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Evergreen Piecemakers Quilt Guild NEWS

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Dates to Remember



Joyful Quilters
Friday January 7th
Calvary Chapel South
10-2

Business Meeting
Monday January 10th
at 7pm

Joyful Quilters
Friday January 21st
Calvary Chapel South
10-2

Program Night
January 24th
at 7pm

Joyful Quilters
Sunday, January 23rd
at Trains

**Time to Renew
your membership
to this
Fantastic
Organization**

President's Corner

Vicki Gruszniewski

I can't believe the year is over and my job as president of Evergreen Piecemakers has come to an end. I've had such a wonderful time working with you. I've had a great time the past two years with some of my old friends and gotten to know some wonderful new friends. Thank you so much to Alice, Barb, Melanie, Irene and Nadeen, some very special ladies. Many thanks to all who participated in the past two years. I hope you all had a good time. I'll say it one more time: **Quilters are the most generous people and it has been an honor to be your president.**

I look forward to the next year with Nan, Christine, Dona and Elizabeth.

I know they must have some great plans for us. Thank you for all that you have done to make this a great experience for the guild. Keep on quilting.

Vicki Gruszniewski



A NOTE FROM THE WINNER OF THE 2010 RAFFLE QUILT

Hi Vicki,

Yes, it came Saturday and was a great surprise. I had forgotten it was arriving, so opening it was fun. It is beautiful and we'll be thinking of the best place to display it—and show it off to our quilting friends.

Susan and I would like to thank you for sending it and organizing the event and all of the women who contributed their time, expertise and creativity in the making of it. Though it's not from my family, it feels like a family quilt for us. A great connection is that we were in Roslyn for a wonderful wedding, so it already comes with built in memories. Is there anything we need to know about its care and feeding? If we get it dirty, what's the best way to clean it? Thank you all again for a very special quilt.

Regards,
Dwight and Susan Gregory

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The Evergreen Piecemakers is a non-profit organization and exists to promote and preserve the art and craft of Quilting.

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STASH BUSTER'S CHALLENGE HAS ENDED ... *But don't stop there.*

Congrats to all who were inspired by our year long challenge to dig into our stashes and produce quilts. We all enjoyed seeing the creative ways fabric can come together to touch someone's life. Thanks to all who participated. You should be very proud of yourselves.

Congratulations to all our winners, the latest of which was Elizabeth Larson and Shirley Lane.

For those who didn't meet our challenge, I hope this gave you inspiration to get motivated to whittle down your stash and make a quilt for someone you love, or maybe just for yourself! What a concept! We'll look forward to seeing those quilts at Show n' Tell in 2011!

Yvonne Cottell

NEVER ENDING GARAGE SALE

Remember, you can reserve a spot during any business meeting for your own personal garage sale. Clean out that stash to make room for the new stash. No charge for sharing your treasures, just give 25% back to the guild.

Contact Vicki Gruszniewski to schedule.



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
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Quilt Show

Quilt Show activities are perking along quietly and will gain momentum in January. **Amber Wittmeyer** designed a nifty logo and flyer for us and **Ada** has flyers ready for us to take to shops and group bulletin boards. Please pick up some at the next meeting. Please turn in pre-registration forms on anything you think you might finish by the May 20 drop-off date.

One thing I've NOT seen while at the quilt shows I've attended this fall is **proper credit given to the pattern designer.**

Please include the pattern name and author (if you have author info) for any quilts you are making from patterns. Not just for "legal" reasons, but because many of us then see a pattern we'd like to purchase.

Happy Quilting everyone!

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

General Meeting of Evergreen Piecemakers for
November 8, 2010

Welcome: Introduction of Executive Cabinet

Minutes: Nan moved to accept the minutes with Lucy seconding and approved

Budget: Total amount of income from the raffle quilt \$3824, the financials went out last week. No big changes, she expects a large bill from Irene from our last program and she thinks we will still look pretty good for the year.

Program Notes: Irene stated that payment is needed tonight for the Joen workshop. She has a list of members that are signed up to take this course and a supply list. Regarding the Joen workshop if you cannot find all of the supplies, just get as many as you can. Christmas Part is December 13th which is also Elizabeth's Larsen's 21st birthday. We will start at 6pm that night, bring a dish. The utensils are under discussion at this time. There will be a game with a prize. Table decorations, music will be furnished. Gift Exchange; if you choose, is a \$10 limit on the gift. WE will be collecting HUGS, which consists of: Hats, Underwear, Gloves and Scarves to be donated.

