

## *Newsletter #40, Week of April 7, 2008*

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

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

Have you caught the quilter's spring flu, "scraparitis?" As you pack your suitcase or RV to head North, why not sort all those odds and ends of fabric you've accumulated this season into piles according to color values. Over the summer you'll have an excuse to visit quilt shops looking for just the right pattern. And, next fall you'll be all set to start stitching a beautiful quilt!

I discovered this fabulous idea in the March issue of the "American Quilter" magazine..."Consider using only black-and-white fabrics in all the test blocks or class samples that you make from now on. When you've accumulated enough for a top, arrange them on your design wall, add splashes of color for sashing or borders, and you'll end up with a spectacular quilt."

A lot of reflections on this year's procedures and events were shared at the Steering Committee meeting last week. Some chairman reports will be in the Newsletter. Others can be reviewed at our website under "Members Only" and/or in the Quilters II Handbook. No major decisions or votes were made since it was decided it would be more timely to vote next year on several issues. Steering Committee meetings are open to all members. Talk to Fran or Joan if you would like to become more involved next year in our organization.

Thank you Lynn for facilitating the special interest art cluster group. It was fun and we all learned so much from sharing our individual talents and critiquing our mini quilts.

If you have keys and are leaving for the summer, you must turn your keys into Adrienne or Claire.

The "Name The Quilt Activity" at Monday's meeting produced the following names for our Southwest spring raffle quilt: Turquoise Beauty; Turquoise Trail; Southwest Rhapsody; Tucson Treasures; Arizona Beauty; Images of the Desert; Southwest Symbols; and Southwest Dreams. Unique names were also generated for numerous displayed quilts: For the white quilt...Feathered Elegance; Serenity; Peaceful; White Elegance; Victorian Elegance; Wedding Chimes; Winter Solstice; Perfection; Romance; Snow White Beauty; and A Soft Winter's Night. A sailing ship quilt...Discovery; Anchors Away; A Faraway Land; The Flying Cloud; Schooner Skies; Antique Ships Ahoy; Voyager; Ancient Mariner; Calm Seas; and Perfect Voyage. Some of the other shared names for quilts included: Strings of Life; Threads of Time; Fun in the Park; Wild Thing; Kaleidoscope; Spinning Out of Control; Spiraling Convergence; Escape; Improvisation; Patchwork Star Gazing; Spring Wave; I Never Promised You a Rose Garden; Tumbling Stars; The Big Bang; Bulrushes; Symmetry; Pinwheels in My Mind; Spring Paths; Wine Garden; Starlight Wine; The 3rd Dimension; Scrap Happy; Nutty Squirrel; Sometimes You Feel Like a Nut; and Crazy Paths.

Suggested guidelines for naming a quilt were: keep it short; let the quilt talk to you; begin thinking about a name during the construction process; what feeling does the quilt emit; consider colors, values, lines, blocks, pattern, quilting and fabric; what theme is evident; is the quilt related to some personal experiences; in what area of the country will it be used; describe the design on the quilt; consider occasion for which quilt is being made; who and what age is the recipient of the quilt; and be creative while letting your imagination run wild!

Have fun and challenge yourself to name your next quilt with a very creative name. And, DO SHARE your name during next year's Show N' Tell! Audrey

## **Activity Schedule**

During the off season, the rooms will be available during the normal hours on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. The normal meetings will be followed, but on a much more informal basis.

## **From the Members**

### **From Frank Fuqua:**

This is the first monthly issue of the newsletter for this off season. The remainder of the off season newsletters will be published approximately mid-month.

### **From Lynn Parker:**

To this season's steering committee:

We want to thank you very much for all the hard work that you put in this year. Without you, Quilters 2 would not have run so smoothly. It really works to have many people to run an organization like this. We had good attendance at the steering committee meetings, and were able to talk about many ideas, problems and suggestions. For this, we are thankful.

To the membership:

We CHALLENGE you...

to make a small quilt for this fall's raffle. With the approval of the steering committee last week, we are asking for individuals to make small quilts this summer. They NEED TO BE less than 20" on a side – think of them as hanging in someone's park model, motorhome, or small home. Bring the one(s) you make to a meeting in Oct. or EARLY Nov., and we'll vote on the 3 to put in the raffle – along with the Christmas quilt from a couple of years ago.

