



# Mukilteo Lighthouse Quilters

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### **Next Guild Meeting:**

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.

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

**Program:** Comfort Quilt Show

**Refreshments:** Margaret Summitt & Pat Derksema

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## **Girls Just Want to Have Fun!!!**

### *President's Message*

Well I don't know about you girls, but this girl is really hoping spring will be here soon! We've been tricked by the weather a couple of times, but really hope it's finally here! Of course, spring for us always means our "Annual Comfort Quilt Show" - our program this month. Thanks to you all for your contributions this past year, and to Carol and the Committee for organizing our quilts. Besides the Comfort Quilt Show, Show and Tell, and our break, we'll also have time for "Committee Meetings". If you've wanted to join a Committee but didn't, if you are a member already but want to touch base with the rest of the Committees, if you're a chairman and you have information for all, this is the meeting to do it. I ask that all Committee chairs please try and stake out a spot to have a get together, and all members take a minute to check out the Committees you may be interested in - but no pressure! Just some time we can spend without making a separate trip to a Committee meeting!

And, that brings us to our June meeting. Wow, we've got Karen Alexander coming and from everything we've heard - she's the best! We have reserved the sanctuary and will be charging just \$5.00 for non-member guests! Bring your friends - Karen has an interesting presentation for all quilters - beginning to experienced! Ask people you know that are interested in the history of quilting! Make your mom come :) Just kidding on that one, but not a bad idea! This is an easy introduction to both our Guild and to the art of quilting.

Our July meeting will be focused on MGQT - we'll have had the Tour the Saturday before! Memory noticed in her Hiking and Tour catalogue that MGQT was one of the events! Yeah - that's great. Be sure and have your paperwork to Alice by the May meeting for the quilts you want to have in the show - and thanks to the Newsletter Committee for resending the online version. I always look forward to seeing our pieces up - they are always so beautiful and inspiring.

We have our September and November programs lined up as well, and August will be our picnic. If you'd like to host, please let someone on the Board know.

May your UFOs become FOs, may your stash be full, and may your blocks be square! :)

Best, Sydney

# Mystery Quilt Finale

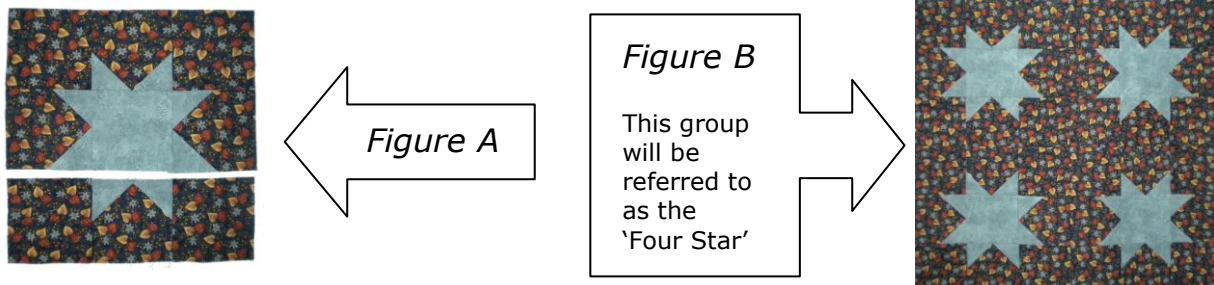
Are we ready? Part 7 is here - and with it, the completion of our mystery. We will put more blocks in groups now, then assemble these and finish the quilt!

## 1. First – the Stars...

Some of you have already guessed we will have some star blocks – and now these will be assembled. Take the four sets of three strips each in the Fabric B and Fabric A colors that we put together in *Part 5* of the Mystery. Sew your four stars together as shown in *Figure A*.

It is important when you do this sewing that the corners of color A (the bright-light color) meet perfectly to form the star. This block is worth pinning and easing if necessary to make sure these corners match. Because of the contrast between the bright fabric and the deep "B" background, the corners will show if they're off a lot.

When the four stars are completed, sew the four stars together as shown in *Figure B*.



## 2. At the end of *Part 6* you made four strips that look like *Figure C*.



*Figure C*

Press the strips and pin two of them to opposite sides of the Four Star group, (right sides together), making sure the length of the strips match the Star Center. **The stripes go to the outside and the triangles form the edge adjoining the Four Star Group.** Adjust pinning where necessary, try to match the Fabric "A" (bright-light) where it forms diamonds so the edges line up evenly. Now, **sew ONLY these two strips to opposite sides of the Four Star Center.**

**3. Finishing the remaining two strips...**

Take the out the four blocks (sewn from two smaller blocks) labeled "corner" that look similar to this image in *Figure D*. And take out the four "Orientation B" blocks left from *Part 6* that look like *Figure E*.



