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Evergreen Piecemakers Quilt Guild NEWS

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Dates to Remember

Joyful Quilters
Friday April 8th
Calvary Chapel South
10-2

Business Meeting
Monday April 14th
at 7pm

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Joyful Quilters
Sunday, April 27th
7pm at Trains

Program Night
April 28th at 7pm

President's Corner *From: Nan and Christine*

Our Quilt Show will be here sooner than we know! ***Did you sign the volunteer sheets at the last meeting?***

There are so many opportunities to help put on a wonderful showing of the many talents of EP members. Also, ***don't forget to sell those raffle tickets.***

The Quilt Show Committee is to be commended for working hard and doing such a fine job; now we have to support them by doing our share by volunteering one or more tasks.

New this year at our show will be a membership booth, located close to our featured artist, Barb Frazier.

We need volunteers for this, too. It is a great time to talk-up our guild.

Dona, our guild program chair has suggested a "contest" where, whoever

brings in the most members over a certain period of time would get a \$10 gift certificate to her quilt shop, Trains. What do you think? Do you have some ideas? One member's suggestion was to survey the members who have dropped out the last couple of years to try to pinpoint why they left.

Nan and I are eager to hear all ideas and suggestions. You can e-mail either one of us or call me: 253-529-1378. See you on the 28th!

Christine Palmer



Happy April Birthday!

Nan Naubert	4/3	Carol Stevens	4/18
Mary Puthuff	4/4	Aletha Gilbreth	4/20
Verla Mellema	4/8	Margie Akers	4/22
Elaine Earl	4/9	Yvonne Cottell	4/23
Sylvia Jacobus	4/11	Mimi Miller	4/25

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Quilt Show Info

**The 2011 EP Quilt Show will be held at the
Kent Commons Facility
May 20-21, 2011**

The Quilt Show Team is working hard to make this years show a fun time for all. If you have any questions regarding the show please contact

Gail Christianer: 206-938-1791 or
Ginger Bowne: 206-271-0694.

If we can't answer your question, we will direct you to someone who can.

We are asking that quilt registrations be given to **Yvonne Cottell or Mary Allen by April 25th, 2011.**

Volunteers are still needed to work the show and to provide baked goodies and we are still in need of Small Quilts and fat quarters donations.

For additional information please see the quilt show page on the Evergreen Piecemakers Web page:

<http://www.evergreenpiecemakers.com>



Our members mean so much to us and when they're hurting, we would like to let them know we miss them and are thinking of them.

Sometimes waiting until the guild meetings delays getting cards out to members in a timely manner. So please, whenever you hear of someone who needs encouragement, please don't hesitate to call me or e-mail me with their name. I have a full stack of beautiful cards just waiting to brighten up someone's day!

Linda Zarges, 253-833-6817 Quiltsome@comcast.net or ronvz@comcast.net

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS By Elizabeth Larson

General Meeting of Evergreen Piecemakers for March 14, 2011

Treasurer – regular account and retreats has \$38,656. Regular and CDs has \$24,986. We've taken in \$1,500 in dues, and \$1,600 vendor fees for quilt show. Shirley Durgan moved to accept budget, it was seconded and passed. The Shirley's balanced the books.

Melissa Santiago – can we change gift/gallery to Small Quilts or the other way around. Change line items to Small quilts.

Quilt Show

Gail Christianer is out of town. Before the next program meeting there will be a quilt show meeting at 6pm, beginning to plan the awards party.

Registration – Accepting registrations, you can give forms to Yvonne whether you're absolutely sure or think you're going to put something in but aren't finished with it yet. There are forms available for entries, and junior entries, and instructions. They are online as well.

Some categories were changed, there is large bed and large duet then medium and small bed were combined and medium and small duet were combined. More categories are wear, bowls and bags, home décor and first entry.

April 25th deadline for submission. Drop off on Friday before the show, May 20th. Instructions should be on the website soon. There are unlimited entries per person as of now.