Elections: Lou Sawyer announced the nominations:

Co-presidents: Nan Naubert and Christine Palmer,
Co-VP (Programs) Dona Dvorak, and Gail Christianer,
Treasurer Ginger Bowne and **Secretary** Elizabeth Larson. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved to accept the slate as presented. They were elected unanimously.

Joyful Quilters: There was a **wonderful display of 118 Challenge Quilts** in the foyer. Judy Gage and Linda Zargas, Please come to Joyful Quilters on Friday the 19th to help make these quilts, it is like a mini-retreat. November 28th they will be going to Trains and get a lot of quilts made. Friday December 10th will be the last meeting for the year 2010. They will do a quick Make & Take, and have a potluck so bring something to share. **Shirley Lane** received (L) viewer's choice. Joyful Quilter's choose **Brenda Camp's** Christmas penguin. She received a batik pack. The next winner was most original by **Diane Kono**. **Kay Davis** received the most quilts turned in for the challenge. The drawing winner for November was **Cindy Hanwright**.

Raffle Quilt '10: Is now a fond memory. Thanks to **Irene** for the design, the appliquers were thanked and **Nan** kept all of the funds straight. Thanks to **Cindy Hanwright** for sheparding the quilt & **Susan Kelly** for taking pictures. Vicki read the thank you from the winner of the quilt. *See the actual thank you in the Newsletter.*

Raffle Quilt "11: The new quilt was shown off, the quilting was beautiful and really sets the quilt off, it was quilted by Noell Pfaff. The guild is currently researching the purchase of a new display rack for the display of our raffle quilt. We need a Marketeer for the 2011 quilt. Vicki really wants someone to step forward, if no one does she will do it. We also need a new person to take on the keeping of the financials. Raffle Quilt 2012 – We need to get someone to help form a committee to decide on the pattern, fabrics, etc. It is a fun committee to head, and you will get help
Retreats - There is one in December, there is a new one for April..... let Vicki know if you would like to be put on the attendee list.

Website – We are in the middle of getting a new website. She will be here soon to let us know what is coming. It will be uploaded between Christmas and New Year's

Newsletter – Deadlines are November 21st for the December and there will be no January Newsletter and then February's deadline is January 17, 2011

Membership – It's time to renew... do it now. Ginger's sister is attending.

Small Quilts – Sew in on January 18th and April 14th.

Block of the Month – Julie announced that the Christmas block will be a star, done in Red or Green.

Satellite Groups – Contact Joyce Becker if you have any questions on the Thursday group.

Quilt Show – The challenge for the Quilt show is "My Northwest" 125" parameter, and there must be a recognizable amount of green fabric somewhere. Mary Allen expects to see at least 25 challenge quilts.

Fat Tower – Elizabeth Larsen told about the collection of fat quarters they still need 220 to finish their Washington Journey... the patterns are representing places in the state as the fat quarters equal miles in the trip through our wonderful state.

Fons & Porter – They are offering a subscription for \$15 for an entire year, you will also receive 3 spools of thread and two how to booklets. Give Yvonne a check for \$15 and show whether it is new or renewed. The deadline is March 2011, but we want to get this going as soon as possible.

Show & Tell: n/a

Respectfully submitted,
Nadeen Ward



"Tell Me How"

Introducing this new monthly column in our Newsletter designed to provide tips and tricks that you've learned about issues related to quilting. The inspiration for this came from Marie O'Kelley's October column about tips for making skinny applique bias stems.

Thank you, Marie.

So I thought: On occasion, we have "Show Me How"...why not "Tell Me How".

I'll be soliciting Guild members to write a column each month about some aspect of quilting. You don't have to be an expert. What tips have you learned that you can pass along? We're not professional writers - just say it in your own words. Share what you have learned. Remember, this is your opinion and it's something that someone could try or disregard. It's information. We all need more of that.

I'll start it off this month and I'll be calling on you to pass along what you know. If you would like to participate, please let me know. I'll set you up with a month during the next 12-month period and you can send your column directly to Nadeen. So here's my tips, tricks and opinion:

"Threads and Needles"

Polyester melts at about 400 degrees. Some irons get that hot. That's why piecing with cotton thread is recommended.