*Figure D*



*Figure E*

**You will sew these two pairs of blocks together as shown to make larger four blocks** that look like the combination in *Figure F*. We will call these the 'Corner Units'.



*Figure F*



*Figure G*

**4. Sewing the last two seams**

Pin these last two strips along the remaining opposite sides of Four Star group and to the ends where they will meet the strips you just sewed to opposite sides. Pin evenly at block "joins" all along the edge, adjusting as needed. Sew these last seams.

**Congratulations,  
you have finished the Four Square Star Mystery Top.**



*Did you enjoy this project? Some of you said that you'd never done a Mystery Quilt before so hopefully you took part in the fun and that it was a rewarding experience for you. There are many opportunities for mystery quilts "out there", but this is one of the favorites patterns that I've done. Maybe we could all share our quilts at a guild meeting "show and tell" together. Of course, you've just seen mine, but I'd love to see yours! Happy Quilting, Vicki Larson*

## *Comfort Quilt Show (May Program)*

At our May meeting we will be displaying our charity quilts in the Sanctuary for our Comfort Quilt Show. Many of our members have been busy working on their charity quilts over the last seven or so months, and now it is time to show off all their hard work. If you already have turned in your Comfort Quilt we will bring it down to the church to display it.

We have a little information form that we would like you to fill out. We would like your name, and the name of others in the Guild that assisted in the completion of the quilt, such as machine quilting or applying the binding. If you have the name of the pattern we would love that too.

There will be a few members of the committee at the church by 6:40 pm with the forms for you to fill out. If your quilt has already been turned in we will fill out your form before we bring it to the church.



Happy Quilting,  
Carol Peters

### *Happy Birthday*



<i>Ann Collier</i>	<i>May 1</i>
<i>Leanne Clare</i>	<i>May 8</i>
<i>Tracey Lowen</i>	<i>May 8</i>
<i>Alice Rhodes</i>	<i>May 11</i>
<i>Sheree Van Berg</i>	<i>May 19</i>






## May 2011

1	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo Day 	6	7
8 Mother's Day 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Guild Meeting COMFORT QUILT SHOW	18	19 Flower Power Workshop (see page 6 – April Newsletter)	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day 	31				

## June 2011

			1	2	3	4 Diane Cooper's Sleeve Making Party 10 am - 2 pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day 	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day 	20	21 Guild Meeting / Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## July 2011

					1 Canada Day 	2
3	4 4 <sup>th</sup> of July 	5	6	8	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Garden & Quilt Tour 
17	18	19 Guild Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	31
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## Upcoming Quilting Events

### 13th Annual Western Washington Quilt Shop Hop

Wednesday - Sunday, June 22-26, 2011  
 55 Participating Shops  
 Open Wednesday - Saturday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm,  
 Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
[www.washingtonquiltshophop.com](http://www.washingtonquiltshophop.com)

### Quilts in the Mountains June 11 & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Quilt and fibre arts show displaying over 150 quilts,  
 workshops, and presentation by Presentation by  
 Catherine Nicholls

<http://quiltwithus.connectingthreads.com/events/quilts-in-the-mountains>  
[www.whistlerquilters.com](http://www.whistlerquilters.com)

### 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show™ Saturday, July 9, 2011

9:30 am to 5:00 pm, Sisters, OR

We invite you, your friends & family to join us for the most vibrant day of the year in Sisters. Over 1300 quilts from around the world will cover our 1880's-style town in rich texture and color.

<http://sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org/>

### Mukilteo Garden & Quilt Tour Saturday, July 16, 2011 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

The tour will feature eight beautiful gardens in the Mukilteo area and showcase many artistic quilts at each location.

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### Sequim Lavender Festival and Sun Bonnet Sue Quilt Show July 15, 16 & 17, 2011

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sequim Middle School Gym, 301 W. Henderson,  
 Sequim, WA

<http://www.sunbonnetsuequiltclub.org/events/2011/07/>

**Pacific West Quilt Show**  
**August 26 - 28, 2011** at the Greater  
 Tacoma Convention & Trade Center  
[www.apwq.org](http://www.apwq.org)



**Currents Exhibits:** Through June 26

**"What Remains: Japanese Americans in Internment Camps"** with Quilt Artist, Cathy Erickson and Poet, Margaret Chula. In the 1940's over 120,000 Japanese Americans were imprisoned in internment camps. From the newborn baby to the aging grandfather, all their lives were changed dramatically. Now only photos, stories, and rock rubble remain of the time. The art quilts and poetry in this series attempt to capture the spirit of what remains over sixty years later.

