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Health Issues

Usually we encourage sharing at our Q2 meetings but we don't want you sharing flu and cold germs! If you are under the weather, please stay home.



2018-19 Charity Distributions

Pat Rapp, our Charity Coordinator has been busy getting all the charity contributions distributed. As of early December, 50 quilts have been given to the groups listed below.

Candlelighters	40
Shyann Kindness Project	15
Youth on Their Own	15



Norma, Julie and Pat with a "Youth on Their Own" Representative

Would *you* like to make a Charity Quilt? You don't need to be an expert quilter; in fact, working on charity quilts is a great way to learn. If you are making a Charity Quilt the fabric is supplied (check the closets in the Handi-Quilter room), you can make any design you please (check the Q2 Library), and the quilt is magically completed for donation! (Well, not quite magically - read about the Quiltathons.) You don't need to ask permission from anyone or get approval but if you would like some guidance or suggestions, talk with Pat Rapp or our Closet Coordinators, Cindy Penner and Laurie Ranelli.

Block of the Month and Quiltathons

If you're not quite ready to do a whole quilt on your own, you can get started by participating in the block of the month (BOM) and Quiltathons. A new quilt block is presented at the first meeting of the month and members contribute finished blocks for the next four weeks. Check out the felt wall in the HQ room as everyone brings in their completed blocks. The blocks are assembled into quilt tops during the Quiltathon at the end of the month.



Cindy Penner – December Block of the Month

The November 24th Quiltathon was attended by ten to fifteen quilters with people coming and going throughout the day.



Connie Remetch coordinated putting the November Block of the Month quilts together resulting in two colorful quilts.



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JoAnn Washa, our Program Coordinator, led some of the volunteers in making a quilt top using a Building Block pattern and fabrics from the cupboard.



Quiltathons are a great way to meet other Q2 members and spend time getting to know them without all the hustle and bustle of Monday meetings. Beginners and new members are welcome! It's also a good time to get assistance with a project. Feel free to bring your own project to work on - it doesn't have to be a Charity item. The next Quiltathon will be Saturday, December 29 from 9:00 am till 2 or 3 pm.

2019 Quilt Show - 12th Annual

Mark your calendars. This year's Show is on Monday, February 25th. Thank you to Debbie Cyros and Cindy Penner for volunteering as Co-Coordination. Deb and Cindy have already been meeting to get committees set up and lining up volunteers. There are some changes planned so stay tuned for details! We'll be signing up workers for the day of Show starting in February. In the meantime, get to work on your submissions to the show. If you will be arriving in January, don't forget your entries. Also, if you have an antique or vintage quilt to display, please bring it with you.

ALPHABET CHALLENGE

There's still time to join in on the Alphabet Challenge and create a quilt show entry for our February 25, 2019 Quilt Show. *Please contact JoAnn Washa if you would like to participate and have not drawn your Alphabet Letter and received the challenge rules.* If you want to make more than one challenge entry, you must draw additional letters (only one entry per letter drawn). We are on our second set of alphabet letters and have over 30 participants. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's entries but – sshh, we're going to keep them under wraps until the Quilt Show.

Team Challenge

In support of our Quilters 2 goals, a Team Challenge will be offered this year. The Team Quilt Challenge is an opportunity to get to know others within the Q2 group, learn new quilting techniques and challenge yourself, and to make a charity quilt that can also be an entry for the Voyager Quilters 2 Quilt Show.

Each team will be provided with a package of fabric containing starting material for a lap-size (48" x 70") or larger quilt. The team will decide on a design and are free to use supplemental fabric from the closet.

The group will work as a team, meeting together to decide on the design and again to cut and sew the quilt. Each team will include a mentor member. The mentor members are there to assist the group and to coach team members who may be newer to the quilting world. They are NOT the leaders of the team NOR are they the decision maker. The team, as a whole, makes the decisions and establishes how the team will proceed.

During Monday Q2 meetings, there is a jar on the back table with sign up slips. You may also sign up by emailing or calling JoAnn Washa, who will set up the teams and announce them at the first January meeting. Deadline to sign up is December 31.

Market Daze Sales



Deb Galvin is the Coordinator for Market Daze sales and welcomes your help on the day of the sales. The next Market Daze is December 12. A number of Quilters 2 members were lucky winners in the November raffles. Buy tickets and encourage your friends to buy tickets.



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Education

Lynne Jensen, our Education Coordinator, has arranged a very full class calendar this year! The classes are listed on the Quilters 2 Website (<http://www.quilters2.com>). When you click on the Classes & Events box you will see each month listed along with "Class Info". When you click on the **Month**, you will bring up a calendar showing classes and events for that month. When you click on **Class Info**, you will bring up pictures of each class offering as well as the date, instructor, fee, and other pertinent information. Once you have decided which classes you want to sign up for, you will need to do so at a Monday meeting. Before or after the meeting, Treasurer, Barbara Bickley will accept payment for the class and provide you with the supply list.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Something new! The Special Interest Groups or SIGs will begin in January. The groups will meet during January, February and March for about 1 to 1 ½ hours once a month. The agenda for the meetings will be decided by the members and may include individual and group projects, sharing tips and techniques and helping each other with questions or problems. These are intended to be smaller groups where you can get to know other Q2 members and learn from each other.

The meetings will be held in the Palo Verde room on Tuesday afternoons. There are four SIGs:

- Beginner Quilters
- Applique
- Paper/Foundation Piecing
- Ruler-based Quilting (domestic machine or long-arm).

The Quilters 2 web site's calendars (www.quilters2.com) identify which SIG will be held on what Tuesdays – please check it out and join us at one or more of the Special Interest Groups!



