

Newsletter #2, Week of February 19, 2007

The Quilters II newsletter is published weekly during the season, and monthly during the off season. Information on scheduled events will be restricted to the coming week (or month), unless advance planning is required.

Meeting Agenda for Monday, Feb 19

- Quick announcements
- Introductions
- Show and tell
- Demonstration
- Work stations:

The work stations will usually consist of:

- A small quilt mounted on the HQ16, ready for quilting
- Cutting batting & backs for quilt tops
- Quilted tops needing to be trimmed
- Quilts needing binding & labels
- Certification on the Phaff & Bernina machines by Sue Patch & Audrey Young

Class Schedule for the Week of February 19

Advanced HQ16 - "Groovy Boards" - Tuesday the 20th, 9-12 (Elaine Vanier)

Quilting pre-designed patterns using the HQ16 stylus and groovy boards.

Prerequisite - HQ16 certification.

Intermediate Quilting Techniques - Wednesday the 21st, 9-12 (Sue Patch)

(First of two Wednesday sessions)

Y-seams, a nine-patch technique using squares, ways to change block dimensions, several ways of finishing, including bindings. Samples will be made (materials furnished) so please bring your basic sewing supplies (and a machine if you can).

The full class schedule is posted on the bulletin board. In general, the first day of each class will focus on the technique, the second class will attempt to provide some blocks to create a group quilt top.

Sue Patch would like to receive suggestions for additional classes

Claire has received numerous requests for an HQ16 basic training class. She will offer a sign up sheet on Monday. This will be the last such class this season.

From Adrienne Bortell... The hand applique class did not happen because nobody signed up for it. I don't know whether you are not interested or if it was scheduled at an inconvenient time. If any of you are interested in doing hand work and would enjoy either a class or a little sewing bee, get in touch with me. Adrienne tabfull@aol.com

Monday Meeting Demonstration

Determining the Quality of Fabric, presented by Lynn Parker

Committee Reports

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following statement has been received from Fran Walthall. **"I have decided to step down from the coordinator position this next season in order to pursue other hobbies and interests - I'll be seeing you around the park.**

Thanks, Fran."

Fran's statement was received with regret by all. Elaine expressed it best: "She is doing a great job for the group this year. I have found her to be a big asset for the group and for me personally. She is very easy to work with, and her contributions will be missed."

The Nominating Committee has found 2 persons willing to take the job of Coordinator as a team next year. It is the recommendation that we amend the by-laws to allow a two person team as coordinator. They site the growth of Quilters 2 and all the activities that take place as their reason for this request. We will vote on this Monday.

Audrey Young & Lynn Parker are willing to take the job as Coordinators as a team. Neither person is willing to do the job alone so they will be nominated as such. Our by-laws allow them to choose an assistant(s). Anna McFadden & Julie Young have accepted the challenge as assistant coordinators for Quilters 2 provided the group accepts Audrey Young & Lynn Parker as Coordinators.

To be continued....

RAFFLE COMMITTEE (Margaret Bennett)

We have made \$712.00 on the quilt raffle. Two more coffees and a Market Daze to go.

We need help on Wed. for Market Daze in the 11-12 am and 12-11pm slots. Please call Margaret(5080) and let me know if you can help. Market Daze are certainly the big money days.

I want to say THANK YOU to all of you who have donated your time at the table. It was wonderful to work with such willing friends. I think we got to know each other better during that hour.

I am giving up my post as raffle queen. Just want to be a princess again!! Please consider the position. I will help you with anything you need from where they hide the ladder to how to work the lights that show off the quilts so beautifully. It is fun and you meet nice people.

HABITAT REPORT (Elaine Vanier)

Our habitat person is a single male school bus driver for TUSD who is a Katrina evacuee. He has children not living with him so we decided to include 1 adult quilt plus one boy quilt and one girl quilt for when they visit.

OTHER COMMITTEES

Other committees either reported that they had nothing to report, or did not respond to a report request.

To review who has signed up for what this season, **[CLICK HERE](#)**.

Charity Donations

No activity has been reported since Frank Fuqua made a delivery on February 5th.

General Interest

Anita Bingham, Jan Brink, Gloria Colgrove, Shirley Gugan, Ann Jacobucci, Linda VonQualen and Carroll Zobrist have completed their HQ16 training, and will receive their certificates on Monday.

A gentleman named Bill Huddleston visited our rooms last week. He was so impressed with the charitable nature of our activities that he donated \$20 to the treasury. Way to go Bill!

Progress has begun on air conditioning the quilt rooms! The rooms have been surveyed, and installation requirements have been determined. Sue Fuller has said that the installation will take place this Spring. She will provide a firm date when it has been scheduled. The snow birds will not be impressed, but the "zonies" will be greatly relieved.

The title of the book upon which Barbara Atwell's excellent demonstration was based is "Make any Block any Size", by Joen Wolfrom. It is published by C&T Publishing.

Some recipients of the attachments to the previous newsletter were unable to open them. Therefore, future attachments will be sent in "Notepad" (.txt) format. Everyone should be able to deal with those.

The large room has been reserved for Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. during the remainder of this season. The time will be devoted to special projects. Fran Walthall will be leading the work on Fisher House quilts. Karen Anderson will lead a group cutting and sewing borders on tops. A lot of help is needed. Bring your sewing machine if you can.

