

Newsletter #49, Week of November 17, 2008

The Quilters II Newsletter is published weekly during the season, and monthly during the off season. This is the first weekly newsletter of the new 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.

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 Coordinator(s)

From Fran - Notes of Nov 3 Q2 mtg

Attendance increased again. It was a lively group. We had a good show'n tell. Did the fat quarter drawing and Jan Tuttle won. Showed the Nov Block of the Month block which is to be done in patriotic colors and measure 11.5".

We discussed the small challenge quilts (Lynn Parker challenge). We decided to expand the dimensions and not hold it to just 20". "Park Model size" was decided on. We received 3 more entries in that contest. The Hoffman challenge that was entered and rejected will be displayed at our quilt show.

We ended the business at about 10am and adjourned to the workroom. Many of the group gathered patriotic fabrics and pre-cut their Nov block. Joan, Barb and Fran inventoried quilts on hand, sorted and bundled the Pio Decimo group at least 20 for their Christmas party.

We decided the November Block of the Month will be dedicated to VA and Fisher House. Bev Polito offered to take to Fisher House in Denver Dec 15 – whatever we have finished.

We found that there is a need for baby/children quilts of 36x36 and 48x48. Everyone left about 10:30 before we could give the door prize at 11:00 so we will hold it until next time.

Notes of Q2 Nov 10 meeting

We had a bigger group – more people returning. Meet and greet.

Discussed the upcoming Christmas raffle sales at Market Daze on Wednesday, Nov 12. It was decided to have two tickets jars – one for the smalls and one for the large quilt. Tickets are priced as follows: 1 for \$1., 6 for \$5., 13 for \$10. Because we have only 1 month before the quilt is won, Fran urged members to

buy at least 1 ticket, sell to friends and neighbors and have some tickets available in the room on Saturdays while we're here.

Sara Nichols signed up the following workers for Wed Nov 12th:

9am-10 Sara Nichols & Pat Wade
10-11 Sara Nichols & Sharon Garner
11-12 Carol Larsen & JoAnn Brown
12-1 Lynndeen Knapp & Kay Steventon

We discussed the raffle quilt(s). Chose two small Christmas type quilts to accompany our large Christmas quilt, and then voted between the other small ones for one non-Christmas. Sue Patch made it. The others became Q2 property and we decided to donate them to Quilt for a Cause for their 2009 auction in the hospitals. Karen explained Quilt for a Cause policies. The Christmas quilt will be awarded with a winning ticket on December 13 at Saturday coffee.

Lynndeen won the Fat Quarter in our "quattah" drawing.

A Round Robin ensued. We had 4 teaching stations, broke the larger group into 4ths who then attended each station for 15 minutes. Fran timed the groups. (Unfortunately forgot to get photos – sorry.)

Billye Reynolds taught curved piecing – brought her sewing machine. Had some samples (which Fran provided).

Sue Patch demoed some of Billie Lauder's quick piecing tricks using 5" squares.

JoAnn Brown taught "ruching" in a hands-on manner while showing her beautiful piece she had made.

Susie Johansson filled in for Vel Peters by showing a folded Christmas tree on a foundation block.

We had show'n tell and discussed the assignment for next week which is: Choose your 5 most favorite charities. Check the board and the web-site for a list of our charities. Come prepared for next time and bring 25 cents.

We asked for volunteer Mentors and did a "Pin the M on you". The following volunteered to be mentors, help, share their knowledge or help a new person (or old) with any question they have.

Susie Johansson	5017	Will show art quilts, bindings ther
Adrienne Bortell	360-9019	Anything
Claire Fuqua	5466	HQ16
Jan Tuttle	663-3352	Anything
Barb Atwell	663-4007	Sewing machine care & operation, also serger
Anna M. Fountain	5977	Machine embroidery
Sue Patch	574-0238	General sewing, paper piecing
Bev Polito	664-0461	Applique, general knowledge
Elaine Vanier	574-1509	Long arm machine – anything else
Jan Brink	574-5339	Anything
Billye Reynolds	574-5358	Anything
Audrey Young	663-4107	Anything
Fran Walthall	5920	I make house calls.

Activity Schedule

(Nothing submitted)

From the Members

From Adrienne Bortell –

TIP – from the editors of American Patchwork and Quilting:

“Using bed sheets to back your quilts? DON’T DO IT! Sheets have a high thread count, which forces your quilting needle to break the sheet’s threads as it passes through. This leaves holes in your backing and diminishes the stability of your sheet. Quilting fabric has a looser weave, which allows your needle to easily slide between the threads and keeps your backing fabric intact.”

We occasionally get sheets donated and it is very tempting to use them for backing as they are large enough to do the job without having to do any piecing. Very seductive! Be strong!

From the Editor

Please keep in mind that this editor does not create newsletter content. If nothing is submitted for publication, nothing is what will be published