

# Threads

June 2017

## Crazy Quilters of Federal Way

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## Musings from Mary Ann

Our program presenter was but a little short, but had some beautiful work. Made me think about last year when I was going to learn to do applique and here it is over a year later and I still have trouble doing appliqué. We all know that the road to he\$\$ is paved with good intentions; my road is either super long or super wide. Don't forget our business meeting this Thursday.

Marianna Garrett is working hard to get our raffle quilt out to the public. She could use some help with this especially this fall. She is also busy getting our next year's quilt done. So if you can help her even for a few hours it would be good.

Now how about some more tips and laughs for this month - - -

For applique: Helen Anderson said that she likes to baste the seam allowances under an appliqué piece, it makes the whole process easier, and she can sew faster. Kay Hineman likes to cut doubles of each appliqué piece, sew them right sides together then slit the back turn right side out and press. She then topstitches it by machine right next to the edge. The piece is now ready to be appliquéd. You can use old dryer sheets for this. Fusible web eliminates pinning and works well for scallops and curves. Beulah little likes to cut away the background fabric behind her appliqué when she is finished this makes quilting a lot easier as there are not so many layers to quilt through. Some women like to use sequin pins to hold the appliqué piece to the background and some like to pin from the back this is to keep the thread from tangling with the pins and then some also like to use silk thread as they say that it is smoother. With hand appliqué package the necessary pieces in Ziploc bags for each block this makes it easier to take with you when you have to wait for some one.

Have a go bag that you can keep ever thing in when not working on it, this way you just need to grab the bag and go. At home you can also try a magnified light it helps to create precise appliqué stitches.

If you have trouble keeping your seam allowance together when sewing try using the small plastic coffee stir sticks to guide the fabric through the sewing machine. They are rigid enough to hold the fabric and if you hit it with your machine needle the needle won't break or cause damage to your machine. When I travel or sit in my living room to sew I like to have my scissors and my thimbles on a lanyard to wear around my neck. This keeps me from losing them in the car or in the chair I'm setting in.

We all handle our bindings differently; after pressing, I roll it on an empty thread spool and then set the spool on my thread cone holder. As I sew the binding on the quilt I just pull it off the spool. My holder was packed away and I didn't want to dig it out so I went to my husband, Jerry, and asked him to please make a holder for me. He went out to his shop and took a piece of wood 3.5 X 3.5 X 1 inch and put a 4 inch finish nail (one without a large head on it) in the middle of the wood. He brought it in to me; it works like a champ I did put some rubber under so it would not scratch my sewing desk. I will continue to use this.

We all love fun tips to make our sewing better so now what tips can you give to us? See you next month with more useful or useless tips and ideas. Mary Ann

Dues are now DUE! Crazy Quilter's year runs June – May. Dues are \$30/year; \$35 if you wish a mailed newsletter. You can send a check to PO Box 3002, Federal Way, 98063; or bring your cash/check to Anne Mulholland.

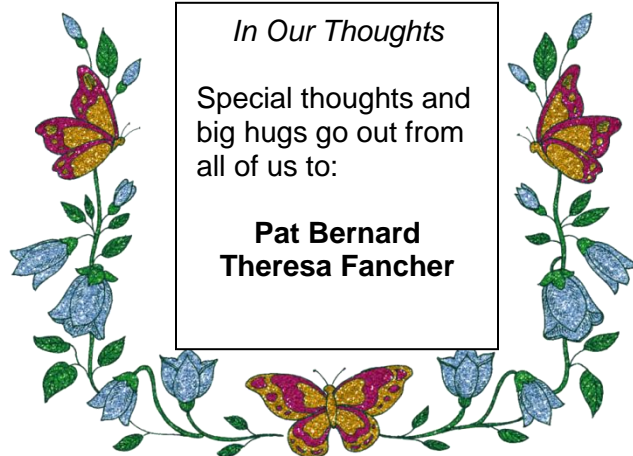
Tickets are available for our 2017 Raffle Quilt - Carpenter's Star. Be sure to pick up yours from Jill Ellis at the next meeting. Every Guild member is required to sell a minimum of 20 tickets. The income from the raffle quilt allows us to continue making quilts for our community.



