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Sunbonnet Sue Quilt Club of the Olympic Peninsula | February 2017

To further the act and skill of quilt making and to foster an appreciation of quilts old and new.

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Improvisational Circles Class

Friday the 13th turned out to be lucky for the 8 SBS members (Catherine Bilyard, Betty Cook, Sherry Nagel, Ginny Phillips, Diane Ross, Ann Skillman, Deta Stem and Merrie Jo Schroeder) who signed up for the Improvisational Circles class offered by SBSQC. The two-session class met at Karen's Quilt Shop on January 13 and 27 and was taught by Barbara Ramsey. Barbara is a quilt artist fairly new to Washington and has extensive experience in teaching, quilting and design.

The objective of the class was to become more skillful at free-form (improvisational) curved piecing. Improvisational means working without templates or patterns – in other words working without a safety net!!

The 1st session focused on techniques. Barbara demonstrated how to cut free form arcs. It was a bit intimidating cutting into a piece of fabric without a template but soon we were all cutting arcs and having a great time!

The next challenge was learning how to sew the arcs together. Barbara offered lots of tips and examples and with some practice (and for some of us some cursing) we were able to create a quarter circle!! What a feeling of accomplishment!! Our homework assignment was to create several more quarter circles to share at the next class.

Membership Updates

New Member:

❖ Trish Kicklighter

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Circles Class (continued)

We spent the 2nd session sharing what we had created and discussing problems and successes that we had encountered. Barbara offered design and color suggestions. Lots of great ideas were exchanged. It was a very enjoyable and beneficial class. Be on the lookout for improvisational circles at our quilt show!!

Extra, Extra Read All About It…..

The Sunbonnet Sue Quilt Club was honored to hear that it has been chosen as Outstanding Volunteer Group of the Year - 2016 by the Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County. Wednesday, Jan 25th Cyndi Hueth Executive Director & Colleen Robinson Outreach Director of Habitat for Humanity presented the award to club president Deb Cooper & informed the group that they will be recognized together with other worthy award recipients at the 2017 Taste of Peninsula event April 15th.

Submitted by Judy Anderson

Congratulations to Each Member for making a difference!

IMPORTANT DATES

Business meetings will be held at 10:00 am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Board meetings will be the first Wednesday from 9:00 to 9:30 am. That way all members will be able to sew or attend any classes held that day.

February 1
9:00 Board Meeting
10:00 Announcements
Baguettes

February 8
10:00 Business Meeting
1:00 Art Quilt Sues
(Karen's Quilt Shop)

February 15
10:00 Announcements

February 22
10:00 Announcements
Community Quilts

February Peeps from Your VEEPS

Hello Quilters,

January was a very busy month for all of the new board members. Your VEEPS have been organizing the trips and Kamp Sew A Lots for this year. We still have room for 7 people on the bus to the Sew Expo. The cost for the bus ride is $35.00. We need to be at Shipley Center by 7:30am. You can buy your ticket to get into Sew Expo at Karen's shop for $12.00 or pay $15.00 at the door. The date is March 2nd 2017. There is still room for the spring retreat at St. Andrews. The cost is $100.00 due at sign up and balance is due March 1, 2017. We have been able to accommodate several people from the waiting list for Kamp Sew A Lot. Last time all that wanted to go were able to.

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday,
Valley Smith and Marilyn Hiestand

2017 SBSQC Quilt Show Challenge

Plate it Your Way!!

Design your own quilted license plate!

Finished size: 12"x 24" (Landscape Orientation)

Letter size: Make letters prominent (no required size)

Theme: Any that will pass censorship!

Must include: State Name

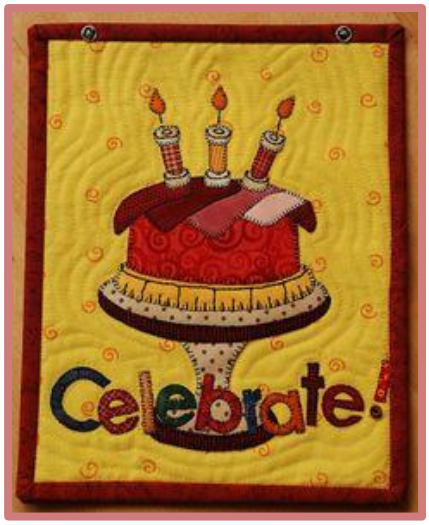
May include: design on background as some plates do

an image in place of one or more letter(s)

Suggestions for States: Consider using your native state, any state you have lived in,

let's have a variety of states for a fun and interesting display

Quilts Due: Wednesday, July 19, 9 a.m. for Club voting



Happy February Birthdays to:

2/2	Judy Ramos
2/6	Carol Cap
2/11	Nancy Wilcox
2/14	Janet Green
2/16	Nancy Stevens
2/18	Nancy Foro
2/19	Sylvia Peterson
2/20	Rae Powell-Walz
2/21	Maryann Ballard
2/22	Rosalie Angel
2/22	Lois Brestoff
2/24	Betty Randolph
2/25	Ilse Osier

Community Quilts

We divide our many community quilts into two categories; *charity* and *fund raising*.

