

# Kitsap Quilters

Next Meeting — Tuesday, December 20, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

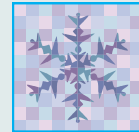
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## Co-Presidents' Letter . . .

**Holiday Greetings to All!** What a wonder-filled time of year: Crispy days, increasing snow-pack for the long summer months in the distant future, long dark evenings, and – yes – the power is still on! And it's the perfect time for creativity galore, and sewing therapy and visions of fabric sugarplums dancing in the air! The retreat was a blast, with progress made, projects shared, and friendships enjoyed. And please remember, Quilt Show 2012 is less than two months away, so get those entries registered, even if they aren't quite finished. There's nothing like a little pressure to get them done!

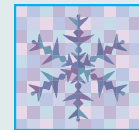
Faye Lamb, and crew, have again volunteered to organize our Christmas party on December 20th, and we look forward to seeing all of you there. We're just hoping for a mild evening with no snow, and don't forget to bring your fat-quarters of Christmas fabric to use as placemats!

Your Co-Presidents,  
Suzanne Martin and Amy Constant



## And speaking of the Christmas party, don't forget to bring:

- ◆ Your casserole, salad or dessert for the buffet table, **and**
- ◆ Christmas-y quilts to adorn the room, **and**
- ◆ Your Mystery Quilt Tablerunner, if you made one, **and**
- ◆ Lots of canned food for the Poulsbo Fishline, **and**
- ◆ The fat-quarter which will serve as your placemat!



See You There — Faye McLamb, Kitchen Chair



*Kitsap Quilters was established to foster and encourage the art of quilting, both in its traditional approach and its contemporary adaptation, to bring together those who love the art form and to share the art form with the community.*

# Guild Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, November 15, 2011

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## KITSAP QUILTERS GUILD MEETING

**Tuesday, November 15, 2011**  
**Poulsbo Lutheran Church,**  
**Poulsbo, WA**

Meeting called to order by co-presidents Suzanne Martin and Amy Constant. Guest Mary Nielsen and new members, Pat Callender and Francis Pilato were introduced.

October minutes were discussed. Several members had problems reading the minutes in the newsletter. The minutes were approved as published.

A brief presentation was given by Wendy Rohrbacher, Director of Philanthropy from Hospice of Kitsap County. She stated her thanks to the guild members and how the quilts our guild members make a difference to the families of Hospice patients. The flag quilt, used when a veteran passes, was mentioned. Wendy encouraged all members to continue making quilts.

### **Committee Reports**

**Purdy Prison Project:** Norma Tipton thanked Barb Gabriel for her article on the Women's Prison Charity Recognition Event. There were 3,425 items made by the inmates for 33 different agencies. The Charity event recognized each agency and those who helped weekly with the quilting, knitting and pottery programs.

**Doll Quilts:** Ann Trujillo expressed a need for donations of stuffed animals for doll-sized quilts.

**Regarding Purdy:** No more batting scraps are needed at this time – only fabric and yarn donations.

**Christmas Exchange Blocks:** Jean Feth is accepting blocks until December 8. Make 16 identical 6-1/2" blocks (no 4-patch or 9 patch allowed) and either mail or deliver

them to Heirloom Quilts. They will be passed out at the December meeting.

**Gadget Library:** Mary Beth O'Halloran announced guild member Linda Johnston is going through chemo therapy and that we're making two quilts for her, so any 9-inch finished blocks would be appreciated.

### **Quilt Show:**

**Please sign up** for volunteering at Quilt Show 2012. Four hours are required from guild members, and spouses/family members are welcome to help with both setup and take-down.

**Registration of quilts** will start soon. Two versions of the entrance form – MSWord and pdf. will be available. Jaxine prefers that you use Word, if possible. The pdf. form can be filled out online, but cannot be saved, so it must be printed out after completion and then mailed via USPS or scanned and e-mailed. Instructions are on the website. Don't forget that categories have changed. Please note them on the website. As one example, to qualify for the "Appliqué" category, the quilt must be at least 50% appliqué.

Items are needed for the silent auction, including baskets.

Positions Still Available: A shadow for next year's chair and an advertising chair.

**Newsletter:** Because Mary Ann Hooker is busy with the quilt show, Christine Townsend will be doing the next three issues of the newsletter. The deadline for submissions/corrections has been moved back to the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Education:** Shari Tumey announced upcoming programs. **January** is McKenna Ryan's trunk show, and she will be doing a demonstration 1/2 hour before the guild meeting. **March** is Cathy

Wierzbicki's pineapple 9-patch class. At our **April** meeting we will have Quilt University, for which two more demonstrators are needed.