### *In Our Thoughts*

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

**Pat Bernard  
Theresa Fancher**



## **July 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.



Kristi Warren 3  
Sue Bechtold 5  
Mary Ann Morris 15  
Ruth Locke 18  
Pam Pollinger 21  
Joleen Allen 24

If you have a November or December birthday and have not shared, July is another great month for you to help fill in!

## **AUCTION**

We will be having an auction THIS OCTOBER! Start saving your textile-related items to donate (it'd be a BIG help if you could sort them; mat'l together, sewing tools together, quilt patterns/book, etc). 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??"

Currently, if each of us could keep the items we have at home, Char will let us know when and where to bring them (she had a fall & has some arm problems). More information will be available in the upcoming months.

## **Membership updates**

Patty Buckingham's email address is:  
[plbuck3@gmail.com](mailto:plbuck3@gmail.com)

### new member:

Ashley Evers dob: May 21  
802 S 28<sup>th</sup> Ct  
Renton 98055  
402-570-3435  
[ashleyevers@huskers.unl.edu](mailto:ashleyevers@huskers.unl.edu)



## Members' Sale Table

Every business meeting, YOU have an opportunity to sell you 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. Everybody WINS!

If you'd like to sign up to sell your STUFF, please contact Jill Ellis at [jillzquilts@hotmail.com](mailto:jillzquilts@hotmail.com) or 253.927.1260.

There is nobody for 2017 *EXCEPT* for October, when we're having our **AUCTION!**

## Crazy Quilters – Mark your calendar for these great happenings!

We meet at Avalon Care Center, 135 S 336<sup>th</sup> St, Federal Way. We can get into the meeting room about 7:15pm.

June 22	Business meeting and show 'n tell
July 13	Program event: Annual Picnic/Potluck @ Steel Lake Park; families invited, TIME: TBD
July 27	Business meeting and show 'n tell
August 10	Program event: getting quilt tops, backing & batting ready to tie at the Fair
August 24	Business meeting and show 'n tell
September 14	Program meeting
September 28	Business meeting and show 'n tell
October 12	<b>AUCTION!!</b>
October 12-16	Retreat
October 26	Business meeting and show 'n tell
Nov 6-9	Retreat
November 9	Program meeting <b>(THIS IS THE ONLY MEETING IN NOVEMBER &amp; no newsletter!)</b>
December 14	Program meeting: Christmas Party and Potluck PLUS show 'n tell <b>(only Dec. meeting)</b>
Friday Friends (every Fri. EXCEPT Nov. 13, as there is a workshop then)	Join in the fun as several guild members meet every Friday, 10am – 4pm. Milton Community Center, 1000 Laurel St., Milton, 98354 Bring your lunch, work on your unfinished projects or start a new one, and fun with fellow Crazy Quilters. We generally DO NOT meet the Friday before a major three-day weekend (July 4, Memorial Day, Labor Day) or if the Community Center is closed. We use the little room for our Friday Friends – come sew and have fun with us!

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

### Multi-Service Center Donations:

Toiletry items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, shampoo, soap, combs, brushes, lady's sanitary items

## *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](http://www.barnquiltsWashington.org)

**June 17 – 25:** 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Washington Quilt Shop Hop [www.washingtonquiltshophop.com](http://www.washingtonquiltshophop.com)

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

**June 21 – Sept 5:** Washington Row by Row Experience [www.rowbyrowexperience.com](http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com) or [www.facebook.com/WARowbyRowExperience](https://www.facebook.com/WARowbyRowExperience) (also see page 7)

**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](http://www.mukilteogardenandquilttour.org).

**July 21-23: Covington Quilter’ Guild** “Quilting in the Northwest”. Cedar Heights Middle School, Covington. Hours 10-5 and 10-4

**July 21-23: Sequim’s Sunbonnet Sue Quilt Club Show** confirm dates here: [www.sunbonnetsuequiltclub.org](http://www.sunbonnetsuequiltclub.org). Held in conjunction with the Sequim Lavender 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. [www.lazydazequiltrun.com](http://www.lazydazequiltrun.com) Hours 9-5.