Charity quilts are given to organizations to keep their recipients warm and comforted. For example, Habitat for Humanity, Olympic Medical Center and Sarge's Place request quilts as needed. About 75% of what we donate falls into this category. Now, that's a lot of quilts!

We get bogged down, however, when tops are completed but not sandwiched and quilted. We have a cure for that. On February's community quilt day our demonstration topic will be Quilting with a Walking Foot. Carolyn O'Neill will show samples of walking foot designs that we all should be able to do on our home machines. These designs are tried and true. You won't want to miss hearing Carolyn.

Fund raising quilts are a cut above. Several non-profit organizations in our county look forward to receiving one of our beautiful quilts which they raffle or auction off as part of their fund raising activities. The love we pour into these quilts is spread throughout the community like ripples in a pond.

Well, here we are again. Bogged down. We are so blessed to have wonderful long arm quilters who have turned our tops into works of art. In an effort to not overburden those who help us, we want to create a list of long armers willing to occasionally donate their talent to the club. We're just not sure who you are. So, if you are one of our regulars or not as of this time, please contact Carol Prael (in the roster) and let us gratefully add you to an official list. As the proverb goes, "Many long armers make light work" or something to that effect.

Thank you so much, and we will see you on February 22nd.

Cindy Smith and Carol Prael

Email notification:

The list of patterns for the quilts that Marilyn displayed today [Jan. 25th] is now on our web site. Go to the Community Quilts section, scroll down and click on Marilyn Williams Pattern Roundup. That cover page will list the five patterns she shared, plus information on how to navigate each pattern maker's website.

Thanks for all the enthusiasm and involvement today. We got a lot done. We will bring pre-cut strips to each Community Quilt day for a few month so that you can try out her great pattern selections.

Your Community Quilt Chairs, Cindy and Carol

MEMBERSHIP NOTICES:

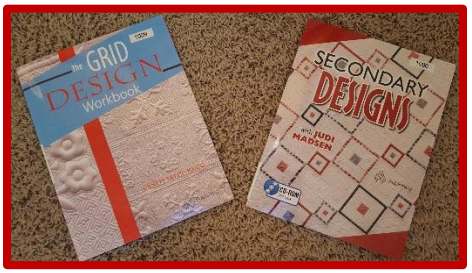
Many of our members have been ill or had a hard time getting in to Club because of icy roads. The dues deadline has been extended until the Business Meeting on Feb 8th. If you can't make it in you can mail in your check ($40) to P.O. Box 211, Sequim 98382. There is a $10 late fee for memberships paid after Feb 8th.

As the dues are being collected for 2017, we are also updating the roster. We don't want to miss updating our Charter and Lifetime members' information. Please stop by the greeter's desk and check your current information.

Thank you,
Merrily Abner
Membership Chairman and
Bonnie Cauffman
Treasurer

Check It Out!

News from your librarians, Julie and Vicki



Heads up, machine quilters! We have added two new books to our library that may interest YOU,

The Grid Design Workbook by Cindy Seitz-Krug

Secondary Designs by Judi Madsen.

Both are filled with detailed diagrams and easy to follow instructions for adding a gorgeous gridded background to your quilt. Both long arm and domestic machine users will enjoy these.

Re-selling donated books provides the funds needed to purchase new books for our library. Hoping to get donated books into the right hands, we will be trying some new things this year. To start with, a small selection of books will be offered to members each week for a free will donation in exchange. Stop by The Red Table near the library and browse! Serve yourself and don't forget to feed the little pig that lives there.

We Are Welcoming Book Donations! Here are guidelines to help you determine which books to donate for resale:

- Books with a copyright date of 2010 or later
- Books in good condition—clean and undamaged
- Books on quilting and quilting-associated needlework

Please do not donate these items:

- Older books
- Damaged books
- Fiction
- Rare or valued books of either historical or research in nature

Don't forget the free table. It is an excellent way to share your older books, magazines, pamphlets and patterns and quilting novels or mysteries.

