



The Kitsap Quilter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 7:00 pm
First Lutheran Church, Poulsbo

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JULY'S NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
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*Kitsap Quilters, PO Box 714,
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MEET OUR MEMBERS!

Marybeth O'Hallaran

I started my adventures in textiles when I learned to crochet at four, and although engineering became my day job for several years, I educated myself in the textile arts in my off hours. Along the way I've studied and taught weaving, spinning, and dyeing, worked in a weaving shop, managed a knit shop, and worked retail at a small fabric store, where I'm currently helping develop the quilting side of their business. I've been quilting for twenty-odd years and started off making batik whole cloths personalized with kids' names. I have mostly stuck to machine piecing and quilting, and managed a bit of hand quilting with my grandmother at her senior center. I bought my longarm machine in 2006 and have been quilting for clients for nearly five years, and feel very lucky to have turned my avocation into a vocation.

Barb Seitz

I started quilting early in 1999 after my husband's daughter suggested I would really like quilting. At that time I couldn't imagine cutting fabric into small pieces and sewing it back together to make a new design, but I thought I'd give it a try just for the heck of it. I had no idea how to choose fabrics or colors so I took a 6-class course in color and a few classes in basic quilt making techniques. My quilts are traditional geometric designs; many of them have been given away.

The most surprising aspect of my quilting journey has been the feeling of a connection to my forebears when I quilt. My grandfather built a quilt frame that stood higher than the dining room table where my grandmother, mother, aunts and a neighbor lady would tie quilts. My cousin and I got to help turn the side bars to roll the quilt ever smaller as they completed sections. My grandmother's crazy quilts were made all in one block, even full-size bed tops. In their old house, the kitchen had a counter-height bank of large drawers along a 20-foot wall built specifically to hold her fabrics. As the song goes, "Thanks for the memories." There's a gentle strength in the women who made, and made-do, with any bit of fabric to create comfort in the blankets they sewed. Whether those quilts were utilitarian, only meant for warmth, or artistic expressions, there is a certain beauty to each of them.

Christine Townsend

I'm a court reporter in real life, but my passion is working with anything thread or fabric. At age five I was making Barbie clothes by hand and learning to embroider and at age ten I started sewing my own clothes and learned to tat and crochet. Shortly after that came knitting. When I was twenty I made a tied quilt for my brother, which, after I learned to machine quilt I then quilted for him. One day I was watching Donna Wilder's sewing program and Mary Ellen Hopkins was her guest. I've never looked back. What used to be a hobby is now a quilt-retreat upstairs in my home (Quilter's Cottage in Poulsbo) and every free moment is spent at the sewing machine. I am also learning to hand-quilt on a traditional frame at the hands of Margaret, Lonnie, Ellen and Myrna. Pepto, the most pugnacious pug dog in Poulsbo, keeps me company through all of it!



CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE By Amy Constant and Suzanne Martin

Inspiration abounds, spring is finally come with a sunray between the showers...and the birdsong is wild at 5:00am! What a wonder our world is... Our next meeting will feature some of our member quilters, sharing their history and work in the fiber arts. Thank you to Christine Townsend, Barb Seitz, and Marybeth O'Halloran.

We are still looking for a chairperson for the summer picnic in August (or group) to organize a year-end guild celebration. And in looking ahead, if there is a committee that you would like to work on for the following year, speak up and let us know. We'd be grateful and the participation is what makes the experience meaningful in this fun group. Can't wait to see what the class with Mary Lou Weidman created, and as always, bring your show-and-tell projects for us all to enjoy!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM AMY CONSTANT **2012 Guild Programs & Education ...** **Jeopardy Of Not Occurring!**

I am looking for someone that can help me with the responsibilities of the guild Vice President position. Our current VP is unable to complete the 2010-2011 term due to personal reasons. The next several months are critical for this position as the contracts for our 2012 speakers need to be finalized. If we are unable to finalize the contracts, there will not be any speakers visiting the guild in 2012. If there are no speakers, then our educational programs will also be cut. The tasks required will mainly involve corresponding via email with the speakers that have been previously contacted. If you would be able to assist, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration. Amy Constant / asconstant@wavecable.com / 360-710-2427.



LIBRARY NEWS By Florence & Cheryl, Guild Librarians

Here's the Library's annual reminder: Christmas is only **6 months** away! Your Library has some 400 books with quilted gift ideas just waiting for you. Why not stop by during the June meeting and see what's available to spark your creativity. Now that the calendar says it's summer, we have a plethora of beach books for you to take on your summer trip. The Library has books by authors you may not have heard of before, such as Arlene Sachitano, Maggie Sefton, Sally Goldenbaum, Monica Ferris, in addition to long-time favorites Earlene Fowler and Jennifer Chiaverini. Former member, Karen Knowles, generously donated a pile of quilting books last month. Come see what she gave the Library! Have a Happy Summer!

