

Newsletter #111, Week January 24, 2011

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.

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 in the back of the room

For New Members Only

If you are new to Quilters II be sure you connect with Vel Peters after the meeting so she can give you a tour of the sewing room, explain what is what and answer any questions you may have.

From the Co-Editor (Maria Brower)

The Tucson Quilt Guild's 33rd Annual Quilt Show is underway (Jan. 21-23) and it is super! Lots of vendors with lots of supplies, fabric and books. Terrific quilts, large and small and everything in between. The bus from Voyager was full and from all the comments I heard everyone had a great time. I shopped and shopped, ate and then viewed the quilts. Then shopped some more. There was a CD available with all of the photos of the quilts in the show for \$12.

REMINDERS

Susie Weaver's Lecture on February 7th

We need to be in the sewing room by at least 8:45 on February 7th so that Susie can start right at 9:00 a.m. It will be a long meeting from 9:00-12:00. Only Quilters II members that day due to space so please do not bring any quests to that meeting. Bring a NOTEBOOK to take notes.

If you signed up to go to the Quilters Retreat in Show Lo the deposit was due by January 15. At this time there is still one open slot. The dates are Feb. 17-20 and the cost is \$175.

Sign up to sell raffle tickets at coffees on Saturdays and Market Daze on Wednesdays for our Spring Raffle. Monday's meeting was packed and we all need to volunteer so that the same people don't have to keep doing it.

Voyager Quilt Show

Our quilt show chairperson Susie Johansson announced that the quilt show entries are due on February 14. Get your quilts and items completed and be sure to turn your entry forms in. You

will find both the Quilt Show Guidelines and the official Entry Form on Quilters II web page. If you need additional entry forms you can print as many as you need.

Pat Rapp is taking names for volunteering on the day of our show. She need hostesses, door people and raffle ticket sellers.

Anne passed out posters to be taken to quilt shops and other places to be posted.

BE SURE NOT TO MISS THE JANUARY 31st MEETING!! There is something special that will be going on. Be there or be square—and I can't tell you what's going on!

Mesa Quilt Show

We will have a bus going to the Mesa Quilt Show on March 11th. You will hear details about this on Monday. This is a longer bus trip and a larger bus with a bathroom will take us to Mesa.

Ann announced that the new membership list has been updated and will be posted to the web page. This is in the "For Members Only" section and you must have the password to access the list.

HQ16 News

If you have previously been certified on HQ16 and have not been re-certified you must take a refresher class.

A new policy was explained regarding use of the HQ16. Certified members have been able to pay \$5.00 an hour to use the HQ16 for their own quilts if they are an "active member, for every charity quilt they make. The **new option** is that you can "hire" another "willing" certified member to quilt for you on your own quilt (not to be sold) for a fee of half-price of the "professional rate." This money will be used to establish a fund to maintain the machine. A new machine is about \$10,000 plus extras. The current machine is on loan to Quilters II because we produce so many charity quilts. This policy will be explained again (or clarified if I didn't explain it very well.

After show-and-tell we had round-robins with "amazing rulers." Thanks to the demo ladies—Bette Cornneliuson, Lynn Jensen and Vel Peters for your willingness to demo and the time you invested to create samples. You are amazing!

Tip Drawing

Two names were drawn from the "tips" turned in.

Nanette—Use plastic gum containers or mint tins to store pins.

Mary Ann Litcher—When doing a pillowcase use a wood dowel to roll up body of pillowcase. It keeps it tight until you can fold the lower fabric up to the edge.

Art Quilt Group meets at 1:30 on Sundays. We started a new session on January 16th but it is not too late to join. At that meeting we decided the chapters that we will be using for the next approx. ten weeks. Any new members are welcome but you will need a workbook. This group is fun and educational as we try new techniques, materials and products. At the Tucson Quilt show there were many art quilts and the lecture by two art quilt artists was packed.

CLASSES--Check the sign-up sheets posted on the mirrors for more information

Beginning HQ16 on January 27 1:00-4:00

Carol M. teaching Machine Quilting on February 2nd 9:00-1:00

Nanette teaching Paintsticks on Feb. 23

Sweatshirt class available with 2 styles to choose from

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