

Newsletter #41, Month of May, 2008

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

From the Coordinator(s)

Thank you , thank you, thank you

Quilters 2 is the best! I've had such a good experience working with you this year, making the charity quilts, exchanging information, working through the art quilt workbook, and getting help from all of you. (We are moving to Sun City Vistoso in the fall, or when we sell our Bay home, whichever comes first.) I hope to see you at a meeting or two in October. I'll look for you at the Tucson Quilt Guild, and will surely be back for the February Quilters 2 Show. YOU may take a field trip to SCV to see me – Fran knows the way.

Thank you, Fran for the quilt picture that is so neat: a wonderful remembrance of this year. Thank you, also, for the lovely cake and coffee send-off on the 28th. I believe it was Maureen, Jeanne and Louise who orchestrated that. I know that you have a great year coming up, with Fran and Joan in charge.

Lynn Parker (Outgoing Co-Coordinator)

It looks like we have a situation in the quilting room and we need your help to make it right. One of the Pfaff sewing machines is missing ... the good one, of course. I think someone borrowed it and, in the last minute flurry of getting ready to leave Voyager, left it in their park model. If this is so, would you please give me a call at 520.360.9019 and I will retrieve it. If this is not so and you saw anything that would shed some light on this disaster, we'd appreciate any information you can give us.

Elaine is sending out an APB via e-mail for people that can't/don't read this newsletter, so you will be getting a duplicate of this message. We hope that this will soon be resolved because it is making us very sad. We do such wonderful work ... well, enough said.

Thank you ... Adrienne (Summer Coordinator)

Activity Schedule

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

Helpful Hints

From Fran Walthall:

Use old empty pill bottles for used needles. Avoids accidents.

Also, save the desiccant packet that comes in your prescriptions - keep it with your covered safety pins to avoid rust. (The safety pins can also be stored in a larger prescription bottle.)

From Lynn Parker:

Thread MYTH

Most of us have heard that we shouldn't use polyester thread on cotton (the preferred fabric for traditional quilting) because it will cut into the cotton since it's stronger. Well, Bob Purcell from Superior Threads says this is a MYTH! Great Grandma didn't use poly thread (because she didn't have it), so Grandma didn't either, and on down the line. He says that there is nothing wrong with using poly. thread on cotton. I heard this on "The Quilt Show" with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims. I have lately come to the conclusion that I'm a "thread snob" (will only use one kind for piecing, etc.), but now this opens up a whole new world! I consider this a challenge - to use lots of kinds of thread.

From the Members

From Frank Fuqua:

The deadline for submitting items for the summer newsletters is the 10th of the month. Publication will take place by approximately the 15th.

From Julie Young:

It has been a very productive year this year as you all know, we distributed 293 quilts and 177 placemats to our 20+ charities. Thank you all for all your hard work. The folks who received them were thrilled and have sent their thanks back to us with thank you letters and stories from the folks who delivered them.

It was fun to see the different kinds of quilts that were made, remember last year the mystery quilt...this year was the year of the string quilt. What will we come up with for next year? Remember to take a look at the Charity Quilt photo album that Sharon Jewett has compiled. It is impressive to see almost 300 quilts and their patterns. We also have 19 quilts in the cupboard to give us a head start for next year.

Two lists showing the number of sizes and the numbers of quilts donated to each charity this year have been placed in the "2007/2008 Voyager Q2 Charity Quilt Delivery Records" book. Lap and twin size are commonly requested in addition to the wheel chair/small lap size. Of course remember that many of the charities serve children from 1-18.

Thanks again for a wonderful year. See ya next winter!

From Karen Anderson:

Quilters II Quilt Show 2009

Our quilt show will take place on Monday February 23rd. More information will follow. Please remember to bring your lovely quilts or quilted clothing to Tucson next season so we can let the Voyager world see what excellent work we all do.

Quilt for A Cause - Ladies Tea and Fashion Show 2009

Save the date of Saturday March 28th for this fun event. Be sure to bring something that you have quilted: jackets, vests, purses, hats, scarves, sweatshirts, skirts, robes, you name it... if you can wear it it

will work. We are hoping that every member of the group will be able to take place in the pre-show fashion show and strut their stuff.

From Adrienne Bortell:

“CALL FOR QUILTS”

Quilt for a Cause, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit, was organized to raise money and awareness, and to educate the public in the fight against women’s cancers. Handmade quilts donated by quilters from 23 states were the vehicle for our fundraising. Previous auctions raised over \$179,000. For its 3rd fundraising event to be held on Saturday, October 3, 2009, QFAC is issuing a “Call for Quilts”.

The 2009 event will showcase 300 “Theme” quilts at a silent auction and an additional 40 quilts at a live auction. Silent auction quilts will hang for a month prior to the event in the halls of Tucson Medical Center.

Quilts donated to QFAC must be of new construction with new materials. They must either be a wall hanging or lap quilt. Based on sales from prior QFAC auctions, “Theme” quilts are encouraged. All quilts will be juried and those not chosen for the auction will be used for pre-event publicity, fundraising and/or donated to a non-profit Tucson organization.

Size for a wall hanging is a minimum of 18” up to 52” in any direction. Size for a lap quilt is a minimum of 48” in width, up to a maximum of 72” in length. All quilts must include a 3” sleeve across the top of the back of the quilt. Possible themes include, but are not limited to:

Holidays - religious, secular and/or patriotic, Seasons, Occupations, Southwest – desert, cowboy, etc., Ethnic, Sports, Animal, Juvenile, Gardening, Floral

QFAC will accept quilts beginning October 1, 2008. The deadline to donate is July 1, 2009.

On behalf of our mothers, daughters, aunts and cousins who have survived or succumbed to cancer, please help us MAKE A DIFFERENCE in this fight against women’s cancers!

Questions? Call Jeannie Coleman, (520) 529-5723