

Newsletter #100, Week of November 8, 2009

The Quilters II Newsletter is published weekly during the season, and monthly during the off season.

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information, in advance of the Monday meeting, to reduce the amount of announcements and discussion at the meeting. Submissions for publication in the newsletter can be made through the Newsletter Submission form located in the Members Only section of the website, or in an e-mail to Frank Fuqua <confuqua@gmail.com>.

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the relevant week. The newsletter will then be placed on the website as soon as possible thereafter.

From the Editor

There comes a time in life when you walk away from all the pointless drama and people who create it, and surround yourself with people who make you laugh so hard that you forget the bad and focus on the good. Life is too short to be anything but happy.

Submitted by Lynn

From the Co-Editor (Maria Brower)

It was announced by Lynn that we will *gather* at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays and start the meeting at 9:15 to allow everyone to be seated and ready.

The member sign-in sheet, the “quarter for a quarter” drawing jar and basket and the new “hint” basket will be on the cutting table closest to the back wall in the Quilters II meeting (& sewing) room. This will save having to pass these items around during the meeting. Check off your name.

Vel Peters and Maria Brower volunteered to write the weekly newsletter alternating weeks.

Block of the Month

Adrienne demonstrated the Block of the Month for our charity quilts. It is a strip quilt using any size strips you have. Using strips 1” – 3 ½” wide and at least 14” long works well. Sew strips together until it is large enough to be trimmed down to a 12 ½” square after pressing. Adrienne’s demo was very striking as she used the same color strip on each end. Next cut the square diagonal and then lay the two diagonal pieces with the right sides facing together and cut diagonally again. You will end up the 4 pieces. Arrange and sew together in a pleasing pattern to form a block. Remember to use ¼” seam allowance.

Adrienne’s handout probably has better instructions and is printed on the last page.

Classes

For classes and other quilting opportunities there are sign-up sheets and supply lists posted on the mirror to the right of the doorway leading into the HQ16 room.

Quilt Camp Feb. 17-20 \$175 with a \$50 deposit upon registration. Information posted.

On Wed. November 10th **Patriotic Wall Hanging** class is a version of Log Cabin taught by Sue Patch.

Wed. Nov. 17th Re-sizing blocks

Art Quilter Group

There will be an Art Quilt meeting on Sunday November 14th at 1:00 p.m. to talk about what we will focus on this season and meeting times. All members are welcome if you are interested in Art Quilts and enjoy trying new techniques, products and enhancements. Bring your ideas and suggestions to this meeting and any show-and-tell.

Winter Raffle Quilt

Selling of tickets for our Winter Raffle Quilt will start at the first regular coffee of the season, November 6th. Sign up sheets will be passed around at the meetings for members to sign-up for a shift or two at coffees and Market Daze to sit at the Quilters II table. No experience needed and a good way to make new friends. Any questions see Nanette at the meeting.

From Lynn

There is a new Voyager Quilters II Face Book page that has been set up for comments, photos of quilts and things you want to share with members. What did you do on your summer vacation?

You will need to have a Face Book account (it is free and you must register) then at the main FB page go to Groups, then to Voyager Quilters II.

Sunshine

Sara Nichols has handcrafted and donated beautiful note cards to send to our members. Do you know any member who is sick or in the hospital?

REMINDERS

If you are working on any charity Christmas quilt or wall hanging please complete them by the end of November and turn them in.

Quilt-a-thon is held the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. If you can't stay all day come for part of the day or a few hours. We will skip December due to so many other holiday activities.

In the cupboard there are small quilt tops that are waiting to be turned into completed quilts - pick one up and take it home or they can be worked on in the quilt room.

The HQ16 long arm quilting machine is available to use for your own quilting at \$5.00 per hour after you have been certified. You must also quilt a charity quilt to be able to use the machine. There are sign-up sheets in the HQ16 room. You can obtain a key from any of the members who are on the list that is posted on the mirror next to the class sign-ups.

Don't forget to bring a quarter (25¢), block of the month if you have completed, your quilting hints written out-to win a prize, and wear your name tag!

(See Strip Magic instructions below)

STRIP MAGIC 12 1/2 "

Start with strips approximately 1" to 3 1/2" wide and at least 14" long.

Sew them together until they measure about 13"

Press to one direction.

Using a square ruler, trim block to 12 1/2 x 12 1/2

Right sides together, turn one block so it's perpendicular to the other and sew a 1/4" seam all around the edges.

Cut an X, corner to corner to give you 4 triangles.

Press open – you will have 4 8 1/2" squares.

Tips:

Have a 14" ruler or a 14" piece of masking tape near you at the sewing machine to keep track of the strip lengths and how close you are to the edges.

Make sure you stop at 11" before you put your last piece on so you have enough on the ends to make a decent seam.

Feel free to sew strips together to get to 14"

I sew 2 blocks at a time, alternating them until they're both finished.

When you're trimming the block and cutting corner to corner, use the rotating cutting mat.

