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President's Ponderings Mary Ann Morris

It is time to rattle my cage for this month!

We had a nice speaker for our March program night. We were told about the history of Brazilian Embroidery. She also did a work shop April 15. May's program is our spring dinner—wear your spring hat. We will have a judging of your hats with prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place; also some games and lots of good food. Do plan to attend this program and have lots of fun.

This is Jill Ellis's last newsletter for the guild. Jill has been doing it for the last 12 years and wants to pass it on. Sharon Meeds will do it for this next year. I know that you will join me in thanking Jill for doing a great job.

Now on to other news. Did you know that when you make a quilt to give to the guild for charity, you can get the batting for it from the guild? You just have to let us know how much you need. We have lots that we got from the Warm Company. If you let Tina McCarter, Sharon Meeds or me know, I can cut it for you on a Friday and you can get it from me the next day. Now on to some fun things:

My sewing tips for you this month are:

- One way to corral all your sewing tools is to look in the fishing department of a sporting goods store. Tackle boxes are good for all our little tools--bobbins, needles, screwdrivers, files, tape measures, marking pens and pencils, etc. A sporting goods store may have just what you need, and you may find something cheaper than what you can find at Joann's.
- Another item I find helpful is Steam-a-Seam 2 in the 1/4-inch roll. If you are adding applique to your quilt, this will help keep it in place so you can sew it down. You can also use it to help you put in a zipper. I use it to hold down my binding when I'm not in a hurry to sew it down. (also to put on your label). It will not gum up your sewing needle. It is permanent once you iron it on.
- The next thing to talk about is Wonder Tape. If you need to hold something in place while you sew it try, "Wonder Tape." It is not a permanent tape; it will wash out of a project. If you are having trouble putting in a zipper and you do not want to iron it to your material, wonder tape will do it for you and you can move it around. I like to use it when I'm sewing Velcro to something.
- When I do paper piecing, I use a glue stick to hold the first piece on the paper until I can get the piece sewed on. The paper will still tear off when you are done if you don't let it sit around for days and dry hard.

Until we meet here again next month, have a happy time sewing/ I will try to find some more sewing tips and things for you. See you then Mary Ann



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Every single member,
present and past, for the
past 12 years.

Multi-Service Center Donations:

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

Dues are due! May is the beginning of our guild year. Dues are \$30; if you want a newsletter mailed to you, it's \$35. You can send a check to the P.O. Box 3002, Federal Way 98063, or bring your cash/check to a guild meeting. Anne Mulholland is a new member who jumped right in to be Membership, so she will be the person to see starting with the May program meeting.

Tickets are available for our 2017 raffle quilt, Carpenter's Star. Be sure to pick some up from Jill Ellis at the next meeting. Every member is required to sell a minimum of 20 tickets. The income from the raffle quilt allows us to continue making quilts for our community.

In Our Thoughts

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

Pat Bernard
Theresa Fancher

Vets for Vets Yarn Group – Contributed by Cheryl Belcher, 253-278-2576

Vets for Vets Yarn Group are incarcerated military veterans, who are dedicated to the cause of helping their brothers and sisters who have served our country. They accept donated raw materials, and in turn, make hats, scarves, mittens, slippers, blankets & other items to give to struggling or homeless veterans. If you have anything to donate, please bring it to a meeting and I will get it to them through my church. Thanks. The following items are the supplies needed :

- Crochet hooks -All plastic (Susan Bates Luxite are best), Sizes D-P (mainly G-I, L, M, N.)
- Knitting needles - All plastic, size 4mm-12mm (8" straight, 8" double point, 8" to 16" circular
- Tapestry needles - All plastic, Size 3" & 5"
- Looms - All plastic, Round or Squares-Size 5"-12", Afghan Loom-60" figure 8.
- Patterns-Books, Leaflets, or Downloads for knit, crochet, fabric, cross-stitch.
- 14-Count Aida cloth-white (cross-stitch for labels)
- Embroidery Needles /Sewing Needles -metal, no bigger than 3".
- Yarn: All types are usable (incomplete projects are usable).
- Embroidery Floss- All shades are usable.



Retreats – Janine Walker

Our next retreat is May 26-29, Memorial Day Weekend. This was swapped out for the June retreat, which was on Father's Day weekend. There is still room at this retreat, and the sign-up sheet will be at the next 3 meetings, or you can contact me. You can bring anything you want to work on or need help with. Retreats are always a good learning experience. There are so many creative people in one place, and we have fun!. The cost is \$32.50 per day, and you can stay for as many days as you ant. The remaining retreats for this year are May 26-29, October 13-16, and November 6-9.

