



# Mukilteo Lighthouse Quilters

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## **Next Guild Meeting:**

Tuesday, January 18 - 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Point of Grace Lutheran Church, 5425 Harbour Pointe Blvd, Mukilteo

**Program:**  
Proposed Changes & Transition

**Refreshments:** Mary Slorp and Marian Martin

## *"We Are Making the Choices!"*

### *President's Message*

WOW - what a year! And, 2011 will be even more WOW-some, right? I am so proud to be associated with such a wonderful group of women - talented, creative, intelligent, and of course, fun!!! So, what's next? We briefly talked about some changes for our guild in December, and you asked that suggestions, thoughts, and ideas be reviewed in the newsletter. I'm really excited about everything I heard from you, and thank you all for taking the time to put forward the aforementioned "suggestions, thoughts, and ideas" :) as well as volunteering your time!

I'm using my space this month to review with you the proposed changes and look forward to beginning MLQ's transition at our January Meeting. Do you all remember back to our February 2010 brainstorming meeting? We talked about a lot of things and I believe many of the things we did throughout the year were in response to what we recorded back then. I remember most clearly these three things:

First, that we enjoyed the work we've all done for charitable giving. This year we went even further with our giving, including the dog vests, senior lap quilts, members with friends who needed a quilt, our Outreach program, as well as the Charity Quilt donations.

Second, we wanted our members to share their expertise by doing monthly programs. In 2010, we saw 101 Ways to Make Half Square Triangles (well maybe only 8!), a unique appliqué method, a review of a class two members attended, a cross country quilting adventure, and we all made gorgeous silk flower necklaces, to name a few programs!

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And, who can forget "Tip of the Month!" - I still have mine for this year!

Finally, we wanted to have a generous dose of fun - enjoying each other at our meetings as well in smaller Challenge Groups. I'd like to think we all enjoyed the great combination Quilt Show and Picnic last summer, the gift swapping at the Christmas Party, and did I say who can forget "Tip of the Month"? We also have three Challenge Groups formed and they are not only challenging, but fun, too, right? Our Show and Tell part of the meeting is both inspirational and dare I say fun?

So, bottom line, no where in the above did we mention rules, regulations, extra meetings, or business - not that those things aren't important, but that doesn't seem to be what we are really about! OK, let's review the changes to be voted on in January.

Let's focus on our membership (that's you!) and making things easier, less regulated, and yes, more fun. Let's streamline the board, the MLQ Bylaws, and the time involved in both committee meetings and board meetings. Let's put more effort into taking advantage of our members strengths, of being considerate of our time, and in emphasizing the camaraderie of Challenge Groups, Show and Tell, and learning new techniques.

The board would like to suggest having just three board members, President, Secretary and Treasurer. Oh, but, what about our Newsletter, Membership, and Programs? We feel that

committees of three or more working together in these areas, with board liaison, will free all of us up to pursue our passion of quilting. I had volunteers and offers from many of you regarding working on a committee or project as noted above. Let's have a period of time, as necessary and/or appropriate for committee meetings at our regular meeting. A few minutes before the regular meeting may work well, too! We should continue with having our members do some of our programs, but at the same time, let's have some meetings that don't have a speaker, per se, and do "Make and Takes", "Show and Tell" meetings sometimes, and committee meeting meetings!

Yes, our Bylaws will need revising, (read simplifying!) and we still have need to be responsible for our bank balance :). Maybe we've just outgrown our original Bylaws and Policies, and need to react positively to that growth. I believe we can work out the specifics and be up and running with "fun" as our attitude rather than maintaining the status quo.

Come to the January Meeting - we'll celebrate our growth since we were founded in 2005, we'll celebrate our many achievements, and we'll celebrate us! I look forward to seeing you all next week, working together to make MLQ the best it can be, and thank you to each of you for your support and friendship this past year!

Best, Sydney

### January Birthdays

Diane Cooper	Jan 10
Barbara Burke	Jan 11
Joyce Trees	Jan 16
Linda O'Neil	Jan 16
Mary Slorp	Jan 20
Lisa Akin	Jan 21

### January at a Glance

- Tuesday, Jan 18 - General Meeting
- Wednesday, Jan 19 - MGQT Meeting

# MYSTERY QUILT

It's time for Part 2 and Part 3 of our Mystery Quilt. I hope everyone has found the "perfect fabric" to their liking and is ready to cut it up. We are cutting everything for our quilts at once, and sorting/organizing the pieces into baggies, to be ready for making blocks. This will make our job easier when it comes to sewing. So, follow the instructions carefully and have fun - or don't follow them so closely and have fun! (And have perhaps an even bigger mystery when it comes to putting the project together.) Next month - the sewing begins. Meanwhile, happy cutting -- Vicki Larson

## ***Part 2 Cutting-selvage to selvage***

**Fabric A:** cut 1 strip 4.5" wide and 8 strips 2.5" wide

**Fabric B:** cut 4 strips 4.5" wide and 2 strips 2.5" wide

**Fabric C:** cut 4 strips 4.5" wide

**Fabric D:** cut 4 strips 4.5" wide

## ***Part 3 - Cutting and bagging squares***

(use baggies/bags of choice to keep pieces organized)

**Fabric A:** from the 4.5" strip, cut 4 squares 4.5"x4.5"; from the 8- 2.5" strips cut 128 squares each 2.5"x2.5". Put into a plastic sandwich baggie.

