

Newsletter #119, Week of March 21, 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 "Member's Only" section of the website, or in an email to Frank Fuqua confuqua@gmail.com.

The deadline for submission is 5 p.m. on the Thursday proceeding 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)

Karen Anderson announced that we made \$2,184.00 on our spring raffle quilt. The winners were Betty Williams, a cove resident who won the appliqué quilt and Mary Ann Weeks.

Charity

Sharon Kowalik will be contacting CASA, a possible new charity for us and also contacting the Salvation Army.

Batting

It has been brought to our attention by Norma from the fire department that using cotton batting in children's quilt could be a danger as the cotton batting turns to ash and can spread the fire where poly batting melts and stops burning. Poly batting costs less and would save us money. We will still continue to use cotton batting on our large quilts.

Vel said that if you spritz Mountain Mist batting with water it will puff up. We can "tie" puffy quilts instead of quilting them. Adrienne suggested using the button stitch on your machine as it makes a nice "tie" stitch.

Block of the month

The block of the month is a pinwheel block. There are still a few instructions sheets left pinned to the back wall if you need one.

Classes

Sue Patch announced that there have been 118 members who took classes by the end of February so far this season.

Joann Brown will teach Celtic Knot on March 23d. Cost is \$5.00. If there are only a few interested she can teach at her place.

Sue announced that we may want to bring “neck ties” back next season for use in a wearable vest class. You may want to wash them (by hand) and iron them. You will need about a dozen for one project.

Bus Trip to Mesa

Jan Vassey announced the bus trip to Mesa went very well. Be sure to fill out the comment cards if you went and give them back ASAP to Jan or mail them back your self.

Our New Head Coordinator

Ann Gloeckler is our new head coordinator for next season. She passed out a survey for this season to fill out for input and suggestions for next season.

March 28th meeting

Norma Kindseth has agreed to give a “color lecture” at the March 28th meeting. Bring to the meeting 6” fabric squares in light, medium and dark colors. Maybe she will repeat this lecture next season for those who have already left for home.

Tips

There were three tips drawn from the tip jar.

Susie Johansson’s tip: When pressing your strips, it is helpful to align your strip edges with a grid on your ironing board. You can get a grided cover or make a paper one. It keeps your strips from curving.

Bette Corneliuson’s tip: Keep a quilting journal- color combos – patterns, photos of quilts you have made.

Carol Gruenke’s tip: Bobby pins work great to hold binding in place while hand sewing. The bobby pins slide easily. (Can be purchased at the 99 cent or dollar store - cost less than the hair clips.)

Pot Luck

There was a pot luck held on the patio area for members and spouses or guests. There was great food and conversation. Lynn Jensen, this season’s head coordinator read our by-laws.