It's a myth that Polyester thread isn't good for quilting because it might cut through cotton fabrics. To disprove this myth, try this:

Take about a 24" length of Polyester thread and a 24" length of cotton hand quilting thread (like Gutterman). Hold an end of each thread (one at a time) in each hand. Pull until the thread breaks. You'll find that the Polyester breaks long before the cotton does.

Spools of horizontally wound thread should be placed upright on your sewing machine to feed correctly and the thread should feed from the back of the spool. Crosswound thread can be placed either horizontally or vertically on your machine. If you're having trouble with a thread that's placed horizontally on your machine, try placing it upright to see if that makes a difference.

Use a good quality metallic thread. Test it by holding the spool in one hand and pulling out about a yard of thread. If there are loops and curls, it's going to come off the spool in your machine loopy and curling and could break easily. If it forms a U, relaxed and smooth, that's how it will come off the spool on your machine and will not be so susceptible to breakage.

Did you know that Metallic needles and Topstitch needles under the microscope are exactly the same?

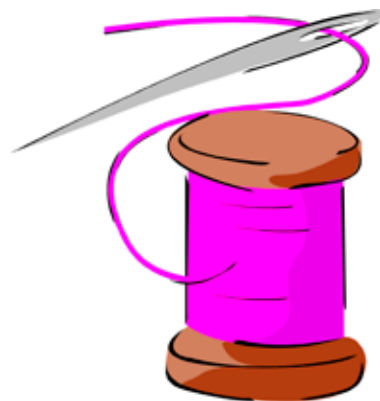
A good Topstitch, size 14 needle (possibly 12) is a great needle to use with metallic thread.

Have you seen some cotton threads that imply that they contain silk?

They don't. What "silk" means is the thread has been put through a machine that literally burns off the extraneous fibers. It's called silking.

So that's some of what I've learned from experience over the years.

What have you learned? I'll be calling on you.



Mary Allen
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SMALL QUILTS SEW-IN

With the quilt show coming in **May, 2011**, we want to have lots of small quilts available for sale at the show. To that end we have scheduled two "Sew-Ins."

The first one will be January 14, 2011

The second is March 18, 2011.

We will meet at the church where the Joyful Quilters meet. Space is limited to twelve people but if you have a project that doesn't require using a sewing machine, feel free to join us. Bring your lunch and your own fabric and anything else you need for your project.

We have permission to use a pattern for Fabric Coasters. If you're interested go to <http://www.longarmohio.com/pattern2coasters.html>.

Please contact Jan Crawford at

206-824-8519

or jackandjan3@comcast.net if you have any questions or to sign up for either session.

Many thanks!



Quilting in Romania

Submitted by Marie O'Kelley

I was contacted recently by a quilter who is involved with setting up quilting workshops in Romania as a way to provide an income source for women in that country.

They would like teachers to design a project that could be completed in about a week, and that would teach basic quilting skills. The projects are then donated to groups in Romania such as a children's home.

Lodging, meals, and touring costs would be covered, but participants would need to pay their own air fare. The project has been based in the village of Felsarokos, with accommodations in a bed and breakfast.

The time frame is flexible as to time of year. If you would like more information on this opportunity please contact me (okelleymk@comcast.net) and I will forward additional details, photos and contact information.

JOYFUL QUILTERS



Thank you for the wonderful challenge quilts using fabric from Joyful Quilters stash. Even though some of you didn't make the deadline for completing yours, I hope you'll keep this challenge on your "To Do" list.

We accept quilts any time and in any stage of completion. Remember it's a community effort and we appreciate your willingness to help.

If you have been wondering what we do at our Joyful Quilters meetings which **meet twice monthly on the Friday before guild meetings**, I hope you will make time to join us and see for yourself.

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.

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' next project will have to do with making charity quilts from orphan blocks and 2 ½ strips. Here's your chance to give those blocks a new home. We will be accepting your stray blocks at our guild meetings. Also welcome are 2 ½ inch strips 7 ½ inches or longer.

Thank you.

Fons & Porter's "Love of Quilting" Magazine Subscription Offer

Fons & Porter is offering our guild members, once again, a reduced price of \$15 for a One Year subscription to "Love of Quilting". Through a special arrangement with Sulky Threads, we will get a one-year subscription to "Love of Quilting" with FIVE FREE BONUS GIFTS:

- *Fons and Porter's Favorite Scrap Quilts Booklet
- *Quilting the Quilt Booklet
- *THREE FREE spools of Sulky thread!

