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# THE KITSAP QUILTER

## Delaine Gately November Guest Speaker

I was six when I fell in love with my grandmother's Sun Bonnet Sue. Sue became my secret pal. The love for that quilt stayed with me until, finally, in 1976 I started quilting. I knew nothing about sewing and even less about quilting, yet my love of quilts pushed me on. I wanted to do something that had a finished product. I had a great job, yet at the end of the day I had nothing to show for all the work. I found quilting filled that empty hole in my life. I had to learn the rules before I could break them.

I started very traditional, and over the years the artist within pushed its way out. Now my quilts are original to my mind's eye. I recycle beautiful old clothing with Glitzy, and I do embellishment with beads and whatever works.



### Co-Presidents' Message

What a Glorious Fall.... Hope everyone is enjoying the colors and the brisk air! We are looking forward to the retreat, with lots of laughter and progress on all the projects: The "Green" challenge, the Mystery Tablerunner, and the wildly creative pieces that we simply can't help but indulge in. And the quilt show is coming in a hurry.

For members who receive the newsletter by mail, if you do have access to the Internet, please consider signing up for e-mail delivery; or if you are able to help with getting it ready and mailed, that would be appreciated, as well, since we're trying to pare down both costs and labor.



Remember, the next two meetings will be on the third Tuesday of the month, so mark your calendars for November 15th and December 20th. And we still need a hostess or group for the Christmas party! Anybody up for table decorations???

Your Co-Presidents,  
Amy Constant and  
Suzanne Martin



*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.*

# Minutes from October 25, 2011

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Meeting called to order by co-presidents Suzanne Martin and Amy Constant. Guests, Linda Morton, Betty Baccetti, Rondi Vorhees, Shirley Sandoz, Margaret Jones and new member, Joyce Jordan were introduced.

September minutes were approved as published.

## **Board Meeting Discussions:**

The proposed budget was discussed. The board is recommending that the expense to become a 501C3 be approved as part of this budget. This will allow us to accept donations and for the donor to be able to take a tax donation for the item. In addition, volunteers would be able to write off their mileage. Juanita Thornton moved that the board be authorized to file the nonprofit papers with the IRS and to spend the \$850. Discussion ensued on the differences between 501C3 and a 501C7. The "C3" is a charitable organization. The "C7" is a "social" organization.

A number of members discussed the pros and cons of this change. Most of the comments were positive in support of the change. Carol Winston moved to table the motion. It was not seconded. Leigh Hammet spoke in support. Peggy Kent called the question. The vote was taken and the motion to authorize passed with 84 pro and 10 against.

Maggie Ball moved to approve the budget and Jan O seconded. The budget was approved unanimously.

Suzanne Martin nominated Cheri Penttila for Treasurer. Peggy Kent seconded. Cheri was approved by acclamation.

## **Committee Reports**

**Hospice Quilts:** Sheila Wagner offered thanks to Laurie Bevan for donating fabric. It was used to prepare kits for lap quilts. Please pick one up. Directions are included, or use your own imagination.

**2012 Quilt Show:** Mary Ann Hooker announced we still need someone to handle program advertising and to shadow Mary Ann (and become next year's show chair). The Volunteer signups will begin in November.

Lisa Jette has publicity packets for various shops in the area. Please check with her to see if you can help deliver a packet to one of your favorite shops.

Andrea Rudman asked people to please sign up to be a designated drop-off site for quilts.

Juanita Thornton asked for antique quilts for display for the show. Juanita would handle them personally

**Challenge Quilts:** Jan King reminded us that Challenge Quilts are due at the January meeting to be judged by the guild members. They will then be displayed in the Quilt show.

**Newsletter:** Mary Ann Hooker and Christine Townsend: Do you know what a quiltergeist is? You would if you read the newsletter. Be sure to get any articles in by Nov 5<sup>th</sup> to the email address in the newsletter under the coffee klatch article. And remember- we want

to hear from you!

**Christmas Block Exchange:** Now accepting blocks for our Christmas Block exchange (see newsletter for rules). Bring finished blocks to the November meeting, mail them to Jean Feth or bring them to Heirloom Quilts by December 8<sup>th</sup>. Blocks will be distributed at our Christmas party on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership:** Lisa Jowise: Remember the end of October is the due date to get your registration and dues in to get into the roster. It will be printed and available at the November meeting.

