

Newsletter #69, Month of April, 2009

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.

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:

Minutes of Mar 30, 2009 Q2 meeting

HEARTS & HANDS SHOP

About 45 women attended the March 30, Quilter's 2 meeting starting at 9am.

Fran opened the meeting by reminding us what a beautiful experience we all had at our Saturday tea – Quilt for a Cause calendar girl fashion show – tea.

She then welcomed Nina Keck and her associate, Lindsey from Hearts and Hands Shop in Green Valley who told us they had been in business 7 years now. These two ladies then proceeded to hold a small ARTS QUILTS class. They had a small trunk show they passed and all the products. Since many of us had just seen the Green Valley Guild quilt show, we had a lot of pertinent questions. Nina reminded us that Mary Ellen Searcy teaches at her shop. She is also a Bernina dealership and offers sewing machine repair and long-arm quilting. It was great fun to have them both.

TYVEK – Nina discussed melting Tyvek (mailing envelopes) to obtain art elements. In the March 2009 American Quilter Magazine now on the stands is an article on Tyvek on page 58. It does caution against breathing any of the fumes and states it should be done outside.

PHOTOS

But before these ladies who had set up shop on our table and wall could begin, Beth Arens brought her photos. We all quickly paid and received our 5x7's etc taken of the group and dispensed with that business.

MITER TOOL

Susie Johansson quickly gave her little demo on using a mitering tool to obtain perfectly sewn corners using individual strips of binding rather than one long continuous one. Nina was interested in this tool from Animas and took the info.

DRUNKARD'S PATH TOOL

Cheryl Votapka related that her tool she showed last week may be soon available at the Desert Patch from Phyllis who remembered having it before.

THANK YOU'S

We received a thank you from Soni Owen of Voyager Pan Hellenic club who received and donated one of our last Pots Quilts to EMERGE for their use/auction. There was a request for another similar donation in the future.

Julie Young read a personal thank you from EMERGE.

DOOR PRIZE QUESTION

“In order to make a quilt in the early 1700’s in this country, women had to first grow the product in the field, weave it, sew and then finally quilt it. What 2 fibers were commonly used for this?

Answer: Linen and Wool commonly known as Linsey/Woolsey. This was again answered by Vel Peters. I’m thinking of asking Vel to come up with the questions from now on.

LAST FUN FLING POT-LUCK

April 13, Monday after quilting. 1pm in the patio. Bring spouse or friend or friendly spouse and a dish to share. Table service provided as is lemonade and iced tea.

FAT QUARTERS – two winners were drawn. We are making a few dollars each time – so bring your quarters in lieu of dues.

SW (CURRENT) RAFFLE QUILT

Claudia Buktenica won the beautiful raffle quilt. She was thrilled. She kept calling to talk about it. She wanted some history and information on how we had made it, so I finally just gave her the beautiful board that Sharon Jewitt had made that told the whole story. She plans to keep it in her family for generations. Couldn’t thank me enough. (So glad somebody here in the park won.)

Block of the Month for March is the Church Dash (plain and reconstructed).

We received 28 black and white blocks done in your own fabrics for the final months drawing. Norma Kindseth won 14 and Karen Anderson won 14.

Charity Quilt News from Julie:

We have bundled quilts for the following charities that are ready for distribution and delivery. I will be available after Monday's meeting to sign out the bundles.

- Veterans
- Those Who Care
- La Paloma
- Salvation Army
- Fisher House
- Med Wagon (4)
- Pio Decimo (delivered)

HELP WANTED:

For your information, there are some quilts that need hand sewing and also there are 12 quilts in the cupboard that need to be backed, batting cut, quilting and binding done.

These items will be a good start for next season donations for Candlelighter's next December, and Habitat. Med Wagon needs about 6 more quilts that we can give out later in the year.

Thank you everyone for such a wonderful array of beautiful quilts that you have worked so hard to provide our charities this year. It is very rewarding to see these quilts completed and given to the recipients.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

For next season charity committee we still need some additional volunteers to help keep track of the quilts: Contact me via email or phone -5085 anytime.

Photographer/Photo Album update (no scrapbook, just insert pictures into a photo album)
Helpers for making sure the quilts are measured, labeled and photographed
Recorder
Distribution

Thanks so much,

Julie Young

Quilters 2 Minutes of 4-6-09

Joan Lichtenberg started the meeting by asking for new visitors (none) and found that about half the group are leaving next week. There will be a core group of about 12 all summer.

Fran gave Jacob's Ladder as the April Block of the Month. The block takes its name from Genesis 28 in the Bible (not from the Book of Jacob.)

Thank you's letters were received from Claudia Buktenica – winner of our southwest raffle quilt – she wrote also directly to Maureen Herran who put in 60 hours of quilting on it. It's good to have your work appreciated. Claudia plans to hand the quilt down in her family for generations.

Fran showed the Chapel Banner and those that helped were also photographed, Joanna Thorp for one. Cheryl Votapka made a beautiful label for it. Others (Anita Slager) who helped had already left. It will be delivered Thursday in time for Easter.