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

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.



2012 CHALLENGE QUILT: "GREEN" by Jan King & Val Martinson, Co-Chairs

Requirements:

1. Theme = "Green"

(some ideas: green energy, green with envy, green green grass of home, greenhouse, jealousy, shamrock, jade, olive, evergreen trees, etc.)

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.)

KITSAP QUILTER'S GUILD GENERAL MEETING
First Lutheran Church, Poulsbo, WA
Minutes – May 24, 2011

Co-presidents Amy Constant and Suzanne Martin called the meeting to order. Several guests and new members, Shari Turney and Marilyn Nelson were introduced. The minutes from the April meeting were approved as published in the May newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Nominating: Linda Moran volunteered for the Nominating Committee.

Newsletter: This position will be available as of September. A new editor is needed. Please contact Suzanne or Amy if you are interested in helping publish the monthly guild newsletter.

Raffle Ticket Sales Chair: This is another position that is available. This position is in charge of distributing raffle tickets.

Hospice Quilts: Sheila Wagner shared that donated fabric to make hospice quilts is available to pick up at the table.

Doll Quilts: Elleen Veals announced we are 73 quilts away from our goal of 300 Doll quilts. Sizes of quilts can be from 10 1/2" square up to 24" square.

Small Groups: Members were encouraged to see the chair during break to check out information about small groups. These are meetings of smaller groups of quilters of similar interest that meet at times other than the general meeting. You may contact Lois Snyder if you are interested in joining or starting a small group.

Challenge Quilt: Jan King reminded the members about the next Challenge Quilt. The theme is "Green." The size is 18 by 18 inches. Plus members are encouraged to try a technique new to them.

Kitsap Kuddles: Vicki White shared a moving letter and pictures from the Harrison Hospital Birthing Center, where our quilts are sent. Some of our quilts are used to cover the incubators to shield the newborns from the bright lights. The quilts are then given to them when they go home. Many kits are available at the table to take home and complete.

Library: Cheryl McCurdy presented many new books added to our library.

Quilt Show: Mary Ann Hooker, this year's chair, shared they had their first meeting this evening. Featured Artist criteria was shared and Evelyn Bright was announced as the featured artist for next year's show.

Gadget Library: Mary Beth O'Halloran shared the new gadgets, including circle templates and batting samples she has received.

Sunshine and Shadow: Please contact Deanie Willman at deaniedollquilts@aol.com if you know of anyone who needs sympathy, get well wishes, congrats or words of encouragement.

Education: Jan "O" announced there is still space for Mary Lou Weidman's class for May 25 and Margaret Miller's September class. Karen Stone's October class is full, but there is a waiting list started.

Fabric Exchange: Maggie Magee and Carol Wood presented this month's Fabric Exchange of oriental fabrics. Julene Mallea was the winner. Next month is National Fruit and Vegetable month. Maggie and Carol are both at the end of their 2nd term in August and are seeking someone else to take their place.

In-House Quilt: Donna Endreson presented the blocks for the in-house quilts. Pieces are already cut. Instructions and blocks are available to take home and complete.

Mini-Retreat: This Saturday, June 4, will be our first Mini Retreat at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church from 9:30 am to 5 pm. Cost is \$5. Bring your own projects. Margaret Matthisson is doing a presentation on feathered star pattern and technique.

Announcements:

Pacific West Quilt Show: Sherri Loomis announced that a bus trip has been scheduled for August 26 to attend the Pacific West Quilt Show at the Tacoma Convention Center. The bus has been upgraded from 48 seats to 59 seats and there are eight spaces left. The fee of \$30 includes transportation and admission to the show, a continental breakfast on the bus, bottled water, a quilt video shown there and back, and several prizes awarded on the way home. Sign up will be through May 31.

Pins: Linda Moran stated there are still 25th anniversary pins available for \$5 each.

Quilts of Valor: Carol Olsen set a goal of 105 quilts for reservists returning in July. Returning Warrior weekends will continue on a regular basis and Quilts of Valor wishes to present them with quilts. Quilts do not have to be red, white and blue. Size restriction is 55" by 65" minimum. Block kits for one style were available at the break. Moda presented a challenge of 1800 star blocks by the beginning of May. They received 9,800, to be made into quilts for the Quilts of Valor program.

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

Program: Mary Lou Weidman was introduced as tonight's guest speaker.

The meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Barb Gabriel.

