



## **Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild**

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## **PIECE TALK**

Volume 6, Issue 3  
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**MEETING PLACE:** Senior Citizen Center, Summitview and 65th Ave.  
First and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
Bring your own project:, the third Wednesday of each month at  
at 5:30 p.m.

**BOARD MEETING:** Senior Citizen Center, Summitview and 65th Ave.  
First Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

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### **Letter from the President**

Dear Quilters:

I'd like to start off by first thanking so many of you in the Guild for all your time, effort, thoughtfulness, contribution and sharing your talents so selflessly! We truly have wonderful women in our Guild. Please know how much we appreciate each and everyone of you. Welcome to all our new members, we hope to see many more new members this year. Our Guild cookbook is coming along very well; again, thank you all for sharing your favorite recipes and helping to make this a great success. I see great workshops in our Guild's future!

Yes, the Quilt Show "A Tisket, A Tasket Quilts in a Basket" is off to a great start. Nancy and Kathleen have great new ideas from visiting several other quilt shows and learning from other guilds how they set up their shows. Our beautiful raffle quilt is making great progress; many thanks to all of you who helped make blocks. We will be naming the raffle quilt soon, so start thinking of some great quilt names.

We have already had great programs again this year, many thanks to all of you who make this possible. Be sure to check this newsletter for the upcoming events. A big thank you to our local quilt shops for taking the time and showing us the new products, etc. so we can stay "tool" savvy. Our prayers and thoughts are with many of you who have had health issues, and family loss, etc. We are thinking of you, and miss you. Keep up the great work! It's a great pleasure to be able to work with so many talented women! Many Thanks,  
Carolyn Christensen

### **Mission Statement and Purpose:**

The purpose of the Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild is to foster the art of quilt making through sharing and teaching, sponsoring workshops, demonstrations and quilt shows. It is a non-profit organization and is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of quilting and other needle art through education and community service.

## Officers - 2006

President Carolyn Christensen (965-2686)  
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### Newsletter

Connie Mead (697-5472)  
Karla Griffin, Book Reviews (966-8824)

### Retreat

Michaela Hughes, Contract (698-3827)  
Kathleen Smith, Sign-up & Food (965-2630)

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### Show and Tell Hostess

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### Librarian

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### Website

Karla Griffin (966-8824)

### Fat Quarter Lotto

Nelda Poole (972-7829)  
Jean Landis (248-8618)

### Sign-Up Table

Diane Baumgarten (653-2935)

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Dorothy Munroe (697-4143)  
Betty Snyder (697-4564)

### Birthdays

Dorothy Munroe (697-4143)  
Betty Snyder (697-4564)

### Charity Quilts

Kathy Winters (965-7933)

### Historian

Betty Neumeyer (452-6069)

### Block of the Month

Michaela Hughes (698-3827)

### Membership Committee

Spotlights: Local Quilt Stores

## Quilt Show - 2007

### Raffle Quilt

Nancy Abbenhaus, Chairperson (965-7762)  
Kathy Winters, Chairperson ((965-7933)  
Linda Lortie,(575-7844)  
Lola Whalen (965-1055)

**Fat Quarter Lotto** Each month on the second Wednesday, bring one fat quarter of 100% cotton, (quilt shop quality) and put your name in the drawing (one fat quarter and one name only-no multiple FQ's/names). Depending on the number of participants, there will be multiple winners so the more members that bring their FQ's, the better. Colors for the rest of the year are:

May - Aunt Gracie	June - Pansies	July - Patriotic
August - Yellow & Blue	September - Plaid	October - Fall Colors
November - Civil War Fabrics		

## Newsletter

I hope you are enjoying your electronic newsletter. I have several ideas I would like to try as soon as I figure out how to do them so bear with me. Things will get better,

## Programs

A special thank you to the "Nine-Patch Pals" for presenting the ingenious wool mat program to the guild in April. It was a spring-inspired project with the uplifting pastel colors. Michaela Hughs introduced us to their Friendship Group and Nancy Mills passed out the kits. With some instruction, we threaded our needles and began appliqueing curly-que flowers and green leaves on the lavender background. VERY CUTE! I believe Shirley Brewer is the wool art specialist behind the project. If you have other program/workshop requests or ideas, get them to KJ Moss or Sandy Russell. Thank you, KJ Moss

**May 17<sup>th</sup> Program** – Presented by the Chain Gang. An evening of show and tell about our projects. Fun and games with Quilt Block Bingo, BIG prizes and cookies, too!! Don't miss the fun.