**May** is Cindy Needham's demonstration on quilting designs. In **July**, Colleen Wise will demonstrate fabric-dyeing. On our **September** calendar is David Taylor. A poll was taken on whether to have him give his 2- or 3-day class, and more people were interested in taking a 2-day class.

**Librarian:** Cheryl McCurdy introduced several new books, including two novels by Earlene Fowler.

**Kitsap Kuddles:** Vicki White stated that there were 5 new quilts donated. Kits and fabric are available for members to make more quilts. She also made an announcement that, due to health reasons, she will be taking two to three months off and will need some help during that time.

**Raffle-Quilt Tickets:** Margaret Mathisson announced that raffle tickets are available to pick up. Guild members are required to purchase at least ten (10) tickets to sell; however, more would be helpful. There is also a postcard to show/give out when selling tickets.

**Fabric Exchange:** Winners of the black-and-white fabrics were Shari Loomis and Becky Rico. A list for the next three months was handed out.

**Challenge Quilt:** Jan King stated that the information for the challenge quilt has been moved to the "Quilt Show" area of the website. Register your challenge quilt as you would any other for the show, but bring your completed quilt to the January meeting.

**Treasurer:** Cheri Penttila gave a Treasurer's report. There is \$19,866 in the checking account. A committee is needed to complete the IRS paperwork to become a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Several members volunteered.

## Minutes from Tuesday, November 15, 2011 (Continued)

**Mini-Retreat:** The next one-day retreat is January 14th at Central Kitsap Presbyterian. A \$5 donation is suggested. Bring whatever projects you wish to work on and something for the “nosh” table.

**Holiday Party:** Faye McLamb volunteered to chair the Christmas Party. Thank you, Faye! The time has been changed to 6:30 p.m. on December 20, so don't forget to bring a fat quarter for your placemat/fabric exchange and also bring some canned goods for the food bank.

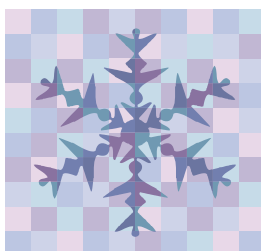
**House Quilt:** Donna Endresen wished to collect the remaining House Quilt blocks at this meeting. Assembly date is scheduled for November 29th at Heirloom at 10:00 a.m.

**Show and Tell:** Many gorgeous quilts were presented.

**Program:** Members enjoyed Delaine Gately's presentation. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Barb Gabriel.

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## Hospice Quilts . . .

My heart goes out to families who have someone in the Hospice Care Center during the holidays. A quilt will not take the pain away but it will let them know that someone cares. These quilts are greatly appreciated by families who receive them as well as the staff who can see just how much they mean to these people. I will have labels at the next meeting. AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL YOUR HOSPICE QUILTS.

— Sheila Wagner

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## Reflections on Doll Quilts ... by Ann Trujillo

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Yesterday I delivered 184 dolls and toys with quilts to the eight charities to which we contribute! I felt very good about doing it when I set out, almost like Mrs. Santa Claus; but it didn't take long, the first stop actually being at the CK Food Bank, for me to realize that this is such a small drop in the bucket of what we need to do for our community! There were volunteers hustling around trying to make sense out of the way-too-few donations for the way-too-many hungry families that are out there. They were so appreciative of the 22 toys and quilts, and I left feeling inadequate, as though it should have been 122.

From there I went to Bremerton, where I delivered to DSHS. The two ladies that received them were so grateful! They keep some of them in the office so that children who have been removed from their abusive or neglectful parents have something safe and soft to hold. Once again, 22 was not nearly enough!

So, onward to the Salvation Army, and I can't say enough about what this organization does. The families are homeless, cold, scared and desperate. A small toy seems so inadequate, but it is so loved by its recipient.

Then on to the YWCA, or the Alive Shelter, which is where families go when there's nowhere else; and then on to the Bremerton Food Bank where Patty was working an extra-long day to help with a late delivery. She showed me the toys and gifts she has had donated, again not nearly enough for the children. One of her volunteers is a woodworker who has made cradles for the dolls and toys. The cradles were so sweet and will make this the best Christmas ever for just a few. (The best ever?)

Next was Kitsap Community Services, where families with children go for much-needed help. I know they don't have lots of new toys at Christmas -- they can't even take care of themselves -- so I delivered my 22 toys and quilts and, once again, left feeling as though our contribution was inadequate.

My next stop was the Bainbridge Helpline House. The lady that received the 22 wrapped stuffed animals and the 8 dolls with quilts was so very thankful. As I looked around at the little store they have (free to those in need), I thought to myself, "These shelves have so little on them!" She said there were some Girl Scout Brownies that were going to come and help to put together baskets for the needy. What a good life lesson at such a young age, helping others! I hope they remember it when they become adults.

