And let's don't forget, the shoulder to cry on and helping support that is there for our fellow guild members when they are hurting. WOW! What an incredible group of women who share their love of quilting and have the biggest, loving hearts of anyone I know. I am so proud to be a part of this guild!

As I begin 2012, I look at the year as a new piece of fabric: so crisp, no wrinkles, bright colors and just waiting to become a beautiful creation. Like this year, it has so many possibilities. Do I make the old patterns of the past and give them a new twist with the modern fabric? Do I venture and try a more difficult pattern that I bought months (maybe years) ago and was afraid to cut the fabric for fear of making a mistake (although I've been told that mistakes can create an awesome quilt)? Do I try to forget the boundaries and allow myself lots of freedom to explore to color and textures? Do I take some classes to expand my horizons? Maybe all the above. So many decisions and so many possibilities lay ahead. I'm excited to begin my journey through 2012 with dreams of things to come.

Until we meet again,  
Pam

**Multi-Service Center Donations:** For the next several months, we will be concentrating on warm clothing (socks, hats, scarves, jackets, etc) and gently used shoes.

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

Cash donations are also accepted.

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

## 2012 Raffle Quilt

Tickets for the 2012 raffle quilt have been printed. Jill Ellis will be in charge of ticket distribution, which starts with the January business meeting. Sell those tickets!



### Secret Pal Program: All will be Revealed! – Jill Ellis

The reveal for your Secret Pal will be at the **February** business meeting, which will be six months since we started. At the February 23 meeting, please bring a final gift for your Secret Pal. You should also bring a thank-you gift for the person who's been delighting you with wonderful surprises for the last six months.



### February 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!

Sally Gillman	5	Jean Snedden	18
Jan Bruell	9	Fran Hubner	24
Helen Backer	10	Carol Cowan	27
Pat Bernard	11	Jana Folmar	29
Camille Foote	12		



### 2012 CQ Retreat Schedule

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

February 2-5

April 20-23

July 6-9

October 19-22

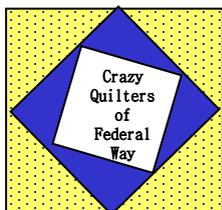
November 12-15

**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.**

There is plenty of room at the February 2-5 retreat. This one starts on Thursday and ends on Sunday so those of you who want to get home for the SuperBowl don't have to make the difficult choice. We always have a good time, and the food is wonderful, especially since you don't have to cook most of it. Our next retreat isn't until April, so sign up for this one and have a fun winter get-away.

### 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, they are on the website ([www.quiltersfedway.com](http://www.quiltersfedway.com)).



## New Members

We have three new members; please add their information to your Directory.

Galang Bui  
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Birthday: February 29

Judi Shipley  
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Birthday: April 5



## 2012 Auction

We're going to have an auction this year. Diane Kellar is in charge; details to follow. Start gathering those things you no longer need, the things you wonder why you bought them in the first place, and the things (UFOs) you just plain hate—you KNOW someone will bid on them!

## *Volunteers & community partnerships*

Volunteers and community partnerships add to the support that Multi-Service Center can offer to people in the community. Whether they serve food in the food bank, paint rooms at the shelter, teach youth in our classrooms, advocate on behalf of the elderly in long-term care facilities, fund critical resources or raise money for specific needs, these volunteers — and their generosity — are at the heart of all that Multi-Service Center does. To find ways to get involved, visit [multi-servicecenter.com](http://multi-servicecenter.com).



Crazy Quilters of Federal Way donate handmade quilts for Multi-Service Center's clothing bank.

There was a special supplement in one of the papers recently, all about the Multi-Service Center. Look whose picture was included!

## Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

February 9	Program Night: 7:00, Emeritus Assisted Living, 31002 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Federal Way ScrapTherapy: Robin Delgado will be our instructor for this hands-on workshop. <b>See article below.</b>
February 23	Business Night: Committee reports, Secret Pal Reveal, Show & Tell, Half-Square Triangle Exchange.
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.

### Scrap Therapy Workshop

February's program meeting is a hands-on workshop. Robin Delgado from Creative Sewing & Vacuum and Creative quilter in Graham will be our instructor. Please bring the following supplies.

**Rotary Cutter** with **new blade**. Old blades are just frustrating for everyone

- **Small Rotary mat** at least 18 x 24, or if several students want to share, they need to be at least 24 x 36.
- **Ruler for cutting**, but keep in mind the one being demonstrated will be different from what you have. Students can buy the one used by the instructor. She will bring what is in stock in the store, and take orders for more.
- **A shoebox or grocery sack full of 100% cotton quilting fabric scraps, NO smaller than 7" square. Fat quarters will also work great for this project.**

The intent is to show the students that they can use their leftovers from previous projects.

