

# THREADS

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## Go Fly a Kite By Lynn Raymer

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August is the annual Work Kite Festival in Long Beach Washington USA. Some friends came down to participate and we got to talking. Lynn Lary is a kite maker. She and her husband have designed and made kites for sale for many years. Many of us have flown kites in their simplest form, the old paper diamond kites. But they come in many different sizes, shapes and materials. From diamond to delta to box, from single to stacked. Lynn has a tunnel that she puts up for kids to run through at the festival. It is made of nylon kite material.

Our community also has what is billed as the only kite museum outside of Asia. As I walked through it recently, I was stunned to learn more of the history of kites. Here are a few photos with a brief explanation.



<This kite, made of cotton, was used to protect convoys in war.

>This kite was a target, used to trains gunners.



Painted Silk Kites, Some are quite small, others are big. The man standing next to the kite is 6' 3".



### CHECK IT OUT

**International Quilt Show, Houston, TX - November 3-6, 2016**

**In Kuna, Idaho & Canberra, Australia to Birmingham, England - August 6 & 11 2017**

**Quilt Festival, New England, April 5-8, 2017, Manchester, New Hampshire**

**Interweave Yarn Fest Loveland CO USA March 30-April 2 2017**

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# Kites



**I loved this life size horse kite. The eagle kite is about six by ten feet and each color is a different piece of fabric, sewn together to create the picture.**





# Shop With A Cop Christmas Stockings

While the family of member Kimberly Holman get these beautiful hand made Christmas stockings, not all children are so fortunate.



Derek

Jonathan

Kimberly

Samuel

Edmund

The Rotary of Southwest Pacific County Washington State USA has partnered with our law enforcement officers and a local store to provide a special Christmas treat for children in need. Too often, these children's only interactions with the officers is negative, when the officer comes to pick up a parent. To show the children a different side, the school helps pick children in need of a positive interaction. A breakfast is supplied by a local restaurant then each child gets to shop with their own cop. They are given a gift card and the officer helps them to find what they are wanting. Some children shop for themselves, some buy gifts for their family. While the purchases are valued, the really big deal is riding in the police car and getting to turn on the sirens! Another fun part is the stockings. When former Rotarian Bonnie Carey found out that the stockings that were given to the children were cheap net, she went to work. She made 35 crocheted stockings for the children. Here are a few from last year.



# Quilt Shops

## By Esther and Lynn

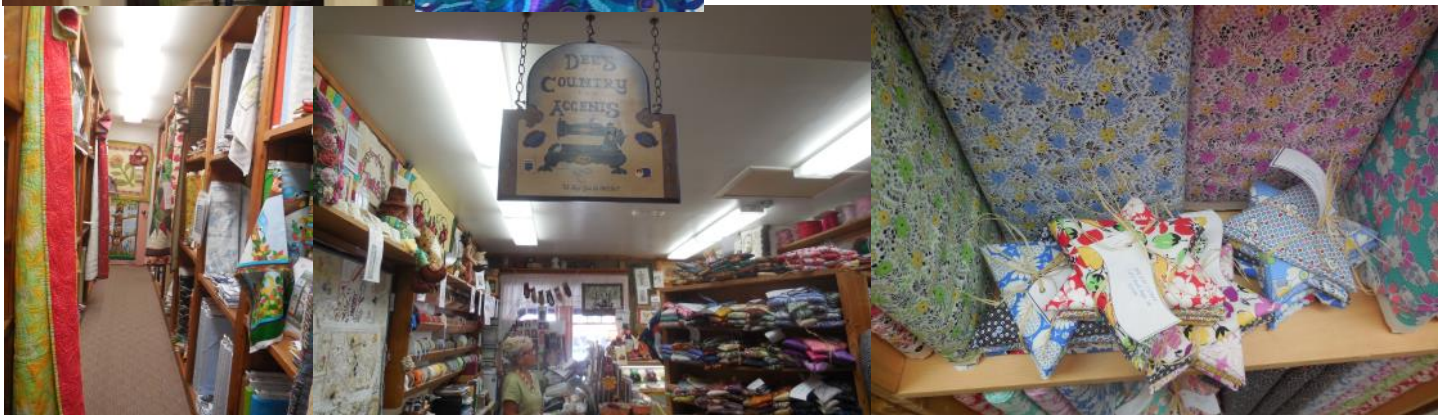
As we were heading to a wedding on Peak Island, ME (off the coast of Portland, ME) I saw a sign for a quilt shop. Being a good guy my husband agreed to stop and let me browse for a few minutes. This shop was written up a while back in "Quilt Sampler" magazine and it was a delight to visit. Saw lots of nautical fabric and lobsters galore.

