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Musings from Mary Ann

This is the middle of May already, where has the year gone? I have been your guild pres. for a year now and I start my 2nd year this month. This is the time to stop and think about what you would like to see this guild do, where for it to go. Char has done a great job as our Vice Pres and program chairperson for the last two years and will be doing it again this next year. Sharon has done a great job as President for two years and as the past President she has been a big help to me. Cheryl has done a lot to make my job as your President a lot easier and will be just as big a help as our Secretary again this year. This brings me to Janine who has kept our books for the last two years and will be doing it again for the next year. Janine also has been taking care of the retreat for years and will continue to do so. So now we have Jill who has been doing the newsletter for the last 12 years and is now turning the newsletter over to Sharon and the membership for the guild will be done by Anne. We all wish her well.

Now for some lighter things.

When you are pressing your fabric before you use it, place a loop of masking tape to your ironing board as you press and come across stray thread or clipped threads you can stick them to the tape. (Venita Aldrich of Spokane gives us this tip)

If you have five minutes you can dust your machine or vacuum or sweep up threads. You could wind bobbins and match them to spools of thread, or Put loose tools into storage containers.

You find that you have a spare 30 minutes- Label storage containers or place most used supplies in one area for easy access. Corral works in progress into boxes along with patterns and templates and any other supplies you may need for the pattern. And now you find and extra 60 minutes (woo hoo) organize fabrics by color, type, or size. Throw away bent pins, dried fabric markers, dull needles, and other broken supplies, or you can fix that broken thing that you just know that you can fix. How about putting pretty button, spools of thread, and pre cut fabrics on display in stylish containers. Now that your sewing area is cleaned up and you have time to sew, sew, and more sewing.

Have you ever ask what is the difference between a template and a ruler? A ruler is a stick that has inches marked on it. A template is a pattern made of extra-sturdy material so you can trace around it many times without wearing away the edges. To make a template you can buy template plastic at Joann's or crafts supply stores. Its transparency lets you trace the pattern directly onto its surface. We will have more on templates in future newsletters. June Tailor has put out a ruler called the Charming Circles ruler. (I would call it a template as it does not have inches marked on it.) This "ruler" will be great for cutting circles out of your fabric or denim. You can also use the inside of it to fussy-cut 5" fabric squares. They have priced at just \$15.49. I was sent one by June Tailor's company to use as a door prize at a retreat that I will host this July.

That's all I have for this month See you all on the 25th, we will have the Evergreen Piecemakers quilt guild showing their raffle quilt.

Mary Ann

PS How do women with long finger nails type? It takes me twice as long to type with them as I keep having to go back and erase and retype almost everything.

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.



Contributors:

May Ann Morris, Cheryl Belcher, Char Peterson, Janine Walker, Sue Hopper

This is YOUR newsletter. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please email (sameeds@comcast.net) or mail or give it to me at a meeting by the 15th of the month. Thanks! Sharon

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 Membership chair, 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**

Dear Crazy Quilters,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful purple and yellow quilt I received at the last retreat. I was so surprised! I will cherish it always. I currently have it on my end of the couch to pull over me when I'm feeling chilly or need a big hug! Yes, I'm still going through chemo and have been for well over a year. I'm not sure I'll ever be off of it except for short breaks. The good news is so far it continues to work for me and I am happy and healthy otherwise! My life has been filled with so many blessings and you all are some of them!

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!

Love,
Theresa Fancher

Retreats - Janine Walker

Our next retreat is May 26-29, Memorial Day Weekend.. There are still a few openings if you are interested, or want to come down for a day to check us out. Bring your sewing machine, and work on your own projects. If you're stuck, there is a wealth of information and helpful women who will share their knowledge and ideas with you. And the food is great, too. 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 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.

June Hospitality and Birthdays

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

Caroline Jones 2
Janine Walker 13
Barb Lobdell 23
Carol Berg 25
Rebecca Keller 28

If you have a November or December birthday, June would be a great month for your help in filling in!





Members' Sale Table

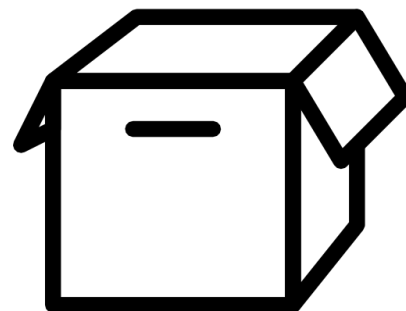
Every business meeting, you have an opportunity to sell your good stuff to good people. You'll go home with money, they'll go home with Bargains, the guild gets 10% of what your made. Everybody WINS!

If you'd like to sign up to sell your STUFF, please contact Jill Ellis at jillzquilts@hotmail.com or 253-927-1260.

There is nobody signed up for 2017 (Sorry, October IS taken for our Auction)

Block in a Box

If you participated in Block in a Box, please bring your completed blocks to our May meeting. It's that time – to share and to have members vote on winners (although we all win with completed blocks for a quilt!)



