

Newsletter #46, Month of October, 2008

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

From the Coordinator(s)

From Adrienne

Summer is over and I will be returning my very loose leadership to its rightful owner, Fran. It's been an interesting time with a tight core of 12 at most meetings. We have some finished quilts in the cabinet, ready to go, and have tried to get as many others as possible ready for quilting so those of you who want the practice can get to it right away. We tried out our new hanging/picture taking system and Sharon is pleased with the results. I haven't been too pro-active about the shelves in the center storage closet but will get on that soon. After all, I am the queen of procrastination.

Last month I mentioned that I was including a letter and the judge's comments from the Hoffman Challenge in the newsletter. It didn't get in because of a faulty transmission on my part. Frank told me how to send it to him and, if he can, will add it at the end this month. Better late than never. The originals will go into the Q2 archives.

I asked Vel if she would be up for another NY Beauty for Quilt for a Cause. We both thought it would be fun to do it again as, I think, everyone who worked on it enjoyed doing so. I e-mailed Jeannie to see if they would be interested and she responded with an enthusiastic "Yes!". One way to make it more interesting would be for everyone involved to contribute a piece of batik without planning the colors ... and see what comes in. That would maybe spice it up some.

About 200 magazines were donated to the group, many of them pretty old. The story about that is that Helen Price called around town to donate them and I was the only one who called her back. I picked them up last week and they are now filling the table by the door until we decide what to do with them. Helen is a charming lady who has been quilting for over 40 years and used to be a Home Ec teacher but now has really bad, arthritic hands. She expressed, several times, that she'd love to come to the group and share her knowledge and I think we should consider how that could be done. After all, that could be one of us.

Speaking of Helen, our Helen is gone, I guess. We were very disappointed when we heard that she had come and gone without letting anyone know. I guess she has officially moved to San Diego. Helen, if you are reading this, thanks for all your help ... we will miss you. Vaya con Dios.

And, finally, putting on my other hat, the last financial statement of the year is now on line.

Have a safe trip back.

From Fran

The organizational chart is on the website for your perusal. You will note the A & B designations where A is Fran and B is Joan. We have split the responsibilities for the coordinator(s) job.

Last season I asked for volunteers for various jobs and got a good response. Thanks for that. However, a few changes have occurred. Some of the jobs have shifted as it became obvious that the chart needed to reflect the actualities. Check it out.

Here are opportunities: We need volunteers for this Fall's quilt raffle sales. It's listed under Fall Fundraising chairman. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. And we need a welcome committee chairman. These duties had very ably been held by Karen Anderson and Susie Johansson. These two hard working people are now heading up our Quilt Show. Big Job. Karen is also involved in the Ladies Tea as she was liaison for Jeannie Behan. This could be amended also later.

Adrienne needs 1 more Supply purchaser.

I have made managing fabric/supply cupboards a new position with Barb Scheele in charge. Also Ann Jacobucci will keep an eye on supply needs and take her requests to Adrienne and her purchasing committee. (Ann will not be joining us until December so please step in to help her).

I'm hoping for Anna McFadden to do her magic again. Mavis and Anna Mc. are supervisors of moving quilt tops to finished stage. A long title for a big job. Thanks for volunteering.

Potluck is listed as it is an actual job each year and deserves a budget.

Rather than Special Events - have broken them out as separate duties. They are yearly.

Enough about the chart.

Thanks to the summer group for keeping Quilters 2 going in the absence of snow birds like me. I look forward to seeing all the neat stuff you've been doing. See you in late October.

Fran

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:

Please don't forget "Quarter for a Quarter" which will start in October. Details can be found in Newsletter 43.

Thanks much.

From Lynn Parker:

We CHALLENGE you...

See Newsletter 43 for details of the small quilt raffle challenge.

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 (i.e. wall hangings, post cards, wearable art, quilted bags, etc.) as well as lap quilts and bed sized quilts.

From the Editor

Here is the Hoffman Challenge letter. (After the white space)



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Dear Adrienne and fellow quiltmakers,

Thank you for your interest, participation, and investment of time in the Hoffman Challenge. As always, we were amazed at the large number of creative and innovative entries. This year, we received approximately 580 items. The hardest part of this job is related to the degree of difficulty in making the choices of which quilts will travel and/or win. We can only manage a set number of traveling exhibits, so are forced to send many wonderful entries home. It's with regret that we return your entry titled "Just for Today I Will Not Worry." We truly appreciate your effort, and encourage you to participate in our next Challenge.

The judges for this year's challenge were NQA Judge (and executive editor for American Quilt Society's magazine) Christine Brown, clothing artists Gary and Carol Ann Hixon; and doll makers Rhonda Cooley and Mary Ellen Barber, who all live in Colorado. To learn more about them, see the website. It was a fun but very tough process!

We look forward to your entry next year, and to get your creative juices flowing, are enclosing color images of the 2009 Fabric and an application. You can view this and all the coordinates and this year's winners on the Hoffman Challenge website at www.hoffmanchallenge.com. Fabrics will be available beginning in November from your local shops, or contact us for more information. We are thrilled to have Sulky of America now as a cosponsor, and they have added many new awards to the competition. Please see the application for the details, and plan on incorporating their wonderful threads into your next entry to qualify for some of their awards.

If you requested and paid for the judge's comments, they are attached. You've also received a CD video providing information about the judging process and demonstrating how to correct common problems that we see. We hope you find both helpful.

We value your comments and ideas, and again thank you for your entry! It has been an honor to be involved with this challenge, and your efforts and entry have been thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. We're always striving to improve this challenge, so don't hesitate to let me know if there is anything more I can do for you.

Sincerely,

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Judges Comments on "Just for Today I Will Not Worry"

Design elements are balanced and create circular motions.

Pleasing use of peacock motifs with gold thread painting and crystals adding dimension.

Black is visually overwhelming and there is concern about stability of the loose components.

Circular component not entirely symmetrical.

Strive for smooth curves and even stitch length in quilting.

Good binding technique.