

Newsletter #104, Week December 6, 2010

The Quilters II Newsletter is published weekly during the season, and monthly during the off season.

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information, in advance of the Monday meeting, to reduce the amount of announcements and discussion at the meeting. Submissions for publication in the newsletter can be made through the Newsletter Submission form located in the Members Only section of the website, or in an e-mail to Frank Fuqua <confuqua@gmail.com>.

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the relevant week. The newsletter will then be placed on the website as soon as possible thereafter.

From the Co-Editor (Maria Brower)

Reminders: We meet Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and will begin the meeting at 9:15. Sign-in sheets, Quarter for a Quarter raffle and the "Tip jar" are on the lay-out table at closest to the sink.

Louise Walton presented the December Block of the Month, Monkey Wrench and the pattern goes by many other names. This block is to be 10" square finished (10 ½" unfinished) and should be done in two colors, one light and one dark.

From Pat Rapp: most normally our quilt blocks are 12 ½" and 12 finished when squared. This way all our blocks will match in size and we won't have odd blocks that we can't use in a quilt or will need to make additional blocks of that size.

Louise gave additional details on the **Christmas Party** to be held on **Monday December 6th** in the Voyager Restaurant at 11:45 after our regular meeting. There will be several lunch choices with the prices \$5.99-\$6.99. Drinks and tip are additional. Bring a wrapped Fat Quarter for a game-exchange that Louise has planned.

Former member Laura Catura (who moved to Vail) brought completed scrapbooks from last season.

Vel Peters is looking for a pattern called Jewel Box. If you have this pattern let her know.

Elaine Vanier announced that beginners class on the HQ-16 began on November 29th and that as a reminder that the beginning students have a priority to use the HQ16.

Marion Rathwell announced that we need to get information to her each week by Wednesday that will be submitted to the Compass Point.

It was announced that Susie Weaver's class was full. For those registered in the class you need to bring a bag lunch in addition to the supplies on your supply list.

Jan Tuttle announced that the January retreat still has a few openings. Information is on the mirror or you can call Jan for additional information.

Lynn announced that if you are having a quilting/sewing problem to call her and she will connect you with someone in the group to help. Also there are several members that have "flowers" on their name badges that mean that they are willing to be a mentor to assist members.

Carol Monthei reminded everyone that we have a *private* "group" on Facebook. If you are not a current member of Facebook you have to sign up (it is free) and go to Groups and then do a search in the search engine box and type: Voyager Quilters. You need to receive an invitation in order to join and since this is a "private group" there is no chance someone from the outside can invade the group or send you spam.

There were many pillow cases finished for Military Service Personnel that will be sent to Quilters Market. There were also many pillowcases that had been completed and needed to be turned and stuffed which took place at the end of the meeting. Thanks to the sewers, turners and stuffers.

There were two tips drawn this week that were submitted by members.

1. When storing scraps in plastic bags, cut one corner off the bag in order for the bag to lay flat in your cupboard. Submitted by Pat D.
2. Use an 18" square of flannel backed tablecloth to layout blocks, easy to move around. Submitted by Nannette.

Classes

Adrienne Bortell will be teaching a three part appliqué class. Cost for all three classes is only \$5.00 and sign-up and more information is posted on the mirror.

Dates and time are as follows:

December 8th 1:00-4:00 Needle turn appliqué

December 15th 1:00-4:00 Machine appliqué cont.

December 29th 1:00-4:00 Appliqué cont.

December 8th Stained Glass Techniques Cont.

December 22nd Opening Sewing

January 5, 12, 19 Beginning Quilting 9:00-12:00

January 9th Jelly Roll Bag 1:00-4:00

January 26 Machine Quilting 9:00-12

Jelly Roll Bag cont. 1:00-4:00

Susie Johansson and Elaine Vanier will be teaching a binding class on December 15th. Cost is \$5.00 prior to the class and you need to have a quilt, wall hanging, large pot- holder or placemat completed to bind in class. You will need more than one item to bind for the different techniques. Also bring finished binding cut either 2 ¼” or 2 ½” wide and longer than will go around your item. Press and fold it in half lengthwise and have your sewing machine ready to sew.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Save the date of February 28th for the Quilters II Quilt Show in the ballroom. There will be a sign-up sheet soon to volunteer to help at the show. There is an immediate need for some to do Publicity for the show. If you can do this Contact Susie Johansson ASAP.

All quilt entries need to have a sleeve sewed on the top back of the quilt. If you make one 4” it would be large enough for any quilt show that you may want to enter it in. Susie will have instructions for how to make the sleeve and sew it on.

Tucson Quilters Guild 33rd Annual Quilt Show—Quilt Fiesta will be held on January 21-23 at the Tucson Convention Center. Admission is \$10.00 for one day or a three-day ticket is \$20. Parking is \$8.00 and there is some (very little) free parking on the street and additional parking is available at locations near the convention center and at La Placita Garage at 211 South Church for \$5.00.

We are trying to arrange for a bus to take us to the show and will have sign-up sheet at the next meeting to get an estimate of how many we will need to seat.

From the Members

Many of you have noticed Claire Fuqua’s recent absence from Quilters II activity. Claire is currently engaged in a battle with lung cancer, and has been too busy with doctors, tests, etc. to attend the meetings. She is feeling well, and has continued quilting up a storm in between doctor and hospital visits.

Recently, while reading a novel, Claire encountered the following. It involves a father talking to his kids about the wife/mother who has terminal cancer. It struck a chord, and Claire asked me to include the following excerpt in this report.

*"I don't want you guys feeling sorry for her; at least, I don't want you **showing** her that you feel sorry for her. We have to treat her like we've always treated her. We have to keep her laughing. I don't want to see any pity parties going on. The best thing you guys can do for her is to keep on doing what you've always done. That makes her proud. That makes her happy."*

Claire starts chemotherapy on December 6th. It will involve three consecutive days of treatment followed by about three weeks of recovery. This will continue for 4 to six cycles, depending on the results. During the rest periods, her activities will be largely governed by how she feels. She is planning to resume meeting attendance as soon as time and treatments permit. She has a very positive attitude, and will appreciate her presence at the meetings being handled as if everything is "normal".

Frank