



PIECE TALK



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President's Letter by Lois Dean



Summer is here and it's time for a different pace. For some that means gardening, family time, and exploring the world around us. Some of you will jump into our Summer Challenge project or make the quarterly Lotto Block. Some of us will attempt to finish some set aside projects before the new ideas take over. For others, that means travel ... the kind where you visit every quilt shop along the way.

I've recently returned from a trip to Alaska and can share a little about my quilt shop experience.

•In Ketchikan, I found that the shop by the port (Whale's Tales) has closed. Of course I found another! Fabulous Fiber Arts and More has beautiful yarns and sells Alaska themed fabrics in one yard (pre) cuts.

•In Juneau, I visited Changing Tides. The shop is well stocked with both Alaska themed product and traditional fabrics. You'll also find plenty of batiks and Alaska panels to choose from. There is some nice yarn and I love the large selection of beautiful earrings (many are Alaska themed).

•In Skagway, I stopped in to Quilt Alaska. They, too, have many Alaska themed fabrics and panels along with a good supply of batiks and a few nice wide backs.

Then we went to Anchorage.

•Cabin Fever is downtown, within walking distance of their convention center that doubles for cruise folk luggage storage. It's a nice little gift shop that again has a good supply of Alaska themed fabrics along with other choices.

•Winter Solstice was my favorite! This is a small shop that is for both quilters and garment/home sewers. Her prices were uniquely lower than every other shop. Her choices were very much to my liking and I had a hard time limiting my purchases. (But I did!)

•Seams Like Home is a Bernina store and has that vibe – I told them it felt a lot like The Sewing Bee in Spokane. Lots and lots of fabric choices for quilters. There I learned about how hard it is for them to get fabric. They order a year in advance (like most other shops) and it can take up to an extra year for the bolts to arrive. We do tend to forget how that beautiful isolation of Alaska can make "current" trends meaningless.

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I hope to get back to some of my favorite Oregon shops sometime in July. My family has been living most recently in the Salem/Keizer area so those are the shops I know best. If you are ever there, check out The Cotton Patch (she loves Jason Yenter and is open on Mondays!) and Bernina Quilting and More (some t-shirt knits along with quilting fabrics) both in Keizer. In Salem, I like Will-n-Bee's (small shop, good choices) and Paramount Sewing and Vacuum (bigger shop and a large clearance area). If you are heading south, check out Finally Together in Lebanon. Or if you're heading west, check out Boersma in McMinnville (be sure to tell them you saw them at our quilt show). I suspect I'm going to get reacquainted with Fiddlesticks in Vancouver soon as well since my niece just moved nearby.

My tip: You could pack most of your fabric in your carry-on luggage. Annoyingly heavy, but you've already paid for that bag to go home. OR. Bring along a US Mail Priority flat rate box if you need to control luggage weight or volume. You might be surprised how many yards of quilting cotton one can fit in a flat rate box. We weighed my purchases at one store and decided that you'll get about 3 yards to the pound.

Yes, I plan road trips around quilt shops. Bet you never would have guessed! But that does mean I need to work on reducing my stash this summer so should have a few quilts for show and tell in September.

Happy Quilting!

Lois



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TREASURE TRUNK SALE



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
8AM - 2PM**

Christ Lutheran Church
5606 West Lincoln Ave



**ITEMS ARE NEEDED! PLEASE TAKE THE TIME
TO SEE WHAT YOU MIGHT HAVE TO DONATE.**



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PLENTY OF PARKING

**FABRIC, NOTIONS, PROJECTS,
RULERS AND SEW MUCH MORE**

"Morbid Moments"

Dear Members,

Improving your health means more time spent quilting and less time spent feeling 'too tired' to quilt!

Some nutritional experts say that if every day you eat 10 almonds with dark skin and drink 2 ounces of pomegranate juice, this can help improve your daily health.

Will your quilted stars shine brighter? Just asking.

This tongue-in-cheek Morbid Moment is brought to you by Bev and Pat, but mostly Bev!

Meanwhile, we are working on ways to recruit new members at our Treasure Trunk Sale and at the Fair in September. Any Membership Recruitment ideas you have, please reach out to [Bev](#) or [Pat](#), your Membership Committee Co-Chairs. Thank you!



Hey! We're now on Instagram!



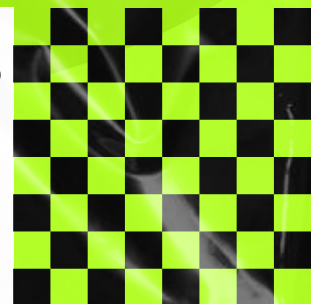
Now you can follow us on one of the best places to find new quilting ideas: INSTAGRAM!

