

Newsletter #8, Week of April 2, 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

We will be meeting as usual on Monday. There will be Show & Tell but no Demo. Many of the Snowbirds have begun to leave Voyager for homes all over this country & Canada. We miss some of you already! The next Edition of the Newsletter will be Published prior to the Quilters 2 meeting on the 16th of April.

We have inquired about the possibility of creating a Quilter's 2 Link on the Voyager Website. We were very favorably received. Frank Fuqua met with Dexter Fuller who is the Webmaster for the Voyager Website and drew up a draft of how this would work. We then met with 8 chairpersons & Coordinator for next year and Frank presented the planned Web link information. It was approved by all members present so Frank will be proceeding with the plan. You will be hearing more details as the site is developed. Frank will give a short report on this event on Monday. It is too early to answer all of your questions at this time but it will be a good thing for us and the Voyager in the future.

Bring your own projects to work on as desired, or pitch in on some of the unfinished projects which are still on hand. See you Monday!!

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, April 2

- 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

Demonstrations

A big thanks to all who took the time and energy to share their expertise, giving demonstrations at our Monday meetings. There was a positive response to the demos on the survey.

Lynn Parker

Class Schedule for the Week of April 2

No classes are scheduled for the rest of this season.

Tuesday Activity

The big room is open from 1 - 4 p.m.

Saturday Activity

The big room is available all day. If you can't get in, call one of the “key” people.

Committee Reports

No committee reports were submitted.

General Interest

The Binding Miter Tool which was demonstrated on March 26 is produced by Jackie Robinson at Animas Quilts Publishing. Her E-mail is Jackie@animus.com The tool can be purchased on-line at <http://softexpressions.com/software/notions/BindMtrTool.php>

The "sew steady portable table" Lynn showed is made by Dream World whose internet address is: dream@bonners-ferry.com or 1-800-837-3261, ext. 1. Bernina sometimes has them, as do some of the catalogues.

The Sew Slip Multipurpose Sheet can be obtained from Gossamer Designs LLC, Nipomo, CA. Telephone: (805) 929-4590, Web Site www.sewslip.com

The Add-A-Quarter ruler is produced by CM Designs. AdrienneI didn't see it at JoAnn's this week but she has seen it at Bella and Quilter's Market.

Essentials thread ... 1200 yds, 50 wt Egyptian cotton with, (Adrienne forgot to mention this on Monday), a small center for stability on the machine spindle. \$1.99 each or \$1.59 each in a set (lights, brights, variegated, etc.). These are available from Coonecting Threads at www.connectingthreads.com Their telephone is (800) 574-6454.

To see pictures of the winning quilts at the Arizona Quilters Guild show held last January, go to <http://www.wazquiltersguild.org/quiltshowwinners07.htm>

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 Addriene Bortell... A big thank you to Boyd Tice for volunteering his time and expertise to install the last shelf in our storage closet. We put out the request in this newsletter and he stepped up to the plate ... with, I'm sure, a little nudge from Sharon. And he did a beautiful job. Thank you, again, Boyd.

From Carol Monthei... I am leaving for the season so there will not be a quilt on the frame unless someone else who is still here would like to take over. I usually pin the quilt ahead of time then it takes about a half hour on Monday morning to load it on the machine. I think it has been helpful to the new quilters to have an opportunity to do a small project. I hope someone will step up and take on this task.

From Karen Anderson... 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.

From Addriene Bortell... A quick tip for those of you who will be using flannel for backing. Cut an extra 3" for the bottom, whichever way you're going to put it on the frame. I just finished quilting a small quilt and had about 1" left and that includes the pinned area ... a real nail-biter at the end. I did wash the flannel before I used it so the quilt wouldn't shrink too much when it's washed and that might have made it "thicker" and more prone to get taken up with the quilting. So pin the top as usual but allow for extra fabric toward the end. (You'll have to add extra, anyway, if you're going to wash the flannel first, always a good idea.) Adrienne

Comments from the Editor

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