Support our local dealers...

If you would like to place an ad in the newsletter, the cost is \$5.00 per month. You may contact Elaine Kaare at kaareje@msn.com with your ad info and send your check to Kitsap Quilters!

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LOST AND FOUND

FOUND AT SPRING RETREAT:

An 8-1/2" square ruler has still not found its way to its owner. If you are missing yours, please contact Barbara Wright, 692-0511.

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KITSAP CUDDLES by Vicki White (fredvictoria@embarqmail.com)

Thanks for your continued support of our Cuddles quilt drive. I was able to deliver twenty darling creations to the Harrison Birthing Center this past week. I am also delighted to report several community donations of tops to quilt and fabric yardage for addition to our Cuddles stash.

People are so generous with their time and materials.....it warms my heart!

If you are looking for a guild volunteer activity that is extremely rewarding, you might consider serving as the new chairman or sharing this job with a friend. My tenure ends in August, but I am willing to continue assisting with kits, longarm quilting, and supply storage. Please contact me if you would like more information.



SPRING RETREAT AT SEABECK

"It was a good time!"

A good time was had and a LOT of projects moved forward. When we departed there were a few items left behind: an 8-1/2" square ruler, and a nametag for "Stan Norquist" (he was not in attendance). If any of these items are yours, please contact Barbara Wright, 692-0511.

HOSPICE QUILTS by Sharon Wagner

A big thank you to everyone who donated a quilt to Hospice last month. I was able to take 6 quilts to the Care Center. They are always so happy to get the quilts and always tell me just how much the people appreciate getting the quilts. I will bring fabric which was donated for Hospice quilts to the next meeting. I hope members will take advantage of this nice fabric. If everyone could just make one quilt to donate it would be wonderful. A lap quilt doesn't take long to make. I have labels available. You may contact me at 360 308 0650.



SUNSHINE & SHADOWS by Deanie Willman

deaniedollquilts@aol.com / 206-842-5991

Don't forget to e-mail or call me with any one you wish a card to be sent to. Thank you.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



July 27, 2011 - Melinda Bula: Fusible Flower Quilt, Class Fee: \$30.00 Note: there is a \$15 pattern fee, for pattern, most pattern pieces traced for you and all hand outs.

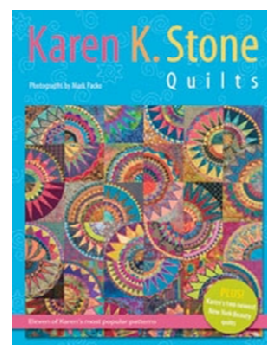
Learn the basic for building a Fusible Flower quilt. The class works from the same flower pattern. You will learn the steps of developing a flower art quilt by how color works to make a flower look real, how to use the fusible and lay out of design. I encourage creativity while assisting those who may feel timid about color and design. All skill levels can master these flowers and make them their own. The students in class will get 80% of their flower done in class. Renegade Thread Play is covered and demonstrated in class.

September 28, 2011 - Margaret Miller: Smashing Settings for Sampler Blocks, Class Fee: \$30.00

Make way for the Sampler Quilts of the 21st Century!! No more "3 blocks by 4 rows" with three strips of fabric "holding them in"!! With design approaches simple enough for advanced beginners, you can make quilts look complex using strip piecing, refreshing seam angles, and variegated fabrics. With my non-threatening template system and a few color guidelines, you'll never think about sampler quilts in quite the same way again!! Support one of our local quilters and learn what to do with all those Christmas Exchange blocks!

October 28 (Friday), 2011 - Karen Stone: New York Beauty and Color Theory Class Fee: \$45.00 **NOTE:** This class is almost full so hurry now to sign up before the last slots are gone!

Two workshops in one day! The morning will be making a New York beauty and the afternoon Karen shows you how to make exciting color choices for your quilts and chart block colors for maximum eye appeal, make clashing colors play nicely together and understand what makes a successful quilt. Supply list and project will be available at the meeting.



FIRST MINI-RETREAT A SUCCESS!!!

By Amy Constant



Thank you to everyone that was able to attend the first one day mini-retreat. One common project being worked on was the In-House quilt blocks; the top should almost be done now. We had the opportunity to learn about the feathered star technique from our own Margaret Matthison. I think I'm now inspired to try making one. Continue to watch the newsletter for details for the fall one day mini-retreat. Hope to see you there.

