



The Kitsap Quilter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 7:00 pm
 First Lutheran Church, Poulsbo

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IMPORTANT
Newsletter Article
Deadlines:

March's newsletter
 deadline: **March 5, 2011**

April's newsletter
 deadline: **March 28, 2011**

**(Bobbi & Elaine will both
 be gone early April out of
 state)**

May's newsletter deadline:
May 5, 2011

Send to kaareje@msn.com

FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER/TEACHER THIS MONTH.....

DEB KARASIK

Sign up for Debra's class (information on our web site):
 "Quilted Mavins" on February 23 & 24, 2011
 Please register by phone, mail or email.
 Make checks payable to: Kitsap Quilters. \$90/two days

Until 10 years ago, I always thought of quilting as either 'cutesy' baby quilts or traditional bed quilts. Ha! Was I ever wrong! I started my journey when I was going to be a grandmother for the first time. Naturally, I started making baby quilts, because that's what grandmas do.

It wasn't until I joined my local quilt guild, that I discovered quilts aren't anything like what grandma made. I started realizing I could play with fabric, color and design with a freedom I had never felt before. It gave me a means to express myself, challenge my creativity, and totally enjoy myself.



I always 'wanted' to be creative, but felt I lacked the necessary talent. I couldn't draw, or paint, or sculpt...not well anyway. But quilting was something I 'could' do, and actually like the results.

So here I am a decade later, and I've never lost the momentum to create. I will admit openly that I'm totally addicted to the entire process, and I constantly find different parts of it to stimulate my senses! But I figure it's better than bad habits, although I sometimes wonder what I'm supposed to do with all these quilts! I suppose I'll let my kids and grandkids worry about that.



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.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER by Amy Constant & Suzanne Martin

At our last board meeting, we discussed the programs/classes that we have planned for the coming year, as well as some ideas for the future. Interesting and fun programs are certainly one of the highlights of attending the guild meetings, and we have several ideas to investigate. Classes have become more difficult to fill, probably due to many reasons, but there are so many sources for instruction these days, online, local shops, TV, that we are proposing to offer fewer classes per year, and try to get instructors that might have a unique offering. We are also looking into programs with presenters other than teachers. So...we would like your feedback and ideas for either programs or classes you would like to participate in. Please take a few minutes and check out our website for the upcoming classes and consider signing up. Also, would Saturday class time be better? Margaret Miller is scheduled in September, and it may be possible to switch the class to a weekend. Let us know your thoughts. This is our guild, and we'd like to make it work best for everyone. A tall request!

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE by Amy Constant

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No more meetings, the quilt show is just around the corner. I'm looking forward to seeing all of the wonderful entries in the show. See you there!

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS by Deanie Willman

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Everyone is doing a great job of sending me emails regarding who needs a card (for any reason). Keep up the good work!

HOSPICE QUILTS by Sheila Wagner, 360-308-0650

A big thanks you to all who donated quilts for the Hospice Facility this month. I received 13 really beautiful quilts which I will deliver for people facing a trying time in their lives. I do ask that you put a label on the donated lap size quilts so that the people know where they came from. I have labels which will be available at the meetings, or just give me a call and I will mail them to you. Thank you

DOLL QUILTS by Carolyn Knivila (tknivila@wavecable.com)

Please keep making those small quilts for wrapping the stuffed animals and dolls. The quilt size can be anywhere between 10 1/2" square to 26" almost square. These quilt wrapped dolls are donated to various organizations for children in crisis. Start sewing!! Let's meet our goal of 300 or more this year. Remember Easter is only a few months away. It would be nice to have lots of stuffed bunnies wrapped in quilts for the children.

KITSAP QUILTERS' GUILD

January 25, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Co-president Suzanne Martin called the meeting to order. Several guests were introduced.

The minutes from the December 14 meeting were approved as published in the November newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Hospice Quilts: Sheila Wagner said that a lot of fabric has been donated and available to use for making hospice quilts.

Doll Quilts: Eileen Veals thanked the guild for their support in this project. They hope to deliver several quilt wrapped dolls to the crisis centers prior to Valentine's Day. Next month they will be collecting for Easter.

Library: Two new books were announced: Judy Martin's Stellar Stars and Earlene Fowler's novel State Fair.

Raffle Quilt: The raffle quilt will be at the Kingston Quilt Store this Saturday, Dec. 29. Help is needed to sell tickets, if you can share two hours of your time.

Kitsap Kuddles: Vicki White thanked the guild for their donations of completed quilts and fabric to make more. She read a thank you note from the Harrison Birthing Center. She will also have a booth at the show and invited guild members to come sew at the show.

Spring Retreat: Barb Wright announced there are several spaces available for the spring retreat at Seabeck. They are working on arrangements for day use people. The retreat is March 23-27.

Education: Jan "O" shared the upcoming classes for the year. The price for the March class on Aprons with Rebecca Anderson has been reduced to \$25.

Gadget Library: MaryBeth O'Halloran presented two new gadgets she has added.