New Projector

Q2 has a new projector! During a Monday meeting, Mary Adams and JoAnn Washa used the projector to demonstrate how to sign on to the Q2 website and explore Classes and Events. There is a pull-down screen mounted on the divider wall between HQ and Palo Verde rooms and the projector will be kept in the locked Administration cupboard in the HQ room. The Assistant Coordinator (as program coordinator) will be in charge of the projector. We also have a camera that can be connected to the projector which can live stream the camera view onto the projection screen - for example, sewing on a machine, or projecting close up views of an instructor demonstrating a technique. Any program presenters or class teachers interested in using this capability, please see JoAnn.

General News

Emails are being sent on a regular basis with reminders, classes, meeting agenda items and other useful information. Not receiving them? Please check the Membership List to be sure your email address is correct or contact Kris Curtis to update your information. Also, be sure to update your telephone number on the Membership List. Because of phone changes in the Voyager, many people have opted to drop their land lines and use cell phones. We need an accurate phone number for all members.

The list of Coordinators and the Membership List show who has a set of keys to the Palo Verde and HQ rooms. The Membership List is on the cupboard door in the HQ room. The list of Coordinators is posted in the HQ room as well as on the website.



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Salvation Army Blanket Day, December 8, 2018

Thank You to all who assisted with making 177 afghans, and multiple scarves and hats for the Salvation Army Christmas Drive. Alice Kelly and Jeanine Dalzell, organizers, send their thanks. Although not a Quilters 2 event, making these blankets for the Christmas Drive is always a wonderful opportunity for all the Voyager sewing groups to come together and sew for a great cause. If you missed this sewing event, you will have the opportunity to sew baby blankets in March.

Christmas Brunch

The annual Christmas Potluck Brunch was held on Monday, December 10. Lisa Hyde and Cindy Penner planned it and did the set up. The tables were decorated and looked lovely. A scrumptious buffet was provided by members; not only do we have great quilters – we've got great cooks too! The gift exchange was for a \$5, non-sewing related item and there was a lot of variety in the gifts submitted. We had a good time playing "Dirty Santa", trading our gift for someone else's. Thank you, Cindy and Lisa!



HQ Stuff

The HandiQuilter (longarm quilting machine) appears to be on its last leg and is currently out-of-commission. Before the HQ quit functioning, Audrey was able to retrain and certify a number of quilters on the use of the machine.

The Coordinators have been exploring a replacement machine. Brenda Groelz, Director of Marketing for Handi Quilter, has confirmed that they're sending us a gently used Avante. She will ship it out very soon. What a wonderful Christmas gift to Quilters 2!

Voyager Holiday Market

The Voyager held a new event in December – a Holiday Market. Tables were provided free of charge to Voyager residents and groups to sell their hand-crafted items. Rather than a raffle, items were priced individually. Q2 had many items donated by members and \$220 was raised. Thank you to Deb Galvin for organizing and setting up the sale and to everyone who took a turn working.



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Tip Corner

Backing Demo by Jan Tuttle, November



Jan showed how to piece a quilt backing when the backing fabric isn't quite wide enough. This technique works best when the extra width needed is between 2" and 10".

- Purchase between $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ yard of fabric longer than the length you need. (average will be $\frac{1}{2}$ yard)
- Fold backing fabric diagonally and cut along the diagonal fold. This will **not** be a 45-degree angle.
- Butt the diagonal edges together and slide one up until you have the desired width.
- Sew with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and press to one side. Do not press the seam open.
- Cut off the excess fabric at both ends.

Note: There are a couple of videos on line which show how to do this technique. Search for "diagonal quilt backing tutorial".

Quilting on your home sewing machine by Audrey Young, December



Audrey showed how to sandwich a quilt, pin baste it and quilt it using a regular sewing machine.

- Cut the backing and batting a total of 3" larger than the quilt top measurement.
- Mark the centers of backing, batting and top edges for easier layout.
- Lay out backing fabric, pretty side facing down; use clamps or painter's tape to secure it to the table or floor. Start in the center of each side and smooth outward.
- Lay the batting over the backing fabric, matching center marks. Smooth from the center outward. Can spray baste if desired.
- Lay the top over the backing and batting, pretty side facing up, matching center marks. Smooth from the center outward.
- Use large safety pins to baste all three layers together. Beginning in the center of the quilt, place a pin every 3-4 inches in a random pattern with the pins inserted in different directions. That is, don't line the pins all in neat rows.
- Using a straight or decorative machine stitch, about 8 stitches to the inch (a setting of 2.5 on some machines), start at the center top edge of the quilt and stitch to the bottom. Next, stitch to the left and right of the center row of quilting, alternating sides. Move about 12" - 14" left or right with each row of stitches.
- Quilt all the vertical rows (from top to bottom) first, then quilt the horizontal rows (side to side) removing safety pins as you come to them.



Aren't the photos great? Benita Pipes has done a wonderful job taking pictures at the Q2 meetings, classes and events. She has been posting them every week on the Quilters 2 Facebook page and we will also be posting some here in the Newsletter. If you attend a class or Q2 event and take photos, please email them to Kris Curtis or Mary Adams to use in the Newsletter.



Connie Remetch taught "Circles Gone Wild"



Joan Buswell taught "A Christmas Star"



Pat Davis taught "Big House Quilt"



Benita Pipes taught "Christmas Wall hanging – Paper Pieced Blocks"

(Note: this was Benita's first time teaching a class for Q2 and she did a great job! Unfortunately, we didn't get a photo of her teaching.)



Pat Rapp taught "Tree's Up, Lights On"