Dear Friends,

It is with great sorrow that I write this newsletter.

On July 31st, we lost one of our members. Sara Nichols died of complications from breast cancer. She was a lovely, wonderful woman and she will be missed. She sponsored the "Heifer Project", which donates goats, chickens, cows and other animals to people in third world countries to improve their quality of life. You may read about this if you Google Heifer International. Although I have not spoken to her husband, we who are here now think that Sara would have been happy for donations to this good cause.

On August 2nd, we also lost another member. Jean Nicholson died as a result of congestive heart failure. Jeannie was a very close friend of mine and it is so hard to write this. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Heart Association in Billings, MT., St. James Episcopal Church ( and I think this is either in Bozeman or Belgrade where she lived ), or the charity of your choice. The address for the Heart Association is:

2812 First Avenue North Billings, MT 59101

I will be sending out sympathy cards to both families from Quilters 2. If anyone would like the address of each family, please feel free to call me.

If this seems short and blunt, I'm sorry, but I can barely write it for the tears. Vel