



Threads

January 2021

Crazy Quilters of Federal Way

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Dear Crazy Quilters,

My hope for all of us is that we get through this Pandemic safely and that everyone in each of your families is safe and well.

I was able to get the sewing I wanted to get done before my hand surgery so all is good there. However a week on my behind is driving me crazy. I can do some things but it takes me longer than normal just to do easy stuff...sewing and certainly the rotary cutter is out of the question right now but I am hopeful that will change soon. I have so many UFO's and have been thinking about a plan to get through them and as you know sometimes it is just a matter of getting up an opening the box. To tell you the truth I don't remember what I haven't finished, some of those projects are 20 years old. You may see them on the free table when we get back to having meeting. Right now they are neatly on the shelf waiting for me to get up and head to my sewing room.

I have enjoyed my quilt magazines and am anxious to try some of the things in the magazine. I can certainly pick the fabric I want to play with and be ready to go...guess that will be my plan for right now.

With the masks I have made and the fabric my stash provided to Janine for making make-up bags for the American Rose Society (thank you Janine for your fabulous work, the bags are adorable) I can actually see space on my fabric shelves. Didn't think that would ever happen

Christmas has come and gone, and with it the lovely time we had. But then there was always the clean-up.

The Board has met virtually and will let you know of some things in our newsletter. Meanwhile, if you have questions or concerns please email me.

Kathy
President CQ

Treasurer's Report - Pam Elliott



Pam says the only change is the deposit we put down for the January program.

We will have to move some from savings soon. Without raffle quilt and retreat revenue, we will be in bad shape. Although the retreat deposits and church rental will carry forward.

If you have receipts for reimbursement, mail them to Pam, and she process it and mail you a check

Report from the Guild Board

The Board met via Zoom and these are the things we decided (and shared almost all at the January Zoom meeting)

1. We will be collecting dues this year....\$30/person (that figures out to \$2.50 a month - you can't get anything at Starbucks for that). It will still be \$35 if you want the newsletter mailed to you. Dues are "due" during the month of April as our 'year' begins on May 1. This year you are asked to mail your dues to the Membership person (Sharon Meeds) as it became a huge headache for Sharon & Pam to try to keep who paid/who didn't straight. You will get a reminder email in April.
2. Community Service Quilts -- see below.
3. Expenses - which is why we are going to have dues....we have standing expenses: insurance (which we don't want to cancel as it is likely that the fee we pay would go up) which covers us at meetings and retreats, the cost of the website, the cost of the storage unit, the cost of the post office box, & postage. (budgeted at \$800, \$150, \$2200, \$140, & \$75 respectively) Our only income for the year was from dues....the 2019 actual dues paid was \$1825. As you can see, we can't cover expenses without dues; and hopefully a return to meeting so we can maybe do some raffle quilt ticket selling!
4. We have 2 Raffle quilts! One that should've been for this year & one for next year!!! Our thanks to Susanna Gantt for making the most recent & to Eileen Peacher for the quilting. (And they are labeled!)
5. Officers for next year....since we would have to vote in February, at the business meeting, and since we can't be together, the current officers (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer) agreed, after some arm-twisting, to serve through the next term. Two things make this more feasible than usual - we haven't been meeting face-to-face, and so, they really haven't had too much to do (until just recently with our Zoom meetings). If it works for you, we are glad. If you have problems, please contact a Board member. Please don't contact others before you contact somebody on the Board to voice your ideas/concerns.

January short business meeting minutes:

1. Kathy shared we would be having dues. Short discussion on our expenses. Patty Buckingham will donate a mid-arm (difference is in the throat) quilting machine (Pfaff) and Gracie frame (can be 5 to 10 feet long) and the things that go with it for a sale with profits going to the Guild (more info later). We will open the sale to other Guilds. More info later.
2. Xenia shared about the quilts to the "Community in Schools" program (see below)

Community Service Quilts

During Covid, two of the main places we give Community Service quilts to are either closed or not accepting donations. Our Cancer Care quilts were/will be going to the place where our own Xenia McGowan receives her infusions, right here in Federal Way. They are closed right now and only their Tacoma office is open. Mary's Place, in Burien, is not taking quilts at this point - Kathy has called them twice and they aren't accepting.

We are checking with [Fusion](#) (click on the link if you want to learn more), who just opened the Pete Anderson Family Center (over by the Celebration Sr Living apartments) on S. 328th. Suzanne Gantt knew the correct person to put us in contact with. (just an FYI - the Fusion store isn't the place to get answers -- but it's a great place to shop for gently-used items for your home)

Another charity that Xenia shared with us was [Community in Schools](#) (follow the link to learn more) We donated twenty quilts to them a few days before Christmas. Communities in Schools is a non profit organization whose mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. The quilts were given out to students throughout Federal Way who needed a bit of comfort.

We also have about 10 (or maybe 12) quilts that need to be quilted. They are ready-to-go with backing and batting, but probably not binding. There are two quilts that need to have batting measured (Sharon Meeds will do that when it's warm enough to work in the storage unit). We also have a number of quilts that have to be measured and backings made. That will also get taken care of when it's a little warmer over in storage.

If you would like to quilt a quilt for us, just let Sharon or Tina know - they are closest to the storage unit, and would be more than happy to meet you someplace to give you a "quilt package"! Most of the quilts are in the 50-inch plus range.....

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Joan Bassen's email is listed incorrectly - it should be: dbassen000@gmail.com



February Birthdays

Please join us in wishing our February birthday quilters a very Happy Birthday!

