North Central Washington Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Corner

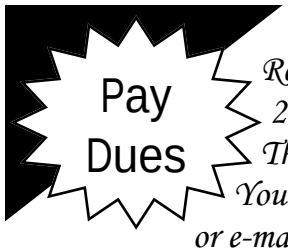
Happy New Year, Quilters!

The holidays are passed, the decorations are headed for storage, the children and grandchildren are back in school, and the gardens are covering in frost and snow. There is nothing quite like settling into winter with a warm quilt project on your lap. It is time to make a cup of tea and pick up some fabric and a needle again. I have spoken with some quilters who are ambitiously sorting, refolding, and organizing their stashes. Others are planning new projects for the year ahead. My New Year's resolution is to complete several specific UFOs in time for the fall quilt show. What are your quilting plans for 2012? The warm and welcoming community of quilters in the NCW Quilt Guild are ready, as always, to support, encourage, and inspire you.

The NCW Quilt Guild is fortunate to be meeting again at the Masonic Center at 811 N. Chelan Street, but we had to make a few scheduling adjustments. The first meeting is at 6:30 on January 18, 2012. Please note this is the **3rd**, not the last, Wednesday of the month. Other changes include the February meeting which will be February 22 and the August meeting which will be August 22. All other meetings in 2012 will be on the last Wednesday of the month (with no meetings in July or December.)

I would like to start this year by thanking all of you who contributed so much to making last year a very successful year. We had another amazing quilt show with hundreds of delightful and beautiful quilts on display. The retreats and the sew-in were also well attended and very productive. The fruitful efforts of many quilters have graced our monthly show-and-tell, filled the displays at the annual quilt show, and blessed the Comfort Quilts, Palliative Care, CASA, Meals on Wheels, Quilts of Valor and others with many beautiful quilted items. I feel honored to be a part of such a creative, caring, generous, and hard working group of quilters, and I look forward to seeing the positive energy of last year being carried forward into 2012.

Ann Baye NCWQG President



Reminder– It is time to pay for your 2012 Membership. We would like These submitted by February. If You have a change of address, phone, or e-mail, please write that down clearly and give it to the membership committee at the next meeting or call Wilma @ 509-670-2612

Treasurer's report as of January 9, 2012

12-18 Month CD	$1,151.52
6-7year CD	6,475.98
Checking	4,116.30
Regular Savings	5,252.96
Scholarship Savings	2,531.27
Total Current Assets	$19,528.03

- There are currently 216 members in the Guild

The purpose of NCW Quilt Guild is to preserve and continue the traditions, culture and history of quilting; to contribute to the knowledge of and to promote the appreciation of the art of quilt making; to sponsor and support quilting activities by exhibitions, lectures and workshops offered to the general public; to encourage quilt making and collecting.

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2012 Quilt Show
Committees and Chairs

Quilt Show Chair – Linda Riesterer-663-1047 Co-Chair (2012 Chair) – Louise Brown
Admissions – Terry Murphy
Awards - Judy Preston
Ballot Counting - Jan Hashberger/Lenora Branstetter
Bed Turning - Judy Lundberg
Boutique - Darlene Johnson
CD/Slide Show – Jill Therriault
Challenge 2013- Sandy Ashbrook
Community Display - Donna Rankin/Ann Beckman
Database - Sharon Paine
Frames Transport - Jill and Ed Therriault
Hospitality Room - Judy Preston
Layout - Donald Larson
Marketing - Jill Therriault
Merchant Mall/Exhibitors/Sponsors -Jill Therriault
Props-
Publicity-Judy West
Quilt Facilitator/Set-up-Deanna Navonne
Quilt Return-Patty Stith
Raffle Quilt 2012-Diane Mitchell
Raffle Quilt 2012 Display/ Tickets-Donna Smith
Raffle Quilt 2013-Barbara Vincent
Take In- Sandy Ashbrook
Set-up-Louise Brown/Donald Larson
Silent Auction-
Silent Demos-Lenora Branstetter
Tear Down-**Jan Davies**
White Glove-Diane Mitchell
Guest Guild-Brooke Thomsen
In Remembrance of..-Brooke Thomsen
Clean Up-

NCW Quilt Guild Meetings

Masonic Center 811 N. Chelan 6:30 PM Social Hour 7:00 PM Meeting

2012 Programs

January 18, 2012-We will be getting to know Donald Larson and his quilts. Donald will share his quilting history, his current work and a peek at his sewing room.

