

Newsletter #98, Month of October, 2010

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The purpose of the newsletter is to reduce the amount of announcements and related discussion at the regular meetings.

From the Editor (Adrienne)

The big news this month is the culmination of our summer project ... the 2010 Halloween quilts have been delivered to UMC.. Monday, October 4, we met early and took the quilts to the coffee and shared them with Voyager. They were displayed on a line of tables and all across the stage. People enjoyed getting up close and personal with them ... and donated close to \$100.00 to our treasury.

Then we returned them to the room, took pictures of all of them, and bundled them for delivery, which happened on Tuesday by Jan, Bev, Nikki, and Sharon Garner. The social workers were very excited to receive the delivery of 48 quilts. Some of the kids saw them carried in in stacks and were oohing and aahing as they went by.

We have already purchased more Halloween fabric, some at 60% off, and have put it away for next year. If any of you would like to contribute to this project, you can do so by donating a panel or a yard of fun, colorful fabric from home. By the way, the accompanying pictures were taken with our new group camera. Yes, we finally bit the bullet. Nikki did some investigation on the Internet and came up with a best case digital camera, so we went for it. Nikki is our scrapbook lady and will be in charge of the camera. She will pass it off when she isn't available to take pictures. If any of you are photographically inclined, do get together with her and have a go at it. Good practice. Look how good Sharon got before she resigned.



We have added to the library. Pat Davis has purchased another bookcase and placed it where the ugly ironing board used to be in front of the supply cabinet. She has been talking about it for months and finally did the deed. She moved all the loose-leaf type pattern books there to make more space for the quilt books.

We have also added another sewing machine, bringing the total to 6. It is an older Janome which was advertised in the Tucson Quilt Guild newsletter. We had a little drama associated with it as the power cord was not included with the machine. We got that handled and found that the foot pedal, though included, was not the correct one. The seller could not find the pedal, so I ordered a new one from Cathey's and he went in and paid for it. We are now waiting for delivery. Meanwhile, I brought in the foot pedal for my new Janome and the machine just purrs along. I think it's a good addition to our arsenal and those of you who might be considering purchasing a Janome can have a go at it and see how you like it.

Speaking of machines, Nikki is in charge of seeing that all the sewing machines get proper care. That does not mean that she is going to service all the machines. It means that she has put paper work with all of them so when you use one, you clean all the lint out of the bobbin area, oil it, and occasionally change the needle.

We decided not to show the Christmas raffle quilt at the coffee ... we didn't want to take away from the Halloween presentation. We will present it when we start the December raffle at the first regular coffee on November 6th. We plan to also have a cute wall hanging and a set of placemats with napkins in addition to the quilt. And for the raffles, we decided that quilters should have a real quilt on the raffle table instead of a piece of fabric. So we pieced it round robin style, each of us taking a turn, and Vel quilted it. It's amazing what you can do when you share the work.

We are continuing the Wednesday work days through October, plus we're having a quiltathon on Saturday, October 16th. We have a couple of people interested in beginning Handiquilter classes so Claire will put up a sign-up sheet on the wall. As soon as she gets enough interest, she will schedule classes. Speaking of the Handiquilter, Lynne has done an incredible job quilting the group appliqué quilt from last season. It's great to watch a pro at work. This quilt has been designated for Habitat House ... it would have made a great raffle quilt.

We have a new system for requesting supplies. No more scrap papers on the design wall. There is a new form that's hanging on the side of the shelving located on the cutting table. It requires you to own the request ... each entry has a space for the person who sees a need for that particular item.

Jan met with Susie Weaver and got a list of classes, with samples, to schedule workshops. We voted on an all-day workshop called 60° Double Diamonds and it's scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, 9:00 – 4:30. Susie wants attendance limited to 10 people and the cost is \$40.00, since it is an all day class. We already have 6 signed up so if you are interested in the class, you need to become pro-active. First come, first served.

Susie's lecture for the entire group, subject to be announced later but you know it will be a good one, is scheduled for Monday, February 7th, starting at 9:00 AM.

Quilt camp in Show Low is happening February 17th to 20th. The cost is \$175.00 for food and accommodations ... no charge for the fun. There is room for only 12 quilters so get your \$50. deposit in to hold your place.

Quilters 2 Third Annual Quilt Show is happening on Monday, February 28th, so bring those prize winners back with you so you can show them off. There's nothing like having your work hanging and spotlighted.

Then, on Wednesday, March 2nd, Susie will do a demo/class on The Big Things. You'll remember that last year's class was about the little things. It covers everything after the center blocks are made. It's a 4 hour class with limited enrollment for \$20.

It sounds like a busy, interesting year and the people who participate are the ones who get the most out of the group and the quilting. We've all been very busy this summer ... it's amazing what 12 people, max, can do ... and it has been the best, in spite of the ***** heat. I attribute that to having our new coordinator and a lot of our leaders here throughout the summer to keep us hopping. Lynne has been a bundle of energy, and we also had the queens of our closet (Pat Rapp), programs (Jan Tuttle), library (Pat Davis), production (Sharon Kowalik), to give the rest of us direction and encouragement. And, of course, Jan and Bev, our Halloween queens. Thank you all.