Hospitality Person Needed

Rebecca Keller has decided to give up being our Hospitality person at the end of April. Who would like to volunteer to take her place? You bring the bin with plates, cutlery, napkins, cups; fill pitchers with water and/or tea/juice, and clean up the treats table at the end of the meetings.

May 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.

Gail Woods	1	Linda A. Ferguson	11
Sherrie Geffe	2	Gaily Gentry	18
Maddie Hall	4	Donna Goering	27
Marcy Walsh	9		



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



April 28-29: "Through the Eye of the Quilter," sponsored by All in Stitches Quilt Guild.

Everett has needed a quilt show for a long time and now it is becoming a reality. Join us to see quilts, listen to quilters, watch demos, shop vendors, take classes, hear an evening lecture and more. Ride the train to Everett and make it a quilt buddies weekend! The city welcomes you to stay the night in a local hotel, sample restaurants, attend a play...the possibilities are endless! Children are welcome to experience our show. We will have a scavenger hunt for them to find motifs in the quilts and an opportunity to sew something. This an event to honor quilters and celebrate the work they do, while educating the public on the art of quilting. Xfinity Arena & Event Center, 2000 Hewitt Avenue, Everett WA. Info www.allinstitcheswa.org/events

April 28-29: 25th Annual Fronen Steppdecker Odessa Spring Fling Quilt Show, billed as "not just another small town quilt show!" Odessa High School Gym, Odessa WA. Admission \$5, hours 9-5. Over 150 quilts and wall hangings, door prizes, quilting demonstrations, featured quitter, Hoffman fabric challenge www.odessaquiltclub.com.

May 12-13: "A Festival of Quilts," Northwest Quilters 43rd Annual Quilt Show. Portland Expo Center, Exhibit Hall D, 2060 North Marine Drive, Portland 97217. Hours 10-5. www.northwestquilters.org.

July 15-16: Mukilteo Garden & Quilt Tour. A tour of several local gardens, with quilts contributed by Mukilteo Lighthouse Quilters. This year they also feature a curated quilt exhibit at Rosehill Community Center. Advance tickets will be \$15 and available for purchase online on June 1, through 9 p.m. on July 14. Tickets purchased at Rosehill Center the weekend of the show will be \$20. www.mukilteogardenandquilttour.org.

August 10-12: Lazy Daze Quilt Run, a small shop hop for Snohomish County online quilt shops. Quilter's Roost, Cotton Candy Quilt Shop, Quilter's Coop, Bear Paw Quilts, Back Porch Quilts. The owner of Quilter's Roost recently passed away after surgery complications, so I'm not sure if her family will be participating. www.lazydazequilrun.com. Hours 9-5.

Members' Sale Table – Jill Ellis

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 don't have anyone signed up for any month in 2017.

Treasurer's Report – Janine Walker	
Checking	\$3,847.75
Savings	<u>5,518.33</u>
TOTAL	\$9,336.08
If you have receipts for reimbursement, bring them to a meeting, fill out a reimbursement request form, and I will give you a check.	

Upcoming Events for Crazy Quilters

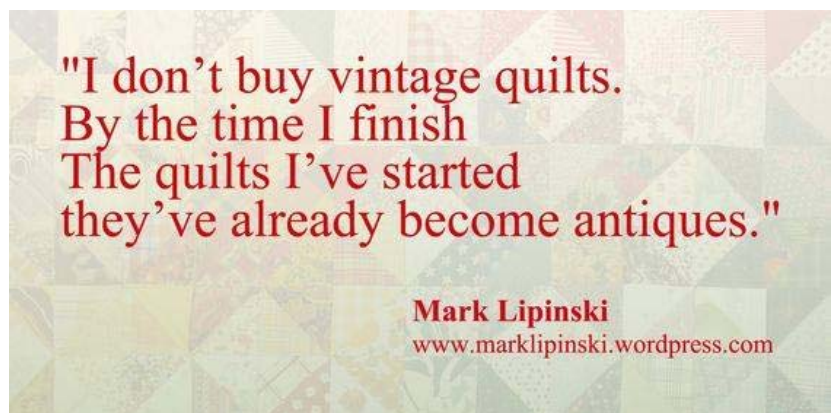
We meet at Avalon Care Center, 135 South 336 th Street, Federal Way. We can get in the meeting room around 7:15 p.m.	
April 27	Business Night: Block of the month, committee reports, show & tell, badge drawing.
May 11	Program Night: Spring Potluck. There will be a hat contest.
Friday Friends (every Friday, but not Nov 13, as that's when the workshop is)	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. The Milton Senior Center will let us hold workshops at the center free as long nobody else is using the room. We still have the little room for our Friday Friends sewing, so come and sew with us.
October 12	AUCTION: We will be having an auction this year, so start saving your textile-related items to donate. This is a good fundraiser for the guild, and we all have things we no longer need, or can look at and think, "What the heck was I thinking when I bought this??" More information will be available in the upcoming months.

