

Newsletter #55, Week of December 29, 2008

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

Minutes from December 22, 2008 Q2 meeting

Circle Project:

The circles are beginning to grow on us. It was an exercise in learning to use the circle tool, but it has grown into something else. As I mentioned once, a circle is a symbol of continuity, birth-death-rebirth and even the seasons of spring, summer, winter and fall. I heard a reference to this last week when one of our members said, "Yes, it'll be a cold day in Cincinnati when I do one of these again." And yet, they are making cute quilts.

Norma Kindseth is making great progress on the circles and will give color advice to any to get them off our wall.

At intro time, we learned to go from Z to A, and we finished the meeting with color crayon work on 6" muslin squares, so we are getting younger everyday.

At show'n tell time, Fran and Joan Lichtenberg demonstrated the "lumpless binding join" method to finish a quilt. (with help from Jan Tuttle) We used the completed 6 circle block quilt by Jeanette Hooper that was quilted by Fran Walthall, Carol Monthei and Ellie Briefer to learn feathers. So, you see, getting a quilt done is a group effort always.

Block of the Month:

On December 29, the last Monday of the month, you will make Block of the month from your own fabrics and put in the drawing to win them all. Any size circle(s) on a background no larger than 12.5" total. Use any colors you like except ADD SOME BLACK.

JANUARY Calendar Items:

January 5th, I will hand out a new Block of the Month. You'll like it I know.

January 12th we've scheduled another Round Robin where we have 4 teachers and divide into 4ths.

January 16,17,18 is the Tucson Quilt Show.

January 24th, the 4th Saturday is a Quilt-a-Thon.

January 28th, the 4th Wednesday will not only be Market Daze, but our "Bring your spouse and food" potluck in the Catalina Room at 4:30. Eat at 5pm. You will have plenty of time to attend evening programs.

Quattah Project.

We do love our 4ths. Jeanette Hooper sold a lot of fat quarters and had 2 winners. Gloria Colgrove will be handling this project in January.

Treasurer's Report:

Adrienne Bortell missed our meeting and we missed her, however she said previously we have at least \$2,000.

Anne Herman gave a report on the Saturday, December 20th Quilt-a-thon: She thanked Audrey Young for all her hard work. We got a lot done and lots of food. Phil brought the pulled pork.

She also asked for groups of two to work together on getting some HQ machine quilting done any Saturday. Audrey Young is also interested in getting some production going. The summer group made lots of tops and it is up to us now to get them quilted.

Fisher House:

Bev Polito left earlier than planned for Colorado, so took 5 quilts and 5 small pillows (cases by Fran) to present to Fisher House in Denver. She reports that they were well received. The particulars of the report were sent on to Julie Young and will be shared by her at the next meeting.

Mentors:

Sue Patch will be introducing Quilt-as-you-go sessions in January. She continues with the Rent-a-Mentor program on 4th Wednesdays.

A date way ahead, but March 5, is the park wide Voyager Show'n Tell in the ballroom.

We need volunteers for this, plus quilts, plans on how to decorate the stage, a computer slide show on our table etc. Please stand up for this so we can cross it off the list as "DONE."

Our Quilt Show is February 23.

Our Fashion Show/Tea benefitting Quilt for a Cause is March 28.

Quilt for a Cause:

If you wish to make a quilt to donate to women's cancer research, sizes are posted on the board. These quilts will be for sale possibly at our tea and also will be on display in Dr's offices and hospitals to be bid on, sold and raise money.

P.S. Has anyone seen my dinger bell that I use to start the meetings? Can't locate it. (Fran)

From the Members

From Eleanor Briefer:

Thank you everyone for the Quilt-A-thon Sat. Special thanks to Audrey Young for setting up, cleaning up, and the entertainment.