### **Something for Everyone at June 21 Program Meeting**

In response to various guild-member requests, **appliqué, machine quilting, dimensional bowtie block, and two-blocks-at-once 9-patch** (Billie Lauder method) will be demonstrated for the June 21 program. We will take turns rotating through each of four stations at 15 minute intervals. Nancy Mills and Carolyn Van De Graaf will demonstrate appliqué techniques (spray starch, freezer paper, etc) and show how to tackle difficult shapes, like concave/convex. If you want to try your hand, bring needle, thread, and fabric scraps. Kathy Winters will demonstrate machine quilting techniques on her Juki. This industrial-style machine has features that make machine quilting a breeze. There may be time for one or two people to sit down and try it. If you are interested, bring scraps of fabric and batting (quilt sandwich). Faye Ives will demonstrate the dimensional bowtie block. More than the traditional bowtie block, it looks complex, but is easy and fun to do. It can be done by hand or with machine. If you want to try it, bring needle, thread, and fabric scraps. KJ Moss and Sandy Russell will demonstrate the two-blocks-at-once 9-patch (Billie Lauder method). With this quick/precise technique, you can machine piece two 9-patch blocks at once! If you wish to try it, bring a 6-in square of muslin and 6-in square of contrasting fabric. Don't miss it!

### **Summer Challenge – A Basket of Summer Fun**

If you want to participate in this summer activity, pick up the information at the May 17 meeting. For questions, call Michaela at 698-3827.

### **Recycle! Recycle!**

Don't throw away those quilt magazines!! Bring them to the Guild meeting, put on the table with the others. If you see one you want, take it and leave a quarter. When you have finished with the magazine, recycle again!

## **Book Review**

### “Quilts Among The Plain People”

When shopping at The Amish Connection in Toppenish last summer, I purchased a book, “Quilts Among The Plain People,” by Rachel T. Pellman and Joanne Ranck Dirks (Good Books, 1981).

It’s not a large book, 95 pages *if* you read all of the index, but it contains some interesting information about how quilting plays a role in the lives of Old Order Amish and Mennonite families in the Midwest. It’s an enjoyable, quick read, with interesting tidbits about life among these quiet-living people. For instance do you know what a “Distelfink” is? Would you recognize one if you saw it in a quilt? The book also has many interesting pictures of Amish and Mennonite people, images of them quilting and at work and play.

However, the brevity of the book and the lack of depth of detail about the people and their traditional and contemporary quilts was disappointing overall. The use of only black and white pictures (with the exception of the beautiful quilts on the front and back covers) seems very limited when you know the soul of these quilts is their striking use of colors and stunning hand-quilting. The back section of the book is a very rudimentary “how to quilt” lesson, but it leaves out quite a few details as well.

If you’re looking for a quick overview of a people and their quilting traditions, or a very easy read, this would be a good place to start. If you’re looking for more “meat” on the topic of Amish quilts and history, this book will leave you wishing for more.

### **Tip of the Month:**

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#### How Much Thread do I Need for This Project?

We often are asked how much thread it takes to quilt a quilt. It depends on the size of the quilt and the type of quilting to be done. The most thread I’ve seen used in a quilt is 20,000 yds. (10,000 yds. of MonoPoly invisible thread in the bobbin and 10,000 yds. of Nature Colors and Living Colors on top). This quilt is a beautiful thread painting entitled Precious Water by Hollis Chatelain and won Best of Show in Houston in 2004. Everyone’s technique is different so the following yardage numbers are only averages. Of course it is possible to use much more or much less thread. These numbers are for the top thread only. Double them if you use the same thread for the bobbin. The three sets of numbers following the quilt size represent Light Quilting/Medium Quilting/Heavy Quilting.

