Newsletter #21, Week of November 26, 2007

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

From the Coordinator(s)

'Tis the season to give thanks, so I want you to look at our Voyager II Quilts through the eyes of our recipients:

I climbed the door,
Opened the stairs,
Took off my prayers,
Said my shoes,
Turned off the bed,
Climbed in the light,
All because you gave me a Voyager quilt
To fall asleep with sweet dreams.

Our hard work and labor of love is more appreciated that we often take time to realize.

Many of you deserve a special thank you for signing up to help with activities. Please make a note when you signed up to help and be prompt. If you encouraged someone to buy some Raffle tickets, you get a really big THANK YOU. Also, thanks to all of you who have, or may yet, become involved in the Hoffman Fabric Quilt Challenge. By pooling all the talents within our group, the \$1000 fabric prize is surely ours!

Recently, we have not had any problems with doors being left unlocked. Thank you. Irons should be checked to be sure they are off and/or unplugged when you are the last to leave a room. If you need a key to use the rooms, the following may be contacted:

Activity Office (sewing room)
Barbara Atwell (sewing room) 663-4007
Adrienne Bortell (HQ & sewing room) 360-9019
Claire Fuqua (HQ & sewing room) 574-5466
Anna McFadden (HQ & sewing room) 574-5618
Carol Monthei (HQ & sewing room) 574-6039
Sue Patch (HQ & sewing room) 574-0238
Lynn Parker (HQ & sewing room) 382-1608
Audrey Young (HQ & sewing room) 663-4107

The Historian/Photographer Committee is still in need of a couple of people to assist with photos and the cataloging of finished quilts. Also, help is needed to capture our organization's history in a scrapbook.

Following is a summary of the minutes from the Chairman Steering Committee which met on November 15th:

Treasurer, Adrienne Bortell, reported that we have about \$1,500 in the bank. It was recommended that members who need to purchase items submit budget requests to the Chairman's Steering Committee, which will meet again at 6:30 P.M. on January 3rd.

When donations are made, donors will be asked if they would like to be thanked publicly in "The Compass" and if they need a letter written for tax purposes. Last year each charity/organization, to whom we donate quilts, was surveyed to check validity. When quilts are delivered to charities, forms from the Charity Committee should be utilized.

The \$5.00 fee for classes/workshops will continue to assure members who sign up attend. Open sewing or working on charity quilts will not require a \$5.00 fee.

Single use, disposable cameras are available to capture "Kodak Moments" when Sharon Jewett is not present with her camera.

Anne Herman is organizing Saturday activities. Ideas and help are welcome.

Certified HQ members must take a refresher course since a company \$1000 upgrade and changes were made to the machine. Members are encouraged to use their own sewing machines to quilt some of the smaller quilts.

To ensure quality of charity quilts, all loosely woven, faded, sheer, polyester, etc. fabric will be removed from the cupboards.

The Activity Office accepted a furniture donation to the Palo Verde/HQ Room which will provide more permanent workstations and higher cutting tables.

To give everyone time to enjoy Christmas, the Quilters II meeting will be cancelled on Monday, December 24th.

Thank you, Carol Larson for recording the minutes at the Chairman Steering Committee.

As the hectic holiday season encroaches, and you're gathering your fat quarter for the Christmas luncheon, buying your Raffle tickets, picking out a Christmas card to showcase to our group and buying all those presents, check out our activity schedule since we have lots of exciting events coming up to find peace and relaxation quilting with a friend.

Audrey Young

We will be going to the Quilt Market on Monday, December 3rd. If you want to carpool, meet in the parking lot by the laundramat and volleyball courts at 9 a.m. Those who'd like to drive alone, be at Q. M. by 9:30 a.m. The owner(s) will have something fun and new to show us, and of course, you may have all the time you want for shopping!

Lynn Parker

Activity Schedule

November

28 Wed. 9-12 Mystery Quilt Project (1 of 2)

28 Wed. 1-4 Wonky Stars (1 of 2)

30 Fri. 8-12 Open sewing /sewing charity quilts

December

- 1 Sat. 9 12 Mystery Quilt Project (2 of 2)
- 1 Sat. 1 4 Open sewing/sewing charity quilts
- 3 Mon. 9 12 Regular meeting at the Quilters' Market (meet at
- 9 a.m.in parking lot to carpool)
- 5 Wed. 9 12 Denim Quilt Class
- 5 Wed. 1 4 Wonky Stars' Class (2 of 2)
- 7 Fri. 8-12 Open sewing/sewing charity quilts
- 8 Sat. 8 a.m. Parade of Quilts at Voyager Coffee
- 8 Sat. 9 4 Quilt a thon
- 10 Mon. 9 1 Meet in Quilt Room at 9 a.m for Parade of Quilts;

Christmas luncheon and party at Voyager Restaurant at 11 a.m.

- 17 Mon. 9 12 Regular meeting
- 24 Mon. No Meeting
- 31 Mon. Regular meeting

From the Members

From Adrienne Bortell

I just got the Bella Quiltworks' Newsletter. Looks like they have lots of interesting classes this winter. Plus ... this is a heads up ... they are having a 4th Anniversary Sale on Friday, Feb 1, 10am - 6pm and Saturday, Feb 2. 10am - 5pm. EVERYTHING is 25% off! And goodies and door prizes.

From Fran Walthall In lieu of Julie

Thank you to Arlene Barclay, Helen Jubenville and Joan Lichtenberg for agreeing to deliver finished quilts to the three charities of: University Medical Center for Children's Cancer (UMC), Da Vita Dialysis, and Veteran's Hospital (VA) - all local charities that we support. Carol Larsen delivered to Pio Decimo and Marge Cassidy took some to Mexico for her church project, Casa la Amor. These women signed out the quilts into their possession. They obtained information from our book regarding the charity contact person, address and phone to call ahead. Anyone can do this job. We are all volunteers. Feel free to raise your hand when asked to deliver - we can walk you thru it. A total of 38 quilts have been allocated already and the cupboards are full again.

The charity quilt inventory committee is currently made up of chairwoman Julie Young, Photographer Sharon Jewett, Assistants Carol Larsen, Alice Kelly and Fran Walthall. We can use more. We need a person to go through the finished quilts in the cupboard checking for a measurement slip (safety-pinned on) and a sewn on label. Note: We have 2 kinds of labels - 1 for handiquilter work and 1 without.

We have a new blue form that attaches to the finished quilts, goes with the deliverer who obtains a signature from the recipient and then brings it back to Julie. A pink form (the equivalent of our business card) is also attached to the finished quilt and is left with the recipient. So, in other words Pass the Pink, Bring back the Blue.