EDUCATION & WORKSHOPS

Check with the Education Chair Jan O. for prices and details Email: janquilt@yahoo.com

WORKSHOP POLICY

All workshops are on a first come - first paid basis. Payment must be made at the time of class sign-up. Workshops are open to all guild members. If a class is not full 45 days prior to taking place, it will be opened up to non-guild members. If the class has to be canceled, students will receive a full refund. If a student is unable to attend a class they will forfeit their class fee, unless they find someone to take their place. The guild does the best it can to keep workshop costs affordable; however due to increased costs of travel, lodging, etc. upcoming workshop costs may increase. Some guild members wonder how prices for workshops are determined.

Here is the general breakdown:

- 1) the workshop fee ; 2) food for the teacher; 3) travel costs; 4) accommodations = the cost of the class divided by a planned number of 18 students per class. Class registration can be completed at guild meetings or by mail. Forms are available on our web site or from Jan.
- 2) If you choose to mail your form, mail it to: Jan Oelschlager at 2755 NE Winters Road, Bremerton WA 98311. Mail your payment payable to Kitsap Quilters and send to KQ Class Registration, PO Box 714, Poulsbo, WA 98370.



DOLL QUILTS by Carolyn Knivila and Elleen Veals

We are well on our way to reaching our goal of 300 doll quilts thanks to you quilting gals. Only 70 more needed to reach 300 and we have three more meetings before the deadline. The dolls wrapped in quilts are a special gift to the children in crisis situations. Keep up the good work. **Due to my recent move out of the Poulsbo area, I am no longer able to oversee doll quilts. Please see Amy Constant if you would consider taking over this very worthwhile task. Thank you. Carolyn Knivila**

QUILTS OF VALOR

A BIG Thank you to those of you who have made blocks, come to sew, and made quilts for the Quilts of Valor. We have a big event in July for reservists returning from war zones. There will be another event in November at either Bangor or Bremerton for Navy active duty personnel who volunteer to go in harms way for a year. I just sent one quilt to Bethesda Naval Hospital for a local Bainbridge man whose tank was hit by an IED. The need will continue until everyone comes home.

If you only have a little time, please make a 12 ½ “ block, 12” finished size. It should be red, white and blue, or some combination of these colors. It won't be long before there will be enough for several quilts! Please mail to: Carol Olsen, 8717 Potlatch Ave NE, Bainbridge Island, WA, 98110.

Thanks

Fabric Exchange Breaking News:

National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month Fails to Ripen



Your interest piqued. Your appetite whetted.
Thoughts of fabrics depicting rutabagas, Brussels sprouts, papayas, and grapefruits were on your list.
All our favs. Yes, we were all very excited.

However, the seemingly endless winter and
spring's failure to appear,
has left us with a much delayed growing season.
Seems our gardens are about a month behind schedule.
O.K. Enough with the weak excuses.....

Although we announced at the May meeting we'd be observing June as
National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month for Fabric Exchange, we failed
to realize it is Quilt University Meet our Members this month!

So, let's just study our hearts out at the June meeting and learn lots.

Let's Give Marybeth, Barb, and Christine our undivided attention,
and we'll be back in July with a fresh harvest.



Keep those fresh fruits and veggies in your vacuum packed containers.

Crispy & Crunchy Carol / Mashed & Minced Maggie





LILLIAN ASHER IS LOOKING FOR...

"Quilter's Newsletter" magazines for issues 49 thru 58 and 60 during 1974 and maybe 1973. I am looking for the "Children of Many Nations" patterns. I have the pattern for Block Number 11. I will be happy to buy the issues from you. Contact me by email at hollias@aol.com. Back in 1974 the "Quilter's Newsletter" cost \$5.25 for one year subscription. Thanks so much!

IMPORTANT!!

KITSAP QUILTERS'

STANDING RULES AND REVISED BY-LAWS

(Available online and mailed with this newsletter for those who receive by U.S. Mail)

Those members who view their newsletter online should read/compare to current docs. Please print the revisions in order that you may comment on them and bring them to our June meeting.

Those members who receive them by U.S. Mail with this newsletter should also read them and compare them to the current Rules and By-Laws that are posted on the web site AND bring your copies to the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Constant or Suzanne Martin.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING
EVENTS.....**

Treasures of Whidbey Island Quilt Show
June 17-19 2011 Fri 1-7, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4
Elks Lodge , 155 NE Ernst St, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Sunbonnet Sue 25th Annual Quilt Show
July 15-17 2011 10-5, Sequim Middle School
301 W Henderson Rd., Sequim, WA

Quilting and Craft Extravaganza
July 15-16 Fri 12-8 Sat 9-5, Lewis County
Historical Museum
360-748-0831 for information.

Northwest Quilting Expo

by Geri Grasvik, ggrasvik@aol.com
Portland, Oregon
September 22, 23, 24, 2011

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.

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