

Newsletter #68, Week of March 30, 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 Fran:

Minutes of meeting March 23, 2009 from Joan

Fran opened the meeting by having Cheryl Votapka do a State-by-State roll call and each member introduced themselves when their home state was called. All in all we had 60+ members present. (Give or take a few that came late!) Wisconsin had the highest representation with 8 members from that state. (They have had a pretty cold winter! ☺)

Next Monday, March 30th final personal BOM is due. Fran gave a few pointers. Use your own fabrics in black and white and do the reconstructed (the 2nd version) Churn Dash pattern. (The one with "sidebars" consisting of 2.5" strips – 1 dark, 1 light) remembering that all 9 squares in the block are 4.5" before they are sewn. For each finished, reconstructed black and white square turned in, put your name in once – 2 squares, put your name in twice and so on. Make as many squares as you like – increase your chances of winning. Let's do lots and make it a good drawing

Show and Tell started off with Jane Luschwitz, a previous resident of Voyager now living at Saddle Brooke, showing us the 8 quilt tops (including the bindings) that she made this past year and is donating to Quilters II for our charities. Thank you, Jane!

Many more lovely quilts, both charity and personal, were shown. Jeanne Bridgman and Pat Wade made small tote bags as door prizes for the Quilt for a Cause Tea, Mar. 28th.

Adrienne Bortell announced that our Quilt Raffle has to date raised \$3,419! We have one more Market Daze and one more Saturday coffee to sell tickets. The winning ticket will be drawn on March 28th at coffee.

Beth Arens had a sample of our group picture ready. She will have 5x7's available for sale at \$5 each and 8x10's for \$10 each. Adrienne took orders, which she will get to Beth and they will be delivered at the March 30th meeting.

Karen Anderson announced that the centerpieces for the Tea will be put together on Thursday, March 26th at 10:00 am in the HQ Room. All those who signed up to work, please be there. We will be able to get into the Ballroom at 12:30 on Saturday to set up the tables, etc. Those that offered to help will need to be there at that time.

Vel Peters has offered to do a class on the Stack and Whack Kaleidoscope Quilt next season and asked those that were interested in taking the class to meet with her after today's meeting.

Pat Davis, our Librarian, said she is taking donations to add books to the library. There are several that are no longer being used, so it was suggested that maybe we think about having a "book sale" once a year. This was suggested by Jane Luschwitz, as this is something they do at her Quilt Group.

Marlyn Plews is undergoing Chemo, but is doing well. A card was circulated for her. Marion Rathwell is recovering from her bike accident, although she still has many stitches and will have to have some dental repair work done once she is all healed.

For the door prize Fran asked if anyone knew who invented, but didn't patent, the first sewing machine (before Elias Howe). It was Walter Hunt. He did not patent the machine because his daughter worked in a textile plant where they did all the sewing by hand and she told her father that if the sewing machine was patented and manufactured, it would put many people out of work. It was later patented by Elias Howe in 1846. However, Walter Hunt did invent and patent many other items, among them the safety pin. Vel Peters won the door prize for guessing the safety pin.

Fran instructed us in "9-Patch Bingo" and passed out flannel squares to each of us and then in groups of nine the game was played. Karen Anderson's group of 9 (can't remember everyone in that group) won. The prizes were some lovely appliqué kits that were given to the group by Sue Martens. Karen Anderson has offered to make a quilt top by next Monday of the rest of the flannel squares that were passed out. (Note from Fran: Guess what Karen – we have more pre-cut flannel squares in the closet!)

Jan Brink has offered to do another class on the One Fabric Quilt, on April 1, 8, and 15 at 1:00 pm. Those interested need to get the book "Wonderful One Fabric Quilts" by Kay Nickols.

Cheryl Votapka told us the history of Drunkard Path Block and gave a demo on the 4 or 5 variations of that block that she had brought. She also showed a portion of the quilt she is making to be used next year as a Raffle Quilt. (The quilt top is complete, but is currently is 4 sections and she only showed one section.) The pattern variation she is using is "The Encircled Tulip Quilt" by Ruth Meyer.

Sue Patch showed us the woolen knitted skull caps that Nimblefingers in making for the service men to wear under their helmets. They must be made from 100% Wool Yarn. Anyone wishing to donate money to Nimblefingers may do so by check, cash, or money order. Also, if you are interested in knitting the caps, Nimblefingers has the pattern. They meet each Monday and Friday afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00. Yarn must be in dark colors — brown, black, navy, or camouflage — no light or bright colors.

The banner group meets tomorrow at 10am in the HQ room.

Nina of Hearts and Hands Quilt Shop in Green Valley will be our program next Monday. She should have some great ideas and great items. Bring money!