

## ***Newsletter #105, Week December 13, 2010***

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 Co-Editor** (Vel Peters)

"There is nothing on this earth to be more prized than true friendship" Thomas Aquinas

Ok, I have to apologize.....During the first part of this week's meeting , I was zoning out. I didn't get dates of classes or even the classes, until suddenly , I came to and said to myself....."DUH, Vel....you're suppose to be doing the newsletter this week. " A senior moment, I guess. Information about classes, dates and times are posted on the board . Sorry about that.

Block of the month.....don't be worried if it doesn't finish to 10 1/2 inches. Louise said it finishes to about 10 1/4 inches and the blocks already turned in seem to "like " each other and did look very nice up on the design wall.

Pat Rapp suggested that we might think of making string quilts on the next quilt-a-thon, as there are LOTS of strips in the cupboards. LOTS and LOTS of them. She also will be making up packets for pillowcases.

Which leads me to the next subject ( how convenient is that?).....pillowcases. To date, we have 43 made and I thank all who have made one or more. I want to turn them in next week, so if you want to make another one, you have till then to do it. Voyager quilters ROCK!!!! ( to quote my 10 year old granddaughter).

### **TIPS:**

Some of us quilt barefooted or sock footed. Not a good idea to cut fabric that way, because if you happen to drop an open rotary cutter on your foot, you could get a nasty cut. Lynne Jensen

A "gypsy gripper" is a handy handle that you can attach to your ruler . It makes it a little safer to cut, as your hand isn't down on the ruler, where a slip could cut it. These handles can be

purchased at Loew's, Home Depot, Joanne, and probably Ace and are easily applied to and removed from your ruler. Lynne Jensen

Sulky temporary spray adhesive sprayed on the back of a ruler helps keep it in place while cutting. This is especially helpful with those odd sized, "funny " shaped rulers and templates. It will make the ruler cloudy.....wondering if some alcohol would remove it? You can still see through the ruler. Another suggestion was the fine sandpaper dots with the adhesive backs. Again , they may be purchased at the above stores. Lynne Jensen

If you are a new quilter and not sure what some of the quilting terms mean there is an online quilter's dictionary.

Go to [www.quiltbox.net](http://www.quiltbox.net). Check it out. Darlene Waltz

End of tips.

There is a sign up sheet for a bus to the Tucson Quilt show in January. They need a minimum of 20 people to get the bus and I think they said they had 16 signed up. You may contact Maria Brower 574-5951 or Darlene Waltz 574-9506 for more information. They are also working on getting a price .

There have been issues with the quilting machine and it was discovered that the bobbin case needed replacing. That was done over the weekend and Lynne said it now quilts like a dream. There will be a refresher course for all those who have taken the classes. Will let you know when.

Susie Johansson needs volunteers to help with publicity for our quilt show in Feb. I think she needs volunteers to get the information to the quilt shops. If you can help, call her at 574-5017.

Raffle quilts:

It was suggested that rather than say the raffle quilt is a queen, king , etc., that the size be posted on the raffle table. Good idea. The raffle quilt was showed and it is gorgeous. Thank you all who worked on it and a special thank you to Adrienne for assembling it ....a HUGE job....and to Lynne for the beautiful quilting she did on it.

It also was decided that the beautiful 12-month applique quilt would be the second quilt to be raffled this winter. Thank you to Sue Martins for the kit to make it, to Jean Bridgeman, Pat Wade, Karen Anderson and Louise Walton for their hard work making it and to Lynne Jensen , again , for the beautiful quilting . If I have missed thanking anyone, I apologize. Just know that all help is greatly appreciated.

We donated 16 quilts and , I believe, pillowcases to Pio Decimo and 11 of each to Candlelighters. They were very grateful for the donations.

Thank you to Summer Chapel and Bob Edgar for their generous donation. We will put it to good use, as usual.

Our Christmas luncheon was lovely. Louise put a lot of thought and time into making it a special gathering. The food was great, the prizes and gifts were great and everyone did a great job. ( I've run out of adjectives , as you can see.) We are GRATEful to Louise for all her hard work making our Christmas party the beautiful occasion it was. Thank you again.

Our healing thoughts and prayers go out to Claire, to Maureen and her son , who is very ill , and to my brother, Spike. He is home from the hospital again, but still in very poor health. Thank you all for your love and concern.

And finally.....I was overwhelmed by the generosity of the members of Quilters II. After Lynne showed the one quilt for the family in Syracuse, I was asked how we were going to pay for postage. Lynne, Pat Rapp and I exchanged glances and one of us, Pat , I think, said that we were just going to split the cost. By the time the meeting ended, I had \$51. By the time I got home from our party, I had \$120 dollars. Thank you , thank you, thank you. Any money left over from the shipping costs will be sent to my daughter , who will give it to the family. I spoke with her this am and she said they really can use it. What an incredible group we are. Pats on the back to all.

We will show all the quilts at the meeting Monday and then ship them . I think they will be gratefully received , as the northern parts of our country are already having a cold, snowy winter.

Have a happy, healthy and safe week. Safe travels to any of us who are headed home for the holidays.