

# The Piece N' Times

January 2018

## HOSTESSES FOR 2018

Call Kathy Harcourt for the Carousel Building key or to confirm that she will be able to open up herself.

JANUARY	
FEBRUARY	Vickie Cooper & Nancy Morris
MARCH	
APRIL	
MAY	
JUNE	Canadian Group
JULY	Sara Sly & Janet Sly
AUGUST	Sarah Bradburn & Georgia Thomas
SEPTEMBER	
OCTOBER	Rachel Siracuse & Dianne Bremner
NOVEMBER	
DECEMBER	<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>

## Board Members & Committee Chairpersons

President	Lorna Johnson	
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Membership Chair	Leslie Tietsort	
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Special Events Chair	Lorna Johnson Georgia Thomas	Fair Tea- May Quilt Show

## NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

1. Beginner Classes start in February. Rae will teach monthly classes with a 'Quilt as You Go' technique. First class is February 24th at the Carousel Building @9am

- Beginning quilting lessons - Learn to quilt block by block.
- We will be making a small quilt using a variety of techniques. All the quilting basics will be covered; pressing, cutting, seaming, quilting, sashing and binding. You will end up with a finished quilt.
- Materials needed are a sewing machine that is clean and in good working order, thread, scissors, fabric and batting, coordinating print and plain fabrics in 1/4, 1/2 and/or 3/4 yard pieces totaling about 4 yards will be needed.
- A rotary cutter and mat will be used and if you have one then bring it, but Rae will bring one for class use. An iron and board will also be supplied for class use.

2. May Quilt Show & Tea is set for May 19th, 2018

3. 2018 Challenge Quilt - Cathy Korolek is the chairman. Fabric and instructions were handed out in November. Make a 20" square 'song quilt'.

4. We need volunteers for hosting our meetings; see the chart above and choose a month!

### JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1th - New Year's Day
- 11th - Kara Walsh's B-Day
- 11th - Guild Meeting
- 15th - Martin Luther King Day

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# *December's Minutes* Secretary Phyllis Quam

After enjoying a delicious meal the meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Lorna Johnson with all officers in attendance. There were 18 members and 2 guests present. Thank you to Nancy & Loni for the festive music.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed.

## *Treasurer's Report:*

- **Beginning Balance \$ 3823.57**
- **Paid out:**
  - Kathy H. for coffee tote supplies, \$12.23
  - Ferry Co. Fairgrounds for sew ins Nov. & Dec. , \$140.00
  - Ferry Co. Fairgrounds for 2018 meetings & classes, \$1000.00
  - Outfitters for 4H batting, \$42.55
- **Deposits:**
  - Sew-in donation \$33.00,
  - Dues 8 members = \$96.00
- **Ending Balance - \$2757.79**

## *Old Business:*

- Sign-up sheets for refreshments & monthly programs for next year were put out for members to sign.
- The directions for the next row for the row quilt were given out. It will be courthouse steps.
- The raffle quilt design was decided. The pattern is called Illusion and will be done in browns & blues. Chair for this committee was tabled until the next meeting.

## *New Business:*

- Stephanie showed the Christmas tree that will be one of the projects for the sew-in on Saturday.
- Rae stated that the community classes will begin in February instead of January.

## *Committee Reports:*

- Stephanie stated that the No Sew Tote by Janet will be the project for the February sew-in.
- Brenda will teach how to make microwave bowls in January.

*Charm Drawing* - Leslie T. won the charm this month.

## *Good of the Order –*

- There will be a quilt show (Reflections of a Quilter) in Everett, April 27-28 at the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center at the Xfinity Arena, 2000 Hewitt Ave., Everett, WA. Buy tickets & find info at [www.AllinStitchesWA.org](http://www.AllinStitchesWA.org) Open Call for quilt entries – Feb. 15 – March 15, 2018. If you cannot find this info on the website Lorna has a letter on how to enter quilts.

## *Help Me*

- Sarah B showed a folded star ornament that turned out too large and asked for suggestions on how to make it smaller.
- Janet has a quilt top she is making into a duvet cover. She asked if she should back the top. The suggestion was that she use a muslin backing.

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### Show & Tell

- Sarah Bradburn - a doll bed her husband made & she made the mattress, pillow & bedding, a snowman ornament and a stuffed dog.
- Dianne Bremner - A ribbon quilt for great grandson Finn and a purple girly gym bag for a granddaughter who hates pink.
- Rachel Siracuse - Christmas stocking #8 ( No's 1-7) have been mailed. A blue quilt with embroidered stars which is the wedding quilt for her son & his wife.
- Rae Salkeld – a lap quilt made with the kimono cotton purchased from a previous program presenter and a triptych table runner which can be split into 3 placemats.
- Stephanie Alcock – quilt in yellow, black & white made from fabric she stole 3 years ago at the Xmas party.
- Deena Johnston – trailer quilt made by friends
- Kathy Harcourt – Labyrinth Quilt & table topper made from stripe material.
- Kathryn Bedney – a tote bag for her grandmother & a lap quilt for her grandfather.
- Leslie Tietsort – yellow & gray quilt.