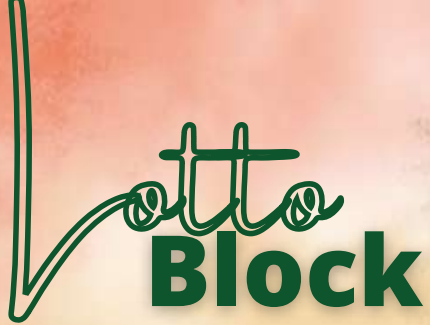


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**Send us pics of your quilts
you'd like us to share on
behalf of the Guild!**





Pumpkin Quilt Block



Level: Easy

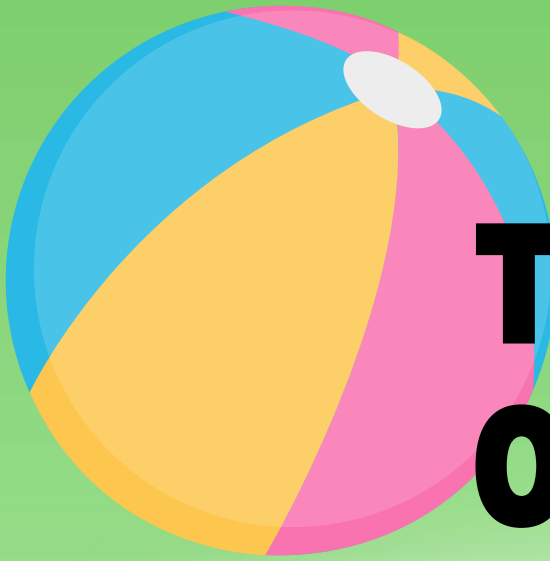
Size: 8½" unfinished

“Pumpkin Quilt Block”

by Diane Knott

Find the pattern on [Craftsy](#).





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Forever

and STRIPES



SUMMER CHALLENGE

Due: September 16th!

- Create any size patriotic-themed quilt with at least 3 different 'star' blocks.
- Fabric must be red, white, and/or blue in any combination you like.
- Use at least 1 striped fabric in your design.
- Prizes will be awarded!



Star Block Examples: Wonky, Honeycomb, Economy, Washington, Starbright, Orion, Sawtooth, 8-Point, Carpenter, and Friendship.

Summer Quilting Mad Lib

Trying to piece a quilt when it is _____
Fave Curse Word + -ing High Number

degrees outside is pure torment! I am locked in my

sewing room wearing nothing but a _____, wrangling
Clothing Item

yards of ugly _____ fabric using a rusty _____. After
Summer Color Fave Quilting Tool

hours of _____ with my _____, the whole
Verb ending in -ing Annoying Sewing Tool

thing looks like a mutated _____, so I am grabbing a
Noun

giant _____ and burning the stash.
Summer Beverage





YVQG Dinner Party December 2, 2026, 5:30 pm

Cascade Garden Lodge: 5704 West Washington Ave

Theme: Home For The Holidays

Come join us for a delightful evening. Bling it up!

Members and their guest are welcome.

RSVP with payment between September 2 and November 18.

Contact Renee Miles or sign up at our meetings.

\$30 includes

- *Herb-Roasted Chicken Breast*
- *Whole Wheat Pasta with Herbs*
- *Classic Caesar Salad*
- *Dinner roll*
- *Variety of Holiday Cookies*

Bring your beverage of choice. Water will be provided.

***Bring a hand made quilted gift with the theme “Home For The Holidays”.
Vote for your favorite. Prizes for the top three. This is your gift exchange.***



Party Favors

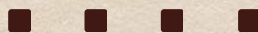
Games

Volunteer Recognition

Guild Member of the Year

Installation of the 2027 officers





June Quilt Block:
Pre-Contact to the
American Revolution



Lauren Good Day

Letter from the Editor

SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM'S QUILT ALONG

I know how our Guild loves Quilt Alongs, and so do I. As we celebrate America's 250th anniversary, did you know that the Smithsonian is sharing a quilt along, too? I came across this one, and wanted to share.



- Reesha Cosby, *Piece Talk Editor*

"The National Museum of the American Indian Quilt Along will take place virtually from June to October 2026.

A new 10-inch by 10-inch quilt block pattern designed by a contemporary Indigenous artist will be released monthly, followed by a border design and finishing instructions.

The design of each block is inspired by a different era of United States history, as seen through a Native lens.

You are invited to sew your own blocks at home, at your own pace."

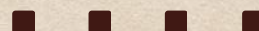
Cissy Serrao



July Quilt Block:
Post-American Revolution



June and July's quilt along blocks are already out. The one for August drops soon, so stop by the Smithsonian's website here to learn more.



Summer Fun: What's Your Quilty Horoscope?

ARIES: YOUR STASH WILL GROW FASTER THAN YOUR PATIENCE. BUY **NEON CHARTREUSE**.

TAURUS: STUBBORNLY REFUSING TO UNPICK THAT CROOKED SEAM. CHOOSE **STUBBORN-AS-IT-GETS DENIM BLUE**.

