

Newsletter #56, Week of January 5, 2009

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 Joan:

Minutes from the meeting December 29, 2008 Q2 meeting

We welcomed several members returning for the season and heard how our members spent their Holiday.

Maureen Herran brought the quilt for the Spring Raffle which she has spent over 60 hours quilting while she was home this summer. It is absolutely awesome, and everyone is anxious to get it displayed and to start selling tickets. If you haven't seen it, it may be displayed at the Saturday Coffee on Jan 3rd (Adrienne Bortell is doing the hand stitching of the binding so we will start selling tickets on Jan 3rd if she is able to get it completed, otherwise we will start on Jan. 10th). Anne Herman is working with a committee to do a write-up about the quilt which we will put in the Quilt Shops and send to the area Quilt Guilds.

We have several January calendar items --- a very busy month:

Jan. 5th – New Block of the Month --- traditional one – Fran says you will like it. No circles! However, several circle blocks were brought in today and Louise was the lucky winner --- she will make something outstanding with them!

Jan. 12th – Another Round Robin Demo session with Susie Johansson, JoAnn Brown, Norma Kindseth, and Vel Peters --- I think you will find the short sessions very interesting and educational!

Jan 7, 14, and 21 will be the Beginner classes with Sue Patch (This Wed. – Dec.31, will be open sewing)

Jan. 16, 17, and 18 the Tucson Guild Quilt Show -- If you are interested in attending let me know next Monday ---- we may have transportation provided!!!

Jan 24th will be the next Quilt-a-thon . Anne Herman would appreciate any offers of assistance.

Jan 28th – Members and Spouses Potluck at 4:30 in the Catalina Room - See Pat Wade and/or Jeanne Bridgman if you have questions – they have graciously offered to Chair the event!

Feb.4th – JoAnn Brown is offering a class on “Lovers Knot” - \$5 for registration – she needs at least 4 to have the class, but it will be limited to 10. For those that register, JoAnne will give you a supply list as well as a class on Jan 28th on cutting the strips in preparation for the class.

Julie Young reported that Beverly Polito delivered several quilts to Fisher House while she was home for Holidays.

There will be further discussion on donating quilts this year for Habitat since Voyager will not be building a house as they have done in the past. Several members expressed an interest in continuing supporting Habitat as long as we know there is an actual family that will receive the quilts and they do not go into the Habitat Store.

Adrienne will give a treasurer’s report next week. She also reviewed with us the use of freezer paper when copying text or photos on fabric.

We had a short discussion on the virtues of washing and drying your fabrics before using in your quilts and the advantages of using the “color grabber” when washing. In fact, JoAnne Brown commented that her guild at home requires that all the quilts given to the Children’s Hospital be washed in advance to remove any chemicals or dyes!

Audrey Young showed us the quilts she made from her “adopt-a-box” which had several fabrics of various sizes pertaining to games and gambling. She also suggested that when piecing strips or squares together that you cut your fabric the same width as binding so that you don’t waste any fabric --- what you don’t use as sashing can be used for the binding. As usual, her quilts were very innovative and inspiring. We need more members to “adopt-a-box”.

Vel Peters’ husband is recovering nicely from his heart surgery – already walking around Voyager, and we understand that Maureen Roberts is home following her back surgery and coming along very well. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Anne Herman went to the Activity Office and invited Debby Mitchell, Voyager Activity Director; and Joe Boyd, Voyager Park General Manager to come over to the Quilt Room to see our beautiful Spring Raffle Quilt. While they were there (I might add, duly impressed) they viewed our scrapbooks and learned about the quilts we give to the various Charities. Thank you to Anne!

From Fran:

RAFFLE QUILT

Note to the membership: Please be ready to do any little job as you are asked to get our fabulous quilt the attention – money and otherwise – it deserves.

December 31st at 10am:

Anne Herman called a special meeting of the Spring (Southwest quilt just brought back and currently being finished) raffle quilt committee to decide her agenda. Present were:

Adrienne Bortell

Carroll Zobrist

Maureen Herran

Susie Johansson

Norma Kindseth
Tami Albrecht
Julie Young
Mavis Gaines
Louise Walton
Ann Jacobucci
Girdell McMain
Fran Walthall

These decisions were made:

Julie Young is in charge of tickets (blue 2piece).

Tami Albrecht is in charge of Posters and Fliers.

Anne Herman is in charge of publicity and advertising.

January 10 at the first coffee, we will launch our sales. Susie will speak. (Be ready to sell raffle tickets)

The winning ticket will be drawn at the March 28th Saturday coffee.

Adrienne will take the quilt now named "Reflections of the Southwest" to the Tucson Quilt Guild

February meeting (2nd Wednesday) along with some publicity material.

Louise Walton is having 50 pictures of the quilt made to help our ticket sellers.

Thinking ahead to 2010

Next year's 2010 Spring Raffle Quilt fabric has been purchased. Norma Kindseth will ask for a working group to create it. We would like to have the top done – at least – by October 2009 so that a photo can be taken. It can then be entered and displayed in the Tucson Quilt Guild show January 2010.