They had several displays of potential embroidery projects and I ended up with one and a fabric that I hope to enhance in the near future. The owner was extremely pleasant and the staff helpful. On the second floor of the shop they had a huge handmade crib filled with quilts for babies and young children. The quilts were going to the Barbara Bush Children's facility in the town. They also had a number of pillow cases on display. I came home and dug out some of my glass buttons and beads to experiment (continued on next page)



I recently spent a few days with a dear friend from my childhood in Leavenworth WA USA and found this sweet little shop right across from our hotel. Dee's has threads, yarns and fabric along with all sorts of trims packed into a tiny space in a small inn. She was very nice about letting me take photos.

Lynn (see photos below)





on how to use it on the piece that I purchased. My husband ended up leaving the shop and returning to our car to read but surprised me with a wonderful sweat shirt when I got back to the car. I will have to wear it whenever we go out and about on a sunny or rainy day. There is nothing like a fall day with the sky a perfect blue and every so often a wisp of a cloud floating by. I was fortunate to be in Maine for a few days to attend the wedding of our Ambassadorial Scholar and her significant other. She was so beautiful and he was so handsome. Ah, to be young again and be able to travel and see the world Our gal always makes us proud to know how well she represented our Rotary Club (Saranac Lake, NY) and our District (7040). When she went to Peru she attended the Catholic University and studied infectious disease. While there she met a Rotarian from our district that was living in Peru at the time. He convinced her to get involved and she sure did. She established a foundation for street children, secured a house for them and provided medical care to those young boys. She met other Rotary exchange students from around the world and to this day is still involved in the foundation. When she finished medical school she did post grad work in infectious disease at Penn (PA) and is now in charge of CHOP (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia) working with doctors and taking them to Africa when she is setting up well baby clinics. When we hear from her we wonder where she is and what is she involved in now. Her parents, good friends of ours, blame everything that she does on us. We've adopted her as one of grandchildren. In a future newsletter I send along a sample of the letters she sends us.

Here are some things to think about for 2017:

"Road to California Quilter's conference and Showcase - January 19-22, 2017 at the Ontario Convention Center. For all the details visit them on line at: [www.ROAD2CA.com](http://www.ROAD2CA.com)

Their card mentions the return of *The Tent Makers of Cairo Egypt*. Definitely want to put that on my calendar.

Maine Quilts 40th Anniversary Show - July 27-29, 2017 at the Augusta Civic Center. Special events include a Champagne Preview Night on July 26 and a dinner and lecture with Philippa Naylor on July 28th. Their brochure will be available mid-February. Info at: [www.mainequilts.org](http://www.mainequilts.org); 207-216-7358

Candy Store retreat with Diane Beaman at Waterville Valley, NH September 9-11. "Cornerstone" a free newsletter of content, context and contracts for quilters everywhere.

sign up for info at: [www.onequiltingcircle.com](http://www.onequiltingcircle.com)

# New Member Focus

**Meni Mbugha** I'm fashion designer from DRCONGO and my interests to Geishas Kimono bring me to Kyoto ( now research student at Kyoto City University of Arts).

After, my fashion design studies, I had a deep interest in textile design because I feel that the well known African print fabrics are not enough African for me to use them in my expression.

At the same time I discovered Patterns of bark clothes made by Pygmies from the forest of Epulu (eastern congo ) and I decided to take a look of the way to preserve and promote them. But , I could not find someone to teach me how to dye cotton with natural dyes. So, I came in Japan.