**Education:** Ann Jones was at the back of the room to take class sign-ups during the break. There are 5 spaces left for Karen's class on Saturday

**Raffle Ticket Sales:** Margaret Mathisson and Ellen Hough reminded members, as part of their obligation to buy at least ten quilt raffle tickets or more. Members are welcome to sell those tickets to friends, family and co-workers. We would like to have a list of those of you who would be glad to give us a hand selling tickets at various sites. We will not be at North Kitsap Holiday Fest although we tried very hard to get into the event.

**Fabric Exchange:** Winner this month is Susan Sanchez. Next month's theme is black and white.

**Retreat:** Donna Endresen announced that there are a few spaces left for the retreat which is November 9-13.

**In House quilt:** Donna Endresen asked that you be sure to put your name on the blocks which can be

# Minutes from October 25, 2011 (Continued)

**2012 Raffle Quilt:** Judy Cox showed one of the blocks, a beautiful red and white feathered star.

## Announcements

Miranda Carruth, a visitor, spoke about women in Rwanda. She returned from Kigali where she visited a non-profit organization which serves women who survived the genocide there. They provide counseling and sewing classes. They sew on treadle machines, working 8 hours a day. She sold their items at the break. To help her in any way, please contact her at 206-653-5288, or at [carruthmiranda@gmail.com](mailto:carruthmiranda@gmail.com), or

go to the website at [www.rwandanwomencan.org](http://www.rwandanwomencan.org).

**Reminder:** The November meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the December's meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We still need someone to organize the December potluck. And since the church where we meet will no longer have a custodian, in future we will need to put away the chairs we use for our meetings.

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

**Program:** The members enjoyed Karen Stone's presentation.



## JUST A REMINDER

### ABOUT RAFFLE TICKETS

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Your tickets are available at the meetings now. Volunteers are needed to work at various venues to sell tickets. Contact Margaret Mathisson or Ellen Hough for information on how you can help. Let's sell a record number of tickets this year!

## Doll Quilts

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to all of you who came through with doll quilts last meeting! There were 39 quilts and 9 dolls turned in, as well as bags of stuffed animals! What a treat to see the support of this guild for such a worthwhile charity, thinking ahead to the smiling faces of the children at Christmas that would otherwise have nothing. There is a book called "Breakfast at Sally's" by Richard LeMieux. If you haven't read, it, I highly recommend it. After reading it, you may never see that panhandler on the cor-

ner of the freeway the same again. In short, Richard was a local successful businessman with a house on the Suquamish waterfront, who, as a result of one thing or another, ended up homeless and living in his car with his dog. He would have breakfast at the Salvation Army, hence the name of the book. In his book he talks about parking in the lot of Star of the Sea church in Bremerton and walking up in the morning to see another car with children's faces looking out of the window. There is so much need out there

and this is such a small thing for us to do, to make a little quilt and put a stuffed toy in it; but it is a huge thing for that little child — or the hundreds of others that we don't see!

So please, please continue making those quilts, knowing that we can make a difference...and thank you in advance,

Ann Trujillo and Norma Tipton

*Make a child's Christmas a little brighter with a doll quilt.....*

## Hospice Quilts

We currently have kits available for lap quilts, thanks to a large fabric donation from Laurie Bevan. These are simple quilts which should go together quickly.

And ladies, please label your donated quilts. I received one quilt at the meeting and I have no idea who donated it. I will have to put a label on with no name. I will have labels available at the

meetings, or call or mail me and I will send you a label.

Thanks, Sheila Wagner



## Cuddle Quilts

Our program continues to be blessed with fabric and completed quilt donations for the “at risk” babies at Harrison Birthing Center., With the assistance of guild members, we were able to deliver seven darling quilts this past week.

A visual survey of my quilt room shows an extensive stockpile of wonderful fabrics, flannel backings and batting for baby quilts. I am looking for guild members who would like to come and choose materials to use at

home to make their own donation quilts. What would be better than “shopping for free”? Please contact me for more information.

We continue to have quilt kits, patterns and guidelines available at the guild meetings. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our efforts!

Vicki White, Chairman



## Librarians' Message

SCHNiBBLE? What is a SCHNiBBLE? Carrie Nelson is the quilt designer who has created many patterns under that name. Now, she has compiled a lot of these patterns into not one, but two books: “SCHNiBBLES Times Two” and another “BiTE OF SCHNiBBLES.” If you collect 5" or 10" squares, or just love working with squares, you'll enjoy these charming books. Each quilt pattern comes in two sizes: bigger than miniatures, and lap/wall quilt sizes. There are 48 patterns all together between the two books. What fun you'll have checking out both or just one of Carrie's books! Any style of fabric, or combinations thereof, will do.

