

# THREADS

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Rotarian Fellowship of  
Quilter and Fiber Artists

## The fellowship

The Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists is a group dedicated to promoting quilting and fiber arts as an opportunity for fellowship and service. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by Rotary International.

This fellowship is an avenue of providing help to those in need, such as: tactile quilts for the blind, warm quilts for children who are in the care of social services because of neglect or abuse, and quilts or fabric toys to comfort children in countries that have experienced war, famine or other disasters. Over the years the Fellowship has raised about 130.000\$ for the End Polio Now campaign, since 2005.

The Newsletter is published quarterly and includes images, articles and news from and about member's work.

We encourage members to send articles, ideas and photos to the editors. It would be great to get the stories behind the work - why this work? Who is it for? What prompted the idea of the work?

Please include full name, RC, city , state (If appropriate for large countries like USA, Canada, Australia) and country. I you like, you can also include the District number.

Thank you in advance.

Marilyn and Vigdis

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## Editors Note

*Marilyn (Lynn) Raymer, Editor, Communications Director, Rotary Club of SW Pacific County Peninsula, Ocean Park Washington State USA*

Here I am, on the Washington State USA coast, where it rarely snows, trying to stay warm because it has been snowing off and on for a few days. We even had almost 3 inches yesterday. I know, I know some of you have real snow. But it has inspired me to work on a scarf project that I've been procrastinating on getting done. So, I can work on the next scarf project for Calgary.

I have been doing a few little projects, including this darling little embroidered necklace, some red and white scrubbies, a Brazilian embroidery and finishing up a couple of slightly larger projects.

For the group projects for Calgary, if you are a quilter, we are still hoping for a few more flower squares, as well as angel squares and Canada Themed squares. Squares should be 12 ½ in unfinished.

Angels on a cream background. Send the blocks to Cheryl by April 1. To Cheryl Minshaw PO Box 1446 ElCajon CA 92022 USA

Other suggestions include items of interest to other fellowship members. Wine bags or vineyard themed table runners for the Wine fellowship or piano toppers with a music theme for the musician's fellowship. Many possibilities are out there.

### *Teaching in Guaranda*

Virginia Soto Dávila has a mission to teach women to do sewing crafts to support themselves.

"Here in my city, there are no factories or industries. It is a city with a high poverty rate, so my idea is to empower women and train them in fiber arts and to be able to give them the opportunity to have income for their families. So, I would like to invite members to visit Ecuador and Guaranda to give courses. I would receive them in my house, and they would have food and lodging".

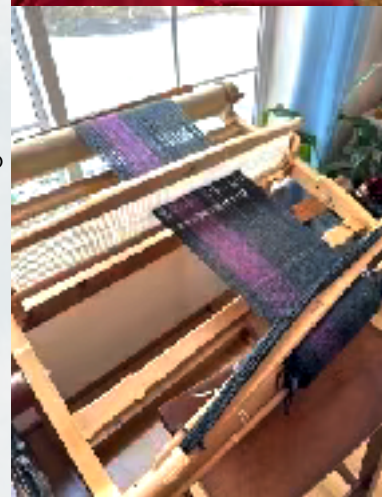
Call or email Virginia if you are interested in helping her with this project. This sounds like a wonderful opportunity.

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Virginia Sota Dávila, Rotary club of Guaranda

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## In Mermoriam

*Esther Arlan, September 4<sup>th</sup> 1935 – August 29<sup>th</sup> 2024*

### In Memoriam

*Esther Arlan, September 4<sup>th</sup> 1935 – August 29<sup>th</sup> 2024*



In early 2013, a call went out for a newsletter editor for the fellowship. When I answered the call, so did Esther Arlan. We were asked if we would do a quarterly newsletter and after a few emails and phonecalls back and forth, in July we published our first issue, which was issue 25 for the organization. It was four pages and contained mostly things that we had written. We decided early on that Esther would write and edit and I would write and layout. We began asking for input from the membership and it grew. We worked closely and became fast friends. She and Lionel loved to travel, taking cruises and their son lived a few hours from me on the West Coast. So, when they took a cruise to Asia, out of Seattle, we finally got to meet in person, four years after we had begun working on the newsletter. Our connection was real. With our husbands, we met in Tacoma and had lunch. It felt as though we had known each other for ever.

As she began to weaken, she asked to step away from being editor and Vigdis stepped in. Esther continued to write some articles and to attend the General Zoom meetings when she was up to. I noticed that she was not connecting anymore.

When I sent out the last request for articles, Lionel was so kind to let me know that Esther had passed away in August. I will miss her wisdom and diligence.

*Lynn Raymer*

Even if I did not know Esther personally, we exchanged lots of emails, each time a newsletter was in progress. She was a good writer and for me, with English as a second language, it was invaluable to have her proofread the newsletter. I do miss her wits and quick thinking.

*Vigdis Fjola Stefansdottir*





## Asian themes

### *Dale Ricklefs, Rotary Club of Georgetown, Gresham, Oregon, USA*

This is more of an art quilt. I used Inktense ink pencils (Derwent) which are lightly wetted with part water/part fabric medium that blends the water resistant ink pencil into the fabric. The medium adds color fastness.

The quilting is light and free motion in most places, highlighting areas of the quilt, especially the tea house or retreat space and trees. It is 10 inches x 27 inches, the first of four different works, all with Asian themes, that will be hanging on a four sided pillar in the Asian decorated dining room of the house. The cherry blossoms and beads were applied by hand. The image originated from an untitled image on the internet. There was no notice of creator of the art piece.