February 22, 2012-Linda Riesterer and Louise Brown will talk about what makes a great quilt show. They will explain all the many jobs involved and review the last show.

March 28, 2012- Dee Howie will do a program on working with wool. She will show a variety of techniques and supplies to use on your wool work. We will be showing some fabulous examples of wool quilted projects and if you have something to share please bring it along.

Quilt Show

As you know, I have sent out a survey to get your input about the future of the quilt show. (If you haven't returned yours yet, please do. We still want to know what you think). I will share the results of that at the February guild meeting. Many of you took the time to write thoughtful comments and some of you raised the same issues that concerned me when I took on the chairmanship of the show for 2012. I think it might be helpful to explain some of the background work that has been done in this newsletter so that we all have the same information.

I, too, was concerned with the expense of renting the Town Toyota Center, so I took a serious look at other venues.

The Chelan County Fairgrounds in Cashmere has a large building, but the lighting is very poor and I don't think there is any way to get the floor clean enough so that there wouldn't be a lot of dust raised by people walking around looking at quilts. In addition, I think attendance would be reduced if people had do drive that "far" out of Wenatchee. Also, the ground around the fairgrounds is uneven and might present walking problems for some people.

Wenatchee High School commons and entry area (the gyms are not available). There would be room for the quilts and vendors, but probably not for demonstration and bed turning areas. In addition the show would have to be changed to early summer and the High School could not guarantee it would be available every year, depending on the building's maintenance needs. There would be security issues as most high school employees have access to the building at any time and the building would only allow district employees to serve as security—and that would depend on if anybody wanted the job.

Performing Arts Center, where we used to have the show, has a nice area upstairs, but there are scheduling problems. They will not allow us to book more than 6 months in advance and will not guarantee the same weekend every year. This makes it very hard to advertise and schedule vendors. In addition, the Center will bump us from the upstairs room if something better for them comes along—they can make more money from something like a wedding reception that serves food and drink. In that case we are sent to the downstairs and have the quilt show broken up into several rooms, and crowding the vendors.

I did not look specifically at any churches. I am not aware of any with a large enough area and I don't think many would be willing to give over their facility to us for 3 days just before a Sunday. The Grange Halls I have visited are not nearly big enough.

That brings us back to Town Toyota Center. I have concluded (somewhat to my surprise) that this is our best choice as a venue. I think almost everyone agrees the facility is very nice and allows us to have a very classy quilt show. Terry Hunter and the quilt show committee last year did an excellent job in reducing expenses. Costs for the 2011 show increased by only .08% as compared with over 30% in some of the previous years. I met with the Town Toyota Center events and facilities managers and they had some suggestions for ways to save money and increase ticket sales. The Quilt Show Committee will be discussing these and bring any feasible ideas to the guild membership.

I hope this answers some questions you may have and I look forward to sharing the survey results at the February Guild meeting.

Linda Riesterer
2012 Quilt Show Chair

Why are these ladies so happy? They're enjoying the last few moments of the 2011 Quilt Show at the Town Toyota Center. (And someone asked Doni why she is sitting in the "L" row-with LaVonne, Lynn, Louise and Linda)

Quilt Show CD's

If you want to purchase a CD of the 2011 Quilt Show, please pay $10 at the January meeting. Only prepaid orders will be filled.

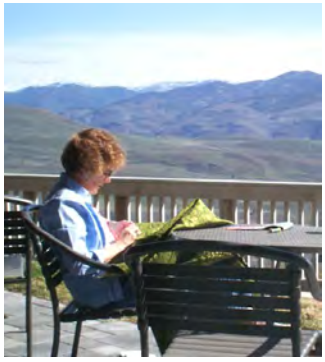
As the Sponsor and Merchant Mall Chair person, at this time I have nothing to report. I get started contacting all the past participants this month and will have a report for the next newsletter cycle. I could, however, put out a request for members to send me names of any merchants they would like me to contact that they would like to see at our show this coming year. I would also request that any members who have any kind of business be made aware that we will be offering business card size advertising space in our programs to offset the cost of printing for $25.00 ea. It would be very supportive and beneficial to them to be included in this way. I will be pursuing those commitments starting in February.

