

# Quilters 2 Newsletter

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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.



### 2019-20 Charity Distributions

Chris Cooper, our Charity Coordinator, has been busy getting all the charity contributions distributed. As of late December, 157 quilts have been given to 15 of our 18 charities. Last season, we donated 180. Check our Q2 website for a list of the charities, something about them and what sizes they prefer.



Patti Smiley and a representative of **Emerge** with a donation.



Rita Beal and a representative from **Fresenius Kidney Dialysis**

Delivering quilts to the charities is a great experience. Chris always needs volunteers to deliver, so raise your hand the next time she asks!

**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 Chris Cooper or our Closet Coordinators, Pam Downs and Rosie Posgai.

### 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 on the last Saturday of the month.



Chris Cooper – January Block of the Month



Lots of busy people at the December Quiltathon. Everyone is welcome—beginners to advanced!



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JoAnn Washa led the December Block of the Month and Quiltathon.



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, January 24, from 9:00 am till 2 or 3 pm.

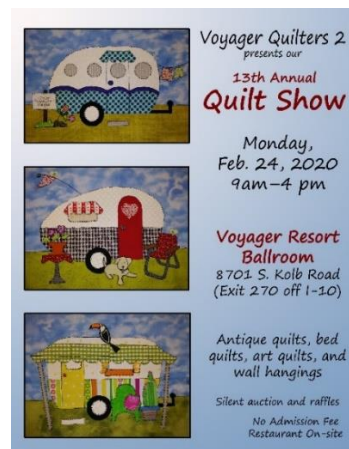
#### Market Daze Sales



Deb Galvin does a fantastic job as Coordinator for Market Daze sales. Your help is always needed on the day of the sales. The next Market Daze is January 22. Buy tickets and encourage your friends to buy tickets.

Funds raised are used to buy supplies for charity quilts. As of the beginning of January, 14 items have been raffled.

#### 2020 Quilt Show - "Traveling Home"



Mark your calendars. This year's show is on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Debbie Cyrus and Ann Gillett for volunteering as Co-Coordination. Deb and Ann and the Quilt Show Committee have been meeting since November to get everything moving. We've got some new things this year, including a theme: "Traveling Home". The Challenge of your Favorite State/Province wall hanging ties in nicely with "Traveling Home," and the silent auction quilt, "Campers" by Amy Bradley, appeals to all us travelers at the Voyager. New this year are hourly door prize drawings. Another new entry category this year is "First Effort". Hopefully you received the emails this summer to bring your first effort (or an early effort) at quilting to display at the show. We want to encourage new quilters and emphasize that we all started as beginners with sometimes less than ideal results!!

Since it was such a great success last year, we plan to have the "After Set-Up BBQ" again this year. It is scheduled for 4:30pm on Sunday, Feb 23, and all Q2 members and a guest are invited.

Guidelines for entering an item in the show as well as entry forms are available online at the Quilters 2 website and near the copy machine in the HQ room. Starting in February, we'll be signing up volunteers for set-up on Sunday 2/23 and on the day of the show, 2/24. Entry forms are due by Feb. 10 to Kris Curtis, although you have until Sunday, Feb 23 to finish the actual entries.

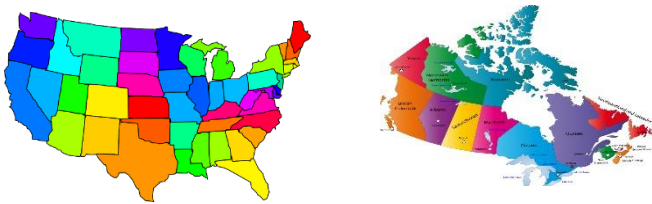




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### State/Province Challenge



There's still time to join the Home or Favorite State/Province Challenge and create an entry for the February 24, 2020 Quilt Show.

Guidelines:

- (1) Create a wall hanging of your home or favorite state or province.
- (2) The wall hanging should be no smaller than 12" and no larger than 18".
- (3) It may be square, rectangular, round, or any shape you please.
- (4) It must be a three-piece sandwich and quilted. *Please contact Norma Kindseth if you would like to participate and have not signed up.* We are looking forward to seeing everyone's entries but— sshh, we're going to keep them under wraps until the Quilt Show.

### 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 JoAnn Washa 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.

### Team Challenge

In support of our Quilters 2 goals, a Team Challenge will be offered again this year. The Team Quilt Challenge is an opportunity to get to know others within the Q2 group, learn new quilting techniques, challenge yourself, and to make a charity quilt by the end of March.

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 choose a "Communicator" to relay information regarding meeting times, etc. The team, as a whole, makes the decisions and establishes how they will proceed.

During Monday Q2 meetings, there is a jar on the back table with sign up slips. Sign up deadline is January 20<sup>th</sup>. JoAnn Washa will set up the teams and announce them at the Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Q2 Meeting.

### Voyager Holiday Market

The Voyager held the second annual Holiday Bazar in December. 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 17 items donated by members and raised \$425. Thank you to Deb Galvin for organizing and setting up the sale, and to everyone who took a turn working.



Benita Pipes & Susie Johansson at Holiday Bazar



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### Education



Pat Rapp, 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 and after the meeting, Pat Rapp, Education Coordinator and Benita Pipes, Treasurer, will accept payment for the class and provide you with the supply list. All classes are \$5.00 each.