Fabric Exchange: This month's Resolutions theme exchange was won by Karen O'Grady and Suzanne Martin. February's exchange theme is "February Fabric Fandango", an exchange of dots, stripes and plaids

In-House Quilt: Lillian Asher presented the last two quilts she will oversee. Jan King was presented with the 2010 quilt. Norma Tipton's name was drawn for the 2011 quilt.

Quilt Show Announcements:

Bookmarks and flyers are available for members to pick up and share with others interested in attending the show.

Maggie Ball, who is on the judging committee, shared that unless the quilts are designated for display only, they will be peer judged. There will be no critiques of any quilts. She had rules available for pickup.

Sleeves are to be placed on quilts 24" or larger. Quilts larger than 97" to 118" are oversize and need to be folded to 90" and pinned before the show. Directions for sleeves are on the website. Sleeves can be temporarily pinned on for the show.

Andrea Rudman is the drop-off chair. She suggested that you call the person first at the drop off site closest to you before you go there. Andrea is the Seattle drop-off person.

Carol Ann Jackson is the show volunteer chair. There are still spaces open for help. See her at the table during break.

Sherry Loomis announced the guidelines for the Member's Boutique. Inventory sheets were available at the meeting and are on the website.

Please deliver items for the boutique on Thursday. It is helpful if each item is listed separately for tracking purposes, even though you may have several "like" items.

The final Quilt Show Committee meeting will be February 3 at 6 pm at the coffee shop across from Heirloom Quilts.

Announcements:

Pins: Linda Moran has more 25th anniversary pins available for sale at \$5 each. They will be at the show.

Projector Survey: Suzanne thanked those who responded to the survey in the last newsletter regarding purchase of a media projector. After more discussion it was decided we do not need one at this time. Maggie Ball offered the use of her projector for education if one is needed but not available.

Wednesday Class: Rita Hutchen's class will be held in the church gym, not at the library. Please bring extension cords, power strips and seat cushions.

Challenge Celebration: Jan King presented the challenge quilts made. Voting for your favorite quilt will take place during the break. They will be displayed at the show and winners will be announced at that time.

Show-n-tell: Many beautiful quilts and quilted items were presented for show and tell.

Program after break: Rita Hutchens was introduced as tonight's guest speaker.

Raffle prizes were won by many. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Gabriel.



THE EXCHANGE



The Festive February Fabric Fandango!

When we meet this month we will be celebrating the end of the 2011 quilt show, as well as getting ready for Mardi Gras or Carnival! It's coming up fast--Fat Tuesday 2011 is just two weeks away, on March 8th! Upon some scholarly poking around, we can confirm Lillian's declaration: The official colors of Mardi Gras are purple (for Justice), green (for Faith), and gold (for Power). These colors were chosen by none other than the King of Carnival, Rex, in 1892.

In honor of the spirit of Carnival, please submit dots (for the doubloons), stripes (for the beads), and plaids (for the crazy fun). We won't hold you to the official colors--dots, stripes, and plaids of all colors are accepted. To add to the festivities, you are more than welcome to wear something in the official colors--either clothing and/or beads, if you like.

So as the floats cruise by in the Mardi Gras parade, and the crowd yells "Throw me something, mister," please bring your Fat Tuesday (18" x 22") quarters or the slim ones (9" x 42") for the drawing. Each quarter will count as one chance in our festive February celebration!

"Laissez les bon temps rouler!"

Carol Wood and Maggie Magee, Chairmen



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE by Eileen Veals

As mentioned last month, the Fiber Arts Scholarship information and application is posted on our website.

I have also registered our guild scholarship with, theWashBoard.org website. This site allows providers of scholarships, to post their information on this state run website, to reach a larger group of students seeking scholarships. It matches registered scholarship seekers with the scholarships they are most likely to qualify for specific to their academic interests and criteria. It saves everyone time and makes sure scholarships don't go unused. There is a direct link to our scholarship page.

SMALL GROUPS submitted by Lois Snyder (snyderinpoulsbo@yahoo.com)

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Please let me know if there are any additional dates and times for open quilting that may have been missed. If you have a specific interest for a small group, just contact me by email or phone.

DAY GROUPS

Sewing with Cynthia – Every Wednesday from 11am – 2 pm. Location: Kingston Quilt Shop. Leader Cynthia Keim - ckeimquilt@gmail.com

Appliqué and Hand Quilting – Bring your hand work and enjoy the company of other quilters. Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 11 am to 2 pm. Contact Jaxine Anderson 360-930-0850.

EVENING GROUPS

First Presbyterian Church in Silverdale – The purpose of this group is to quilt for charity. Fabric will be provided. They meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6-9 pm. Contact Carolyn Knivila 360-697-3420.