I am still looking for a co-chair to bring along side me who might learn this job and take it over next year as I will be stepping down. It is a fun task with lots of interaction with great people. I have many opportunities to share with the community the mission and values of our guild, and get great satisfaction as they come to realize the contribution we make to the community. I also get to work closely with a number of guild members whom I have enjoyed getting to know over the years. Please contact me if you are interested or have questions @ 509.663.9165 or jilltherriault@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Jill Therriault

"Real women don't have hot flashes,

They have Power Surges"

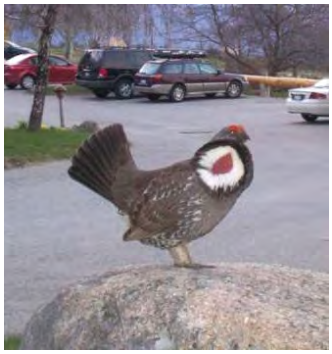


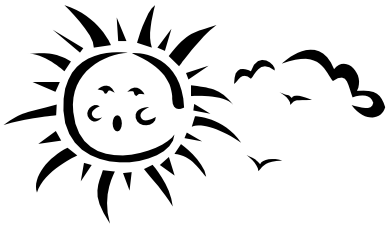
Geraldine enjoys hand-stitching on the deck over-looking the beautiful Methow Valley.

Quilting Retreats

Our next retreat will be April 20- 22, 2012 at the Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop. To reserve your spot please pay $10 to Sandy Ashbrook. This is a beautiful place to spend time with your friends, sewing, relaxing and catching up on those UFO's. Call the lodge to reserve your room now; 509-996-2211.

This Ruffed Grouse greeted us early in the morning by flashing his feathers and bellowing loudly.





Sunshine Committee
Cards of Condolence and Get Well were sent to Jo Baumgart, Ann Beckman and Rose Butler. If you know of a Guild member who is in need of a little cheering up, please contact Dianne Gillin 664-5295

Www.ncwquilt.org

Remember, you may review Guild Meeting Minutes on line, read the newsletter, see fun retreat photos, check out the Block of the Month Patterns and more.

Comfort Quilts

If you know of a person or family in our community who is going through difficult times, and would benefit from receiving a comforting quilt, please call Debbie Egan 886-2627

Raffle Quilt 2012

Dianne Mitchell has taken on the task of creating our raffle quilt this year and the pattern she chose is called Pineapple Salsa, from the 2010 issue of Fons and Porter magazine The Love Of Quilting. Many members helped paper piece the colorful blocks, and more are helping to appliqué flowers and quilt it. Thank you to everyone who is helping. Would you like to do another similar project? Dianne is contemplating an English paper pieced project if you'd like to join her.

Dream Rocket Project

There are four of us in the "LEM-4 Group" (Lunar Exploration Module) we each did a one-square foot depiction of the history of space exploration - mine is the bright red hot air balloon.
I'm really proud to be a part of this project.
Chris Gilman, Close Encounterpanes
Check out images of artwork included in this exhibit at http://www.flickr.com/photos/thedreamrocket/sets/72157627064717100/

★WHAT IS THE DREAM ROCKET PROJECT?
The Dream Rocket Team is collecting nearly 8,000 artworks from participants around the globe. The artwork will be assembled together to create a massive cover in which will wrap a 37 story Saturn V Moon Rocket at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. We will also be displaying submitted artwork in dozens of national venues prior to the wrapping of the Saturn V. Additionally, we are posting images of submitted artwork & their stories on our Website, Flickr, and Facebook.The Dream Rocket project uses the Saturn V Moon Rocket as a symbolism of universal values of the human spirit. Optimism, hope,

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Guild Meeting Location

The Quilt Guild meetings are held at the Masonic Center, 811 N. Chelan Ave, Wenatchee at 6:30 PM

Our web address: www.newquilt.org

Our Guild Library is at Andrew's Sew n Vac 136 N. Chelan Ave, Wenatchee