



Quilters 2 Newsletter

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2017 - 2018 Charity Distributions

Pat Rapp, our Charity Coordinator has been very busy. As of the end of November, she has distributed 155 quilts and 53 pillow cases (*). We are ahead of where we were last year at this time with quilts donated.

Banner UMC Oncology	66
Candlelighters	25
Gospel Rescue Mission	8
Habitat For Humanity	11
La Paloma Family Services	20
Shyann Kindness Project	25
Sister Jose Women's Center	*53

Never made a Charity Quilt? The procedure for making a Charity Quilt is really quite easy: fabric is supplied (check the closets in the Handi-Quilter room), you can make *any* design you please (check the Q2 Library), and the quilt is magically completed for donation! (Well, not quite magically - read about the Quiltathons.) You don't need to ask permission from anyone or get approval but if you would like some guidance or suggestions, talk with Pat Rapp or our Closet Coordinators, Cindy Penner and Laurie Ranelli. What a great way to try out a new pattern or learn a new technique.

If you're not quite ready to do a whole quilt on your own, you can get started by participating in the block of the month (BOM) and Quiltathons. A new quilt block is presented at the first meeting of the month and members contribute finished blocks for the next four weeks. The blocks are assembled into quilt tops during the Quiltathon at the end of the month.



2018 Quilt Show - 11th Annual

Mark your calendars. This year's Show is on Monday, February 26th. Thank you to Rita Beal, Deb Galvin, Lisa Hyde and Carrie Secord for volunteering as Co-Coordinators. They have already been meeting to get committees set up and lining up volunteers. If you would like to head up a Committee please see one of the Coordinators. We'll be signing up workers for the day of Show starting in February. In the meantime, get to work on your submissions to the show! If you will be arriving in January, don't forget your entries!



Quiltathon

The November 25th Quiltathon was attended by ten to fifteen quilters, with people coming and going throughout the day. Barbara Salazar coordinated putting the Block of the Month quilts together resulting in three colorful Charity Quilts. Norma Kindseth made suggestions and guided volunteers into creating placemats and quilt blocks using fabric from the closet. We had a new member join us and also a visiting house guest was put to work!

Quiltathons are a great way to meet other Q2 members and spend time getting to know them without all the hustle and bustle of Monday meetings. It's also a good time to get assistance with a project. You are always welcome to bring your own project to work on - it doesn't have to be a Charity project. The next Quiltathon will be Saturday, December 30 from 9:00 am till 3p or 4p?



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"Every Quilter is an Artist" Art Quilt Challenge

Lorraine Blas and Norma Kindseth have organized a Challenge to members to create a wall hanging and display it at the Quilt Show next February. The only requirements are that the piece should be a minimum of 12" to a maximum of 18" and must incorporate a piece of the purple fabric distributed by Lorraine and Norma. Creativity is encouraged! Feel free to use fabric, threads, paint, beads to embellish your design. There is still a small amount of purple fabric remaining so see Norma to participate!



Market Daze Sales

Lisa Hyde is the Coordinator for Market Daze sales and welcomes your help on the day of the sales. At our Market Daze on November 15, we took in \$157 – a 25% increase over November 2016! The next Market Daze is December 13 and Deb Galvin will be running it. A number of Quilter 2 members were lucky winners in the November raffles. Buy tickets and encourage your friends to buy tickets! Also, Lisa reports we will be in need of raffle items for early next year - especially twin-size quilts - so please think about donating an item or two. You are welcome to use fabric from the Q2 Closet for donated items.



Education

Lynne Jensen, our Education Coordinator, has arranged a very full class calendar this year! The listing of classes and the sign-up process have changed. Classes are no longer posted on the mirrored wall in the Palo Verde Room - instead they are listed on the Quilters 2 Website (<http://www.quilters2.com>). When you click on the Classes & Events box you will see each month listed along with "Class Info". When you click on the Month, you will bring up a calendar showing classes and events for that month. When you click on Class Info, you will bring up pictures of each class offering as well as the date, instructor, fee, and other pertinent information. If you are after information about the HandiQuilter classes, you will need to click on the "HQ16 Quilting Machine" header.

Once you have decided which classes you want to sign up for, you will need to do so at a Monday meeting. Before or after the meeting, Treasurer, Barbara Bickley will accept payment for the class and provide you with the supply list.

General News

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 and the Membership List show who has a set of keys to the Palo Verde and HQ rooms. The Membership List is on the cupboard door in the HQ room. The list of Coordinators is posted in the HQ room as well as on the website.

Thank You to all (including four husbands) who assisted with making 205 afghans, 106 scarves and 55 hats for the Salvation Army Christmas Drive. Alice Kelly and Jeanine Dalzell, organizers, send their thanks. Although not a Quilters 2 event, making these blankets for the Christmas Drive is always a wonderful opportunity for all the Voyager sewing groups to come together and sew for a great cause.

If you missed this sewing event, you will have the opportunity to sew baby blankets in March.



Christmas Brunch

Social Coordinators, Lisa Hyde and Cindy Penner, announced the Christmas Pot Luck Brunch will be held December 11, in place of our regular meeting. Remember to sign up if you are planning to attend. Hostesses are needed to set and decorate a table for 6 to 8 people. The Hostesses are relieved of bringing a dish to share. Hostesses should plan on arriving at 9 am and all others at 10 am.



HQ Stuff

After many years of managing the longarm HandiQuilter, Audrey Young has had to step down due to medical issues. We thank her for all the hours she has put into educating us and quilting Charity quilts. Fortunately, another expert longarm quilter - Elaine Vanier - has agreed to coordinate all things HQ. Welcome and thank you Elaine.

The first Beginner HQ class is underway and another class may be offered in early 2018. If you have been certified in the past, you will need to talk with Elaine to learn about machine and procedure changes. You will need to be re-certified to continue to use the machine. Elaine will be available in the HQ room after Monday meetings.

Tip Corner

From Sharon Donnelly: A dampened *Mister Clean Magic Eraser* can be used to clean the sole plate of your iron and also to get the fuzz out of grooves in your cutting board.

From Diane Williams: To prevent moisture accumulation in plastic bags used to store scrap fabric, snip a hole in the corner. Elaine added that you can use a paper punch to do the same thing, making ventilated bags similar to vegetable storage bags.

From Billye: Used sewing machine needles can be used as picture hangers. The needles are strong and



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make a very small hole in the wall with less damage to the wall as with a nail.

Photos: Aren't the photos great? Benita Pipes has done a wonderful job taking pictures at the Q2 meetings and events. She has been posting them every week on the Quilters 2 Facebook page and we will also be posting some here in the Newsletter. If you attend a class or Q2 event and take photos, please email them to Kris Curtis or Mary Adams to use in the Newsletter.