We happily welcome 4 new members to the library committee. They are returning members Elaine Denny and Alison Dargie and new members, Gloria Mittelstadt, Joan Cotta and Helga Barton. One of them will be at the table each week to help you check out books and all of them will serve on the committee to select new purchases. Stop by and say hello. Choose to use our library!

Excerpts from Barbara's Artist Statement

I am in awe of Mother Nature and the natural world. My most recent works reflect my love of nature and the physical world in which we all live. I try, through the use of light, line, color, and texture, to portray nature in such a way as to invite the viewer to look closer at a subject that they might have taken for granted before.

Working with cloth is both comforting and challenging. Quiltmaking provides a creative outlet that is grounded in family history, while offering unlimited artistic experimentation and creation. It allows me to spiritually hold hands with my grandmother, who was also a quiltmaker, while at the same time stretching the boundaries of what a quilt is.

Barbara Shapel's Classes

Lecture Feb 15th 9-10 am

Class "The Art of Machine Quilting" Feb 15th 10:30 - 5 pm

Class "Thread Painting, Blue Heron" Feb 16 and 17th 10-5 pm

The Art of Quilting:

This workshop is intended for the person just starting to machine quilt or wanting to strengthen their machine quilting skills. Topics covered include a discussion about sewing machine needles, thread, choosing a quilting design, and achieving good thread tension. I will then introduce about a dozen free-motion quilting designs that I regularly use on my quilts. We will also discuss how to hold the quilt and proper body mechanics. This is a technique class, so you won't have a "project" when completed, but you will learn techniques to improve the machine quilting of your next piece.

Thread Painting: Great Blue Heron

This class is intended for the quilter who is comfortable with their stitching but would like to take it to the next level. Topics to be covered include what thread to use and when, machine needles, the order of quilting, outlining, and transferring images to fabric. We will also discuss how to make the piece two-sided.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Barbara Shapel will be giving a lecture on Feb 15th. She will teach a class "The Art of Machine Quilting" later that day. The cost is $92 if we get 10 students or $61 if we get 15.
Barbara will teach a 2 day class on Feb 16 and 17th. This class is "Thread painting - Great Blue Heron" and costs $183 if we get 10 students or $122 if 15 students sign up.
To see more information visit Barbara's website: http://www.barbarashapel.com/

Ilse will be teaching Upside down applique on March 1st for $15, she will have samples and supply list available.

Melody Crust will be giving a lecture on March 15th. She will give a class on March 14th: "The Decorative Thread Experience". Cost for the class is $101 if 10 students sign up or $68 if we have 15 students.
You can find out more at Melody's website: http://www.melodycrust.com/

Save the date March 15th for Quilter's College! Marca will be sending more information when the list of presenters is complete.

Colleen Wise will be giving a lecture on May 10th. She will also teach a 6 hour class on May 10th: "Emerald City". Cost for the class is $66 for 10 students or $44 if we have 15 students.
Colleen will teach a 2nd class on May 11: "Creating the Illusion of Depth". Cost for the class is $86 for 10 or $57 if we have 15 signups.
Here's a link to Colleen's website: http://www.colleenwise.com/

Thank you to Doris Brown for volunteering to be the Education Chair and Judy Anderson for volunteering to be the Publicity Chair!

NEWS FROM THE BAGUETTES:

In February and March we are going to work on The Aeroplane Bag. The pattern is available on Craftsy or sewsweetness.com. Don't forget that there are alternatives to the "soft and stable" called for in some patterns. I find "soft and stable" wonderful to work with but it is a bit pricey.

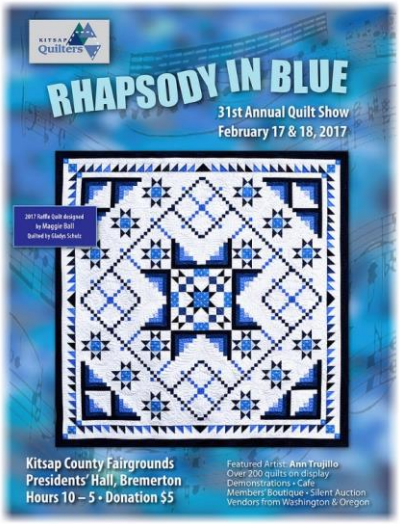
Then in April I will have a free pattern for a "chubby charmer" tote bag for yourself or for the donation to the Country Store at the Quilt Show. It's easy and uses 5 inch squares or charm packs.