**Sept 15-16: Evergreen Piecemakers Quilt Show** “Stitching a New Leaf” New Hope Presbyterian Church, 19800 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Kent; Hours:10-5, 10-4. Admission \$6 donation

**Sept 15-17: Walla Walla Valley Quilt Festival** “Paint the Town Red” [www.wallawallaquiltfestival.org](http://www.wallawallaquiltfestival.org)

**Sept 15-17: Ocean Shores Sea Pal Quilters** “A Whale of a Quilt Show” [www.seapalquilters.org](http://www.seapalquilters.org)

**Sept 30: Duvall Outdoor Quilt Show,** 10am-5pm [www.cuvallquiltshow.com](http://www.cuvallquiltshow.com)

**Oct. 6-7: Bremerton,** “Tradition with a Twist, 9am-5pm. Kitsap County Fairgrounds, President’s Hall

**Oct 6-7: Ladies of the Lake, Longview** “Quilting for the Art of It!” [www.lolquiltguild.org](http://www.lolquiltguild.org)

**Oct 13-14: Washington Stars Quilt Guild, Olympia,** “A Starry, Starry Night” will be held at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor 9101 Steilacoom Rd. SE Olympia Washington. Admission is a \$5.00 donation. Featuring an exhibition of Vintage Star Quilts, Vendors, Quilt Sales, a boutique and a Raffle Quilt made by guild members. More information available on our website [www.washingtonstarsquiltguild.com](http://www.washingtonstarsquiltguild.com)

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

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





## ***Treasurer's Report*** - Janine Walker

Checking: \$ 6,043.38  
Savings     5,519.70  
Total:       \$11,563.08

If you have receipts for reimbursement, bring them to a meeting, fill out a Request Form, and Janine will give you a check.

### ***Retreats - Janine Walker***

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.

As many of you know, there has been a change of management at Gwinwood, where we hold our retreats. They are working very hard to bring the place back from many years of neglect. This has brought on a rather hefty increase in the fees that are being charged, which become effective July 1. The daily charge for the use of the building has more than doubled. The overnight rate is staying the same, but they are raising the minimum from 15 to 20. I am currently negotiating with the director, and she has agreed to give us a one year extension of the 15 overnight count. We have rarely had the 15, but pay for them anyway. That's 45 overnights per retreat. Last year we averaged 38. It looks to me like the cost per day for retreats is going to need to go up to \$42.50 per day, an increase of \$10 per day. This is still a bargain when compared to any other retreat facility I have known of. I have records for the last 10 years, which I will have at the business meeting. Over the years, the retreat has given over \$3000 back to the club. It may be time to use some of that to subsidize upcoming retreats. Also, there will be an up-front 20% deposit for upcoming retreats, which we have not had to deal with before. Probably because we do 5 per year. So far I have not been able to book retreats for next year. I have let the director know that we would like to have our June retreat back on its original date, during shop hop.

Our next retreat is October 13 to 16. After that is November 6 - 9, Monday thru Thursday.

Of interest about our Retreats: Janine has been keeping track of how many of us attend retreats since 2008.

In 2008 there were 5 retreats and a total of 83 people attended, the most in November, the fewest in October; and the cost was just \$25/night.

2009 again had 5 retreats, with a total of 86 attendees, a little more evenly split between the retreats.

2010 brought 5 retreats with a total of 78 people attending.

In 2011, there was a price reduction to \$23/day, and the 5 retreats had a total of 109 people with 13 staying all 4 days in November.

2012 had a total of 101 retreatants.

2013 was a big year with a total of 114 people attending 6 retreats, most of them in the May through November retreats

120 also attended the 6 retreats in 2014. There was a price hike to \$25/day in 2015 and then mid-year to \$30/day, but a total of 100 people attended the 6 retreats.

2016 brought another price hike to \$32.50/day and there were 97 people.

This year, so far, we've had a total of 47 attend the 3 retreats. The price will go up to \$42.50 on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sometimes there are visitors; sometimes there are people who stay only 1 or 2 days, some for the 3 days or the entire time. Retreats are always fun.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

**Show & Tell :**

Susanna Gantt had a Civil war reproduction quilt.

