



Quilters 2 Newsletter

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General News

Health Issues: Usually we encourage sharing at our Q2 meetings but we don't want you sharing flu and cold germs! If you are under the weather, please stay home.



Class schedules are posted on the website. See the Education Information below for more details.

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.

New Member Coordinator: Laurel Bailey has graciously volunteered to be in charge of welcoming our new members and explaining the ins-and-outs of Quilters 2.



Thank you Laurel.

Membership List: The most current Quilters 2 Membership List is posted on the cupboard door in the Handi Quilter Room. The list shows an asterisk beside the name of everyone who has a set of keys to the Palo Verde and HQ rooms. The Membership list is updated and printed, usually in late January. Please check your personal information on the current list and make any changes. You will find the most current list near the Attendance Sign-In during Monday, Quilters 2 meetings.

Coordinators' News

The Nominating Committee consisting of Ellen McVay (Lead), Laurel Bailey, Joan Buswell, and Lisa Hyde are looking for candidates for next season's Coordinators. Quilting skills are not a pre-requisite! It's not too late to "raise your hand". The Committee will present a slate of candidates by February 5 and voting will occur on February 12. The success of our group depends on all our members actively participating. The new officers will take office March 15.

10th Annual 2017 Quilt Show

Mark your calendar – Monday, February 26th is the date for this year's Quilt Show. Once again, we have a "Group of Four" coordinating this year: Rita Beal, Deb Galvin, Lisa Hyde and Cari Secord and we thank them for volunteering! Our Coordinators are busy recruiting Q2 members to chair different committees. Please say YES if you are asked to help. Starting in early February everyone will be asked to volunteer in some capacity on the day of the Show. Hopefully, you know what you will enter but some suggestions are quilts, wall hangings, wearables, or household items made within the last year. All items must be made or quilted by an active member of Quilters 2. And don't forget your "Purple Challenge" entry. Entry Forms and Guidelines were passed out at the Quilters 2 meeting on January 8. Copies of the forms will be available in the Handi Quilt Room next to the copy machine and may also be printed from the web site. Entry Forms are to be returned to Mary Adams or Kris Curtis by the January 29 meeting.

Christmas Tea



This year's Christmas Tea was held on December 11 in place of our regular Monday meeting. Thanks to the efforts of "Table Hostesses", members were greeted by a room filled with tables beautifully decorated with a variety of Christmas themes. Many tables had centerpieces of quilted Christmas trees made in a class the week before! We had a lovely buffet and enjoyed socializing. The annual fat quarter exchange (a nice one instead of "ugly" as in

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previous years) was a lot of fun with a couple fat quarters stolen and exchanged many times! Thank you, Lisa Hyde and Cindy Penner for organizing and executing!

December Block of the Month



JoAnn Washa presented the December BOM - a "Jacob's Ladder" design. She provided the precut background fabric and requested we use browns, blues and greens to complete the blocks. The blocks were put together during the Quiltathon and the quilt is being raffled in the Market Daze Raffle where it has been very popular! Go buy a ticket or two.

Market Daze Raffle



Quilters2 will be raffling handmade items at Market Daze on January 10 and 24 and every other week through March. The items being raffled change every week except for the large quilts which are on display for two Market Daze. And yes, Q2 members may buy tickets. Just ask some lucky Q2 members who have won!



Market Daze raffles are our major fund raisers for the year. Your contributions help to buy the fabric and batting to make the quilts we donate to local charities.

Please support the raffles with donations of items to raffle and helping to sell tickets during Market Daze. Lisa Hyde, Market Daze Coordinator, is asking for raffle donations of twin size quilts.

Education

Hopefully you've noticed we have a full schedule of classes this year.

All classes are posted on the Q2 website. Once you are on the website, click on the Classes & Events category to see a monthly Calendar and Info showing a photo of the class project for each class being offered that month. 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've decided what classes you would like to take, you will need to see Barbara Bickley (Treasurer) to sign up and pay the class fee. Barbara will give you the supply list.

Classes are taught by members of Q2 who volunteer their time and expertise. The \$5 fee is used to offset copying and supply charges but generally all of it goes into the Q2 general fund. Once again, this year we have a non-Voyager instructor, Swan Sheridan. The fee for Swan's classes is \$35 plus our \$5 fee. You will register for Swan's classes with Barbara Bickley.

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Tip Corner

If you're having trouble threading a needle, try moistening the eye of the needle, rather than licking the thread.

When sewing children's quilts, do not use invisible thread. The ends of the thread are sharp and may scratch or cause serious injury to little ones. Loose threads wrapped around fingers or toes can actually lead to amputation.

Press your fabric with Best Press before you cut out and it will limit the fraying when handling the fabric.

Quiltathon



We had a successful Quiltathon on December 30. Thank you to the many quilters who planned, cut, stitched, ironed, sandwiched and quilted! Quilts were made from the December Block of the Month (BOM) "Jacob's Ladder" and orphan blocks and random fabric from the closet. Plan on attending the next Quiltathon on Saturday, January 28th. Remember, Quiltathons are always the last Saturday of the month and you are welcome to work on your own projects too.



Tucson Area Quilt Events

February 16, 17 & 18, 2018: Tucson Quilters Guild 40th Annual Quilt Show – Quilt Fiesta! at the Tucson Convention Center (TCC), 260 S. Church St. Tucson, AZ; details at tucsonquiltersguild.com.