Crazy Quilters – Mark your calendar for these great happenings!

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.	
May 25	Business Night: Block in a Box judging , committee reports, show & tell, badge drawing.
June 8	Program Night: Jeanne Hunt will be showing different types of appliqué with a trunk show.
June 22	Business Meeting
July 13	Annual Picnic/Potluck – families are invited.
July 27	Business Meeting
August 10	Preparing quilts to tie at the Puyallup Fair (really the Western Washington State Fair)
August 24	Business Meeting
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.
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.

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

Year Round – Kittitas County Barn Quilt Trail: a self-guided driving tour that celebrated the art of the American quilt and the strong, resourceful women who created them. (Sharon Meeds has a barn quilt in Manastash Canyon at Lazy F Camp which is on this driving tour!) For more information at www.barnquiltsWashington.org



June 17 – 25: 19th Annual Western Washington Quilt Shop Hop www.washingtonquiltsshophop.com

June 17 – July 1: Sunshine and Stitches Shop Hop (Portland metro area south to Salem metro area) www.StitchesShopHops.com

June 21 – Sept: Washington Row by Row Experience www.rowbyrowexperience.com or www.facebook.com/WARowbyRowExperience

July 14-16: Woolley Fiber Quilters Quilt show “Blast of Birds”. New location – Cascade Middle School, Sedro Woolley. 250+ quilts, vendors, bed-turning, demos, Member boutique & fun. <http://www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com>

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.

July 21-23: Sequim’s Sunbonnet Sue Quilt Club Show confirm dates here: www.sunbonnetsuequiltclub.org. Held in conjunction with the Sequim Lavendar Festival.

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.lazydazequiltrun.com](http://www.lazydazequiltrun.com). Hours 9-5.

Sept 15-17: Walla Walla Valley Quilt Festival “Paint the Town Red” www.wallawallaquiltfestival.org

Sept 15-17: Ocean Shores Sea Pal Quilters “A Whale of a Quilt Show” www.seapalquilters.org

Sept 30: Duvall Outdoor Quilt Show, 10am-5pm www.cuvallquiltshow.com

Oct 6-7: Ladies of the Lake, Longview “Quilting for the Art of It!” www.lolquiltguild.org

Oct 14-15: Washington State Quilters, Spokane “Stitches in Bloom” <http://www.wsqspokane.org>

Oct 20-21: Rainy Daze Quilt Guild, Centralia <http://www.swwrdqg.org/quilt-show.htm>

You can find us on Facebook at: [Crazy Quilters of Federal Way](https://www.facebook.com/CrazyQuiltersofFederalWay)



Susanna Gantt & Sharon Meeds have been working on getting our storage unit clean, neat and making stuff easier to find. We have 26 (whoops, 25 now, I gave one to be tied at Hylebos) quilt tops, some with backing and a few with binding, ready to go. We have either 4 or 5 quilts from the Fair last year that are waiting to be tied or quilted. And, thanks to Mary Ann Morris, we now have a pallet under our batting. And thanks to Al Meeds who came with his trusty tape measure and upper body strength, and got the pallet to fit in!

If you’d like to finish a quilt – please let either Tina McCarter or Sharon know & we can grab one for you. If you are working on a quilt top & planning on donating it to the Guild, we can also cut some batting for you.

Business Meeting Minutes – April 2017– Cheryl Belcher, Secretary

Called to order at 7:23 pm.

Faith Baptist Church Academy sent a thank-you letter for the vintage quilt we gave them, estimated worth was \$500.

Milton Activity Center also sent a thank- you for the quilt for their Auction.

Guests tonight are Janet Wiley & Sandra Davis. Welcome.

Show & Tell:

- Winn Curry has the table of free material. Please take what you want.
- Sharon Meeds showed a Halloween Wall Hanging. She bought the kit for the hanger.
- Linda Hill had a Maggie Ball "Kaleidoscope" center quilt.
- Dee Lord made her brother-in-law a deer quilt.
- Caroline Jones finished her Girda Brazilian Embroidery picture.
- Jolene Allen showed a Roxanne Carter's "Girls Day Out " quilt from Running Stitches in 2016, and a sampler from 2015. Also, Easter quilt & placemats.
- Margaret Roth took a class at Sisters, Oregon Quilt Show, "Birds".
- Xenia McGowan made a bargello for her "Coneflower" wall hanging from Grace 's class.
- Sue Smith will enter her quilt "Storm at Sea" in The National Quilt Museum at Paducah, Kentucky. Congratulations, Sue.
- Ann has a firefighters Winnie-the-Pooh lap quilt.
- Diane Keller brought a cork bag & a string & red quilt for community service, an I-pod storage case, a fabric bowl, a small bag recipe towel, a quilt she named "Scraps of Insanity". Also had a tip to use fabric markers to color zipper tape to match.
- Sue Hopper made a "Rail Fence" blue batik quilt, "Bird of Paradise" Hawaiian quilt for a friend, & a green & red "Star" quilt.
- Susanna Gantt had a "Men Behind the Quilts" Calendar.
- Cheryl Belcher showed a "Owl" baby quilt for her great-grandson.
- Maddie Hall made a Kaleidoscope quilt for her "Octapusses Garden ".
- Mary Ann Morris showed things she has made for her Circle of Friends group, 2 needle cases, identification badges, large iron carrier that folds out to a mat.

