

Quilters 2 Newsletter, February 16, 2012

Happy 100th birthday to Arizona

"A hundred and ten is HOT, but you don't have to shovel it off your driveway."

I often say that I really miss stepping off a curb and having slush fill my shoes. Only those of us from the snowy parts of the country , that experience the slushy streets and roads "get " this. Of course, we all know I DO NOT miss that.....

The Quilt for a Cause Tea was really wonderful. So much hard work was put into it and it showed. From the "scrap quilt" tables, to the fashion show and our models , to the deserts , to Cold Water Creek, who loaned us the clothing.....it was all just great. Thank you to Karen for organizing this and thank you to all who helped in some way to make it a success. Quilters 2 underwrote the cost of the tea, so we were able to donate \$3000 to Quilt for a Cause. Congradulations to all .

Just a note regarding the money we donated from the tea. \$3000 pays for one woman who can't afford it to have surgery. One woman has already benefitted from our donation, after waiting for quite a while to have the surgery. Feels good to help someone like this, doesn't it?

Evelyn George presented a program on "scrappy quilts" on February 5th. She had some gorgeous quilts to show, tips to share and patterns for sale. Adrienne purchased one of each pattern for our group. The nice thing about the patterns is that all the procedes from sales are donated to Quilt for a Cause.I'm not sure, but I think these patterns are available through the Tucson Quilt Guild, there is a web site on the pattern.....maybe they are available there too. It's www.QuiltForACause.org. I was in Hearts and Hands Quilt shop in Green Valley the other day and saw the "Scraphunter's Star" pattern made up with a black background and jewel tones. It was really pretty and another color option.

Thank you , Norma, for speaking up and getting the Nominating Committee organized.

Those people on the committee are:

Judee Goodman, Joan Buswell, Donna Bellknap, Diane Williams and Jo Ann Brown.

Please consider filling open positions when you are called and asked to. Last I heard, we still need a coordinator for next year. Any takers??????

A motion was made by Norma Kinseth and seconded by Jane Kaufman to accept the new forms proposed by the HQ committee.

It was voted on and carried.

Regarding committee meetings, they are open to all and it was suggested and agreed upon that when there is to be a committee meeting , it will be announced in the meeting , and if I know enough ahead, put into the newsletter, so if you wish to attend , you may.

Block of the month was demonstrated by Pat Rapp. It is "Annie's Choice" and the pattern is available on www.quilterscache.com

This is a wonderful, free site, maintained by Marcia Hohn. Once you get to the site, scroll

down till you see a bar that says "where do you want to go today." Click on that and the third bar down says "Quilt blocks galore, free quilt block patterns." Click on that and scroll down a little and you will see an alphabetized list of quilt blocks, as well as a category for blocks according to size. I have used this site for years and find it very helpful. (I think the music becomes a tad annoying, but you can always mute it.)

Tips of the day:

Save all your remnants of various sizes to sew together as borders on small quilts. Maria Brower

Save the selvage strip that has the dots and fabric maker with your scraps or project, in case you may need to try to find more than you originally bought. The more information you have, the better chance of finding more of that fabric. Susie Johansson

When piecing a multicolored scrap quilt, I use up partially filled bobbins. That way I have empty bobbins instead of ones with just small amounts of threads on them. The different colors fit right in with the many scraps. Vel Peters

I put this in the newsletter once before, but will repeat it. I found several sites where you can look if you need more of a fabric to finish a project. I was very happy one time to find what I needed on one of these sites. They are:

www.alwaysopenquiltshop.com
www.eQuilter.com
www.fabric.com
www.fabshophop.com
www.missingfabrics.com
www.quiltshops.com

Looking forward to our Voyager Quilters 2 Quilt Show on February 27. I just spoke to Fran and she said "drum roll"that approximately 130 (!!!) quilts are entered this year. WOW!!!!

Last, but not least. Please, if you have any info for the next newsletter, which I will put out right after the show, get it to me NO LATER than Tuesday night, February 28th. I will do the newsletter much earlier than most of you are up on Wednesday morning and then that afternoon, I will be flying to Ohio to visit with my son and his family for 12 days, so I will not be able to get anything in the newsletter any later than Wednesday morning. You may email me with the info or call and leave me a message on my home phone. Thanks.

One more funny Arizona quote. " You know you're from Arizona when you feed your chickens ice cubes to keep them from laying hard boiled eggs. " Corny but cute.

Again, thanks to Dex for being our webmaster.....hope everyone gets out and enjoys

our wonderful weather and our wonderful Voyager home.....until next time be
happy, healthy and safe.