April 13, Monday at 1pm in the courtyard, all quilters (1 & 2) and NimbleFingers are invited to a spouse potluck. Louise Walton is arranging details – drinks and table service provided. See you there.

Fran received a beautiful quilt, lots of thanks and a standing ovation for her service this season as coordinator. Karen Anderson and Audrey Young created the quilt. Your writer was pretty much stunned. I'm sending a heartfelt thank you to each member who stepped up when asked. We all worked together. And, it was great fun.

Karen noted that we had accomplished a lot this season; 2 beautiful quilts raffled, a quilt show in February, a fund-raising tea in March, weekly quarter for a quarter, monthly block of the month (BOM), Round Robin 15 minute demos every 2nd Monday, adopt-a-box program, donate 1 hour for each member, mentoring program, 9-patch bingo and lots of pink pincushions.

Show 'n Tell was held. Pat Davis again had a winner with a 3-D baby quilt.

Adrienne Bortell showed some small books that hold ideas for machine quilting patterns. These books are not to leave the area please.

Pat Davis also asked that members return all outstanding library books and not check any out for the summer to your own home. They should remain here.

Julie Young had piles of quilts ready for distribution and asked for volunteers to take them to various charities. She got them. Our total count this season from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 was 150, plus pillows.

Jan Brink will be teaching 1 fabric quilt class April 8 and 15th.

There will be a quilt-a-thon Saturday @ 9am, but no potluck. Bring your PBJ sandwich.

Black and white blocks won at last week's final BOM were brought back. One by Norma Kindseth has 9 blocks has been donated for charity. The other black and white blocks won by Karen Anderson showed up in Fran's gift quilt.

Maureen Herran gave a report on next season's raffle quilt. It is progressing. Also, Cheryl Votapka is working on another one.

Sue Patch education report: 14 classes, 80 students, \$319.52 brought in, but \$275. Spent on sewing machine cabinet and irons and other expenses, so she's ahead about \$12. Sweat shirts and vests were the most popular classes.

Barb Scheele had another surgery and Lou Ann Garno fell, but is OK. Marion Rathwell is still recovering from her bike accident – final recovery will take place in Ontario – she and Ron have gone home.

Joan announced the April newsletter is now monthly.

Elaine Vanier needs a replacement for the attendance sheet job.

Sharon Jewitt needs replacements for her jobs: Photographer & scrapbook.

Jeannie Behan Coleman of Quilt for a Cause arrived at 10:30 and gave us a personal thank you speech for all our work at the March 28th benefit tea. We raised over \$3,000.00 for the cause. Their quilt raffle takes place in TMC hospital early October 2009 which we explained was before all the snow-birds come back. She told us Susan G. Koman foundation retains less for administrative costs than others. She received a bag of pink pincushions to give to her board.

From the Members

From Sue Patch:

This season 2008-09, the education committee has provided a variety of classes to both members of Quilters II and to those who live/visit the park.

A new opportunity was offered this season, "Rent-a-mentor", held on the 4th Wednesday morning of each month. Consulting could be done with any of the mentors who were available - in areas of sewing, quilting, or other needle arts projects.

This "class" could be expanded next season by advertising in the Compass next season.

Following are the classes held and number of students in each

Beginning Quilting	4	Rent-a-mentor	8
Beginning Quilting	9	Lovers' Knot Quilt	8
"Fan"tastic Sweatshirt	8	Barb's Quilted Sweatshirt	9
Two-color binding	7	Beginning Quilting	3
"Fan"tastic Sweatshirt	5	Wonderful 1-fabric Quilt	6
Paper Piecing	5	Hand Quilting	5
Wonderful 1-fabric Quilt	7		

This season, we provided 13 separate classes varying from 3 to 9 hours. Most classes are held on Wednesday, as that is the time available as arranged through the Activity Office. Some classes continued onto a Saturday as arranged with the Saturday Coordinator.

A total of 84 students attended classes and after expenses for copies, teacher supplies, etc. \$354.82 was added to the education account. That account then paid for a locked cabinet for our machines and two irons.

Many thanks to each of the teachers who donated their time to provide an excellent learning experience and thanks also to the students who participate. Obviously, both are needed!

Suggestions are always appreciated for future classes - some ideas for next year include: aprons, kaleidoscope blocks, Christmas projects, sweatshirt embellishment, and simple quilts.

Balance on hand, March 13, 2008		\$923.89
Student fees 84 @ 5.00		<u>420.00</u>
Income		\$1343.89
Expenses		
Cabinet construction	275.00	
Irons	<u>31.32</u>	
Total expenses	335.81	
Balance on hand, April 8, 2009		\$1008.08

From the Editor

The March Financial Report has been posted on the website.

The deadline for newsletter submissions during the off season is the 15th day of each month. The newsletter will be assembled and uploaded to the website as soon as possible thereafter.

From April 12th through October 28th, Claire and I will be on the road in our RV. Thanks to modern technology, we should have Internet access most of the time. Every effort will be made to publish the newsletter in a timely manner.