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Pearls of wisdom or is it just globs of glue?

For you who didn't go to the picnic, boy did you miss out on some fun. It was a beautiful day and the food was just as good. Char and Rebecca outdid themselves on the picnic. Thank you for all of your work, ladies.

Sharon and some of the rest of you have been collecting the Row-by-Row Experience patterns from some of the local guilt shops. I have enjoyed looking at all of Sharon's rows on Facebook; they are looking great.

I should be done with all of my travels for this summer. My daughter, daughter-inlaw, and I went to Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show. Between the two of them, they took over 300 pictures, and we did not even see all of the guilts. They said that the next time we go, they are going to put me in a wheelchair so we can see all the quilts. Besides all the great quilts, we had lunches with lots of our family that we don't get to see much.

I do want to take this time to thank you all for the birthday wishes you sent to me. I'm 39 for the 32nd year. (I don't want to grow old--or is it grow up?)

Now for some fun time. You have just finished putting some blocks together on point and now you need to do the math for the diagonal quilt settings. For the corner triangles that are block to block without sashings, take the size of your finished block and divide by 1.414 and round up, than add 7/8 of an inch to that number. Cut two blocks to that size and cut them in half diagonally for the four corner triangles. For the side triangles, you will take the finished block and multiply by 1.414, then add 1.25 inches. Cut the squares to this size, then cut one square for every 4 triangles you'll need. Cut the squares in half diagonally twice with an X to produce four-sided triangles.

To get the size if you used sashing with your block, just add the sashings to the size of your blocks and the same numbers as before. If you are wondering why you can't just take a block the same size as the rest of your blocks and cut it in half or quarters diagonally instead of doing all the math, when you cut the block diagonally it will be too small to fit the space. You can read all about this if you go to Quiltville Custom Quilting at http://wwweqeuiltville.com. Now you can all say, "Duh, I already know all that!" but some of us might not know that or what numbers to use.

Happy quilting for another month!

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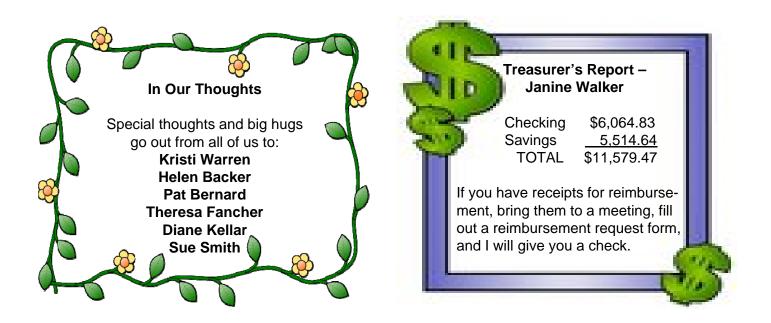
Toiletry items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors. shampoo, soap, combs, brushes, lady's sanitary items. Canned goods, especially the kind with a pop top.

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

Members' Sale Table - Jill Ellis

Eileen Peacher will be the Member Sales person for July's business meeting. Her are some of the treasures she will be bringing: miscellaneous patterns; various trims, zippers, elastic and Velcro at clearance prices; bin of homespun fabrics; Dept 56 Christmas houses, \$10 each; 36x58 Soft and Stable by Annie, new in package; spool of wide pink rickrack; 20-weight cone of variegated thread (red, yellow, green, blue); FREE curtains; some monofilament thread (clear and smoke); metallic threads; roll of freezer paper; purple scraps; watercolor iron-on templates; midi bag and mondo bag of interfacing. If you have any questions, my number is 253 278.9675

Every business meeting, you have an opportunity to sell your good stuff to good people. You'll go home with money, they'll go home with bargains, the guild gets 10% of what you made, and everyone's happy. If you'd like to sign up to sell your STUFF, please contact me. jillzquilts@hotmail.com or 253-927-1260. We have no one scheduled after this week.



