

Newsletter #70, Month of May, 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.

During the summer, the deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on the 15th day of the month. The newsletter will then be placed on the website as soon as possible thereafter.

From the summer Coordinator

Summer must be here since I am the one doing the reporting. It's certainly hot enough ... seems earlier than usual ... into the 100's ... but a great excuse to stay inside and quilt. I am working on 2 different scrap quilts that have turned my studio into what looks like a disaster area.

As reported by Joan before she left for the summer, the May 4th meeting started about 9:15 with about 16 ladies present. Joan read several thank you notes that were in our mail box from those that have received quilts and from one lady that received placemats from Meals on Wheels. Also, shared the e-mail from Fran regarding Joan McCaffrey's heart condition. (Since then Joan has had a defibrillator implanted and is doing well.)

We discussed the next banner for the Chapel and Joan asked if anyone was interested in working on it this summer --- nobody offered, so we will table it till Fall.

Adrienne announced that she would be attending a class on June 27th at Quilters Market regarding the "Go" die cutter. Jan Tuttle has been experimenting with the cutter and has a quilt currently under construction using one of their patterns and several of the cutters. She will also attend the class.

We had several lovely items for show and tell and Sharon Kowalik turned in 28 children's pillowcases that she made to accompany the quilts given.

As you might remember from last year, I don't do minutes as I don't take notes and we are pretty loose during the summer so I will just be reporting on the general news of the month. Any of you can jump in and add your 2¢ by submitting a blurb to this newsletter.

Two of our ladies have stepped up to the plate to take job openings. Fran will be doing the membership list and attendance sheet so if you have any changes in your "vital statistics", send her an email so she can adjust the roster. Laura Catura has volunteered to take on the scrapbook but isn't ready to do the

photography yet, so we still need someone for that. Sharon will tell you that it's a great learning experience and there are no picture police in the group. Thank you, ladies!!

At our last meeting in April, we terminated the 25¢ for 1/4 by picking names until all the fat quarters had been chosen – lots of laughs. We'll start over again next season as everyone enjoyed it. And we made a total of \$148.80. Great idea, Fran! And thanks to Gloria for taking charge of that.

Our Monday and Wednesday workdays have not been too productive as yet. Jan Tuttle seems to be the only one who's working at it. In anticipation of our class on our new cutter at Quilter's Market, she is practicing by cutting out all the pieces of a flannel quilt with the die cutter. She's cutting 10 layers of flannel at a time! That's pretty incredible.

Speaking of incredible --- we had an additional deposit reported for the raffle quilt and the final figure is \$3,962. We all did a great job because we have a dynamic group. We don't agree all the time but we're there when something needs to be done and we all deserve a huge pat on the back for the work we do. And isn't it fun?!!!

This is not about quilting but I'd like to recommend an honest automotive shop. Yes, I said honest. Here's my story. Last week I had my car serviced. The Chrysler dealer told me I had a nail in one of my tires that was in such a sensitive spot that if they removed it and repaired the hole, it wouldn't last more than a few days. They could replace the tire for \$204. I declined the offer. Tom called around for prices and got a good one at Jack Furrier's Western Tire and Auto Care. I could call to order and they would put it on the following day. Just to be sure, not that I don't trust Chrysler, I went by the shop on Wednesday for them to have a look. The bottom line is that they pulled out the object, which turned out to be part of a small metal chisel, and nothing happened ... it had never gone all the way in. They took care of me right away, they did not charge me a penny and they were very, very nice. (Auto shops are not my favorite places.) So if you ever need an honest opinion about your car, I recommend Jack Furrier. They have shops all over town. The one I used was at Kolb and Golf Links. Tom had been there before and they sent him away without charging, also.

Enjoy your summer. Adrienne

From the Members

From **Barbara Atwell** in response to numerous requests:

Taco Salad for a Crowd

Add to quantities for larger crowd or if main dish

Salad does not keep well, mix and serve

I prepare everything ahead and put in separate plastic bags, tossing just before serving

Do not add any salt, pepper is okay, the chips add enough

Dressing is the key, do not substitute

Ground Round	1 to 2 lbs, browned, drained, cooled
Red Onion	1 large diced
Kidney beans	1 to 2 cans, rinsed, drained
Cheddar Cheese	1 large package, shredded
Corn chips	1 package medium to large
Lettuce	1 head medium to large, diced
Tomatoes	2 to 3 diced
Dressing	1 bottle Kraft Creamy French, yes the orange one

Avocado optional garnish