

## ***Newsletter #50, Week of November 24, 2008***

The Quilters II Newsletter is published weekly during the season, and monthly during the off season. This is the first weekly newsletter of the new season.

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information, in advance of the Monday meeting, to reduce the amount of announcements and discussion at the meeting. Submissions for publication in the newsletter can be made through the Newsletter Submission form located in the Members Only section of the website.

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the relevant week. The newsletter will then be placed on the website as soon as possible thereafter.

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

#### **From Fran - Q2 meeting notes for Nov 17, 2008 (Palo Verde room)**

Attendance was up to about 35 – more members returning and 1 new visitor/member from New Mexico.

Voting ballots were passed out along with our current charity info to accomplish our charity survey. We currently give to 20 charities and wanted to poll our members as to their preference. As it turns out, most of those polled picked our current top 5 charities anyway, although in a different order. (Thanks to Joan Lichtenberg who tallied these results.)

This is what you chose:

1. Habitat for Humanity
2. Tucson Women & Children
3. Pio Decimo
4. UMC Children's Cancer
5. Veteran's Hospital
6. Med Wagon
7. Fisher House
8. Hospice
9. Quilt for a Cause
10. La Paloma

These priorities are what we have been using:

1. Habitat for Humanity
2. Quilt for a Cause
3. Tucson Women's & Children
4. Veteran's Hospital
5. UMC (University Medical Center) Children's Cancer

6. Aviva
7. Hospice
8. Villa Maria
9. La Paloma
10. Da Vida Dialysis

Thanks for participating. The information will be supplied to Julie Young, our Charity Coordinator. Changes may or may not be made. Don't be anxious thinking your favorite charity is about to get the axe.

#### GIVE AN HOUR and ADOPT A BOX

Fran asked that each member give an hour of their time to this group in lieu of attendance fees. She pointed out that free patterns are also available at our library – so ably kept by Pat Davis – and may be signed out for 2 weeks. She asked the members to also Adopt a Box each month. Members were asked to sign a sheet to this effect. At the end of the meeting, many members were going thru boxes of fabric stored in our cupboards. Way to Go! Our quilt factory starts in those boxes.

#### RENT A MENTOR:

Sue Patch explained her new 'Rent a Mentor' Program whereby the 4th Wednesday of each month November through March from 9:00 to 12:00 in this room is designated for problem solving. The charge is \$5. **per season!** – not per session. What a bargain! 4 Mentors will be on hand to answer questions and work with you.

Sue asked Billye Reynolds to teach a class in Heirloom Sewing if there was enough interest, so Billye very ably explained what it entails and got about 8 interested. More on that later.

JoAnn Brown will also be asked to teach as she is an accredited Eleanor Burns instructress. She is gone the month of December however.

Sharon Jewitt made a sign regarding our raffle that will hang outside our door. We will continue to sell raffle tickets at the Saturday coffees and 1 Market Daze until the winning ticket is drawn Dec 13 for the large Christmas quilt and the 3 smaller wall hangings. Members are encouraged to buy a ticket and tell their friends also. Tickets will be available in Palo Verde room at 9am after coffees. Karen Anderson and Alice Kelly will sell this Saturday at the coffee and be ready to send folks with money our way. Sara Nichols is again facilitating this activity.

Show 'n Tell ensued with many beautiful quilts shown – some donated as charity, some personal and Susie's knitted driver (golf) covers made the day. (Do we knit in here?)

#### Personal:

Joan Buswell brought us a new shop to visit. "Quilted Quickies Studio" in San Manuel, AZ off hwy 77. About 50 minutes away. (520) 429-2369 or [www.quiltedquickies.com](http://www.quiltedquickies.com) for more information.

Rose Schumacher is in remission with her cancer. Joan Willard (Nimblefingers) suffered the loss of her son to cancer. And we miss Helen Jubenville who moved away. Adrienne Bortell is in Pennsylvania helping tend her 92 year old mother-in-law who suffered a stroke.

#### CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 24th. Final Block day.

November Block of the Month is still being worked on. It is the patriotic pinwheel and will be donated to the veterans when we get it done. Next meeting, make this block WITH YOUR OWN FABRIC and put

your name in a drawing of blocks to win all of them for your own use. (Remember, this is the rule for all Blocks of the Month. The final Monday, make the block in your own fabrics to put in a special drawing). If the fabric comes from our cupboards, it belongs to a charity.

Monday, December 1, 2008 our meeting will be held at Quilter's Market. Come to the parking lot to find your carpool. The December 'Block of the Month' and instructions will be given to you in the shop. Lynda Luiten will have some special techniques for us also. Then, it's shopping and lunch.

Monday, December 8, 2008 is our Christmas party at the restaurant (Voyager Bar & Grill). Our regular meeting will start promptly in the Palo Verde Room at 9am with a Round Robin (4 techniques being shown), so arrive early or you will miss out. We will leave at 11:30 for the restaurant. Bring an ugly fat quarter to exchange at the party.

**QUILT SHOW:** Mark your calendars...

Karen Anderson announced Monday, February 23rd, 2009 is our quilt show here at Voyager in the Ballroom. We need your special quilts for this.

Quilt for a Cause Ladies Tea is Sunday, March 29th, 2009 also in the Ballroom. She urged us to make "Pink" small items, or wear pink for the tea.

Elaine Vanier said she would post the attendance sheet online for us to view and make deletions and corrections. She will again publish our revised attendance sheet January 2009.

### **From the Members**

**From Karen Anderson –**

#### **QUILTERS II QUILT SHOW UPDATE**

The annual Quilters II quilt show will take place on Monday, February 23, 2009. Please keep in mind that we will treasure the experience of showing your quilted items: art quilts, postcards, wall hangings, placemats, bed size quilts, lap quilts, quilted clothing, etc. Bring them when with you when you start heading south to Voyager for the season or after the holidays. This year the show will be open for visitors from out of the park to see and we want the show to be a WOWEE of a display of your workmanship. More information will follow after the first of the year.

#### **QUILT FOR A CAUSE CALENDAR GIRLS FASHION SHOW & TEA**

The fashion show and tea will take place on Saturday, March 28th and should prove to be a lot of fun. We are hoping that a few of you will be willing to donate a small Pink (for Breast Cancer Awareness) wall hanging to be used as one of the door prizes. More information will follow after the first of the year.