There are only about 10 entries at the moment. If you submitted preliminary forms, if you don't pull out, you don't need to fill out another form. If you didn't fill out the bottom, it needs to be filled out to put on the back of your quilt

Volunteers – Sheets have been set out for volunteer sign ups. Jobs are first come first serve.

We always need people to help with hanging and tearing down. You can also sign up to bake things for the café.

Fat quarters – We are in Kelso on our Quilters Journey. We need around 300 more fat quarters to get to our end point in Seattle. We all have a journey as a quilter whether it's how you started or mistakes you learned from. If you want to participate by telling your story, Melissa Santiago has forms you can fill out.

Small Quilts – in January there was a sew in where people made around a dozen things for small quilts. There will be another on March 18th from 9:30 – 2pm.

Publicity – Flyers for the quilt show are available. Take some and ask at quilt stores whether they will put one in their window

Boutique – Time to think about what you want to put into sell. If you have to pay taxes on what you sell, include it in your prices. After people sign up, Irene can look at what we will have so she can figure out how to organize. 10% of earnings go to the guild. It doesn't have to be just sewing related.

Raffle Quilt 2011 – Tickets and pictures are available

2012 Quilt – A 9 pineapple medallion in the middle will be on point with square in a square and French braid borders and another border of pineapple blocks.

Minutes cont'd

Joyful Quilters – Next meeting is in two weeks. Next Trains quilting day is on the 27th. We've met our quota for the Royal Family Kids Camp. Experimenting with strips, making jelly rolls to hand out so people can make quilts with them for Joyful Quilters. Larger Auction quilts are sometimes asked for if people want to donate them. \$10 gift certificate to Trains for the drawing goes to Amber Wittmayer.

Membership – Still getting renewals. Visitor tonight is Sandy Grantham. Directories will be out in about a month.

Block of the Month – 32 Snail's Trail blocks were turned in, they go to Ginger Bowne. Next month's is Modern Glass. Solids are preferred

APWQ – A show booklet is available, but is also downloadable. The show is August 26th-28th at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center. The deadline for the call to entry is April 30th. The gala is Saturday the 27th. Thursday the 25th is the awards ceremony and you get to go to the show preview. There are 102 vendors and there are lectures and events, instructors for hire

Retreats – Camp Huston – One spot is available for 5 (\$350) or 6 days (\$405). 3 meals a day and you get your own table and your own room. May 1st through 7th, you come after 4pm on Sunday if you come 6 days, if you come for 5, your first meal is dinner at the retreat.

Seabeck – full, with a waiting list April Dumas Bay – There may be openings for day timers.

Fons and Porter subscription deadline is March 31st. \$15 for a year of Fons and Porter Love of Quilting plus two booklets (one on quilting patterns, one on scrap quilts), and Sulky thread. If you haven't received your magazines let Yvonne know. If it's a renewal, check your label to see if it's been extended. The Sulky thread takes 6 to 8 weeks. Make the check out to Evergreen Piecemakers.

Library – no brand new books but good books have been returned

Round Robins – Group assignments went out tonight.

Thursday group is at Rosie Carolan's

Programs – *Joen Wolfrom will be the program on the 28th with a slideshow in the evening. There is a class from 10 to 4 during the day.*

Supply lists should be sent out soon if you signed up. Her new color theory in a poster form is out now. April program is being worked on. May will be the day after the quilt show and will be a celebration and awards ceremony. June is usually the garage sale. Tickets will be color coded, talk to Dona. Gayle Pulley is willing to give a Sunday class at Trains, the same price as the program was (\$20) and supplies are provided, let Dona know if you're interested.

Many of us haven't been to the Sisters, OR quilt show and we're thinking of having a two day bus trip to go down to see it if there is enough interest.

A Quilter's Journey
~Quilt Show~
Presented by
Evergreen Piecemakers
May 21-22, 2011
Saturday 10am-5pm & Sunday 10am-4pm

Merchant Mall, Gift Gallery,
Special Displays of Round Robin and
9-Patch Exchange Quilts, Small Quilt Sales,
Fat Quarter Raffle, Opportunity Quilt,
Show-Me-How Demos,
Dessert Cafe

Featured Quilter: Barb Frazier
Kent Commons
525 Fourth Ave. N., Kent, Wa
(West of Kent Station)
Donation: \$5.00

"Tell Me How"

FABRIC: Should I use it in my quilt...or not?