Crib size: 200 yds./400 yds./600 yds.  
Twin size: 400 yds./800 yds./1,200 yds.  
Queen size: 600 yds./1,100 yds./1,600 yds.  
King size: 700 yds./1,300 yds./2,000 yds

### Websites for Quilters:

<http://www.quiltpatterns4u.com/> - Patterns and links to several more sites

### Quilt Happenings

**Pacific Northwest Quiltfest** presented by the Association of Pacific Northwest Quilters on August 11-13, 2006 in the Exhibition Hall and the Northwest Rooms at the Seattle Center. Over 250 juried and judged quilts from the 4 western provinces of Canada and the 5 western states, daily quilt-related lectures, 4 special exhibits, and a dinner auction Saturday night. Contact [info@apnq.org](mailto:info@apnq.org) for details.

**New Members** – Welcome to our new members. Be sure and give them a warm welcome.

Donna White lives in Selah and has actually been a member of the Guild for several years. We just caught up with her to get her info. She is retired and busier than ever. She belongs to three other quilt groups besides the Guild. Her favorite colors are red, blue and green. Her favorite fabrics are Hoffman, Aunt Gracie and small flower fabrics and she considers herself an advanced quilter. She makes mostly queen size quilts. She enjoys reading, camping, collecting Santas, teacups and traveling.

Reva Schatz lives in Yakima and joined the Guild in February of 2006. She is a retired school teacher with three grown children and three grandchildren under three. She enjoys travel, genealogy, family affairs and reading. She is a seamstress first and a quilter second. She makes children's clothes and wall hangings. She likes things that are unique and buys her fabric before she has a plan. She says her secret stash is no longer a secret since it takes over three rooms.

Bonnie McCaffery Workshop – People were caught having a good time!!!









Thanks to Kathy Moss for the pictures of the workshop. I lost one and can't find it. Haven't figured out the editing software yet so had to leave Paula sideways.

Would like to ask those Guild members who have digital cameras to take pictures of Guild events or other quilt related events and I will learn to edit so we can make them a part of our on-line newsletter.

#### **LOCAL SHOPS OWNED AND OPERATED BY GUILD MEMBERS:**

**Common Thread Quilting.** Debie Brown. 240 Meadowlark Lane, Moxee, WA 98936 (509) 248-3878. Creative Machine Quilting. Traditional designs--including feathers and borders, to unique and customized Quilting for your traditional and contemporary quilts. Pick-up and delivery is available. Please call for an appointment.

**Bernina Sewing Center and Firehouse Fabric.** Sue McMillan. 103 So. 7th Ave., Yakima, WA 98902 (509) 248-0078. Pick up a current issue of their newsletter for a schedule of classes, websites to visit, new stuff, Monthly Embroidery Club meetings.

**Ann's Quilts.** Ann Bennett. 3504 Ahtanum Rd., Yakima, WA 98903 (509) 965-2313. Fabrics, batting, long arm machine quilting. 7-day turn around. We ship UPS. Open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

**Sew Special Quilting.** Michaela Hughes. 120 Heysman Road, Selah, WA 98942 (509) 698-3827. Quality machine quilting using a Gammill Long Arm Quilt Machine. Pantograph and custom designs available. It's not a quilt until it's quilted.

**Spooling Around.** Laura Adams. 541 E. Duffield Road, Moxee, WA 98936. (509) 453-0610. Please call for an appointment. Quality quilting done on a new Gammell Classic Plus quilting machine with a stitch regulator. Warm and White and Hobbs batting available.

**The Threaded Needle.** Jo Lou Catron. Chalet Place, 5615 summitview, Yakima, WA 89808 (509) 469-3838. Come see new fabric, books & notions. New wool and wool floss for Penny Rugs.

**Sunbonnet Sue.** Sue Lee & Brenda Oaks, 419 W. Yakima, Yakima, WA 98902 (509)452-4112 Plain and simple quilting by Tina Ahrens using a Gammill long arm machine. Batting available. We will do binding.

**Expressive Traditional & Contemporary Quilting.** Affordable prices. Pantograph, Custom and Heirloom styling. Quick turn around. Ask for Nancy Pintler at 453-0183 for an appointment