

Newsletter #1, Week of February 12, 2007

This is the first Quilters II newsletter. It is expected to be published weekly during the season, and monthly during the off season. Information on scheduled events will be restricted to the coming week, unless advance planning is required.

Meeting Agenda for Monday, Feb 12

- Quick announcements
- Introductions
- Show and tell
- Work session on borders..... bring your sewing machine, along with scissors, etc.
- More quilt kits are available to be sewn together

Class Schedule for the Week of February 12

Machine Applique, continued - Feb 14, 9-12

Hand Applique - Feb 14, 1-3

The full class schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

Sue Patch would like to receive suggestions for additional classes

Demonstrations

Resizing Blocks, presented by Barbara Atwell

Committee Reports

The Nominating has met, and will be proposing candidates for the open positions.

No other committee reports were submitted.

Charity Donations

On February 5, Frank Fuqua delivered 21 "doggie" quilts to the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. They were very pleased, and hope to receive more.

Finished quilts for several charities are awaiting delivery. People are needed to make those deliveries this coming week.

"OOPS" Announcement

HQ16 thread tension is fairly easy to master PROVIDED bobbin thread tension is set correctly. Thanks to a brain cramp on the part of Frank Fuqua, part of the training on this subject has been done BACKWARDS! The correct way to load the bobbin spool into the bobbin case is as follows.

Place the bobbin spool on a flat surface. The thread should come off the spool over the top and down to the right, making a figure "9". Place the bobbin case, with the open side up, next to the bobbin spool. Maintaining the figure "9" orientation, pick up the spool and place it into the bobbin case. When the thread is drawn up through the case, the spool should turn CLOCKWISE when viewed from the open side of the bobbin case.

Of course, once you become familiar with this process, it is not necessary to place things on a flat surface. Just make sure you end up with the CLOCKWISE spool rotation when viewed from the open side of the bobbin case.

It is obvious that many quilts have been produced with the spool installed backwards. This success has been accompanied by many thread tension problems, which have been caused by incorrect bobbin spool installation.

The HQ16 Operating Manual has been corrected, and Frank is prepared to accept whatever punishment will produce pleasure for those who have been inconvenienced. After "Show and Tell", Frank will provide a demonstration to all HQ certified persons.

General Interest

There will be no raffle sales during Ike's coffee on Feb 13.

The large room has been reserved for Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. during the remainder of this season. The time will be devoted to special projects such as quilts for Fisher House.

Any suggestions for the acquisition of additional equipment should be given to Sue Patch.

There is a need to decide whether to continue spreading quilt donations rather thinly across a large number of charities, or to identify a smaller number of charities with large needs, and concentrate on those. The appropriate committee will make a recommendation. Fran would like some direct input from those who have strong feelings one way or another. The resulting recommendation will be brought up for discussion and a vote.

The process of screening charities continues. We want to make sure our donations are having a maximum impact.

It should be noted that the e-mail addresses which have been provided by the membership will be used for personal communication within the group, and for distribution of the newsletter only. They will not be shared with or provided to anyone outside of Quilters II.

Comments from the Members

Members are encouraged to submit comments or suggestions for possible publication in this newsletter. Publication discretion will rest with the editor at all times.

From Frank Fuqua... This newsletter is intended to serve the needs of the membership. The format and content will evolve as experience dictates. Its success will depend on membership input. No eye contact is necessary, but input is essential.

From Bev Polito... There is a web site which has free quilt patterns which can be used by Quilters II for classes or the production of charity quilts. The patterns cannot be copied for any profit making purpose. Have a look at www.quiltville.com

From Elaine Vanier... At Blanche Isaacson's funeral it was noted that "in lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in Blanche's name to Tucson Centers for Women and Children on Adams St. in Tucson." Fran has offered to donate that flying geese star twin size quilt that was done in her class in Blanche's name. Her feelings won't be hurt if the group wants to do another. Suggestions will be accepted from the floor on Monday.

From Adrienne Bortell... Interested in doing something for the group but don't want to get in too deep? Do we have a job for you!!! We are looking for someone to be in charge of our quilt labels. This is an important job that doesn't require much time or any sewing skills ... and best of all, you're your own boss. If you're interested and want more info, contact Adrienne at 360-9019.

From Adrienne Bortell... I was thinking about the Tuesday afternoon sessions for the soldiers at Fisher House. What do you think about having a different, easy pattern each week ... bricks one week, 9-patch another, Chinese coin, flying geese, etc.? Our new quilters could learn how to get past first base; the quilts would be more interesting to work on; the HQ quilters would have different situations to try out patterns, stencils, rulers, etc.; the soldiers wouldn't be totally bored by the quilts they are looking at. I would hate to see a repeat of the proliferation of one pattern like we saw with the mystery quilt. We are quilters, not drones. We are imaginative, creative, lovers of color and possibilities!

From Karen Anderson... I have scheduled a Pot Luck supper for couples on Wednesday, March 7th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm in the Catalina room.