**"Story Quilts"** by Mary Lou Weidman. Mary Lou discovered Story Quilts quite by accident. It was through this discovery that she realized that quilters have the opportunity to tell the world *who they are* and *what and who they love*. These quilts will surely be the ones to be studied in the future as they tell about people today and the details of their lives.



## Scraps, Scraps, Scraps



I seem to have a love-hate relationship with scraps. I can't bear to through them away, yet I don't know what to do with them. At upwards of \$10/yard for quilting fabric, I feel like I'm throwing away money. (I've read from various sources that the cost of quilting fabric has increased, not surprising, as I've also read that commodities -- especially cotton -- are on the rise. We are most likely headed for additional increases in our beloved quilting fabric.) So, with that in mind I've decided to attempt to sort my scraps and find uses for them. I've read that many quilters have dubbed this year, "The Year of the Scrap Quilt."

Over the years, I've contemplated myriad ways to sort, but recently I've been following Bonnie Hunter's method (she of [www.quiltville.com](http://www.quiltville.com) fame, if you haven't been to her website, go now). She is a font of information and inspiration.)

In a nutshell, this is how I started:

Sort piles of scraps -- is it longer than 12 inches? If so, I cut into strips 1-1/2" wide, 2" wide, 2-1/2" wide, or 3-1/2" wide. Sometimes wider, like 5 inches or any combination of the sum of the three different widths that I like. If it's shorter than 12 inches, I cut into squares the same width of the above size as strips. Another alternative is to cut bricks measuring 2"x3-1/2" and 2-1/2"x4-1/2", not very often, larger bricks and this size: 3-1/2"x6-1/2". I tapped a cutting chart right at my cutting station. Something simple, just so I can see at a glance the sizes.

What about smaller, odd-shaped scraps, you ask? I save those too. I'm into scrappy, in deep, my friends. I sort those by value -- light, medium, dark, and sometimes fabric theme, depending on how big of a scrap that I have. When I get enough scraps together I have some ideas for a value quilt. I'll share those later.

Overwhelmed by scraps? Don't try and do this all at once. Take it in bite-sized pieces, so to speak. Bonnie recommends 15 minute increments. Me, I went a little longer, depending on the amount of time I had to begin with. Do what feels good for you. Then reward yourself with some sewing time.

Tired of looking at the same old scraps? Here are some ideas to add some spice to your collection--

- Go through your stash. Do you have some yardage that's been languishing in your stash? Cut it into strips! And cut into various widths so you have some to add to each strip bin.
- Exchange scraps with friends. I've done this with a few online friends, and it's fun! We agree to a certain weight, then grab a handful of scraps and send away! (We also set a size minimum -- no smaller than 1-1/2 inch square, or if odd shaped, no smaller than you could cut out a 1-1/2 inch square.)
- Slice up those fat quarters that have a corner cut out, here or there. Sometimes mine end up looking a bit like Swiss cheese. Also here as with full width-of-fabric, cut varying strip widths. If not long enough for strips, make bricks or squares.

- Browse the fat-quarter sale bins at your local quilt shop. That's a quick way to add a bit of variety (it is the spice of life) to your collection. Especially if they are significantly discounted.



I have a scrap bin right next to my cutting table. If I'm busy working on a project, sometimes I don't take the time to cut and sort the scraps, so I toss them into the bin. I know it seems like double work, but you see, I get distracted very easily. If I stop to cut then I might start sorting, then I'll start looking at the other scraps; then my mind will wander and I'll be thinking about what I could make, then remember what I made from that fabric: see what I mean?

So where was I? Oh, yes, scrap bin right next to my cutting table. When the scraps start piling up or if the mood strikes, I'll cut into strips, squares and bricks. Then sort by sizes. As my collection of scraps grows, I may sort by value or color, but for now they are sorted by size.

Hope this inspires you to get through a daunting task. I'd love to hear your method of sorting scraps!

~Marian Martin



## Our Meetings

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

**When:** Third Tuesday of Each Month  
7-9:00 p.m.

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

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