### Beyond Basics

Beyond Basics started in January. Beyond Basics topics or groups are as the name implies, a way to expand your skills in a variety of quilting and allied sewing arts. There is no skill level required and no sign up—just come and learn from each other! The groups will meet during January, February, and March from 1-2:30 pm on Tuesday afternoons in the Palo Verde room. 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. Some of the topics planned include:

- English Paper Piecing
- Applique (hand and machine)
- Paper/Foundation Piecing
- Ruler-based Quilting (domestic machine or long-arm)
- Go Cutter Machine

Suggestions for topics are welcome.

The Quilters 2 web site's calendars ([www.quilters2.com](http://www.quilters2.com)) list the topic each Tuesday. Please check it out and join us at one or more of the Beyond Basics!



Ellen McKinney at Applique BB

### Salvation Army Blanket Day



Salvation Army Blanket Day, December 2019



**Thank You** to all who assisted with making 160 fleece afghans, plus scarves and hats for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive. Organizers Alice Kelly and Jeanine Dalzell, send their thanks.

Although not a Quilters 2 event, making these blankets for the Christmas Toy Drive is always a wonderful opportunity for all the Voyager sewing groups to come together and sew for a great cause.





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### Christmas Brunch

The annual Christmas Potluck Brunch was held on Monday, December 9. Lisa Hyde, Social Coordinator, organized the event. The tables were decorated by individual Q2 members and looked lovely. A scrumptious buffet was provided by members; not only do we have great quilters—we've got great cooks too! Instead of a gift exchange this year, participants brought either a toy for the Salvation Army Toy Drive or canned goods for the Food Drive. Thank you, Lisa, and all who provided table decorations and brought treats.



### HandiQuilter

The HandiQuilter (longarm quilting machine) is helping Quilters 2 produce fantastic quilts – and lots of them! Audrey Young has held Beginner Classes as well as Refresher Classes and more are scheduled in the next months. HandiQuilter Classes are not listed on the Classes and Events site; please see Audrey and/or the sign-up sheets in the HG room for more information.



Debbie Cyros

Audrey Young with just one of the hundreds of charity quilts she has quilted and made ready for donation. Thanks Audrey– we appreciate all your hard work.



### New Cabinets in HQ Room



Aren't they pretty? Thank you so much to Voyager Woodshop woodworkers, Jim Smith, cabinet maker from the Woodshop, and Debby Mitchell from Activities. The new, custom-built cabinets with shelves at the far end, give us much more storage, with locks that function! These cabinets house Administrative supplies and files, Market Daze items, and Quilt Show supplies. As a thank you to the Woodshop, Sarellen Loomis and Carol Young are delivering treats made by Q2 members to the Woodshop all next week.

### Voyager Quilters on Facebook



Photos from Show and Share, questions, quilting related tips and general conversation are posted every day on the Voyager Quilters Facebook page. Our Facebook page is private and you must be approved to join the page. If you would like to join, go to Facebook and search for "Voyager Quilters". Once you get to the site, you will need to answer a couple of questions. The Administrators will check to be sure you are a member of Q2 and then you will be approved! We've had the Facebook site for about two years and have had no data leaks and we don't allow

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non-quilting related entries. It's a good way to stay in touch with what is happening with Quilters 2 (and avoid political discussions!). If you need help joining, please talk to Kris Curtis or Benita Pipes or Pat Rapp.

### Programs vs Classes

What is the difference between a Class and a Program?

A **Program** is a presentation or demonstration during the Monday meeting. Any quilting related topic is fair game. Most presentations are informal and 20-30 minutes long. There is no fee. See Susie Johansson if you would like to present or have an idea for a program.

A **Class** is usually a hands-on project taught on Wednesday or Saturday. All classes have a \$5 fee. The list of classes can be found on the Quilters 2 website: <http://www.quilters2.com>. See Pat Rapp if you would like to teach or have a suggestion for a class.

### Monday Meeting Programs

#### Trunk Show by Lorraine Blas, Fiber Artist



#### Flying Geese LocBloc® Trimming Ruler by Lynne Jensen



**Block on Point** by JoAnn Washa was presented in December. Unfortunately the photographers were out of town so we don't have any pictures of JoAnn's presentation. If anyone has photos, please let Kris Curtis know so we can add them here.

### Class Photos

#### Lynne Jensen taught "Beginning Fusibles"





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**Kris Curtis taught “Microwave Bowls”**



**“Rope Bowls” Taught by Ann Gillett**



**JoAnn Washa taught “Ovals Quilt”**



**“One Fabric Quilt” taught by Jan Brink**





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**“Freezer Paper Techniques” taught by JoAnn Washa**



**“Badge Holder” taught by Lynne Jensen**



**“Paper Pieced Log Cabin” taught by Lynne Jensen**



### Monday and Wednesday Evening Sewing

Did you know that most Monday and Wednesday evenings the Palo Verde room is filled with enthusiastic sewers? Starting about 6 pm people show up with their sewing machines and projects to sew and visit. The session ends about 9 pm. There is a lot of informal teaching and design help as well as laughter. Some people use this time to work on charity quilts, but most are working on personal projects, and the longarm is usually busy too. It's not all Q2 people and it's not all quilting because the room is open to all Voyager residents after 5 pm. Check during Monday morning meetings to see if someone is planning to open the room and if not, you can always get a key to Palo Verde from the Activity Office (before they close at 5 pm).

