



Quilters 2 Newsletter

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2016 - 2017 Charity Distributions

Our first distribution of the season was 73 Halloween quilts to UMC Children's Cancer Center in October. In November, we sent 60 quilts followed by 87 at the beginning of December for a total of 220:

- 10 - Aviva (Child Protection Agency)
- 25 - Candlelighters
- 10 - Da Vida Dialysis
- 12 - Emerge
- 16 - Fresenius Dialysis
- 10 - Primavera - Las Abuelitas
- 1 - Quilt for a Cause
- 25 - Shyanne Kindness Project
- 12 - TMC Children's Clinic
- 20 - TMM (Tucson Metropolitan Ministry)
- 73 - UMC Children's Cancer Center
- 6 - Veteran's Hospital

Once Christmas sewing is behind us, we can really concentrate on charity sewing. The set-up for making Charity Quilts is ideal: fabric is supplied (check the closets in the Handi-Quilter room), you can make *any* design you please, and the quilt is magically completed for donation! What a great way to try out a new pattern or learn a new technique.

10th Annual 2016 Quilt Show

Mark your calendars. This year's Show is on Monday, February 27th. Thank you to Lorraine Blas, Barb Bickley, Deb Galvin, and Lynne Jensen for volunteering as Co-Coordinators. A list of the Quilt Show Committee can be found on the board in the Palo Verde room. If you will be arriving in January, don't forget your entries for the Show!

Summer Challenges

Block Exchange



Last spring a Block Exchange was announced and those interested spent their summer making multiple blocks of the same pattern using their own choice of colors. In November everyone brought (or sent) their finished blocks and exchanged them with other participants. These are some of the participants with some of the blocks. Can't wait to see the finished quilts!

Paint Chip Challenge



The Paint Chip Challenge was a new experience for most of us. JoAnn Washa prepared sets of paint chip cards from the hardware store and we chose a set. The rules were to make an 18" wall hanging using *only* the six colors on our paint chips. Thread, beads and other embellishments could be different colors. All who participated agreed that finding matching colors was much, much harder than anticipated. But what a great display of creativity and imagination! There are additional wall hangings that have come in since this picture was taken; you'll be able to see them all at the Quilt Show in February.

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Halloween Quilt Challenge



Halloween Quilts are made all year long and donated to University Medical Center children's cancer patients in mid October. This year's 73 Halloween quilts were met with great delight by the children and staff. Not really a challenge but more of an on-going project, any and all are encouraged to make Halloween quilts. You may make any size and design incorporating a Halloween theme and bring them to Show and Share. Please provide a backing and place them in the closet in the Quilters 2 room and Audrey will be sure they get quilted.

Quiltathon

We held a Quiltathon on November 26 with a dozen members participating. We had a couple of brand new quilters who eagerly assisted and learned how to make quilts. Three quilts from our November Block of the Month were assembled and will be quilted by the Handi-Quilter students. Quiltathons are a great way to get to know your fellow quilters, get pointers on techniques and have a bit of fun! Beginners and new Quilters 2 members are especially encouraged to attend. The next Quiltathon will be December 31 from 9:00 am 'till ? (Don't worry; you'll be home in plenty of time to celebrate New Year's Eve.)

Coordinators

Mary Kessler has volunteered to take on the position of Secretary with Kedith Wickware's relocation to Chandler. Thank you and best wishes to Kedith and thank you to Mary for volunteering to be Secretary.

Raffle Quilt Sales

This year small quilts and other handmade items are being raffled at Market Daze in place of one large raffle quilt. The Market Daze sales will be our major fund raising event this year and provide most of our operating budget. Buy tickets and encourage ticket sales among your friends! Donna Belknap is the Coordinator for Market Daze sales and welcomes your help on the day of the sales.

At our first Market Daze in November, we took in an encouraging \$125! The next Market Daze is December 14.

Education

Adrienne has arranged a very busy class calendar this year! The schedule and signup sheets are posted on the mirror in the Palo Verde room. You can view and/or print your own copy on the Quilters 2 website (under the **Classes & Events** tab):

<http://www.quilters2.com>

Once you sign up for a class you will need to pay the fee - usually \$5.00- to Julie Young to reserve your space.



Sue Patch teaching Beginning Quilting Class



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General News

Quilters 2 Fiber Arts group meets the first and third Monday of the month in the Art Room at 3:30pm. Participants show and share fiber art techniques and projects. Everyone is expected to do one simple demonstration per season. See Audrey Young for more information.

Emails are being sent on a regular basis with reminders, classes, meeting agenda items and other useful information. Not receiving them? Please check the Membership List to be sure your email address is correct or contact Kris Curtis to update your information.

The list of Coordinators shows who has a set of keys to the Palo Verde and HQ rooms. The list is on the Bulletin Board in the Palo Verde room as well as on the website.

Thank You to all the Quilters 2 members who assisted with making fleece blankets for the Salvation Army Christmas Drive. 214 blankets were cut and hemmed in three hours last Saturday morning! Jeanine Dalzell and Alice Kelly organized the sewing and they send their thanks. If you missed this sewing event, you will have the opportunity to sew baby blankets on March 18.