The thread alone is worth \$13 retail. And the quilting booklets are not available in stores. What a deal!

If you are interested in this great deal, make checks out to **Evergreen Piecemakers Quilt Guild** for \$15 and put in the **memo line "Fons & Porter"** for Barb's bookkeeping. Give the check, **with your correct mailing address** to Yvonne Cottell at any guild meeting or send it to Yvonne Cottell (address is in directory). One check will be written by our Treasurer and I will send it into Fons & Porter. They suggest that I send it weekly, so if you are slow in making up your mind, there is always next week. The offer will expire **March 31, 2011**, so don't miss out on this great deal. Your first issue will arrive in 6 – 8 weeks. Thread will arrive shortly thereafter.

If you already get Fons & Porter "Love of Quilting" magazine, you can just **"renew"** your subscription and they will tack on another 6 issues to what you already have paid for. You can track it by your address label which has your expiration date in the corner of the label. **Just add that to the MEMO line** on your check for my bookkeeping. That's all there is to it. I'll do the rest.

Any questions, email me at ycottell3@aol.com or call me. My number is in the directory.

Happy Quilting!
Yvonne Cottell



DECEMBER

Yvonne Hamilton	12/5
Judy Conrad	12/9
Elizabeth Larson	12/13
Valerie Cansler	12/15
Sandy Hohn	12/17
Annette Sartore	12/18
Kay Taylor	12/21
Sue Williams	12/22
Cheryl Wittmayer	12/23
Sue Bradbury	12/24
Mary Farnsworth	12/24
Mary Ann Baker	12/26
Susan Kelley	12/28



JANUARY

Fran Bennett	1/1
Barbara Martz	1/3
Rose Sivak	1/7
Jan'et Herman	1/8
Mici Wiggins	1/9
Marlyce Osness	1/12
Shirley Durgan	1/13
Vicki Gruszniewski	1/13
Gail Taylor	1/15
Sara Flannery	<u>1/15</u>
Brenda Camp	1/19
Barbara Frazier	1/20
Christine Palmer	1/21
LaVerne Penfold	1/22
Ann Pfeiffer	1/27



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.

Retreats we are offering:

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 held at Dumas Bay.

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

February: President's Day weekend, a 4 day retreat. Contact Mimi Miller, 253-549-0709 or miller.mimi@gmail.com

May – Memorial Day weekend, a 4 day retreat – contact Barbara Frazier 253-813-5647 or barbarafrazier@earthlink.net

September – Labor Day weekend, a 4 day retreat – contact Linda Zarges, quiltsome@comcast.net or Carol Stevens, cinthewoods@comcast.net

October – usually the 3rd weekend, a 3 day retreat – contact Jeannie Hunt, hquilts4u@comcast.net

December – usually the 1st weekend, a 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, marybob@juno.com, if you are interested in being put onto the wait list.

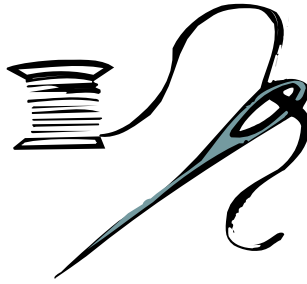
Seabeck on Hood Canal – Held in October, currently full, contact Dana Ekblad, danaekblad@comcast.net, if you are interest in being put onto the wait list.

C'mon--GIVE YOURSELF A TREAT!

Quilters,

It has come to my attention that we need another retreat at Dumas Bay. February to the end of May is far too long for us not to get together and quilt. So I am planning a new retreat at Dumas Bay April 15th to the 17th, 2011. This does fall on Palm Sunday, but I hope that many of you can make it. Please E mail me or call me if you think you might want to attend.

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Advertising rates are for commercial enterprises

- Full Page Ad: \$58.00.....9" h x 7"w
- Half Page Ad: \$32.00.....4 1/2" h x 7" w or 9" h x 3 1/2" w
- 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
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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



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Meeting Location:

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Meeting Schedule

Business Meeting: 2nd Mondays ~ 7:00 pm
Program Meeting: 4th Mondays ~ 7:00 pm