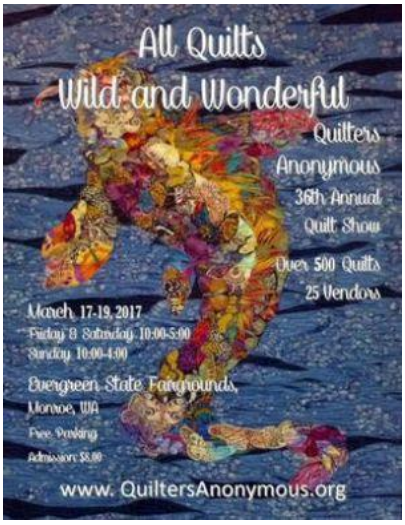
If you have a bag pattern that you think may be of interest for the Baguettes for 2017, please let me know.

Judy Ramos

Calendar Events/Announcements:

Kitsap Quilters cordially invites you to attend their 31st annual quilt show, "Rhapsody in Blue", to be held February 17th and 18th, 2017, at the President's Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, in Bremerton, Washington. Show hours are Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission is $5.00 donation; children 10 and under admitted free.
Our show will feature over 200 quilts on display, vendors from Washington and Oregon, quilt related demonstrations, members' boutique, silent auction and café.
You are also invited to visit our website at www.kitsapquilters.com for more information on our guild and our quilt show.





Westshore Quilters Guild
510 Mount View Ave.,
Victoria, B.C.
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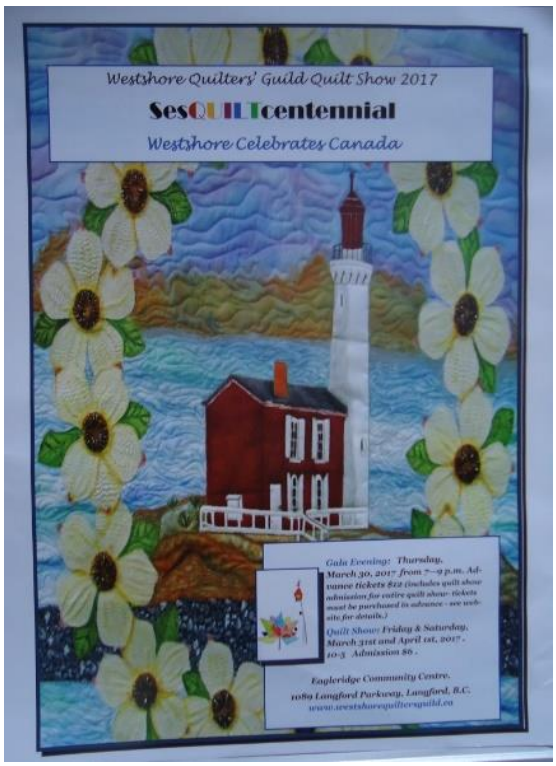
"SesQUILTcentennial" Quilt Show

We would like to invite your members and friends to our bi-annual quilt, as the Westshore Celebrates Canada's 150th. The show takes place March 31st & April 1st, 2017. The venue will be the Eagle Ridge Community Centre, 1089 Langford Parkway, Langford, B.C. The show will include a display of up to 300 quilts, large Merchant Mall, Guild Boutique store, displays as well as quilting demonstrations with audience participation and much more.
The admission is $6.00 which covers both days and there is no charge for the bus driver or caregivers if required for wheelchairs etc., these persons must identify themselves at time of entry. Hours will be 10-5 both Friday and Saturday. We will be holding a Gala evening on Thursday March 30th from 7-9 p.m., there will be refreshments and early viewing and shopping for those vendors that are prepared to be open for purchases. If anyone is interested in attending the tickets are $12 which includes admission for the entire show. Tickets must be purchased in advance, please see our website for further details 'www.westshorequiltersguild.ca'.
We look forward to seeing you and your friends at our show this coming March/April your support is very much appreciated and we hope to give you several hours of relaxing and enjoyable entertainment whether its viewing the beautiful array of quilts and displays, participating in the hands on stitching or visiting the mall for that little be extra to add to your stash.
If you require further information for directions, transportation etc., please contact me at dmasson@shaw.ca
Attached is a poster for your viewing & display.

Yours truly
Darlene Masson
2015 Advertising Committee
Westshore Quilters Guild



Newsletter Submissions

Information for the next newsletter should be received by the 25th day of the month.
Send to Penny Cahoon
Email: mpre1@netzero.net
Phone: 206-947-9564
Scraps will be distributed to members by the 1st Wednesday of each month.