

## *Newsletter #43, Month of July, 2008*

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

### *From the Coordinator(s)*

It's hard to believe another month has passed and it's time for another newsletter. The monsoon season has started and we're getting our share here at the Voyager ... so far. Another note of general, not quilting, news is that our zip code has changed. As of July 1, we are in 85756 ... you might want to inform your family and friends.

Our numbers are dwindling ... we only had 6 at our last meeting ... but we have a new member named Debbie who is an experienced quilter with some new ideas and great techniques. She's a welcome addition to our group. I heard from Helen and it looks like she really is going to move to San Diego, not Colorado, to be near her family. She has been such an inspiration for us ... we will miss her very much. Pat and Jan both seem to be recovering well. You can't keep a good woman down for long!

We have decided not to glue down the cutting mat as it is working very well as it is. We will wait until the more senior executives return to decide on the next step. Anna agreed to take the supply closets in hand again so they are getting quite a bit more organized ... it's amazing what we find in there ... most of it good.

I had an opportunity to buy an older Bernina machine for \$300. It was offered by a member of the Tucson Quilt Guild through an ad in their newsletter. Eleanor Pleines said it is the same model she has used for years and it's a real workhorse. I have been using it on our workdays and think we got a pretty good deal. It's built like a tank ... I have put it on the small sewing table in the Handquilter Room so we don't have to haul it around. I have put the other Bernina in the locked closet, not that it did much good the last time. Jan thinks it's just as heavy as the "new" machine and I am thinking about a way to get it from one place to another without breaking one's back. Any suggestions? I'm still hoping the Pfaff turns up in the fall but, if not, we have a third machine again.

Our Hoffman Challenge quilt is finished and Susie is working on the label and getting it ready for shipping. Let's all send our heartfelt wishes for a happy outcome ... and all that nice fabric.

Finally, I received an email from Jeannie Beahan Coleman about some Quilt for a Cause business and she asked that I inform all of you about their quilting retreat in September. What follows came from her:

**“QUILT FOR A CAUSE - EXCITING NEWS!!!**

A Mystery Quilt Retreat will be held at the Amado Territory Bed and Breakfast Inn, Sept. 26-28, 2008. This will be our first fundraiser to help fight breast and gynecologic cancer. Only mail-in registrations, accompanied with your check in full payment, will be accepted beginning June 15. As space is limited, this will be on a first come, first served basis. You can e-mail Dorothy Lee at [dslee626@gainusa.com](mailto:dslee626@gainusa.com) for a copy of the form to be sent to you electronically.

The cost for 2 nights (double occupancy), 2 breakfasts, a lunch and dinner, door prizes, gifts, goodies and a barrel of laughs is \$225. This includes a tax deductible donation of \$75 to Quilt for a Cause. Evelyn

George and Carol Zupancic (QFAC Board Members) are the organizers of this event, so you know it will be a fun-filled weekend!!!!

Other upcoming QFAC fundraisers in 2009 include a Calendar Girl Fashion Show at the Voyager on March 28, 2009, a bus trip to the 2nd Annual Long Beach Quilt Show in June, and finally our quilt auction at TMC to be held on Oct. 3, 2009.

Jeannie Coleman - 529-5723"

Adrienne

### **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.

### **From the Members**

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

Voyager Quilters 2 Quarter for a Quarter

Quattah for a Quarter (.25¢) Chairman: Gloria Colgrove, and in her absence Eleanor Briefer. We will start October 2008.

What is it? Weekly drawing for a fat quarter of fabric. (A fat quarter measures approximately 18"x22".)

Guidelines:

Draw once for every 20 people who contribute .25 cents (or a quarter). (Assuming a fat quarter costs \$2.50, 20 people bring in \$5 to give us some profit.)

There must be 40 quarters to draw 2 names (not 38 or 39), 60 to draw 3 names etc.

One chance per/person. Names on paper slips will be destroyed after each week's drawing. Monies to be delivered to Adrienne Bortell weekly.

14 people signed up to go shopping for fat quarters and help run this weekly activity. They are: Tami Albrecht, Eleanor Briefer, Gloria Colgrove, Claire Fuqua, Frank Fuqua, Lou Ann Garno, Mary Ann Grace, Shirley Guban, Jeanette Hooper, Norma Kindseth, Joan Kniffen, Sara Nichols, Jean Nicholson and James Nicholson.

Volunteers (above) will please start watching for fat quarter sales and coordinate a shopping trip! (Double check with Adrienne regarding how much you can spend, (or if you feel generous – you may donate 1 or 2.) In fact, each Q2 member could donate 1 fat quarter for 2008/2009 season and kick off this activity in style. Are you willing?

Please no Wal-Mart or Joanne's fabric. We want good quality stuff. Look for a good variety – paisley, batik, stripes, seasonal, stained glass, repro '30's, etc etc.

Thanks much.

**From Lynn Parker:**

We CHALLENGE you...

to make a small quilt for this fall's raffle. With the approval of the steering committee, 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 they 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)

**From Karen Anderson:**

**QUILTERS II QUILT SHOW UPDATE:**

Remember the quilt show we will be putting on this next season. The projects you have completed at your summer residence or projects you are working on now will be great additions to our show. Plan on bringing them with you when you return to your winter home. We are interested in small quilts (ie. wall hangings, post cards, wearable art, quilted bags, etc.) as well as lap quilts and bed sized quilts.

**From the Editor**

Dexter Fuller is in the process of reformatting the Voyager website. Like so many evolving websites, the original kind of grew like topsy. The new format is very well organized, and easy to navigate.

When he completes the Voyager site, he will reformat the Quilters 2 site to have the same look and feel. This is a good thing.

If anyone has suggestions for how the content of our site could be improved, now is the time to speak up. Dexter is a very busy man, and this opportunity may not come again anytime soon. Submitted suggestions may or may not be implemented, but they will definitely not be considered if not submitted.

Please submit your suggestions via the newsletter submission form.

Frank