All right! Now all I had left was the Poulsbo Fish Line. This was my last stop and I was overcome with the thoughts of the day. I arrived there with my 22 toys/quilts and was waiting for Rae to come out while a boy named Jacob and his mother were there getting some food. She had gotten what she needed from the not-very-full shelves, and Jacob thought he had misplaced his bag! Not to fear -- whew, it was right in the corner -- because it was his birthday! I asked him how old he is and he says he's 8! So young to be standing in a food bank! Rae comes out to receive my small donation and says to Jacob, "I hear it's your birthday. Would you like to pick one of these?" He says, "Yes. Are there any for boys?" He picks out a Beanie Baby teddy that has red, white, and blue stars and is wrapped in a blue quilt, and he says, "I like this one because it's American." Really? Really? This country we live in, in spite of all the political back-and-forth stuff going on, is one in which this 8-year-old birthday boy is standing in a food line and still likes being American. I can't get him out of my head or my heart. And what about all the other birthday boys and birthday girls who have nothing on their birthdays?

As soon as I left, I hurried home to get the American Heroes quilts - so many wounded! - to take to the prison with me to be quilted. I stopped off on the way to get three bags of fabric and a roll of batting that were donated to the prison, and then spent the rest of the evening after I got there helping the ladies as they worked on their charity quilts. I got home around 10:00 last night, with my head full of the day. Today, as I tried to tell my husband about my experience and the sadness I felt for all the unanswered need that is out there, I totally broke down and just sobbed! I thought about the Christmas party where there will be way too much to eat, and I couldn't help thinking that I need to get the message out there: Bring lots for the Fish Line and remember those who are less fortunate. Give all you possibly can to whatever charity tugs at your heart and, if you can, donate some of your time somewhere. If you can't do any of those things, make a quilt and/or buy a toy and I will pass it on, and if you can't do that, at least say a prayer for these families. They really need help. Myself, I'm going to try to do it all, knowing it's not nearly enough!

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## Quilt Show 2012 – February 2012

When you read what I've been writing about our upcoming quilt show, do you hear "blah-blah- blah-blah- blah" in your head? Well, I sure hope not. This isn't my quilt show, it's our quilt show, and we still need many helping hands to pull it off.

We are looking for volunteers for all aspects of the show. CarolAnn Jackson and Peggy Kent will have sign-up sheets again in January – pretty much your last opportunity to pick the area you wish to donate your services. As a guild member everyone is expected to volunteer at least 4 hours to this event. We need volunteers to help set up and tear down the show (husbands/significant others are welcome for tear down especially).

Also needed is help in the kitchen, security for the exits, hostesses (a.k.a. "white gloves"), front door, boutique, silent auction help, and many, many more positions. CarolAnn and Peggy especially love what they refer to as "blank checks," which allow them to put you to work where it's needed most.

Nancy Parrott and Linda Johnson are working hard on collecting items for the silent auction. They have received donations from many businesses and are still looking for items from members. The hand-embroidered Roly Poly Circus quilt I showed at the last meeting will be among the items available for auction/purchase. Maybe your small group would like to donate a basket of sewing-related items.

Sherry Loomis is chairing the Members Boutique and is looking for handmade items to include for sale, so keep those hands busy!

Check with Andrea Rudman to see if you can help with quilt drop-off/pick-up points. You get a preview of the quilts – and get to touch them!

Donna Endresen needs talented women to provide demonstrations during the show. Many people look forward to the presentations -- it's part of our show's notoriety.

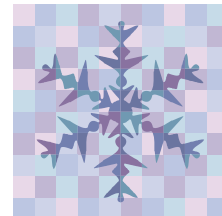
Let's not forget that we need quilts of all sizes – and maybe shapes?

Check at your local, favorite shop and see if they have our postcards or posters on display, and don't forget to thank them for helping promote the show. And if you don't see any of our advertising material, me know and I will make sure they're supplied. Our show is currently advertised on <http://quiltguilds.com/>, and <http://quiltqua.com>. Both are excellent sources for you if you are travelling, and want to know what shops or shows are in the vicinity. They also offer other quilt-y tips, so check them out!

Looks like we'll be going into January with no one to take on the reins for next year's show. You and a friend can take this position – and still be friends after the show! Lots of our volunteers return to lend a hand for the shows year-after-year, and I will be one of them.

Lastly, you can start registering your quilts any time now. Let's not wait until the last minute and overwhelm Jaxine Andersen (registrations) and Christine Townsend (catalog). Please read the instructions on the website under the "Quilt Show" tab carefully, and if you get stuck, I'll try to walk you through the process.

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**QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
PLEASE DON'T FORGET...**  
**We have an upcoming meeting at  
Heirloom Quilts on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**  
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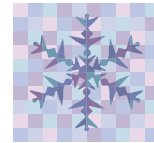
## Kitsap Kuddles . . .