GEMINI: TWO PROJECTS STARTED, ABSOLUTELY ZERO FINISHED. EMBRACE **WHICH-PERSONALITY-ARE-YOU-TODAY PURPLE**.

CANCER: CRYING OVER SPILLED COFFEE ON WHITE BACKING. WEAR **WHOOPIE-DAISIE CREAM & BROWN COMBO**.

LEO: STRUTTING AROUND THE GUILD LIKE YOU INVENTED QUILTING. ROCK **GOLD LAMÉ**.

VIRGO: OBSESSING OVER A MILLIMETER-OFF POINT. FLAUNT **ANGRY-ISH BLUSH PINK**.

LIBRA: SPENDING THREE DAYS JUST PICKING OUT FABRICS. PICK **PROCRASTINATING GRAY**. WAIT A WHILE BEFORE YOU DO.

SCORPIO: STABBING YOURSELF WITH PINS AND PLOTTING REVENGE. SEEK **OUCH-THAT-HURTS RED**.

SAGITTARIUS: WINGING THE PATTERN MEASUREMENTS ENTIRELY. TRUST **WILDCARD RAINBOW**.

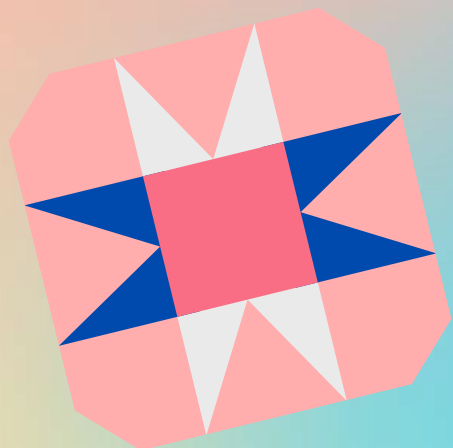
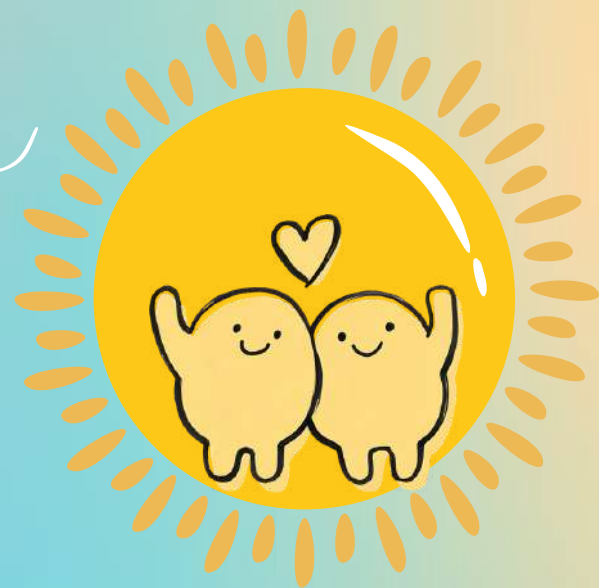
CAPRICORN: FINISHING A HOLIDAY QUILT THREE MONTHS EARLY. ROCK **OVERACHIEVEMENT EMERALD**.

AQUARIUS: USING A RULER AS A WEAPON. CHOOSE **ROCKABILLY REBEL ORANGE**.

PISCES: DAYDREAMING INSTEAD OF ACTUALLY CHAIN-PIECING. DREAM IN **WASHINGTON COAST TOURISTY TEAL**.

friendship

Groups



Project Linus

Modern Quilting Circle

The Apple-K-ers

Quilts of Valor

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Longarm Creations

Please email yvqg2015@gmail.com if you don't see your Friendship Group listed and include a link to the group.

Upcoming

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEW DAYS:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH
NOVEMBER: DATE COMING SOON

Treasure Trunk Show:

Wednesday, August 19th, 7 p.m. at the Harman Center
Special Guest: Vicki Boddy with "Scraps to Treasure"
Guests: \$10 each

The Fair:

Submitting something for
the Central WA State Fair
this year? Remember that
check-in and judging are
happening on August 28th
& 29th!

VOLUNTEER HOURS: PLEASE KEEP TRACK OF YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!

There is a Member Reporting Form
tracking sheet you can use on the Guild's
website. This will help our Charitable
Works Chair track them to maintain our
501(c)(3) status.





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Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization is to preserve and continue the traditions, culture and history of quilting; to promote fellowship among interested persons in all aspects of quilting; to contribute to the knowledge of and to promote the appreciation of fine quilts; to sponsor and support quilting activities through charity; to encourage quilt making and collecting; and to contribute to the growth of knowledge of quilting techniques, textiles, patterns and quiltmakers through educational meetings and travel.

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization



Who We Are and What We Do:

Our purpose is to foster the art of quilt making through sharing and teaching, sponsoring workshops, demonstrations and quilt shows.

Membership: \$30

Share this **membership link** with your quilty friends!

Yakima Valley Quilters' Guild

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