Newsletter #106, Week December 20, 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 (Maria Brower)

Reminders: We meet Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and will begin the meeting at 9:15. Sign-in sheets, Quarter for a Quarter raffle and the "Tip jar" are on the lay-out table at closest to the sink in the back of the room.

It was announced that all of the door prizes given out at the Christmas luncheon held at the Voyager Restaurant were provided by Louise Walton. A big thank you to Louise and her gang for the hard work, fun and games, prizes and entertainment that was enjoyed by all who attended.

Lynn and the HQ16 instructors met regarding the problem that has been on-going with the machine for some time. It was determined that it was probably the bobbin case and the different ways people were turning it. A fix has been put in place but in order to keep it working all members who have previously been certified on the HQ16 and are interested in using the machine must take a short re-certification class. If you do not have any interest in using the HQ16 now or in the future you do not have to take the class. If you have just recently been certified for the first time you are exempt from taking the class.

Carol Monthei will be available for re-certifications classes on Mondays after the meeting beginning on December 20th and Elaine V will be giving classes on Thursdays from 9:00-11:00 beginning on January 6th. Sign-up sheets will be available on the mirrors. There will also be a sign-up sheet for beginners who want to be certified.

Bettie will teach a one-day "bag" class on January 12th. If you are interested you can sign up and will need fabric or a jelly roll, & lining, batting and your sewing machine.

See sign-up sheet, or for more information call Bettie.

Anyone interested in a sweatshirt class call Barb Atwell and she will set a date and get a sign-up sheet going.

Charity quilts were delivered last week to several local charities and we are now out of quilts! Make a New Year's resolution and check out what is available in the closet to get started.

Tucson Quilt Show

The Tucson Quilters Guild 33rd Annual Quilt Show will be held on January 21-23 this year. We have a sign-up sheet taking names for the bus. Parking is \$8.00 for one day so you may want to join us and take the bus. We need to have more members sign-up if we want to go by bus. Please sign-up as soon as possible or call me (Maria 574-5951) as I currently have the sign-up sheet. I need to call ELS and give them the approximate number so they will reserve the bus for us and we will get a final cost.

Voyager Quilt Show

Susie Johansson, Voyager Quilt Show chairperson, announced that after the January 1st she will start having quilt show meetings. The deadline for entry forms will be February 1st. For each article you enter you will need a separate pillowcase and label. If you don't' have a large or small quilt to enter, other categories to enter are jackets, purses, tote bags, art quilts, placemats, quilted toys, pillow cases and Antique quilts.

Susie also announced that Bella has a special on the 1st Friday of the month (it may be every Friday now) if you bring in a finished top you can received 25% off backing fabric.

Claire Fuqua was at the meeting and thanked the members for the lovely heart quilt that was presented to her from our group. Members who were at the previous meeting signed the back with well wishes and their names. If you didn't get a chance to sign the quilt and want sign it let Claire know.

It was announced that at the upcoming Susie Weaver lecture to be held at Voyager there will be no room for guests, only Quilters II members.

Our tip of the week was from Pat Rapp to use ice cube trays to put in drawers or use to sort out small items. Bring your tips to meetings and win a prize.

Jan Tuttle presented a demo using the X-Block template. Jan showed examples of different patterns this template creates by starting out with a nine patch and then cutting using this template and organizing the squares into various patterns. Quilters II has this template available to check out.

The latest report from Vel Peters is that after she packaged up all the quilts to send to the family in Syracuse, NY she had a surplus of money and will send that to her daughter (the school teacher to the 8 years in the family and how Vel learned of their extreme needs) to donate to the family. Earlier today Vel called with the good news that after paying the shipping to mail the quilts she had a whopping \$70 left over to send to the family. Then Vel received another

(anonymous) donation later today of \$80 and now has \$150 total to send to the family. When Vel first told us about this courageous family that had to flee for their lives and walk across their country to safety, Val's daughter had learned that the children had only one set of clothes each. Quilters II member's generosity will help to give this family a very Merry Christmas.

One of charities that we gave quilts to this year was Emerge! and because it is not as well-known to our members as other local charities are a hand-out was passed out with a list of the needs. Emerge! families can use many of these items all year long. Here is the list if you would like to help in any way.



Shelter Donations Monthly Wish List

2010 www.emergecenter.org

Families come to us in crisis. While they focus on healing from their abuse, our staff ensures their basic needs are met – from food and shelter, to clothing. Your gifts help build new, empowered lives!

Please note: Emerge is only accepting new clothing, shoes, towels and bedding. We will be closed Thursday and Friday November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We wish you all a happy and restful weekend.

Household Items

Pillows (New Only) Blankets (New Only: Twin or Full size) Twin Bed Sheets (New Only)) Bath, Hand Towels and Wash Cloths (New Only) Reusable Plastic Bowls and Cups Silverware

NEW Women's Clothing (Seasonal)

Women's and Teenage Sizes: Underwear Bras Socks Winter Jackets Light Rain Jackets

Infant and Toddler

Baby Oil, Powder, Lotion & Diaper Cream Baby Wipes, Shampoo and Body Wash Diapers, Size 4, 5 and 6 Baby Food Feeding Sets Gently Used: Cribs, Pack 'n' Plays, High Chairs, Light Weight Strollers New Clothing Developmental Toys

Miscellaneous

Yoga Mats New and Used Cell Phones Band Aids/Neosporin Pocket Size Hand Sanitizers Arls and Crafts: Fabric, yarn, glue, paper, cardstock, paint, scissors

Children

New Clothing, All Sizes: Boys and Girls Underwear Winter Jackets Socks Shoes All School Supplies Developmental Toys Sport Balls

Personal Care

Toothpaste and Tooth Brushes Disposable Razors Maxi-Pads, Tampons Shampoo and Conditioner Deodorant Make Up

You can donate at our Lipsey Admin Bldg. located at 2545 E. Adams Street, 4 blocks north of Speedway, just east of Tucson Blvd. It is open M-F from 8:30am until Spm. If you have any questions please contact Mike Hoelscher at (520) 392-9945or mikeh@emergecenter.org