**Program** – Program was gift exchange where a lot of stealing went on.

**Meeting was adjourned.**

### Biography

We welcome our new Canadian quilter Brenda Sikich. She has lived in Grand Forks for two and a half years. She is married and has a son and a daughter and two cats. Her hobbies, other than quilting, is having a glass of wine. She started quilting at night classes in 1980 with her mom. Her favorite piecing method is machine. She does both hand and machine quilting. She looks forward to being a member of Piece N' Pals and meeting new friends and learning more about quilting. She joined our group in October. She wants to learn machine quilting and wool techniques. Her first quilted piece was a sampler stitched all by hand in 1980 in an adult education night class. She owns a Janome machine. We look forward to many happy quilting days !



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CITY	STORE NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL OR WEBSITE
Chewelah	Akers United Drug	406 N Park St.	(509) 935-8441	(20% off fabric w/membership)
Colville	E-Z Knit Fabrics	Main Street	(509) 684-2644	ezknit.com
Deer Park	Ed & Jean's Quilt Shop	22 S Vernon, #4	(509) 276-6678	edandjeansquiltshop@gmail.com
Deer Park	Sew Into Quilts	110 W Crawford St.	(509) 276-2035	
Grand Coulee	KISSed Quilts	301 Main St.	(509) 386-5715	kissedquilts.com
Grand Forks	Heart N' Sole Quilts		(250) 442-0661	heartnsole@telus.net
Greenacres	The Quilting Heart	20419 E. First AVE	(509) 926-1425	
Omak	Needlelyn Time	9 N Main	(509) 826-1198	needlelyntime.com
Oroville	Buena Vista Quilting	1326 HWY 7 N	(509) 486-2341	buenavistaquilting.com
Spokane	Sew E-Z Too	603 W Garland AVE	(509) 325-6644	ezknit.com
Spokane	Quilt Patch Lane	413 W Hastings RD	(509) 467-0133	
Spokane	Regal Fabrics	5620 S Regal St., #8	(509) 242-3731	
Spokane Valley	Hattie's Quilt Shop	13817 E Sprague AVE,	(509) 279-2150	
Spokane Valley	Heartbeat Quilting	16909 E Sprague	(509) 465-0344	heartbeatquilting.com
Spokane Valley	The Quilting Bee	16002 E Broadway	(509) 928-6037	quiltingbeespokane.com

JANUARY 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 <b>GUILD MEETING</b> <b>KARA WALSH'S B-DAY</b>	12	13 <b>SEW DAY @CURLEW FIREHALL</b>
14	15 <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</b>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## *Piece N' Pals Quilt Guild*

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# **CRAZY ABOUT QUILTING**

**Next Guild Meeting**  
**Thursday**  
**January 11, 2018**

## *Scraps of Wisdom*

As I write this we are past the crush of Christmas and headed into the New Year 2018. For me this is always a time of reflection and anticipation of the coming year. Reflecting on the year we have just finished. 2017 was a good year, but had its share of challenges. It seems like in a family as large as mine, someone is always struggling with health issues, or job issues, or relationship issues or perhaps money issues. No family seems to escape this. I guess it is part of the human condition. I gave all of my girls something that said "I think my Guardian Angel drinks". In one way or another it was appropriate for all of them.

We did have a lovely Christmas this year. My three girls and Art's son and daughter were all with us for the first time in quite a while. We loved having them all here and joining us for the traditions that we carry out year after year. We missed having grandson Damon with us. It was harder on his Mother and me than it was on him. He seemed proud of the fact that he had reached the age where he could make it through Christmas on his own. After all, he just turned 27 so it might be time.

Just before Christmas I learned about a family that was having a really hard time, financially and otherwise. There was a father and two little boys involved. A friend of mine was buying them underwear, socks and jeans for Christmas, because that is what they desperately needed. While I certainly agree with the practicality of that, my heart wouldn't let go of waking up on Christmas morning to only that. At the last minute we were able to get them onto the Kiwanis Food Basket program and I set about making up

some bags with practical and boy things; LED lanterns, spinners, new toothbrushes, card games and lots of goodies. I knew there was one thing missing. I thought they needed a quilt for each of them. I looked through my quilts, but there nothing that felt right, and truth be told I just couldn't part with any of them.

I was telling the story to Cherie Gorton at Rural Resources. I have access to quilts she assured me and indeed she did. She found twin size quilts that someone had made using 2 ½ inch scrap strips made into 16 inch blocks. The tops were bright and bold and they were backed with dark blue heavy flannel. They were tied rather sparsely, but the back had been folded over making thick and sturdy bindings. They were the kind of quilts my mother and grandmother used to make for family bedding. The kind that would take daily wear and tear for thirty years and still live on in someone's heart or in a threadbare state in the bottom of a chest, too precious to be thrown away.

They were made by the same person, because the technique was the same. Thank you, whom ever you are, that made these two quilts. They might never win a quilting prize, but they will be loved to death by two little boys who sorely needed the comfort they will afford. Bless you for taking the time to make them and donate them.

Happy New Year to all of you.

*by Nancy Morris*