Any suggestions for the acquisition of additional equipment should be given to Sue Patch.

The Palo Verde and Handi Quilter rooms are both available for our use when no classes or other activities are taking place. Keys can be obtained from the following instructors.

- Adrienne Bortell - 360-9019
- Claire Fuqua - 574-5466
- Maureen Herran - 574-6108
- Anna McFadden - 574-5618
- Carol Monthei - 574-6039
- Sue Patch - 574-0238
- Elaine Vanier - 574-1509
- Fran Walthall - 574-5920

Comments from the Members

Members are encouraged to submit comments or suggestions for possible publication in this newsletter. Publication discretion will rest with the editor at all times.

From Frank Fuqua... This newsletter is intended to serve the needs of the membership. The format and content will evolve as experience dictates. Its success will depend on membership input. No eye contact is necessary, but input is essential.

From Elaine Vanier... We need to figure out a way to organize our library books by category so books can be found easily. A check out sheet should be made obvious.

From Elaine Vanier... The string quilt book is missing. Its return will be appreciated by members who would like to use it.

From Karen Anderson... I have scheduled a Pot Luck supper for couples on Wednesday, March 7th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm in the Catalina room.

From Anna McFadden... I have volunteered to be in charge of maintenance for the Soft Arts Room & the Handquilter room. I NEED HELP IN DOING THIS JOB!

The jobs are broken down below. Please see where you could help out especially during the winter season which is our busiest time. Specify whether you are willing to do the job for the winter or summer season. In some cases it could be both. There will be a sign-up sheet passed out on Monday.

MAINTENANCE FORM

IN ALL CASES, IF YOU FIND YOU CANNOT DO THE JOB YOU SIGN UP FOR, PLEASE FIND & TRAIN YOUR REPLACEMENT.

Job 1: KEY

- 1 Key Monitor opens main door at 9am on Tues, Wednesday and Saturday
- 2 Unlock accordion doors
- 3 Unlock cupboard doors
- 4 At 4pm lock all the above and turn off A/C or heat. Check that irons are unplugged and put away. Turn out lights.

Job 2: SEWING MACHINES

Note: Sue Patch/Pfaff & Audrey Young/Bernina need to certify persons before they can use machines.

- 1 Set up sewing machines as needed.
- 2 If needed, thread machine, give basic instructions and run a bobbin.
- 3 If machine malfunctions, label it and notify Adrienne.
- 4 At closing time, see that machines are put away and locked up.

Job 3: PLACEMATS

- 1 Cut scrap batting to 12x18" sizes (use pattern if necessary).
- 2 Replenish as needed. Place in cupboard.
- 3 Assign person(s) to sew placemats using orphan blocks and strips to cover 12x18". Cut backs. Sew if desired or ask others.
- 4 Utilize and sort orphan blocks w/matching fabrics. Make ready.

Job 4: COLOR BOXES

- 1 Sort colors – organize and neaten boxes
- 2 Sort donated fabrics into boxes by color.
- 3 Remove small scraps to To-Be-Cut Box.

Job 5: STRING BOXES (ON BOTTOM)

- 1 Encourage sewers to construct string quilt tops. (Find the string book.)
- 2 Use square papers provided to create string blocks.
- 3 Use string strips to combine with orphan blocks for placemats.

Job 6: TOP SHELF

- 1 Locate a "ready-to-quilt" project for Monday AM HQ16 session. Give to pinners.*
- 2 Sort and label (if necessary) items on top shelf.
- 3 Be aware of contents and move it on to next level.
- 4 * Provide quilt for 2nd and 3rd beginner HQ classes. (Handi-Quilter 16 requires a person to make 2 Humane Society practice quilts (doggie quilts) and then 1 charity quilt to be finished by beginner. Have these ready.

Job 7: FABRICS ON BOLTS

- 1 Wrap large sections of fabrics on boards – new and donated.
- 2 Save boards – collect boards from shops.
- 3 Determine needs of bolted colors, patterns etc and notify purchasing committee if running low – especially for backings.

Job 8: QUILT TRIMMER & BINDER

- 1 Trim quilted quilts after removal from HQ16. Make ready for binding and label.
- 2 Attach pre-cut binding (if available) in plastic bag to quilt.
- 3 Label it ready to bind, or sew binding or find someone to sew binding.
- 4 Press under edges of label and pin to the trimmed quilt.
- 5 Label (needs label) quilt and make this bound quilt available at Monday's meeting
for someone to sew label on by hand with matching thread.
- 6 Notify Inventory and/or Photographer quilt is finished.

Job 9: TO-BE-CUT BOX

(Qualifications) Must be rotary cutter ready or willing to learn cutting with a rotary cutter.

- 1 Cut scraps and newly donated fabric too small for color boxes as follows:
- 2 Squares 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, or 5" squares. Place in appropriate box. Or cut strings for
string box. If too small to use, advertise it around and then discard.

Job 10: “WORK” THE BOXES

- 1 BACKS
- 2 BLOCKS
- 3 BORDERS
- 4 KITS

Each box has a specific function. You need to “work the box.” Items in the box may change. Be responsible to see that items in the box move on to the next step.