



Quilters 2 Newsletter

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We don't usually have a Newsletter in the summer, but our Coordinator, Billye Reynolds, wanted to provide an update to everyone on the happenings with Quilters 2 since many of you left for the summer.

Summer Project

Early in May, we voted on a project for the summer which was to make a quilt for "Quilt for a Cause".

After viewing some 15 different patterns, the pattern decided was "Fourth of July" by Judy Niemeyer. Lynn Jensen & Pat Rapp agreed to be in charge of the project.

The next steps were to collect batik scraps from everyone to see if we had enough scraps among the group to make all the colored spikes.

Lynn also taught a paper piecing class one Monday morning for those new to the technique and for a refresher course for the rest of us. The background fabric was purchased and the stitching began. As of this writing, we have all the units stitched and will begin to assemble the top in early July. I'll try to include a picture for you with the next update.

Summer Challenge for All

We would also like to challenge each of you to bring a quilt top back when you return in the fall. It can be any theme you like and can be from twin size and down.

Halloween Project

Jan Tuttle advises us that she has about 73 Halloween quilts ready and wants to remind any of you who are planning to send one ahead of your return to Voyager, she needs it before October 1.

Charity Distribution

Charity Coordinator, Pat Rapp, has already started our 2017-2018 distribution. She has sent 11 quilts to Habitat for Humanity and 15 quilts to Shyann Kindness Project.

She also has bundled several stacks of Christmas quilts ready for distribution later. Let's try and surpass last season's distribution total of 365 quilts to 16 different charities.

Our Charities

Pat has also been busy vetting our list of charities and sourcing some new ones. She presented these changes to the Coordinators and her suggestions were approved.

The changes are noted below but the full list of our 20 charities is on our website under CHARITIES.

<http://www.quilters2.com>

New ones added:

- **Esperanza En Escalente** – housing area near the base for homeless as well as transitional veterans; prefer twin size quilts.
- **Sister Jose Women's Center** – adult women's shelter for homeless women in Tucson; prefer lap to twin size quilts.
- **Youth on Their Own** – helps homeless youth; prefer lap to twin size quilts.

Changed:

- **Pepe's House** (formerly Hospice) – serves terminally ill patients; prefer lap to twin size quilts.

Aviva Children's, Salvation Army and Villa Maria have been removed as they either had their own quilts or didn't need quilts from us.

Sew long from warm (115) Tucson!
Billye