Business Meeting Minutes – March 2017 – Cheryl Belcher, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

- Laura Coy visited. She is feeling much better.
 - Show & Tell : Margaret Mortenson had green strips from her mother, "Trip into the Woods".
 - Sharon Meeds showed a Nativity Wall Hanging, a "Road Trip " quilt, Cupcake pincushion, and a Mikey Mouse bag. She will teach a class in June for the bag at Quality Sew & Vac.
 - Sue Smith's quilt, "Seattle Skyline," was accepted for an exhibit at Seattle City Hall, "Coming of Age," May 5 to July 5, 2017.
 - Caroline Jones had the "Coneflower" from the Grace Errea class.
 - Tina McCarter had Walker bags, a "Blue Squares" quilt for her brother, and a "Square-in-square" quilt for her daughter.
 - Mia Pratt made a quilt for herself.
 - Debbie Guthrie showed a green square quilt for her son.
 - Margaret Roth had a fuchsia Square-in-square".
 - Mary Francis showed blue batik "Stack-n-whack", from Challenge House; "Wacky", a blue baby quilt; a "Montana Buffalo" quilt.
 - Barb Lobdell made a teal and gray quilt for her daughter.
 - Dee Lord finished two quilts from Helen Backer, one for Helen's sister and one for her daughter.
 - Mary Ann Morris showed "Red-headed Stepchild" made up of leftover blocks, in green and brown.
 - Susanna Gantt had "Tree of Life," a hexagon quilt.
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- Reminder: we will have an Auction in October. Please save your sewing-related items.
 - Raffle Quilt : Tickets and pictures are here, see Jill Ellis for tickets. Please support your guild, and sell, sell, sell.
 - Dues are due, see Jill Ellis through April. Anne Mulholland is the next Membership chair starting May 1.
 - Community Service Block: Margaret Mortenson has "Brick by Brick," pick up at the break.
 - BOM: Susanna Gantt has new block. Pick up block after the break. Cost is \$1.
 - Cancer Comfort Quilts: Pat Bernard delivered quilts to St. Francis Hospital Cancer Center.
 - If you are making a charity quilt, the guild has batting you can use. See Tina McCarter for more information.
 - Avalon Care Center: The Administrator at Avalon suddenly passed away. It was proposed that we donate a quilt for her family. Proposal passed. Also, we gave several lap quilts (40 x 40 inches) to give to Charles for the residents.
 - Block-in-the-Box : Please exchange your boxes tonight.
 - Vice-president Report from Char Peterson: April Program will be a demonstration of Brazilian Embroidery technique by Greta Girda. There will be a class Saturday, April 15, 10-4 at Milton Activity Center. Cost is \$15. See Char for more information.
 - May Program is the spring potluck. We will have a Spring Hat Contest, with prizes.
 - BOM Drawing: Pat Bernard won. Congratulations Pat.
 - Stray blocks from previous BOM were given to Cheryl Belcher and Pat Bernard.
 - Badge Drawing : Margaret Roth won. Wear your badge!
 - We will give lilies to Avalon for Easter, and flowers for the administrator who passed away.
 - Raffle Quilt 2018: Mariana Garrett reported that the blocks are done, just need to be put together. Guild needs to get started on the 2019 Raffle Quilt.
 - Former members Anna Hudson is in Tacoma, Betty Howard is in Renton, and Pat Forza is in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.





After 12 years as editor, this is my final newsletter. In April 2005, I got a call from Eileen Peacher after the business meeting: "I volunteered us to be the newsletter editors." That's what I get for missing a business meeting! Eileen and I did it together for about two years, and then I was on my own. Well, on my own as editor, but this newsletter is never written by one person—it takes a village of Crazy Quilters to put it together. ☺

I was recently looking through old issues online, seeing how the newsletter has changed, reading about people who are no longer members or who have passed away. I reread some of the "columns" I wrote, for want of a better word. There was the time Mici Wiggins helped me organize my sewing room. The time I wrote about how sewing mindlessly for hours helped me get through the month prior to my mother's breast cancer surgery. I wrote about several road trips: to Montana to see Sara O'Donnell, the one-and-only Shop Hop Sue Hopper and I did deliberately so we could be registered for the prizes we didn't win. I wrote about retreats, tying quilts at the Fair, speakers I heard at other guilds. I compiled memories of members who passed away, to make a nice tribute to our sister quilters.