Janine Walker showed a blue & white strip quilt, multi -color squares, Blooming nine-patch, and multi-colored stars.

Xenia McGowan won a ribbon for her Cornflower applique wall hanging.

Sue Hopper made a "Broken Hip" quilt. She fell just before the Retreat & broke her hip, but kept on sewing.

Tina McCarter restored a Friendship Quilt given to her after her husband's death.

Pat Bernard was given a "little" bag from a friend who comes to Puyallup for Sew Expo. She had a half-square triangle quilt made from Exchange blocks.

Sharon Meeds showed her third Row by Row quilt, 4 phone cases, and a small child's purse.

Mariana Garrett went to Hawaii and met quilters who come to Puyallup to go to Sew Expo.

Jill Ellis found gift cards from 2015 for winners of the Block-in-the-Box, to be given to Tina McCarter & Mariana Garrett.

**Block-in-the-Box Winners:**

Favorite quilt: Gail Woods

Favorite Block: Tina - tree

Sally White - Hello Kitty

Martha- basket

Marcie - green and brown.

Sharon Meeds reported on the storage unit clean up. She is planning another "Ugly Panel Quilt Challenge ". It will start on June Business Meeting, and will be due on the October Business Meeting. The size will be 40 x 60 inch quilt.

Auction : Char Peterson reported on the Auction in October. Save your sewing, quilting, knitting, yarn, etc.

Note: Due to injury, Char asks members to keep items for the auction at their own homes till further notice.

Tina McCarter asked for quilting thread to be given to Margaret Mortenson for Community service charity quilts. Susanna Gantt volunteered to donate.

Carol Berge won Badge drawing. Congratulations, Carol. Wear your badge!

Gail Woods wants help in making "Days for Girls" menstrual pad kits for girls in Africa.

Meeting adjourned at 8 : 53 pm



## *Sew You Oughta Know*

### **Panel Challenge Contest**

Our panels will be going to our Cancer Care quilt program.

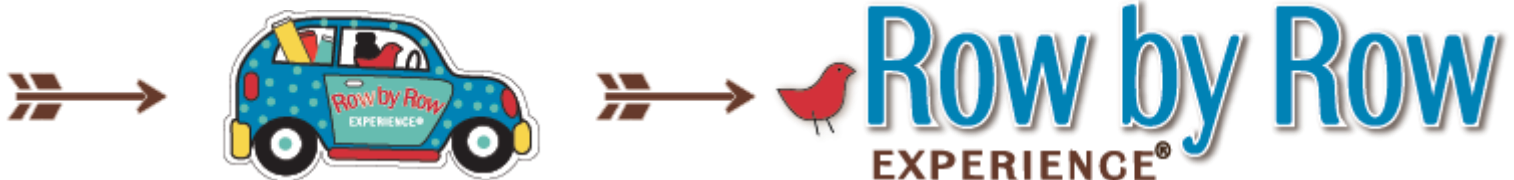
#### Rules:

1. use your panel - cut it up, make it pretty, make it cute, make it clever.
2. We **must** be able to see that you used your panel.
3. make it 40-ish by about 60-ish (a nice size for a patient to have cover them up)
4. bring your finished Panel back to the **October business meeting (Oct. 26)**

You will - pick your panel.

- pick up some material
- if you need more material, you can contact Sharon Meeds for more to be brought to the next meeting
- backing/batting - we will get some (when you need it) AND if you supply the size batting you need, we can get it to the next Guild meeting

Prizes: yep, there will be some.



Begins June 21 and runs through September 5.

[Row by Row 2017 Experience](#)

[Washington Row by Row stores](#)

New this year: Row by Row Junior – kids ages 6-4 can receive a free row pattern in any participating Row by Row Junior store. Patterns and designed and written just for kids. [Click here for info](#)

9<sup>th</sup> Row Project: Many of the quilt shops are participating in The 9th Row project. In making a donation to The Make a Wish Foundation, the shops received an exclusive pattern. Consider the purchase of The 9th Row kit and a portion of your sale will help out the local children's charity. Ask for it in your store!