Fabric is to a quilter as paint is to the artist, so you want your fabrics to be beautiful, durable and work together. Fortunately for us in the west, fabric shops are abundant...and there are a plethora of catalogs and websites from which we can order fabric.

Most of us use cotton, adding specialty fabrics here and there for that "sparkle". If you use these specialty fabrics, like lame' for instance, be sure that what you choose is washable. Check on the end of the bolt for cleaning instructions and other information about the fabric.

Unfortunately, not all cottons are created equal. The fabrics in shops devoted to the art of quilting are usually just fine. Sometimes you might run across a bargain bin with fabrics that "feel" okay due to the sizing in the fabric, but after washing, they become limp and often times resemble cheesecloth. Check the thread count against a quality piece of fabric, which isn't easy because the thread count is rarely ever listed on the sticker at the end of the bolt. You'll just have to use your eyes and your best judgment. As with bed linens, the more threads per inch, the higher the quality. Don't buy anything that feels stiff with sizing or is so thin you can see through it.

Fabric pack rats sometimes impulsively purchase a fabric without thinking of the quality of the fabrics or even what their fabric contents are...especially those from the bargain bins.

Always try to avoid polyester. So, how does one determine whether or not the fabric is polyester?

The first step is to read the bolt end IF the fabric is wrapped on the original bolt. You could always ask a store clerk, but it has been my experience that they sometimes are not very knowledgeable about fabric.

The second step is to feel it. Polyester tends to feel slippery and slides easily together. Cotton doesn't. Be careful here because poly-cotton blends may be less slippery. Fold an edge and finger press it. Cotton will hold the crease, polyester and blends don't.

The third, and most dramatic, step is to burn it. Remember high school chemistry... at least the parts you're supposed to remember? Cut off a small section of the fabric, hold it with tweezers over a can or piece of waxed paper, and ignite it. Polyester burns, melts, and shrinks away from the flame. It also has a sweet smell, gives off black smoke and leaves a hard bead on the waxed paper.

Cotton leaves a fine ash when burnt and smells like burning leaves or wood. Do NOT do this experiment in the store.

However, as my father used to say, "If in doubt, don't".



JOYFUL QUILTERS

Joyful Quilters Next Meeting
APRIL 8th 10 AM to 2 PM

On the fourth Sunday of the month we invite you to join us at Trains Quilt Shop in Tacoma for an afternoon of free motion quilting on Donna's two long arm machines. Please reserve your spot by signing up at guild meetings or by e-mail to Judy Gage.

Joyful Quilters 2011 Meeting Dates

Calvary Chapel South

- April 22nd (Good Friday)
- May 6 and 20 June 10 and 24
- July 8 and 22 August 5 and 19
- September 9 & 23 October 7 and 21
- November 11 December 9

Joyful Quilters contacts:

Judy Gage - Agage12345@aol.com

Linda Zarges - Quiltsome@comcast.net

The location is room #11 at Calvary Chapel South, the old Kent Elementary School across from city hall and the police station in Kent. Parking and entrance is at the north end of the building.



JOYFUL QUILTERS HAVE MET PILLOWCASE QUOTA

We now have wonderful pillowcases to hold each of the 66 quilts that will be given to foster kids who attend Royal Family Kids Camp this summer. So many of you participated in this fun project and Joyful Quilters was able to use up a lot of donated novelty kids fabric. Each pillowcase is truly a joy to behold.

Coming to our charity sewing Fridays is like attending a mini retreat. We enjoy sharing, laughing, and sewing together. I guarantee there is something for each of you to do. We usually have a special focus but you can do whatever inspires you. All supplies are furnished as well as three portable sewing machines.