Wyatt House – Meets 1st Thursday of the month from 7-9 pm at Wyatt House on Bainbridge Island. Contact Carol Winston at 206-842-0535

Marybeth's Group – Join Marybeth O'Halloran in her home studio on Bainbridge – her studio has several sewing machines plus plenty of space to set up yours. The members do fast and easy piecing and love to look at vintage quilts. Bonus – you can try out anything from the guild's gadget library or Marybeth's collection. Group meets Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm. Contact Marybeth at 206-842-4979/studio or 206-842-4965/home.

SPRING RETREAT by Barbara Wright (bjwright@q.com) and Jan Larson

There are still 5 openings for Spring Retreat March 23-27 at Seabeck. Also, if you are interested in coming as a "day-use" person (not spending the night), please contact me for more information - we may be able to accommodate you.

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QUILTS BY LINDA OWEN, WIFE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, NOW ON DISPLAY IN OLYMPIA OFFICE.



Linda Owen's quilts can be seen in a patchwork of places. One is on display in the governor's mansion. Another is stashed somewhere among the belongings of former President Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter. Now a collection of nine quilts sewn by the state of Washington's second in command's 'first in command' are hanging in the lieutenant governor's front office. The spouse of Lt. Governor Brad Owen says she began quilting about 10 years ago while on the hunt for sewing material at a new fabric store in Shelton.

Mrs. Owen's quilts will be on display in the Office of Lt. Governor, 220 Legislative Building, through March, 2011.
National Quilt Day is on March 19.

For more information about the Lt. Governor's Art Council, please contact Brent Pendleton, Office of Lt. Governor, at (360) 786-7700 or on the lieutenant governor's web site at <http://www.ltgov.wa.gov>.

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Rebecca Anderson

Rebecca Anderson is an experienced designer, teacher, and technical writer. She is a prize-winning quilt maker who loves to lecture and teach workshops.

Rebecca's quilts have appeared in local and national quilt shows, including the American Quilter's Society (AQS) show in Nashville, the National Quilting Association (NQA) show in Chicago, and the International Quilt Festival in Houston. In 2004 she won second place in the handquilting division of the *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine* contest, "Quilts: 35 Years of Inspiration, Information, and Imagination". She has written for *Better Homes and Gardens Quilting Ideas*, *Country Sampler? Decorating Ideas*, and contributed to the book *Better Homes and Gardens Kids Room Projects*.

In addition to more than 200 completed quilt projects, she has an impressive pile of tops ready for quilting. In quilting, there are many different means to the same end. Rebecca loves to explore these options and share them with quilters. She loves to share the joy of handquilting.

Rebecca is fascinated by aprons and loves to share the lore behind her collection. She also teaches the art of working with felted wool using her original designs.

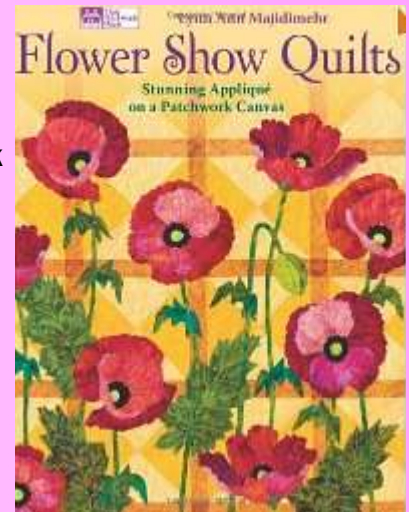
Check out her web site: <http://www.rebeccaruthdesigns.com>

Guild Library News!

By Florence Debely & Cheryl McCurdy

Winter doldrums got you down? Itching to be planting in your garden? Think Spring with an exquisite book from That Patchwork Place. It's called, *Flower Show Quilts*, by Lynn Ann Majidimehr. The book features "stunning applique on a patchwork canvas". There are "10 projects that combine patchwork with realistic floral applique". What fun to combine two types of quilting techniques in one quilt! Create a masterpiece for our 2012 Quilt Show!

Please do remember to return your checked out books promptly! An overdue list will be published in the March newsletter. Thank you!





GREAT GUESTS & WORKSHOPS!

COMING SOON TO KITSAP QUILTERS:

Rebecca Anderson ...March 23, 2011 - *Functional and Flattering Aprons*

Guilt AuctionApril 26, 2011

MORE FUN EVENTS...

Tri-City Quilters' Guild, **28th Annual Quilt Show and Merchant Mall AT Three Rivers Convention Center, 7016 Grandridge Blvd, Kennewick WA.— Admission: \$5.00 (free parking) For more information go to www.tcquilters.com**
"Sew Many Scraps...Sew A Patchwork Quilt" Friday, March 18, 2011 - 10 am to 6 pm AND Saturday, March 19, 2011 - 10 am to 5 pm
National Featured Artist – Jackie Robinson; Member Featured Artist – Darlene Smith

LaConner Quilt and Textile Museum's current show is **"Crazy Quilts"** and **"Four Embroiderers"** through March 27.
Quilt Fest 2011 is **September 30 to October 2, 2011** and is looking for entries. See the website for info. Maggie Ball will be teaching a workshop at the festival.

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