Retreats - Janine Walker

October is the next retreat; the sign-up sheet will be at the August meetings. This one usually fills up fast, so don't delay signing up. The cost is \$32.50 per day, plus the split cost of one meal. We always have a great time, learn a lot, and eat very well. If you want to see what it's all about, you can come down for a day for \$25. There is one more retreat in 2016, November 7-10. Dates for 2017 are January 20-23, March 10-13, June 16-19, October 12-16, and November 6-9.

August Hospitality and Birthdays

Please bring goodies to meetings during your birthday MONTH. You are also responsible for helping with room setup/cleanup. Contact Rebecca Kellar, 253-219-6408, if you have questions or are unable to attend.



Laura Coy 3
Marcia Swindle 3
Teresa Koe 3
Anita Seigenthaler 10
Martha Lamerson 19
Cheryl Belcher 27



Tacoma Modern Quilt Guild - Eileen Peacher

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend a Tacoma Modern Quilt Guild meeting (http://www.tacomamqg.com/). (Their moniker is almost as long as ours!) The meetings take place on the third Thursday of the month, so that worked nicely for me. They meet at the Chambers Bay Environmental Services Building. Very easy to get to and such a lovely space. I had the choice of paying attention to the speaker or looking at the Sound.

I was there under the auspice of selling raffle tickets for Puyallup Valley Quilters. It is a beautiful quilt, but it blocked an equally beautiful view!! We sold a lot of tickets to some wonderful quilters.

The speakers were guild members who had quilt-as-you-go skills. One of the quilts-in-progress had been started 13 years earlier. Always fun to see what we used to make when our fabric options were so minimal! It was a short and simple program, reminding us of options for getting a project put together without the use of a longarm or trying to shove an entire quilt through your home machine.

One thing of note was the show & tell process at the Modern Quilt Guild meeting. They only have 35 members. There were about 30 women at this meeting (they were voting for their new board members). One member stands up and shows her marvels. As she is folding up her pieces, another member from the audience comes up to help and then shows her artwork. There is no line; no shuffling forward while shifting an armload of quilts, no waiting until that line is just a bit shorter. But, also, less quilts to see!

The group voted on what pattern they would use for their 2017 raffle quilt. The choices were tall ships, stars, and drunkard's path. They chose the drunkard's path pattern and I can't wait to see how they design it. As a group, they use more solids and employ much more neutral space.

They are currently participating in a drive to make quilts for survivors of the attack at Pulse in Orlando. This was the first I had heard of that campaign. I looked into it online and it is endearing to see the quilts and read about their goals. (Jill...not good at links...you might want to put one in. Although, really, googling pulse, quilts, Orlando gives plenty of info.)

I would like to attend another meeting. If anyone would like to join me, just say the word. I will be monitoring their calendar!







Ugly Panel Challenge - Sharon Meeds

Pick up your "ugly" panel at the business meeting in June. If you aren't going to be able to make the meeting, but want to participate, email me at sameeds@comcast.net and I will bring a bag for you.

Rules

- 1. You need to end up with a lap quilt. These will go to either Avalon or to our Cancer Charity quilts.
- 2. You may NOT cut the panel into any size square and just sew it back together again. This is not a water color, 6, 9, 12 or 16-patch type quilt project.
- 3. You do not have to use the entire panel, BUT there must be enough visible to know it was the panel you got.
- 4. It must be guilted and bound when returned.
- 5. Judging will take place at the October business meeting (this leave you all summer and part of the fall to get you 'ugly' panel de-uglified (I made that word up).
- 6. There will be prizes: most creative; best use of panel, prettiest, and anything else Tina McCarter and I can come up with.
- 7. Pictures will be posted of the original panel and the finished guilt.
- 8. It's for fun and for our community charities!

Places to Go . . . Quilts to See: Road Trip!

June 21-Sept 6: Row by Row Experience for Oregon & Washington,

www.rowbyrowexperience.com, Visit any participating shop & receive a free pattern for a row! Create a quilt using at least 8 different rows and be the first to bring it into a participating shop to win a stack of 25 fat quarters.