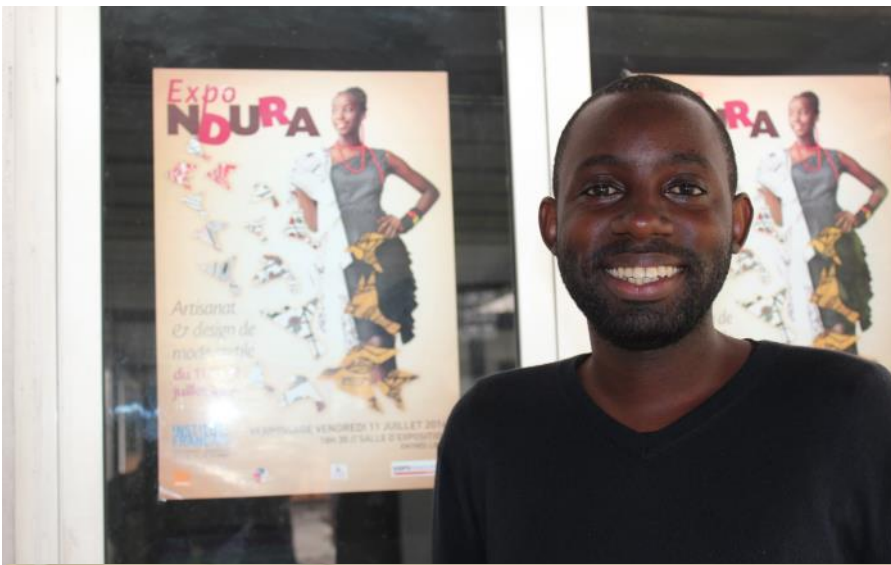
I learned about the fellowship in Seoul during the Rotary International Convention, visiting the stand but not too much. I'm in my second year as Rotarian and taking action in others activities than what we do in the clubs is important to me . So , I decided to join a fellowship related to my passion.

I've never made any quilt before but I would learn and make some during my membership.

Also, you can see a brief story of my interest to Bambuti - Pygmies and the project related on

<http://epuluforest.blogspot.com> Welcome Meni!

The pictures on the next page show his work and that he is also a supporter of the end polio campaign.





# From the Chairman

Are you planning to come to Atlanta? Cheryl has arranged for a house for the stay for members who are interested, on a first come basis. Windy Hill Estate has 8 bedrooms, 8 bathrooms, swimming pools, sitting rooms, kitchens and more in a lovely old mansion. Please contact Cheryl at [cminshew@cox.net](mailto:cminshew@cox.net) to sign up or for more information. We will be sending out information about volunteering for the fellowship booth in separate emails over the coming months, with a schedule so that as many of you as possible will be able to help and everyone has a chance to attend the sessions and break outs. We have several ideas that should make it fun and easy to take over.





# Thoughts from Esther

I recently went into a local yarn shop looking for help with a project I was crocheting. I had heard that they were offering courses at a reasonable amount.

I had my project with me and the women said they are not involved with crocheting as no one is doing that anymore but they would be happy to give me knitting lessons. I told them I was a knitter and that lead to my next question: How do you determine how many skeins of yarn you need to complete a project and should it be figured based on the weight of the yarn? They said that they never know how much yarn to purchase for a project. That set me back on my heels. But I counted to 10 and said "oh" does that mean when you purchase a pattern it does not give you the info? Like the number of skeins or yards needed to complete the project? So - they took out their cell phone and looked up the answer. Well since they were local and I try to support local shops I started to look for some more yarn to complete the project - a baby afghan - using yarn from my stash. They told me they only carry wool as no one buys anything but that. I left without making any purchase (good for me) and headed over to Barnes & Noble. Well, I looked at many crochet magazines and lo and behold patterns gave all the info needed to complete a project. I was going to purchase a magazine and take it over to the shop but decided not to do that. It made me wonder how they manage to stay in business? Do they treat all potential crafters the way I was treated? It did explain why they are no longer carrying quilting fabric, notions, etc. Has anyone ever dealt with a shop like that? How did you handle it? Did you ever go back and make a purchase?

Would love to hear your stories of the great places you went to for yarn, fabric, notions, patterns, etc. We could probably write a book and sell it at our booth.

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## Websites to check out

[www.wrbqinc.com](http://www.wrbqinc.com)

[www.fiberartinternational.org](http://www.fiberartinternational.org)

[www.chinafiberart.com](http://www.chinafiberart.com)

[www.sebarts.org](http://www.sebarts.org)

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Thanks, Diana!

How do you describe Diana? I am sure that members of her Rotary Club could give us many different definitions of their member Diana Barden.

Folks that know Diana from her quilting groups would tell you all about what a gracious lady she is plus lots of quilting stories. Her family would of course reveal some things that neither group knows about our Lady Diana.

But Lynn & I know her as a devoted, inspiring, dedicated member of the Rotary Fellowship of Quilters & Fiber Artists. We do not think a cross word has ever passed through her lips. We know that we always see a smiling face whether surrounded by her grandchildren, quilting friends and Rotary friends. Diana has a positive way of looking at things and we both wish she lived near us. I hope everyone in the Fellowship will tip their hats to a great lady, a great Rotarian and a great inspiration to young and old alike.

Diana, we truly love you and do wish you lived closer to us. You are a great friend. Thanks for all that you have done to keep our fellowship alive and moving forward.

Esther and Lynn