We continue to work at this year's challenge--reducing our scrap supply by cutting usable 2 1/2-inch strips and making our own jelly rolls. We are accepting your 2 1/2-inch strips a minimum of 7 1/2-inches long and any orphan blocks you may want to give a new home.

We have many quilts to quilt and welcome you to experience long arm quilting at Trains and Fabrics in Tacoma. On the fourth Sunday of the month from 11 am until 4 pm Dona donates her machines for charity quilting. Please come and help and practice your free motion quilting skills. Bring a potluck item to share for lunch.

It always amazes me to see the variety of beautiful quilts made for community service. To view a list of quilt recipients and more information about Joyful Quilters, go to the Evergreen Piecemakers website. Click on "Fun Things We Do" then choose community service

Joyful Quilters meet twice monthly on the Fridays before guild meetings.

We begin at 10 am and finish around 2 pm.

We usually work on a group project but you are welcome to do whatever you like best.

General Retreat Information

The Guild sponsors a number of retreats throughout the year. Retreats are a wonderful way to pamper yourself while working on your own projects (finishing UFOs, starting a new project or working on something else). Retreats are stand-alone events whose costs are fully paid by the participants and require a deposit to hold a spot, with payment of the balance prior to the event.

Each retreat has a different refund policy. Retreats generally fill up fast there are always waiting lists. The Guild treasurer manages any funds associated with the retreats but those funds are not part of the operating budget. Retreats are open to Guild members first and then if there are spaces left to fill by a certain date they are opened to non-members.

Below is a list of some of the current retreats.

Dumas Bay Centre in Federal Way: Enjoy beautiful views of Puget Sound, good lighting, a comfortable quilting room, dinner and breakfast from Friday through the last day of the retreat. You'll have your own private room with half bath. The showers and tub are down the hall. You can enjoy walking the grounds and beach access is nearby. Although you'll feel like you're a million miles from home, you'll have only a short commute.

Several retreats are at Dumas Bay:

Contact the retreat coordinator for more information (exact dates & cost):

February: President's Day weekend,

4 day retreat: Contact **Mimi Miller, 253-549-0709** or miller.mimi@gmail.com

May: Memorial Day weekend,

4 day retreat. Contact **Barbara Frazier 253-813-5647** or barbarafrazier@earthlink.net

September: Labor Day weekend.

4 day retreat. Contact **Linda Zarges, quiltsome@comcast.net** or **Carol Stevens, cinthewoods@comcast.net**

October: Usually the 3rd weekend.

3 day retreat. Contact **Lou Sawyer, dakotaboos@msn.com** (*Note change*)

December: Usually the 1st weekend.

3 day retreat. Contact **Sandy Burroughs, burroughs_s@comcast.net**

Other retreats:

Camp Huston at Gold Bar: The Guild has been going to Camp Huston the 1st week in May for over 25 years. Currently full, contact **Mary Allen, marynbob@juno.com**, if you are interested in being put onto the wait list.

Seabeck on Hood Canal – Held in October, currently full, contact **Dana Ekblad, danaekblad@comcast.net**, if you are interest in being put onto the wait list.



C'mon--GIVE YOURSELF A TREAT!



ADVERTISING RATES

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Quarter Page Ad: \$18.00.....4 1/2" h x 3 1/2" w

Eighth Page Ad/Business Card: \$10.00.....2 1/4" h x 3 1/2" w OR

\$60.00 for one single ad to be repeated for twelve months.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES

Classified advertising is for private non- business individuals.

EP Members: \$.20 word Non-EP members: \$.40 word

INSERTIONS

Pre-Printed, one side: \$25.00 Preprinted, two sides: \$40.00

DEADLINES

Submission of articles • ads • insertions must be received by the 15th of each month



Evergreen Piecemakers

Quilt Guild

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Kent, WA 98066

Meeting Location:

First Christian Church

11717 SE 240th ST

Kent, WA 98030

Meeting Schedule

Business Meeting: 2nd Mondays ~ 7:00 pm

Program Meeting: 4th Mondays ~ 7:00 pm