The pattern chosen for this does use a lot of dark browns and blacks, but any colors will work for this class.

This is a "Cutting Workshop." There will be no sewing done in class.

**Please press and starch fabrics ahead of time - that will save on prep time.**

Robin will also offer a "Starter Scrap Therapy" kit that has pre-cut squares. So, for those students who don't want to bring anything, but want to be able to take advantage of what they learn in class, they can purchase this kit to take home.

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.



### 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.



## Places to Go . . . Quilts to See

**February 1-29:** The Castle Rock Exhibit Hall presents its annual month-long Quilt Show. Hours Wed-Saturday, 10-2. Enjoy over 80 quilts on display, ranging from small to large, antique to modern, rustic to sophisticated. And see our special display of miniature sewing machines. We are also selling raffle tickets for the exquisite quilt made by The Country Quilters of Castle Rock. The drawing will be held February 29. Visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite quilt. The winner will receive a beautiful gift basket. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted! The Castle Rock Exhibit Hall is located at 147 Front Avenue NW (turn west from I-5 Exit 49, veer right onto Front Ave, drive 4 blocks to the Exhibit Hall on your right).

**February 17-18:** Kitsap Quilters' 26th Annual Quilt Show, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Presidents' Hall, Bremerton, Friday from 10 am to 5:30 pm, Saturday from 10 am to 5:00 pm. Over 200 quilts on display, vendors from Washington and Oregon, quilt-related demonstrations, members' boutique and cafe.

**April 6-7:** Fidalgo Island Quilters of Anacortes, Washington, is holding its biennial Quilt Show April 6-7 at the Anacortes Middle School. There will be approximately 400 quilts, two featured artists, demonstrations, a tea room, merchant mall, and a style show (Saturday only). This year we are offering the services of a quilt appraiser, by appointment only. Ann Bodle-Nash, a certified quilt appraiser, will be available during show hours to appraise quilts. The charge is \$45 for a 45-minute inspection, a written appraisal (includes a stated monetary value) and a photo; or \$20 for a 15-minute inspection and oral evaluation (no monetary value assigned). Those interested should contact Ann for an appointment, by phone at 360-391-1696, or by email at [annbow\\_2002@yahoo.com](mailto:annbow_2002@yahoo.com). For more information regarding the show, go to our website at [www.fidalgoislandquilters.com](http://www.fidalgoislandquilters.com).

## Quilts for Foster Children – Contributed by Susan Alcalá

Evidently, some guild members prefer their quilts go only to foster children in the Burien-Kent-Auburn-Covington-Federal Way area, rather than to all of King County (as served by Treehouse for Kids). No sooner said than done.

Anita Seigenthaler told Pam Elliott of a contact with DSHS in Kent who serves foster kids in our area named Kim Johnson. I called Ms. Johnson today for information. She'd be happy to distribute our quilts to the many (around 300) foster children in our area that she serves. She says she can use as many quilts as we can provide ("kids are coming in every day") for the children.

She indicated that the following sizes would be welcome:

- Lap (40" x 40" approx.)
- Crib (40" x 60" approx)
- Twin (50" x 75" approx)

Kim also said a beautiful large quilt would be used for a raffle to raise funds, should any of our members be inclined to make one.

So, as to not waste any time, perhaps Su can add DSHS/Kent to the list of Outreach recipients, Jill can include the above info in the next newsletter, and Mici can send out an e-mail with the info and requested sizes, so that we can all pick up our needles, cut some fabric, and make quilts for foster kids this winter! We can do it, ladies!

If members will turn in the quilts to Su Jaynes specifying "foster kids" as recipients, she can record their descriptions and sizes, then pass them to me and I will deliver them to Kim Johnson at DSHS in Kent.

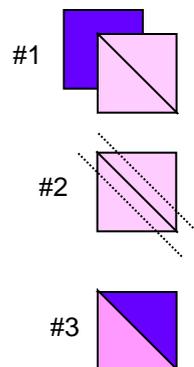
As the mother of an adopted son who was in foster care as an infant, my heart is very much in this project. I can't think of anything better than getting their own comfy quilt to show these kids that somebody loves them!

## 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 **light and dark fabrics, not just fabrics that contrast each other**. 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). **Please trim your dog ears.** ☺

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.