Watch for another quilt mystery book or two this month. In addition, “Not Your Grandmother's Log Cabin Quilts,” by Sara Nephew, has been replaced in the inventory. It disappeared two years ago, and now the Library has new copy. It's amazing what can be done with your log-cabin blocks!

**NOTE:** Books checked out this month and last month won't be due until Jan.-Feb. 2012, as there will be no Library during the Holiday Party in December.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy December Holidays from Florence Debely and Cheryl McCurdy!!!

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return your checked out  
books promptly !*



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# Women's Prison Charity Recognition Event Report

by Barb Gabriel

When I stepped into the lobby, it looked like the entrance to a courthouse or hospital. I signed in and waited with the rest of the group. It wasn't until I went outside and saw the 12-foot-high chain link fences lined in coils of barbed wire that it really hit me: I was in a prison!

I attended the 8th Annual Charity Recognition Event at the Washington Corrections center for Women (WCCW) in Purdy for the first time with Norma Tipton and Ann Trujillo. I would like to share this experience with you and let you know how your donations to WCCW are used and how they affect the women there.

Once I got past the fences, the building looked like any other "institution," somewhat like a college campus. The women, though, were dressed in grey sweat pants, grey sweatshirts and grey t-shirts. The interior courtyard was beautifully landscaped, and Ann told me it was lovingly tended by the inmates.

The gymnasium was a bright and welcoming place. The walls were covered in quilts, and the tables that lined the entire room were piled high to overflowing with projects the inmates had completed over the past year. As I walked around, I read the signs placed on the piles. These were the charities that would benefit from the items made, and I was totally amazed at the variety of charities represented. Included in the list of 32 organizations were: American Hero, the group that gives every wounded warrior a quilt; Operation Write Home, which gives homemade cards of encouragement to overseas service members; Animal Rescue Families, which receives dog beds made by the inmates; Tacoma Breast Cancer Resource Center, for which the inmates made chemo hats; as well as Empowering Life, Sickle Cell Taskforce, Hope Heart Institute, Rebuilding Families, Tribal Summit and Monroe Gospel Women's Mission, all of which benefitted by the sale of auction quilts from the inmates.

The tables were brightly decorated with care: a red plastic tablecloth, starry placemats, a professionally printed program and matching cups and napkins. The dinner was chicken teriyaki, rice, a salad, rolls and two kinds of cake for dessert, all cooked by inmates and all very delicious. The program consisted of a welcome by Prison Superintendent Jane Parnell, and the Mistress of Ceremonies was Recreation Director Lynn Newark. The general speaker was Mr. Amin Arreola, Outreach Coordinator for the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, whose main theme was a thank-you to the inmates for their generosity and tenacity in creating a better place for themselves as well as those who would receive the fruits of their efforts.

A special quilt was also created for each of the volunteers who come in week after week to help the women at WCCW in teaching them skills of sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting and pottery, and most of the charities were represented. The final count of items made was announced and I was astounded. There were over 3,400 individual items made in one year. There was also a craft-room sale, where, for just a few dollars, we could purchase quilts, jewelry, pottery, and knitted and crocheted items, all made by the inmates.

The main thing I saw that evening was pride. Each inmate there had created one or more of the items to be given to charity or for sale. But they always need donations of fabric, batting, skeins of yarn et cetera, and everything is greatly appreciated. Your donations benefit so many more than just the women at WCCW.



## Christmas Block Exchange

Make fifteen of the same 6 1/2" unfinished blocks in a Christmas motif, horizontal setting (not on point), for exchange. Blocks must be made of cotton. Put your name in a margin on the back of each. (Make 16 if you want to keep one for yourself!) Put the blocks in a quart sized (or larger) plastic zipper bag with your name on it — permanent marker preferred. Blocks will be distributed based on degree of difficulty. Example: Hand-appliquéd blocks and mariner's star are far more difficult than a square in a square, shoofly, friendship star, etc. Blocks made on an embroidery machine will be counted as average unless the degree of difficulty is exceptional. **Not Accepted:** Blocks smaller than 6 1/2" unfinished, nor 4 or 9 patch blocks. Extensive use of synthetics, felt, flannel (these are acceptable for embellishment only). **Permitted:** Embellishments, fusing for adhering motif—but must be stitched down. You may do more than one set. Blocks will be accepted at the November meeting. After that I have arranged for a drop-off point at Heirloom Quilts until December 8 or mail them, but they must get to me by December 8th. The blocks will be distributed at the Christmas party on December 13. (If you do not attend the Christmas party, I will bring the blocks to the Jan. 2012 meeting) — Jean Feth, 6054 Sandpiper Ct, Bremerton WA 98312, 360-479-2892.