To be considered, the quilt MUST be:

- less than 20" on a side

- ready to hang

- NOT less than 9" x 12"

It (they) need NOT be an art quilt, although are certainly acceptable. Make what you think people at the Voyager might like to hang, or put on their table. Questions?? E-mail me at [lynn@parkertravels.com](mailto:lynn@parkertravels.com)

We owe a great big THANK YOU to Maureen Herran and her committee for the beautiful Southwest raffle quilt. The top is done, and you saw it Monday morning. What did we name it? The committee: Norma Kindseth, Fran Walthall, Julie Young, Tami Albrecht, Mavis Gaines, Louise Walton, Adrienne Bortell, Anne Herman, and me. Hopefully, we haven't missed someone. It will be spectacular when quilted.

Have a GREAT summer!

## **From Marion Rathwell:**

Quilters II Steering Committee Meeting March 28, 2008

The meeting was chaired by Lynn Parker and Audrey Young.

The committee chairmen gave their reports which are on file in the organizational notebook, and several reports can be viewed under "Member's Only" on the Quilters II website. The following are some of the highlights and suggestions from the meeting.

--The attendance sheet not be passed until later in the meeting so everyone will be present. It should be passed in an orderly serpentine manner, perhaps a balloon could be attached to draw attention to the sheet and keep it moving. This same procedure should be used when sign up sheets are passed around the room. Introduction of new members and visitors should be at the beginning of the meeting.

--The Newsletter will continue in it's same weekly format, and monthly in the off season. Deadline for publication of information is 6pm Wednesday. Frank would like more articles from members and it was suggested a Handy Hints section would be of interest.

--A request has been submitted for a change in the cutting table mats, also for additional electrical outlets. It was suggested that offering to pay 50% of the cost might expedite matters. Also for consideration was the possibility of having outside or guest speakers. Audrey asked that perhaps we could obtain a new mobile presentation board as the one we have now can not be seen by all those present.

--March 28, 2009 will be the Quilt for a Cause Ladies Tea. Voyager will donate the room, paper products and advertising. A percentage of the tickets will be sold outside the park and the cost will be \$15.00.

--Monday, February 23, 2009 will be the Quilt Show and the hours will be from 9 to 4. Whether to sell tickets for the show will be determined by the membership next season.

--It was suggested that whoever is in charge of the room on Saturday mornings should have a set of keys; it would be convenient if both locks were keyed the same. The times for room usage will remain the same as no other times are available. The evenings are open.

--In the future we should make more small quilts. Habitat will require one large quilt and La Paloma has requested a quilt to auction. There are leftover blocks from the spring raffle quilt and Norma recommended that they be made into another quilt. Adrienne suggested doing it this summer.

--Audrey asked that more plain/marbled fabrics be purchased for sashings and bindings as well as some pastels for baby quilts. Karen requested that when sewing string quilts it would be more versatile if they were sewn in a long strata.

--Barbara Atwell will try to finish quilting the 5th pot quilt. Karen will be meeting with the Quilt for a Cause committee. They only want two and will choose the ones they want. The decision as to what to do with the remaining quilts will be brought to the membership to be decided next season.

--While many took courses on the HQ it was thought that perhaps they were not confident on their own and it would be a good idea to have a group of people who would act as mentors. This will be discussed next year.

--While many are taking the theme bags from the supply cupboard and the fat quarters seem to be used, there is little interest in doing the backings for the quilt tops. Perhaps we could have "backing parties" on Saturdays.

--There should be one person in charge of the raffle quilts for the entire season. Smaller quilts have been requested and the decision was made to have three small quilts, no larger than 12x18 to accompany our Christmas raffle quilt. This will be in the form of a challenge to be made by individuals over the summer. The choice for the raffle will be voted on by the group from those submitted.

**From Sue Patch:**

Thanks to everyone who either taught or took a class this season. You will find the summary report for the 2007-2008 season in the "members only" link.

Please check the information. The Education Committee and I welcome your comments and suggestions for the 2008-2009 season. That includes: items needed, class topics, demonstration topics, teachers, policies, etc.