

NEWSLETTER September, 2012

For the last couple years, I've opened the newsletter with quotes. This year, thanks to Sharon Jewett, who sent me an email, I am putting in interesting facts about Arizona, instead of quotes. Hope you like them.....I found them fun and interesting.

All of New England, plus the state of Pennsylvania, would fit inside Arizona. It is the 6th largest state.

Classes are already starting to be scheduled. Lynne Jensen will be teaching beginning quilting this year and has scheduled the first class to start the first Wednesday in November. The date is the 7th. She will have three classes and the last class falls on the day before Thanksgiving.

She will discuss in class whether to have it that day or wait until the following week.

Jan Vesely will be teaching a sweatshirt class.....date to be announced later on. She wanted me to put this in, as she has been able to find sweatshirts at Walmart. If you get a sweatshirt, please do not cut it or do anything to it. Also, you can't use hoodies.

Lynne is also lining up speakers and programs for each month for the group. Looks like some fun things coming our way.

Halloween Quilts.....Voyager quilters have done approximately 37 to date, the craft group that Jan Tuttle is in and who have challenged us to see who can do the most, has done approximately 30. What a great gift to the children in the Diamond Center at UMC. I'd love to see their faces when they receive a fun, funky, beautiful Halloween quilt all their own. Keep up the good work, ladies.

Just to remind you, Karen Anderson issued a challenge last spring. She challenged anyone who wanted to participate to do a log cabin quilt.....any size, any colors.....and to have them done by February 1st. Those are the only rules.....she wants to display them in the quilt show.

Also, remember to do two placemats and bring them back when you come. As most of you know, we donate them to Mobile Meals and to some of the nursing homes and hospitals. The recipients love them and it brightens their mealtimes.

OK.....some news about two of our sewing machine dealers.

Cathey's on Speedway is expanding and remodeling. For now, they are doing business right next door.

Arizona Sew and Vac on Alvernon has been sold to Eagles Wing Quilting from Casa Grande. A lot of us took our machines in there to be serviced by Ron and he is still working part time there.

They have moved just around the corner in that same plaza and now are on and facing 29th Street. They have really expanded and will continue to carry Elna and Janome.

They now will carry Gammill long arm machines and will offer classes on the same. If you have taken their class , you may rent time on a Gammill there in the shop.

They also are now carrying fabric , books, patterns, as well as threads and all the things necessary for quilting. They will be adding to their inventory and will be starting classes in October.

We are all looking forward to the annual Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival on September 27, 28 and 29. It will be at the Tucson Convention Center. Always great fabrics, craft booths, ideas, etc. and it's conveniently close by .

Our weather has cooled , the humidity and dew point have dropped and it feels soooooo good to have it fresher and less sticky. To all who are headed back, have a safe trip and see you soon.