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Next Guild Meeting:

Tuesday, December 20th - 6:30 pm

Where: Joyce Tree's House

Program: Christmas Party

Refreshments: Pot Luck

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Girls Just Want to Have Fun!!!

President's Message

Well, the holidays are upon us . . . where has the year gone? I hope this finds you all ready for Christmas and for 2012! Have you made all the table runners, coasters, and hot pads you learned about in October or have you come up with some other great quilting gifts for those on your list? I hope you've completed all that you wanted to and that you've had time for yourself, as well! I've been busy, but with a couple of new hobbies, I've only done some simple quilted things. But, I'm okay with that and having fun with some needlepoint and with wool! Do you have any idea what adorable cat patterns are available in wool appliqué and in needlepoint??? I do.

I heard through the grapevine today that we have a full slate of officers for next year! And, what a great leadership team it will be! MLQ has so many opportunities available and so many great, creative women that 2012 looks to be maybe the best yet! I do want to say thank you so very much to Pat D and Lisa A for serving on the board this year, and as well as to Wendy, Vicki, Cathie and Marian. Wendy went above and beyond as our membership chair, (I think the most members ever this year) and the newsletter was great - prompt, well laid out, and with just enough reminders to keep us all on top of everything! Thank you each for your significant contribution to MLQ. At this point, I will add a "blanket" thank you to each of you for your contributions this past year - Monthly Treats, Picnic, Retreats, Comfort Quilts, MGQT, Recipe Book, speaking at a meeting . . . and so much more. My heartfelt gratitude for making MLQ just about the best guild around! Well, I think it's the best, but don't want to step on anyone's toes.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party, and to enjoying an evening of friends, fun and fabric! (Gosh, that's a good one - I wonder how I've been doing this for two years now, and never thought of it before . . . Really.) Merry Christmas, dear friends and a Happy New Year, if I don't see you til next year. And thank you all for everything this past year.

Best, Sydney

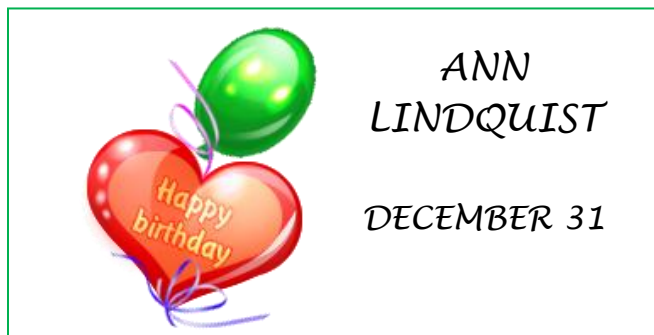
Comfort Quilt Report

Last week Ann Lindquist, Barb, Connie, Eija and Dianne Grant accompanied me to Safe Place to give them 14 children's quilts made by our members. We also brought tote bags, stuffed toys, bedding, baby supplies and the check from our guild. For those of you who would like to learn more about Safe Place look them up at handinhandkids.org, they are located in Everett. Todd McNeal who is the Executive Director spent quite a bit of time with us, he is working hard to enable Safe Place to be open not only on the weekends, but during the week as well.

If you would like to donate some supplies to Safe Place please bring them to the Christmas Party. The ages of the children who they help are infant to 12 years. Todd said most of the children that come to them are toddler age to 8 years. Some of the items they could use are: socks (new), underwear (new), pull-ups (all sizes) diapers (all sizes), sippy cups, kid's shampoo, kid's body wash, baby wipes, kid's toothbrushes and toothpaste. We will have a basket available to put your donations in.

Early this morning Ann Lindquist and I met with the Meals on Wheels drivers for Senior Services of Snohomish County. They were all thrilled to receive quilts from us again. We delivered 16 quilts made by our members. Since the drivers are well acquainted with the people they deliver meals to, they are just the ones to make the decisions as to which quilt will be appropriate for which senior.

Happy Quilting,
Carol



REMINDER: Our 2012 Membership Forms and our membership dues (\$25) will be collected at our January 17th meeting.



Christmas Party

Our December's Meeting will be our Christmas Party at the home of Joyce Trees. The scheduled time for the party is: 6:30-9:00 PM. Joyce Trees and Romona will co-hostess.

As for food, if your first name begins with A-D, bring a dessert. If your first name begins with E-W, bring an appetizer. Also, please bring some folding chairs if you have them.

There will be a Fabric gift exchange: 1 yard or 4 fat quarters, wrapped. The gift fabric should NOT be a Holiday Fabric.

Also, please bring NEW children's sox or underwear to be given as a donation to Safe Place.

We will NOT have a cookie exchange this year.

Welcome

Welcome to our newest member, Paula Blazer. Paula comes to us from Florida, and she has already joined us for a sew day. It's nice to have you with us, Paula.

ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee proudly announces "we have a ticket". The candidates for 2012 Board are:

President: Susan Palmer
Treasurer: Lisa Mortell
Secretary: Diane Cooper

Tracey and Sheree

Upcoming Quilting Events at LaConner

Artist Reception; January 11; 1-3pm.

For Thom Atkins and Susanne Staton, at the LaConner Quilt and Textile Museum. Both artists have a unique styles; Thom creates heavily bead-embellished quilts. Susanne's often includes appliqué; she creates both Wearables & Quilts.

October 5 – December 31

AWE is an exhibit of the outstanding quilts that were juried and judged to be the best of our 2011 Quilt Festival. In addition to Best of Show, we will have the top entries in Traditional Pieced, Appliqué and Mixed, Non-Traditional Pieced, Appliqué and Mixed, Wearable Arts and our special Eco-Green Categories. This exhibit is your opportunity to really study the works of top quilters.

At right our Best of Show winner: *On the Wings of a Dream* by Caryl Bryer Fallert.

December Closures: We will be closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. We will be open Monday- Friday, December 26-30, but will be closed on the 31st.

January Closure: January 1-10, 2012 We will be closed in early January for our annual indoor maintenance. See you on opening day, January 11.



A Quilted Garden

Ann Fahl is a prize winning quilter and author from Racine, WI. Her new book about her cat is "A Black and White Tale." "Dancing with Thread" is about free-motion quilting in a free-spirited style. Her first book and DVD, "Coloring with Thread" covers every aspect of machine embroidery and use of decorative thread. **October 5 - December 31, 2011**

Together

Together is a collaborative project between pairs of Canadian artists – one working in fibre and the other in their chosen media. This exhibition has brought together a group of textile, quilt, and fibre artists working in a wide range of styles and paired them with painters, woodworkers, mixed media artists, potters, and glass artists. **September 28 - December 31, 2011**

<http://www.laconnerquilts.com/>





REMINDER – Cookbooks are still available – 2 for \$18. Contact Sydney or Tracey, or bring your money to the next Guild meeting.

Our Meetings

Where: Pointe of Grace Lutheran Church
5425 Harbour Pointe Boulevard, Mukilteo
When: Third Tuesday of Each Month
7-9:00 pm

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

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