

## *Newsletter #38, Week of March 24, 2008*

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

### **From the Coordinator(s)**

As we begin to make summer plans, many of us would like to visit some exciting quilting events and unique quilt shops. Can you recommend some interesting ones in your state? Jot down the places, events and/or dates and submit them to the Newsletter. Who knows one of us just might be trekking through your state this summer. We haven't heard from most of you this season and we want everyone to use the Newsletter!

The chartered bus trip to the Phoenix Quilt Show was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Joan Lichtenberg for her diligent work in getting the cheapest price and for her attention to all the fun, small details.

Our Spring Quilt Raffle was a great success. Jeanette Hooper and Mary Lou Knearey did a fabulous job coordinating the ticket sales. Thank you! The Raffle raised \$1,215 to support our budget for producing charity quilts. Pat Mullaney won the black quilt and he has great visions to embellish it with many artifacts from his collections. Merv Schumacher won the second quilt. Be sure to thank everyone who bought tickets.

Several groups of people are working hard to complete projects. The Hoffman Fabric Challenge group has obtained the focus fabric and is in the process of assembling a winning quilt! The '09 Spring Raffle group has all the Southwest blocks sewn together and a beautiful border is being designed and assembled. Julie, Sharon and Tami are busy photoing, recording and bundling finished quilts. Remember, you're always welcome to assist any working group.

Get your concerns and ideas to a Chairman now! We're meeting this week, Thursday, March 27th at 6:30.

The rooms are available for open sewing on Wednesday afternoons and Saturdays. Call Lynn if you need a key for Saturday, March 22nd and call Audrey if you need a key for Saturday, March 29th. We want your "bucket" to run over, so get involved and keep quilting!

Audrey

### **Activity Schedule**

#### **March**

- 22 Sat. 9 – 4 Open sewing
- 24 Mon. 9 – 12 Regular meeting
- 26 Wed. 9 – 12 Custom sweatshirts, continued
- 27 Thu. 6:30 p.m. Steering Committee meeting
- 29 Sat. 9 – 4 Open sewing  
1:30 LAST Art Quilts meeting; Finishing
- 31 Mon. 9 – 12 Regular meeting; Name the Quilt, and Showing of Art Quilts on design wall

## Art Quilts Cluster

The last meeting of the art quilts cluster will be Sat., March 29th at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, but especially those who have come to any of the meetings. Bring any or all of the quilts you have made this winter, whether they are done, or not. We will hang the quilts on the design wall for showing at the March 31st meeting. That morning, the rooms will be open at 8:30 a.m. for "The Show".

### **April**

5 Sat. 9 – 12 open sewing

7 Mon. 9 – 12 Regular meeting

### **From the Members**

#### **From Fran Walthall:**

Easy Pillowcase pattern as shared with us by Quilter's Market on Speedway – close to Pantano– (be sure to shop with them). I've added a few extra remarks that I found helpful for myself. (Fran)

You will need:

One piece of fabric for body cut 27.5 " long x width of fabric (42 to 44")

One piece of fabric for cuff, cut 9.5" x width of fabric. Do not fold in half.

One piece of fabric for accent, cut 2" x width of fabric, pressed in half lengthwise wrong sides together.

Do not press out the center fold; this helps line it all up.

1. Lay cuff fabric, lengthwise & right side up on your worktable, not folded. Lay body fabric right side up on top of cuff, matching long raw edges. (Use center fold to help align). Lay the pressed (lengthwise) accent fabric on top of body fabric, matching long edges and pin. (The body fabric will be hanging down, single layer.)

2. Starting at the bottom, roll the body fabric up toward the top in a tight roll. When you can see the bottom of the cuff, gently pull the cuff over the rolled body fabric and match up ALL the raw edges (except the bottom of the body) Pin well so edges don't shift.

3. Stitch along long edge with a 1/4" seam.

4. Gently pull the body fabric out of the tube, rolling the cuff right side out. Press well.

5. Trim the sides of the piece, removing selvages. The piece should measure about 42.5" wide. (29" if you make the small pillow).

6. Fold piece in half cross-wide, RIGHT SIDES OUT, matching up raw edges. Stitch along side and bottom of pillowcase, using a scant 1/4" seam and backstitch at beginning and end. Clip corners. (Or finish on a serger using your own method.)

7. Turn wrong side out and press well. Stitch with a 3/8" seam allowance along side and bottom, again backstitching at ends to secure.

8. Turn right side out and press.

Easy travel-sized or child pillowcase pattern.

You will need: ½ yd fabric trimmed to 17" x 29" for body. ¼ yard cuff fabric trimmed to 7" x 29" and 1/8" yd trimmed to 1-3/4" x 29" for accent. Follow directions, as above – in step 5, your piece will measure 29".

For a tooth fairy pocket: Make a lined pocket using 2 fabrics 4-1/2" square. Attach in center while piece is flat.

**From LouAnne Garno:**

**Quilting Cruise Information:**

The 7 day Cruise starts March 1st 2009 on the Royal Caribbean," Voyager of the Seas", departing from Galveston Texas. Ports of call are: Cozumel Mexico, Georgetown, Grand Cayman and Montego Bay Jamaica. There are Quilting Seminars and Workshops during the 3 days at sea. Should you choose NOT to go ashore open quilting is available on those days.

Cabin prices range from \$1185.00 for inside staterooms to \$1635.00 for a superior ocean view staterooms with balcony. Prices includes cabin, fine dining, Vegas-style entertainment, all quilting classes, lectures and trunk shows, etc. Janome sewing machines are furnished.

The cruise is sponsored by Blank Quilting of New York and Quilters Emporium in Stafford Texas, Roseanne Cook, owner and booked through "Cruises by Al and Pat Magee" travel agency in Houston, Texas. For more information you may call the travel agency @ the toll free # 888-290-7245. There is a \$250.00 deposit per person due upon booking, balance due 12-1-08

At this time we do not know who the instructors will be nor the class schedule. That information becomes available around October 1st .

This is the same boat that Ruth Wrate and I went on for the Quilt Cruise this past February, sponsored by the same quilt shop. We both enjoyed it very much and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

**From Lynn Parker:**

**Charity Quilts**

Julie Young will be at the quilt room at 10 a.m. on Sat. to photograph charity quilts. She needs help. Monday we'll need volunteers to agree to distribute the quilts - more help, please.

Please call me if you need the room open before 10 a.m. on Sat. 382-1608

**Websites**

These are the websites that Vel Peterson mentioned a couple of weeks ago:

[www.mccallsquilting.com](http://www.mccallsquilting.com) - click on golden quilts on left

[www.quickquilts.com](http://www.quickquilts.com)

[www.quiltmaker.com](http://www.quiltmaker.com) - click on quilt patterns on left

They are good sources of free patterns

**From Frank Fuqua:**

The three websites mentioned above will be placed on the “Useful Links” page.