Sue Mitchell 2
Crystal Nolet 10

Jean Snedden 18
Carol Cowan 27

January Zoom Guild meeting

Our January guild meeting was Andi Stanfield from True Blue Quilts. It was a really great meeting and we learned lots!

Here are the links to her things: (click the link if you are reading online; otherwise you have to type it)

[True Blue Quilts](https://truebluequilts.com/) on the web <https://truebluequilts.com/>

[True Blue Quilts](https://www.facebook.com/Anditruebluequilts/) on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Anditruebluequilts/>

The facebook link as directions for her 2021 Block of the Month

[You Tube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxzILVQteCF6KKfB1Lgg4XQ) channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxzILVQteCF6KKfB1Lgg4XQ>

We also talked about the [Red Star/Gold Heart](https://annshawquilting.com/red-star-gold-heart-patterns/) by Ann Shaw, (https://annshawquilting.com/red-star-gold-heart-patterns/) which was posted on our Facebook page. These are 6-inch blocks (finally found that in the write-up) and this is paper-pieced using freezer paper (she doesn't allow for seams in what I read - just a 'heads up'). You will need to download both patterns and her [directions \(which are on how to use freezer paper to make your pattern pieces.](https://annshawquilting.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/RED-STAR-Freezer-Paper-Instructions.docx)

<https://annshawquilting.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/RED-STAR-Freezer-Paper-Instructions.docx>

[Heart](https://annshawquilting.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Gold-Heart.pdf) <https://annshawquilting.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Gold-Heart.pdf>

[Star](https://annshawquilting.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Red-Star.pdf) <https://annshawquilting.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Red-Star.pdf>

AND, Xenia shared about her cell phone cradle. There are several on YouTube - here's a few links:

Phone pillow 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWOZ0jo25YM> (she uses poly pellets to fill) and

then there's this one: Phone pillow 2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDLFnt_1xz0

Xenia also recommends a combination of [Poly Pellets](#) and fiber fill (the poly pellets link takes you to the google link and a bunch of places that sell poly pellets) - a better choice than rice so you can wash your phone stand.

Crazy Quilters – Mark your calendar for these great happenings!

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| February 11 | 7pm - Guild meeting via Zoom |
| March 11 | 7pm - Guild meeting via Zoom |
| April 8 | 7pm - Guild meeting via Zoom |
| May 13 | 7pm - Guild meeting via Zoom |

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Jill Ellis will share pictures of her quilts through the years. "Another Quilter's Journey", February 11 Zoom program meeting. Email (janinew13@yahoo.com) or call Janine if you would like to share (phone nos. below)

A reminder for all of us!

This is a great time to make yourself a new name tag -- you could make it into a mask!!

Click here for our [name-tag](#) (click the link).

Retreats - Janine Walker

Because of the Coronavirus, retreats have been cancelled. Gwinwood is only hosting groups that live together, and outside activities. And no, a tent and extension cord won't make the grade. Watch for updates here.

Contact Janine at 253-941-4958 or 206-242-8335 (text also) if you have questions.

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



This website has lots of quilt shows listed AND right now a lot of them that are up-coming have no dates. You are welcome to check it out for yourself: [Quilt Shows in Washington](#) or [Quilt Shop Navigator](#)

Please check online to see if the show is going on – Shows are canceled/postponed.

NEW DATES: February 6-7 2021 – [Quilt Luminarium](#) by Ricky Tims. This is a comprehensive quilt symposium. Held at the Embassy Suites, 20610 44th Ave W, Lynnwood, Wa (this is still on their website as happening)

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. More information at [Barn Quilts](#)

Novelty Quilts -- there are still a few floating around out there...

If you have one, please contact either Sharon or Kathy and we will make arrangements to pick up your finished quilt.

Zoom information (some repeat, some new)

There are some things to do first.

If you've not been on any Zoom meetings, you need to download the free Zoom to your computer or your smartphone. There is the option to call in, but then we won't see your lovely face. So go here: <https://zoom.us/> and sign-up for the free account. It's quick and easy.

On Thursday, be ready to sign in at about 6:55ish or so. Xaina is our "host" for the meeting.

There are a few etiquette things.

1. If we all talk at the same time, nobody will hear. If you want to talk raise your hand

2. Wear clothing - sometimes people have been known to not have their pants on, then forget & get up (kinda like the TV commercials). We don't care what you're wearing, just be covered.
3. If you are not using your phone - turn the sound off; listening to people's phones ring isn't fun.

Once you are on Zoom, down in the lower left-hand corner, there is a camera and a microphone. The camera needs to be on (you can also do that when you join the meeting) so we can see you. The microphone can be clicked on and it will mute you/turn you on. I always mute mine when it's on the hour, because everybody doesn't need to hear my cuckoo clock - it's annoying.

There's also, about center just over from the camera/microphone, a "chat box" thing. You can send messages to all (especially if you want to tag or share something) or you can direct messages to individuals. Make sure you pay attention to which is which. We all have the ability to have the "chat" showing up as a side-bar.

You will receive an email, just as you would for a reminder for the meetings. It will have the information for logging into the meeting. Unless there is a change, there is no requirement (as with some places) for a password to enter, just follow the link.

I would suggest you put it on your calendar (I use google calendar) and have it send you a reminder notice shortly before the meeting so that you don't forget to 'attend'! It was so nice to see all the faces of our friends!



Bento Box block of the month

This version of the bento box quilt block is a good choice if you'd like to go a bit scrappy. The block finishes at 12" square and is easy to construct.

Just follow the link below for the "how to"

[12-in Bento box instructions](#)