Eileen and I started using funny names in the newsletter a long time ago. At first, they'd be in place of my name when I wrote something. Later they were in the "thank you" section on the front page. We had so much fun texting names to each other. I don't know if anyone ever laughed when they read them, but Eileen and I thought we were hilarious. Here's a small list of the ones I may not have used: May Day, Dan DeLion, Roger That, Tara Dacktel, Sid Knee, Mel Borne, John Diss, Carmen Ghia, Charlie Horse, Holly Wood, Georgia Tech, Jean Jacket, Earl Gray, Ewell Lovett, Sunny Skies, Candy Crush, Hazel Nutt, Bob Inns, Wanda Fuca, Hugh Jardon, Jack Hammer, Willy Nilly, Kelly Girl, Phil Bert, Clay Thrower, Lou Swill, Chris P. Bacon, Chastity Belt. I know we had more, but I've lost several phones and therefore, the texts are gone. If the names were clever, they were Eileen's. I do so love Eileen; she brightens my life.

Sue Hopper has sent me many cartoons and other info for the newsletter. I should have a page of just the ones I haven't used yet

Looking over the newsletters from 2005 through now was a lot of fun. I like the questionnaire I had members fill out to show their quilting journey. Many people have contributed to the newsletter over the years, suggesting articles, writing articles and reviews, sending cartoons and information about quilt shows. Every month there's certain information that needs to be included from board members: sometimes it showed up on time, sometimes I had to beg, sometimes I left pages blank or put in a funny cartoon about having nothing to say. I thank every past board member who put up with my emails and questions.

I have really enjoyed being the editor of Threads (I always forget it has an official name and just call it, "the newsletter"). I think I'm a frustrated writer, or maybe I was a writer in another lifetime. I decided to hang up my keyboard because I noticed my enthusiasm had waned and the newsletter had become just perfunctory information, with not a lot of fun articles. I got a new manager nearly two years ago and I'm on high-stress alert almost every day, so I don't have the time to find fun things to include in Threads. I also canceled my internet at home when I got a new car last year, so I couldn't work on the newsletter at home. Sharon Meeds will be the new editor as of May 1. I'm sure a fresh eye and the many good ideas Sharon is sure to have will once again make the newsletter something to look forward to reading.

Thank you for allowing me to rant and rave, express surprise and wonderment, critique and celebrate all things quilting over the past dozen years. If you read the newsletter and enjoyed it, thank you! If you didn't read it, you missed out on some great stuff, if I do say so myself. ☺

Can you repeat that?
I was dreaming of
my next quilt
and wasn't
really
listening
to you.



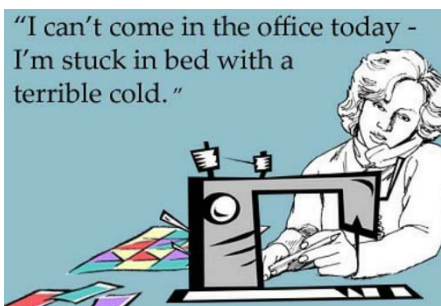
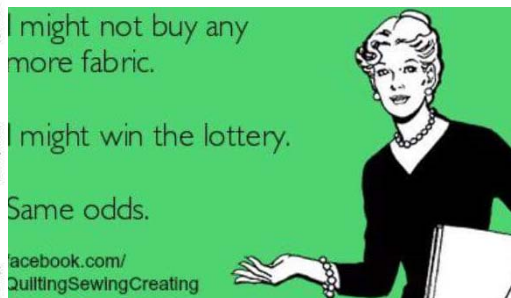
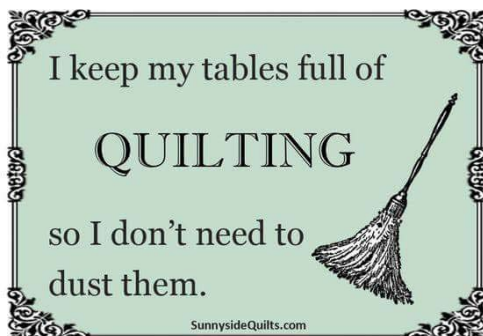
Don't waste brain power
doing the math to figure
out how much fabric
you need—just buy the
bolt!



Sue Hopper has been so good about sending cartoons and other info to me for the newsletter over the past couple of years, especially since she retired. Here's a few I never got into an issue—there are probably enough for another three pages!



Sue: Some have more proof than others.
Jill: I'm sure that was aimed at me.



Oh, Sure, We Can Be Friends....
But Don't Get ANY Crazy Ideas
About My Stash!!