**Fabric B:** from the four 4.5" strips cut 36 squares 4.5"x4.5"- Put into baggie. From the 2.5" strips cut 28 squares each 2.5"x2.5"-put into baggie.

**Fabric C:** From the four 4.5" strips cut 28 squares each 4.5"x4.5"-put into a baggie.

**Fabric D:** From the four 4.5" strips cut 36 squares each 4.5"x4.5"-put into a baggie.

## **Sort the fabric pieces as directed below**

1. Find the 4 **Fabric A** squares which are 4.5"x4.5". Put each of these squares into a **separate** baggie and add eight matching (Fabric A) 2.5"x2.5" squares to each baggie. Now add four of the 4.5" squares of **Fabric B** to each baggie. (If you are doing a scrappy look, be sure to mix up several fabrics in each baggie or stack.)

You will have 4 baggies for this part now and each baggie will have:

1 - 4.5" square of Fabric A

8 - 2.5" squares of Fabric A

4 - 4.5" squares of Fabric B (mixed if you did "scrappy" look)

2. (All of the Fabric B squares will have the same combination of 2.5" squares sewn to each square. If you used a "scrappy mix" for each of Fabrics A and B, this is a time to mix them.)

Take all of the 28 of your 4.5" squares of **Fabric C** and put them into a baggie; add 28 of the 2.5" squares of **Fabric A** and add 28 of the 2.5" squares of **Fabric B**.

3. From your Fabric D (striped if you used a stripe), take 4 of the 36 4.5" squares and put into another baggie; add 4 of the 2.5" squares of fabric A. Into this baggie, add a note labeled "D corners."

Take the remaining 32 squares of 4.5" Fabric D and the last 64 -2.5" squares of Fabric A and put into another baggie.

## Comfort Quilt Committee

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. Now that a new year has started the committee is hoping you have resumed your work on that Charity Quilt you started last October??? We know with the busy Winter Season many of you decided to wait until this month to start working on a Charity Quilt. We will have our Comfort Quilt Show at our May meeting, and we look forward to seeing as many charity quilts finished, and on display as possible.

As you know last year we gave Comfort Quilts to Senior Services of Snohomish County, and we received many wonderful thank you notes from the recipients. The quilts were distributed through their Meals on Wheels program. This year we decided it would be nice if we had a chance to meet the drivers, who are the people who make the decisions as to who the recipients will

be. Very, very, early one morning a few members of the committee met with the Meals on Wheels drivers and presented them with 18 quilts to warm the hearts of some special Seniors. It was a fun experience to actually make contact with the people who find a special home for our quilts. At our January meeting I have a wonderful story to tell you about one of the quilts that was given away.

We will have large pieces of fabric available for borders or backing at our January meeting. When you need batting please email Barb Dau, [quiltpro8@msn.com](mailto:quiltpro8@msn.com), with the measurements of your quilts and she will provide batting for you.

I'm working on setting up a couple of Sew-Ins, and as soon as they are confirmed, I'll let you all know.

Happy Quilting, Carol



# Upcoming Quilting Events



## Current Exhibits

September 29-December 31

### DOUBLE TAKE

Helen Remick & Janet Kurjan

### CONSTRUCTED INQUIRIES: TAPESTRIES

Linda Rees & Carolyn Price Dyer

## Upcoming Exhibits

January 12-March 27

### FOUR EMBROIDERERS

Marjorie Bachert, Maura Donegan,  
Sandra Little, and Lisa Harkins

For details and more events, visit the website

[www.laconnerquilts.com](http://www.laconnerquilts.com)

*Sew Expo*  
 When: March 3-6  
 Where: Puyallup Fairgrounds  
 For hours and downloadable brochure  
 check out their website:  
[www.sewexpo.com](http://www.sewexpo.com)

*QA Quilt Show*  
*Quilters Without Borders*  
 When: March 18-20  
 Friday & Saturday - 10:00 - 5:00  
 Sunday - 10:00 - 4:00  
 Where: Evergreen State Fairgrounds  
 Monroe  
 For more info and list of vendors:  
[www.quiltersanonymous.com/quiltshow.htm](http://www.quiltersanonymous.com/quiltshow.htm)

**TRI-COUNTY QUILT SHOP TOUR**  
 Northwestern Washington  
 Whatcom, Skagit & Snohomish Counties  
 When: March 23-26  
 Shops open 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m  
 A list of participating shops along with info  
 about the event:  
[www.quilttour.com](http://www.quilttour.com)

January 2011						Happy New Year!
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	Guild Meeting	MGQT Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	18	19			
30	31	25	26	27	28	29

February 2011						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	Happy Valentine's Day 14	Guild Meeting	15	16	17	18
20	President's Day 21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March 2011				Sew Expo	Sew Expo	Sew Expo
		1	2	3	4	5
Sew Expo	6	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	Guild Meeting	15	16	17	18
QA Quilt Show	20	21	22	Tri-County Quilt Shop Tour	Tri-County Quilt Shop Tour	Tri-County Quilt Shop Tour
				23	24	25
27	28	29	30	31		
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## Our Meetings

**Where:** Pointe of Grace Lutheran Church  
(formerly Harbour Pointe Lutheran Church)  
5425 Harbour Pointe Blvd., Mukilteo

**When:** Third Tuesday of each month  
7-9:00 p.m.

Our evening includes a short business meeting, program, and show & tell. Guests are welcome!

### 2010 MLQ Officers

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