## Antique Quilts

Several examples of antique quilts are requested for display in the 2012 Quilt Show. The theme of this show is ***Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow*** so we are looking for a few good examples of antique quilts to represent the “yesterday” of quilt making. If you have one or more antique quilts that you may be willing to loan please contact Juanita Thornton at (360) 394-3886, or email: [rjthornton@comcast.net](mailto:rjthornton@comcast.net) Antique quilts will be displayed *on a space available basis*, and, since information about these quilts will not be included in the show catalog, Juanita will prepare statements containing any known history about the items for posting with the quilts. Let’s try for quilts made in, or before, the 1920s. Also preferred are quilts that have not been shown previously – unless they are particularly appropriate to the theme of the show and may contain “used” (or recycled) fabrics. Please remember to register your antique quilts through Juanita - and not through Jaxine Anderson who processes entries of contemporary items made by guild members.



### RAFFLE TICKETS

***PLEASE***, Ladies, pick up your packages of 10 tickets that you are obligated to buy as part of your membership. It would be wonderful if you managed to buy more, as this is our major fundraiser for the year. It’s the one that pays for all the wonderful programs we have: For hall rental, supplies for our charity-quilt projects, and all other costs associated with running our organization.

If you will not be attending any of the meetings, you may mail me a check for \$10.00 or more and I will put your name on the stubs and return the other part to you. Send to Margaret Mathisson, 2670 NE Lillehammer Lane, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

***REMINDER: It’s time to renew your Kitsap Quilters Membership, so PLEASE mail in those memberships! Just download and print the form from the website and add your check for \$24.00.***

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## Get Well, Vicki!

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While Vicki White is recuperating from her recent injuries, Gladys Schulz and Cheri Penttila will help with the collection and distribution of Cuddle Quilts. We send Vicki our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery, and hope you'll continue to support "Cuddles" while Gladys and Cheri are helping out!!!



## Mark Your Calendars!

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A one-day retreat has been scheduled! If you think you might need one more good day of sewing to finish up items for the quilt show, then make sure you attend this day of sewing fun at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church, located at 9300 Nels Nelson Road in Bremerton. *Hope to see you there!!!*

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

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



## 2012 Quilt Show

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I wake up thinking, "What have I forgotten?" Many things go into the creating of the quilt show — and many people are needed to help pull it off successfully. This is your opportunity to participate in the main guild activity fundraiser and have fun while doing so.

We are looking for volunteers for all aspects of the show. CarolAnn Jackson and Peggy Kent will have sign-up sheets at the meetings beginning this month. 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 (at the exits), hostesses (a.k.a. "white gloves"), front door, boutique, silent auction help, and many, many more positions.

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 mem-

bers. My daughter once won a huge basket with all things Italian sponsored by a small quilt group in CA. It included Italian-themed fabric, wine, pasta, decorative plates (made in Italy), a copy of The Godfather and a Puccini opera CD. Think about what you might be able to put together. You can also help by donating baskets to the cause.

Sherry Loomis is chairing the boutique, and looking for handmade items to include for sale. 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?

Wanted: Advertising Chair - Yes, I'm advertising for an Advertising Chair (or co-chair) for the catalog ads. Advertising offsets the cost of creating the catalog, and is an important part of the income to the show. Please volunteer - we're getting closer to the show, and I need someone to handle this position. Contact me if you can help.

I'm still looking for a shadow. This position can be shared by two people, and you have lots of support and experience behind you.

Quilt registration will begin the end of this month. Judging criteria and categories will be posted on the web for your reference. I will send out an e-mail blast when these items are available on the web.

Mary Ann Hooker,  
Quilt Show Chair



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## Last Words

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**MYSTERY TABLERUNNER:** We're hoping you've got a good start on your new tablerunner. It's easy enough to make in a weekend, while still being a bit of a challenge in making those points match! I already have spring, fall and Christmas tablerunners, so I made a really bright one for summer. This would be great in red, white and blue, too!!! The pattern is on the website. You can access it by just clicking on the button marked "2011 Mystery Quilt." If you aren't able to download it for some reason, let me know and I'll mail it to you. I hope you're having fun with this pattern, If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail at [sew1day@msn.com](mailto:sew1day@msn.com) or by phone at 360-895-0632... Barbara Seitz

**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.

**"GREEN" CHALLENGE:** More information available on the website under the "2012 Quilt Show" tab.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS and CLASSES:** This information can be accessed from a tab on the website.

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