August 5-7: Annual Lazy Daze of Summer Shop hop, Fri-Sat, 9-5; Sun 10-4. Cotton Candy Quilt Shop, Arlington; Quilter's Coop, Stanwood; Back Porch Quilts, Snohomish; Quilter's Roost, Everett. www.lazydazeofsummer.com **September 9-10:** "Harvest of Quilts," presented by NCW Quilt Guild, Town Toyota Center, 1300 Walla Walla Avenue, Wenatchee. Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5. info: www.ncwquillt.org

September 16-18: Quilt Festival, 360 Orchard Street, Walla Walla County Fairgrounds. Admission \$6 for entire weekend. Hours 10-5. Demos, vendors, food court, silent auction. www.wallawallaquiltfestival.org.

September 16-18: "Whale of a Quilt Show," sponsored by SeaPal Quilters of Ocean Shores, 120 West Chance A La Mer Avenue, Ocean Shores. Free admission, hours Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Donation requested. www.seapalquilters.org.

September 22-24: northwest Quilting Expo, Portland Expo Center, Portland OR, www.nwquiltingexpo.com **September 24:** 15th Annual Outdoor Quilt Show, Main Street, Duvall WA. Free, 10-5, www.duvallquiltshow.com. **September 30-October 1:** "Quilting for the Art of It," sponsored by Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild. Demos, quilts for sale, door prizes, make & takes, country store, bed turning. Admission \$5. Hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 907 Douglas Avenue, Longview WA. www.lolquiltguild.org

September 30-October 1: Sharing Our Stitches, Crystal Quilters, Enumclaw Expo Center, 45224 284th Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA, 10-5 p.m., Admission is \$6 donation. Bring a nonperishable food donation and receive a fat quarter from Quilter's Roost.

September 30-October 2: "A Floral Fantasy," sponsored by West Sound Quilters, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Presidents' Hall. Admission \$5. Vendors, demos, raffle quilt, wearable art, café, quilt turning. Featured artist is Kathleen Littfin.

Business Meeting Minutes – May 2016 – Cheryl Belcher, Secretary

- Called to order at 7:15 pm. Greeted visitor Julie Pearson, Carolyn Jones' daughter.
- Treasurer Report is in the newsletter.
- BOM: Susanna has 2 orphan blocks, turned in without name. Please let her know if you turned your block in at the May program meeting.
- Community Service Report: Mariana has kits ready to be sewn together, precut, can add your own borders.
- Show & Tell: Lots of beautiful quilts shown, as usual.
- Ugly Panel Quilt Challenge: Sharon has bags with a panel in them, numbered with a picture of the panel. Make a 40" quilt to give to Avalon. Must use most of the panel, can add your own fabric; backing and other material is available. See Sharon at break.
- Love Quilt Project: Received Thank-you letter for Sharon Meeds and Connie Mayor for the quilts they made for The Love Quilt Project to be given to orphans in Africa.

New Business:

- Storage Unit Clean-out: Sharon and Susanna have been cleaning up the storage unit. They have embroidery hoops, stretcher bars, and a tack gun to be given away. If no one wants them, they're going to Goodwill.
- BOM: Carol Berge won the Disappearing Pinwheel Friendship Star. Congratulations Carol. New BOM is "Flipflops," for \$1, see Susanna.
- July Program: Picnic at Steel Lake Park, Area 1, nearest the lake, from 4:00 p.m. on. Bring a bag of ice if you
 have something to keep cool, Char will have a kiddie pool in which to put the ice and dishes that need to be kept
 cold.
- Membership: 6 people paid tonight. Sharon Meeds won the badge drawing. Congratulations Sharon. Wear your badge!
- Retreat: June Retreat only had 12 quilters total, so was shortened by one night. They had 10 the first night, and 7 the second. Next Retreat is in October.
- Block-in-the-Box : Exchange your boxes tonight.
- Raffle Quilt: Quilting is done on current Raffle Quilt. Tina and Debbie did a great job.
- Hexagon Quilt: Mariana reported that she needs more help to make the hexagon blocks. See her if you can help.
- Secret Pals: Please pick up and drop off your Secret Pal gift.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. See you at the picnic.