Old Business: Susanna Gantt & Jan Buell are quitting BOM. Jill Ellis volunteered to take over. Thanks, Jill.
Char Peterson thanked the Guild for the quilt we gave to her friend.

Committee Reports:

Program: Char reported that the May Program is a Potluck. Wear your Spring hats & bring a dish to share.

June program will be Jeannie Hunt with a talk on types of binding, with a class at Milton Activity Center on Saturday, June 10th, from 10 am to 4 pm. Cost will be determined.

July program is Summer Picnic at Steel Lake Park.

We will be having an Auction in October. Please save your sewing related items. We need to decide where to have it, Here at Avalon, or the Regional library.

Char Peterson reported that the Brazilian Embroidery class was a lot of fun. She will arrange a workshop to make badges.

Hospitality: Rebecca Keller wants to step down as Hospitality Chairman. Please let Mary Ann know if you want to take over.

Sunshine: Char Peterson will be the new Chairman. Please let her know if you know of anyone who needs some get well wishes.

2017 Raffle Quilt: Jill Ellis has tickets & pictures. Please pick up your tickets & support our guild.

BOM: Gladys Johnson won the blocks. There were about 30 12-inch blocks. Congratulations, Gladys.

Community Service: Margaret Mortenson has Charity BOM kits. Be sure to pick up your block.

Badge Drawing: Margaret Roth won a fat quarter. Wear your badge, ladies!

Newsletter: Sharon Meeds will take over, starting in May. Thanks, Sharon.

Retreat: Sign up is almost full for May Retreat, on May 29th to 31st. See Janine Walker to sign up.

Ann has requested if anyone has a copy of Quiltmakers magazine for July/August that she can borrow for a baby quilt pattern.

Adjourned at 8 : 45. See you next time.



**Treasurer's Report –
Janine Walker**

Checking \$	4,661.79
Savings	<u>5,519.28</u>
Total	\$10,181.07

If you have receipts for reimbursement, bring them to a meeting, fill out a reimbursement request form, and I will give you a check.





Sew You Oughta Know

The very first thing I want to do is to thank Jill Ellis for all the great newsletters she's done! Doing newsletters for that long becomes hard – finding things to put in, Googling (I bet she didn't have that when she started) where Quilt Shows or other interesting things are going on, sending out reminders for people to get their information in so it's timely in the newsletter. Just lots of things to do and accomplish. And she did a great job at it!

Sew ya oughta know, I did newsletters for youth groups for a long time. It got to be a chore – especially because the “editorial” was this fictional thing going on. And because we printed it the opposite way the church did the printing for their part of the newsletter (“it makes the Youth page easy to remove,” I said, “in case people don't want to read it.” “Yeah,” they responded, “but we would prefer it the other way.” It stayed our way and everybody finally just lived with it.) I have also been accused, at times, of being a grammar policeman. Oh, well. Miss Juhl and others made sure I knew the difference between our, are and hour; their, there and theirs. And all the other things that are becoming lost in the world of language.

You know my hubby, Al, helps me in my quilting. Nope, he can't sew, including buttons on shirts. But he has a great eye for color and layout and kinda likes going into quilt stores with me to find treasures. He's really good at math. Almost all the time. Except at quilt math. Let me share what he thinks of us quilters when it comes to quilt math:

Demystified

I'm so glad I learned the secret to geometry and algebra. When I first studied geometry and algebra in class it made no sense. Who cares what “x” equals? Then I started working in construction the summer after my Junior year, and suddenly it all made sense. I used the information every day on the job – and still do. The only place where these lessons don't apply is in quilting. That's right, quilting. When a quilter talks about a yard of material they are not referring to 36”, rather, they are referring to a geometric yard with algebraic variables. That's pushing into physics, I think. And don't even get me started on fat quarters...

But I hope I never figure out the difference between a quilting machine, an embroidery machine, a serger and a sewing machine. Don't they all sew? And how many do you need? I think there are about 9 in Sharon's sewing studio.

When I need help with life's mysteries, I turn to Star Wars. It's all there, including “always iron to the Dark Side.”

My next challenge is figuring out quantitative definition of the term “stash.” So far, I have determined that there is no lower limit and, apparently, no upper limit either. I guess the formula is something like “greater than one but less than infinity.”

Sew long.



Just a “plug”. When I shared this tote, I shared that I'd be teaching a class on how to make it.

The class is scheduled at Quality Sewing for 2 Mondays, June 12th & 19th. The information is online or you can go into the store to register.

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