## Wine Lover's Fellowship

*Ann Berriman, Rotary Club of Round Rock Sunrise, Texas, USA*

At a recent sewing class they were suggesting ideas for using up scraps in our repositories. One of the suggestions was to make some wine glass coasters that can also be used to identify the 'owner'. At the last online meeting it was suggested that the Wine Lover's Fellowship at the convention might be interested in hosting some items and this seemed like



a win-win to me.

A brief snow shower overnight in Texas resulted in schools being closed and some extra time on my hands. It provided the perfect opportunity for making my 'angel square' for the quilt and trying out the coaster suggestion. I hope that both will be acceptable to the team. Sadly we cannot go to convention this year so I will need to work out where to send the items but at least the coasters are small and light. They are also relatively quick to make so I am hoping to find time to make more over the coming weeks (especially if we get more snow !)"

As an aside this is the first time I have participated in making items for the convention. I would appreciate any feedback that you can provide and any suggestions on other things that might sell.



## Placemats

*Nann Hilyard, Illinois Beach Sunrise Rotary, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois USA*

The Illinois Beach Sunrise Rotary Club of Zion, Illinois, has an annual Spaghetti Dinner service project.

Around Valentine's Day we deliver pasta with homemade sauce, a salad, a roll, and a cookie to 200 shut ins, senior citizens, and community helpers to thank them for their contributions to our community. Our Interact Club helps with the cooking, packaging, and delivery. There is no charge but we cheerfully accept donations when recipients offer them.

Since the 2025 event will be completed February 8, my idea is for 2026. I'd like to include a quilted placemat with each meal. Can members of RFQFA help?

The specifics:

- \* 13 x 18 +/-.
- \* Quilting cotton for top, back and binding. Preferably cotton batting.
- \* Any color and fabric style. Any block. (These are great for using orphan blocks and leftover units.)
- \* Makers can add a label to the back of the placemats with their names, Rotary Clubs, and towns. There will be a generic Illinois Beach Sunrise Rotary Club label.
- \* Due date January 15, 2026.
- \* I can reimburse postage.

Questions? [nbhilyard@att.net](mailto:nbhilyard@att.net)

Thanks in advance for helping brighten this corner of Illinois!

In Rotary service, Nann Blaine Hilyard





## Raffle quilt

*Lucy Gamber, Rotary Club of Cranbrook, Cranbrook British Columbia, Canada*

Peekskill rotary had our Fall festival...I made this and raffled.



Thank you all for your  
contribution to the newsletter.  
It is so nice to see what you are doing!



## 30 years in Rotary

### *Marina Gonzalaz Juarez Integra Rotary Club, Juarez Mexico*

My name is Marina Gonzalez, I'm Governor nominee 2026-2027 for the District 4110 in Mexico, In June 14<sup>th</sup> I celebrated 30 years of being rotarian, and as a gift, my mom, who is 89 years old, made a Quilt for me to celebrate. The quilt was made with 36 T-shirts from RYLA and other events that I have kept in all these years.

I just want to share with you this beautiful gift of love from my mother. Her name is Maria Elena De Moss, but she is called by her nickname Abuelita Chuly.









## Warm shawls and hats for Calgary

*Sieglinde Warren, Rotary Club of Canfield, Poland Ohio, Usa*



There is nothing like a shawl for comfort as well as warmth. Even though it will be June at the convention, it is always good to plan ahead for the cooler months with scarves and hats.



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contribution to the newsletter.  
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Our next General Zoom Meeting is scheduled for March 1 at 1:00  
PM Pacific Standard Time. Watch for the link from Diana Barden.  
We hope you can join us.



## Winter in Iceland

*Vigdis Stefansdottir, Rotary Reykjavik Grafarvogur, Iceland*

As many of you may know, Iceland is not a very warm country and it is quite often frosty. There is a long tradition and huge interest in knitting, resulting in knitting cafes in almost every knitting shop, knitting retreats (usually for a weekend) in the countryside, knitting shows and festivals and so on.

I go yearly to one of the retreats with the same 50+ women. It is held in Hveragerdi a small town about 40 minutes from Reykjavik, the capital. This year there was a theme, glitter and bling. So, I set out to knit a sweater with all kinds of blue yarns and silver threads. I have not counted the types of yarn I used, probably around 12-15. So, it got the name Birta which means bright or a description of brightness.

Here I am with a friend of mine at the retreat. Her sweater is all silver.



### Unicorn fart

In October, Iceland has a breast awareness month. Everything turns pink. I suddenly found myself without any knitted pink sweater and decided to use a yarn I had bought several years earlier. This yarn is a merino 4 ply with a little bit of glitter running through. The name of the is Unicorn fart (very fitting as how can they have a different one?:)). I used silk-mohair with the yarn and pins 4.5 mm (picture taken at lake Geneva).

### Riding mitts for a child and mittens for the smallest one

One of my grandchildren, a 6 year old girl, enjoys horseriding and when it got colder, she asked for very warm mittens. Of course, like any other

grandma who gets a request like this, I made one. There is an extra finger, so that she can hold the rein. I made them from unspun Icelandic wool which is very warm and even warmer when felted. It does also keep you warm when wet, which is a plus in a country where the weather is unpredictable. I also used non-felt yarn for the ribbing for better fit.



Mittens for the smallest one (5 mths).