Name:

Description of your project:



Date project was started:

### 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!



### Treasure’s Report – Nan Naubert

Checking balance	\$6087.02
Savings	<u>3612.11</u>
Total Assets	\$9699.13



Contributed by Peggy Pierce.

**Get to Know: Susan Elizabeth Vesper Alcalá**

**Birthplace:** Washington, D.C. (My father was a statistician at the Pentagon during World War II)

**How long have you lived in the Puget Sound area?** Since 1994. I came to live with my sister in her 100-year-old farmhouse on Vashon Island. Before that, I lived in Ponce, Puerto Rico USA (in Caribbean). I grew up in Webster Groves, Missouri.

**Tell us a bit about your family (including pets):** I have one son, Omar Dante Alcalá, who lives in Miami. At present, I'm without pets, but I've owned cats, dogs, monkeys, birds, fish, gerbils, mice, rats, opossum, rabbits, squirrels, small brown bats (ex was a zoologist!).

**What is your occupation?** I'm retired now, but have been a Spanish teacher, English teacher, homemaker, and Administrative Assistant to an IRS executive.

**How long have you been a quilter?** I made my first quilt in 1968. It was embroidered and hand-quilted by a church group for \$15. I still have it!

**Who or what introduced you to quilting?** My mother was a superb seamstress. When I got engaged to be married, she purchased fabric to make a wedding quilt for me, but she never made it! I stumbled into quilting -- I was entertaining myself during evenings by embroidering squares of fabric leftover from dressmaking. After I got a bunch, I decided to put them together into a quilt. My mother was so impressed, she paid for the hand-quilting!

**How long have you been a member of Crazy Quilters?** Since August 2010.

**How did you come to join the guild?** I'd seen their blip in the *Federal Way Mirror* for years, but waited until I retired so that I could get there on time.

**Do you consider yourself a contemporary or traditional quilter?** Both.

**What inspires you creatively?** Almost anything!

**What are your favorite color schemes in a quilt?** Purple, teal, cranberry. Bright rainbow colors for children's quilts. Pink, lavender, green for girl's quilts. Black with Amish solids.

**What are your least-favorite color schemes in a quilt?** Anything neon. Piece with all dark fabrics – need to have a balance. More than a touch of orange.

**What are your favorite parts of the quilting process?** I love conceptualization, design, sketching, precise math of blocks, piecing, assembling.

**What are your least-favorite parts of the quilting process?** Hand or machine quilting.

**Has quilting ever helped you through a time of struggle? If so, can you share with us?** It enabled me to survive spousal abuse. I could retreat to my creative "zone."

**Do you create your own patterns, or mostly use patterns you buy?** I create my own or adapt from magazines and books. I hardly ever purchase a pattern.

**Have you ever tried to get someone else to take up quilting, either by teaching them yourself or going to classes with them?** YES! I introduced a friend to quilting in Puerto Rico – I taught her how to do it, then we formed a quilt guild with two other ladies.

**Is there a quilting technique, pattern, color combo, etc., that you've been dreaming of, but haven't tried yet?** There always is! I don't like to repeat quilt designs – starting from scratch is the most fun part of the creative process.

**Do you take classes?** I've never taken classes, other than televised lessons. I'm self-taught. **Teach classes?** Yes. **Attend retreats?** Yes.

**Do you collect certain themes of fabric, quilting tools, gadgets, or supplies?** Christmas, cats, tropical birds, and many more.

**What projects are you currently working on?** Binding teal/purple quilt for myself. Christmas wall quilts. Christmas quilt banners.

**How many UFOs (UnFinished Objects) do you have?** Over 25.

**Do you have any tips or advice for beginners?** Use good quality 100% cotton fabric. Start with basic geometrics. Pre-soak intense colors in hot water. Try to use some black, green & purple in each quilt. Render your artistic vision with fabric.

**Do you have suggestions for quilters who are trying to fit more quilting time into their day?** I once met a busy high-school teacher with whom I shared an interest in stamp collecting. She told me she got up at five a.m. every Sunday to have two hours for her hobby before breakfast, church, and family obligations. Smart lady!

**What other hobbies/activities do you enjoy?** Reading (currently novels); movies, especially "art" movies; fine-art exhibitions; historical and scientific museums; dressmaking and tailoring; crochet; photography; genealogical research; Spanish language and culture; cooking; psychology, geology, & other sciences; teaching: several subjects; travel when funds are available.