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Our generous members came through again this month with quilt creations for Harrison Birthing Center. With assistance from my "elves," six quilts were delivered for six lucky babies to enjoy. Thanks to all who made quilts or helped collect, prepare, photo and deliver them. Also, thanks to those who have donated materials and who have offered to help me out for the next month or so while I get back on track.

I'm bringing "Santa's sack" to the Christmas party in case you have something for delivery, and I'll also bring a few kits for those who need a project to help with the "after Christmas letdown." In the meantime, keep those sewing machines humming, as the 25th is fast approaching!

Thanks for all your support, Vicki White - Chairperson



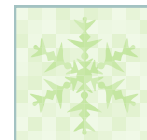
## 2012 Challenge Quilt: "GREEN"

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**The deadline is coming soon, so here, once again, are the requirements:**

- 1. Theme** = "Green" — Some Ideas: GREEN energy; GREEN with envy; the GREEN GREEN grass of home; GREENhouse; jealousy; shamrock; jade; olive; everGREEN trees, et cetera!
- 2. Size** = 18 inches Square
- 3. Your personal challenge** = You must try something new while making your quilt and write about it on a 3-x-5 card (to be turned in with your quilt). It doesn't have to be anything exotic; just something new to you.
- 4. Due** at the Kitsap Quilter's meeting in January, 2012. (Be sure to register your challenge quilt during the normal registration period. Your quilt will be collected at the meeting so be sure to attach the form with your registration number to the back of the quilt.)

Thank You, Co-Chairs Jan King and Val Martinsen



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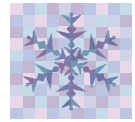
***She is also offering AccuQuilt dies on sale for 25% off, and is having a Go! Baby special for just \$79, limited to stock on hand...***

## Library News . . .

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***Please Don't Return Books This Month!*** For December 2011, the Library will be closed during the annual holiday party; however, lots of new quilting books and novels will be coming your way in the New Year, so be sure to look for us in the January 2012 newsletter!

And Happy Holidays from your Guild Librarians, Florence Debely and Cheryl McCurdy



## Mystery Table Runner . . .

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This year's holiday Mystery Table Runner can be made in a weekend. There are challenges making those points match, but, still, you can finish it in a few sittings. I think I'll try a red-white-blue one for my summer table next.

The pattern is on the website. Just click the button "2011 Mystery Quilt." And if you can't download it, just let me know and I'll print it and mail it out to you!

I hope you're having fun with this pattern. If you have any questions, please contact me at 360.895.0632 or e-mail me at [sewlday@msn.com](mailto:sewlday@msn.com)... Barbara Seitz

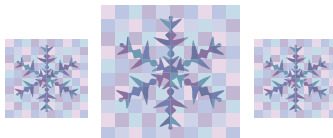
## Mark Your Calendars . . .

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Just a second reminder that a one-day retreat has been scheduled, so if you think you might need one more good day of sewing to finish up items for the quilt show, make sure you attend this day of sewing fun at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church. The church is located at 9300 Nels Nelson Road in Bremerton. Bring your projects and something for the "nosh" table. A \$5 donation will be much appreciated! *We hope to see you there!!!*

**Date:** Saturday, January 14th — Time: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Amy Constant at [asconstant@wavecable.com](mailto:asconstant@wavecable.com) or 360-779-5404



**E-MAIL CORRECTION:** In your guild roster, Suzanne Martin's e-mail address should be corrected to read [suzannem@centurylink.net](mailto:suzannem@centurylink.net); please make the correction—can't leave Suzanne out of the loop!

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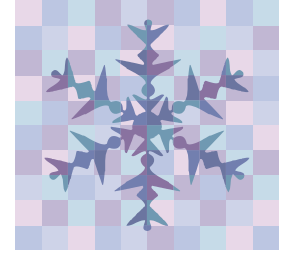
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## Getting Ready for What's Coming in January . . .

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January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Festival of Sleep Day... to be followed by,  
January 6<sup>th</sup> – Cuddle Up Day... to be followed by,  
January 21<sup>st</sup> – National Hugging Day!



### **And Then:**

Dig into your stash of flannel fabrics, and bring in either a fat quarter (18x22) or a thin quarter (9x44). Each “quarter” counts as one chance per drawing.

## Last Words . . .

**SUNSHINE:** Don't forget to send me or call me for any cards that you wish to be sent out. Thanks for the terrific job you've been doing in sending me "cards for any reason"... Deanie Willmann, Sunshine Chair 206-842-5991

**SMALL GROUPS:** Information regarding small groups can now be found on the website. Just click on the “Small Groups” tab.

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