

Newsletter #73, Month of August, 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

We're finally in the home stretch and all of us are looking forward to cooler weather. We hope you're all enjoying your summer, wherever you are. If you have any news to share, rather than going to the trouble of submitting it to the newsletter, you can send it to me at tabfull@aol.com and I'll put it into my blurb. Alice Kelly and Maureen Roberts ... we have been trying to contact you but are not being successful. Please send me your email addresses. Thank you.

First for the good news. Fran has informed me that Cheryl Votapka has not only finished her quilt for the group, including the piecing, the hand appliqué and, yes, the hand quilting; she entered it into her state fair and won the Grand Champion award! What a gal. She will bring the ribbon with her when she returns and I'm sure it will add to the ticket sales. Thank you Cheryl for all your good work.

We started off our Wednesday workdays by concentrating on getting rid of as many orphan blocks as possible so we imbedded them into a bunch of placemats. We now have 117 finished, 57 of them in holiday motifs. We will get them out to Meals on Wheels in the fall. We are now branching out into quilts. There aren't too many of us working but we're doing the best we can. Kay Steventon has been working non-stop on the scrap box ... every time she thinks she sees the bottom, it gets filled up again. Jan T and Pat Davis are working on variations of the Chinese coin pattern to use as many strips as possible, Nikki is putting together the 16 patch she started last season, Barb is making quilts from random squares and I am still playing with a quilt using "color coordinated" orphan blocks. Anna is back on the Handquilter in her spare time and is also using a really neat technique and a bunch of strips for quilt as you go placemats. We are going to try to incorporate the method into make a quilt by putting them together. Eleanor helps everyone and keeps us all on our toes. It's a good group.

Jan T and I went to a Go Go Girls "class" at Quilters Market. It was to get the people who bought the Go Cutter together to talk about what they're doing, answer questions, and supply ideas on how to make the most of the machine. We both felt it was worthwhile. They will have one class every quarter and it's free so let us know if you're interested in attending the next one. Jan has been using the cutter a lot and is

getting good at it. I'm sure she will be ready to share her knowledge with the general membership after the season starts and enough people return to make up a class. Originally, we bought the machine to make cutting easier and more accurate for the group so let's make the most of it. While we were there, and since they gave us a deal, we bought 3 more dies ... a 2 1/2" strip (actually 3 strips), a tumbler pattern which Jan has already used to cut out the "squares" for a quilt-to-go, and an 8" square for a shag quilt with the shaggy part already precut. With that, we can also use up our small pieces of batting.

Arlene Barclay had been coming to the meetings and getting coaching on her sunbonnet Sue quilt. Then she went down the stairs wrong in the middle of the night, in the dark, and broke 2 bones in her ankle ... she'll be off her feet for 2 months. She's staying with her daughter in Tucson.

Jan Gruber, who is summering in Wisconsin, recently lost her partner. We don't have any more information on her situation except that it was sudden and unexpected. We sent her a card and I'm sure she would love to hear from any of you who wish to write to her.

Frank and Claire are still with son Frank in the Denver area. He has just finished his radiation and will have a four week hiatus after which his status will be reevaluated. Let's hope he comes through with flying colors. From the correspondence I've had with Claire, his spirits are good and I'm sure that having his family around him has helped him enormously.

Joan Lichtenberg will be getting back later than she expected as her 8 month old great-granddaughter is having open heart surgery soon. She has had a hole in her heart since birth and needs to get it fixed. We're thinking about you, Joan, and hope the baby makes a swift recovery.

Adrienne