

Newsletter #3, Week of February 26, 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.

From the Coordinator

1. Congratulations go out to Audrey Young, Lynn Parker, Julie Young & Anna McFadden. They are the Quilters 2 team that will be managing Quilters 2 starting in October of this year. Due to the seasonal nature of our group, they will be starting now to get things organized for next year. If any of you have anything you would like to do next year, contact one of these ladies. In the meantime, we need to continue to function with the business at hand.

2. The Tuesday afternoon quilting bee was a great success. Fran & Karen were pleased with the resulting finished products. Some members came and worked on their personal quilts which is fine too.

3. We are suffering from our own success. So many people have joined Quilters 2 that we are finding it increasingly difficult to do any major work on Mondays. That is another reason I am pleased the Tuesday afternoon quilting time appears to be working. Mondays will continue to be the time we congregate, have announcements that need to be addressed by the group and not just put in the newsletter, have Show & Tell and possibly expand on the Demos. Of course let's not forget Show & Tell!! No Quilting Group can function without sharing & discussing those wonderful quilts we make!

4. I am looking for someone willing to take care of the Palo Verde room for open sewing for our members on Saturdays. If you're interested, call me at 574-1509. Maybe this could be a more-than-one-person job. These smaller work days are a great time to meet and share your hobby with like folks!

5. VOYAGER SHOW & TELL is coming up March 14th. This is a time when the different organizations in the Park put their crafts on display. If you've never experienced this, you will find it a very fun day indeed. We have a poster made that explains Quilters 2 and has pictures of things we've done in past years. It has been suggested we have a slide show at our booth which

would show off all the quilts we made this year. There will be a sign up sheet passed around on Monday as we need set-up & take-down personnel & shifts of people manning the tables during the actual Show & Tell.

6. Suggestions are always welcome. My e-mail address is :
evanier@verizon.net.

See you in the Park or at our Monday Quilters 2 meeting. In the meantime, enjoy quilting!

Elaine Vanier

Meeting Agenda for Monday, Feb 26

- 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 26

Advanced HQ16 - "Laser Light/Pantographs" - Tuesday the 27th, 9-12
(Carol Monthei)

Quilting pre-designed patterns using the HQ16 laser light and pantographs.
Prerequisite - HQ16 certification.

Intermediate Quilting Techniques - Wednesday the 28st, 9-12 (Sue Patch)
(Second 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).

This second session will deal with hands on practice and problem solving with instructor assistance.

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

Monday Meeting Demonstration

Determining the Quality of Fabric, presented by Lynn Parker

Tuesday Morning Coffee

Margaret Bennett and Louise Walton are handling ticket sales for the quilt drawing. The drawing will take place on March 27.

Committee Reports

From the Charity Committee... Thank you to all who came Tuesday to work on Fisher House quilts. As you know, Fisher House is a home away from home for the families of Iraqi veterans who are rehabilitating at VA facilities. It is similar to Ronald McDonald in that regard. We will be sending Fisher House quilts via Bev Polito to the Denver facility. Unfortunately there is no Fisher House in Tucson.

Also, Julie Young and I will be re-evaluating our charities according to the survey results we are receiving with the goal of not only correcting our information, but slimming down our list of charitable concerns to those few who are truly worthy. We will prioritize them with A,B,C - those on the A list will receive the most, B - less, and C probably will be

seasonal only. (We give to Pio Decimo Christmas party as well as Candlelighters.) So, now is your opportunity to petition us in favor of your favorite charity. They must, of course, be a true charitable 501 institution and we need name, address, phone, contact person and directions for delivery.

Fran

From the Quality Control Committee... We have a few new solids in colors many of you have needed to finish the perfect quilt top. Now it can be done!

Let's use these solids for piecing and borders, NOT for quilt backs. This request comes from several advanced long arm quilters. They prefer prints or tone on tone for quilt backs, or white or muslin when using white / light thread.

When a back needs to be pieced please use the odd ball fabric towards the middle so the main back fabric is at the edges of the quilt. It makes a difference after the quilt is trimmed. Sometimes only a sliver of extra fabric remains. If that "sliver" fabric (of 6 or 8 inches) were inserted 14 inches or so from the edge, it could become the art look of the back.

Norma

From the Education Committee...

(This is supplemental to what is contained in the booklet on the book shelf.)

Current responsibilities:

- Survey member wants/needs
- Find teachers/mentors to meet these wants/needs
- Set up schedule for classes
- Set up schedule for demos during Monday activity time

We propose the following additions/refinements:

1. Demos be scheduled every OTHER Monday providing more time for work stations activities

2. that the work station activities be scheduled by the Production Committee and the group at any station work on one project (e.g. a quilt or place mats)
3. Further, that work stations be project- oriented and learning techniques would be incidental, not the primary focus. If there are questions about techniques, someone from the education committee will be happy to assist the group. Learning techniques will continue to be the focus of classes.
4. Since there is a planned change of the depository of the class funds, that a separate line item be set up in the financial statement and that the Education Committee will determine how those funds (not needed by the teacher for student supplies) will be spent.

We feel that demos are a good way of:

- showcasing a technique (then the group might want to include it in a class or a workshop)
- creating an awareness of new products, books, magazines, web sites, etc.
- learning comparisons between products (battings, threads, etc.)
- expanding our creativity by showing how to integrate our donated fabrics into blocks e.g. nine patch, strings, log cabin, etc. that can be used for our charitable projects.

Charity Donations

No donations reported

General Interest

Bev Polito reports that Alex Anderson is now on the web. Her web site is: www.alexandersonquilts.com . She is broadcasting a series of audio programs using a "PODcast" format. These can be downloaded and listened to on your IPOD (You all have one, right?) or listened to through your PC direct from her web page.

She is also joining with Ricky Tims to present a new and fresh approach to quilting, an online magazine / television quilt show, which debuts April 2, 2007.

Go to her web site for more information on these and other subjects, including information on her new book, "Machine Quilting".

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 Lynn Parker... I'd like to make a simple suggestion. When you take a class from one of our quilters as teacher, you might take her a fat quarter as a thanks. These teachers put in a lot of time and energy, and it would be a simple way to thank them for it.

From Carol Monthei...

1. Internal Quilt Raffle: Many of you have asked where the quilt is going to go that Pat Wade, Linda Von Qualen, Maureen Herran, and I made. We wondered if the group would be interested in an internal quilt raffle like the one we did a couple years ago. We will ask for a vote on the idea on Monday morning.
2. Thread for Handi Quilter: After show and tell on Monday, I would like everyone who is (or will be) working on the Handi Quilter to meet up by the machine. I have organized the thread and would like to take just a couple minutes to show you how the system works.
3. Reminder: There will be a small quilt panel on the frame ready to be quilted Monday morning. If you are certified, please consider working on this project. It is a good way to get some more practice while having teachers around to help you out.

From Karen Anderson...

1. The Husband/Wife Potluck will be held on March 7th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. It will be over early enough to go to the Wednesday evening entertainment program. A sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Palo Verde room. If you have any questions please call me at 664-0225.
2. Quilters II is planning a quilt show next year. If you have a quilt back home, which you want to have in the show, please bring it back with you next season. Quilts include wall hangings and wearable art as well as regular quilts.