

## *Newsletter #94, Month of June, 2010*

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The purpose of the newsletter is to reduce the amount of announcements and related discussion at the regular meetings.

### **From the Editor (Adrienne)**

It's hard to believe another month has passed and it's time for the newsletter again. I sure hope some of you are actually reading this. So far, this summer, we have a great group of around 12 at both the meetings and Wednesday workdays. Right now, most of us are concentrating on Halloween, thanks to Bev and Jan and the constant supply of Halloween fabrics.



**Does this look like a pumpkin?**

Last week, Lynne taught us how to use pantographs on the Handiquilter ... several of us did the deed and actually liked doing it. Definitely a new skill to be encouraged. She has provided us with a loose-leaf filled with possible designs that she is willing to share with us. Meanwhile she is teaching Kay how to make a French braid quilt plus helping newbies, Edde Rolstad and Jane Kenworthy with the basics. She is a very busy girl and a very patient teacher. In her spare time, Pat Rapp has gathered a group of gals to get down and dirty with our closets and supplies. You will all be very surprised with how organized we are when you return. Now if we can only keep it that way.

A group of us went down to the Desert Patch a couple of weeks ago and entertained Phyllis' customers with our antics. Lots of laughs, lots of fabric ... one of the other customers decided to go to lunch and come back to get her fabric cut and check out. Claire and I chose fabric for a Christmas quilt that could be a raffle quilt and have started working on it. I will be sending a picture of it to Maureen H. to keep her in the loop.

Nikki found some doorknobs at home and brought them and her electric drill in to address the problem of opening the doors to the sewing machine cabinet. We didn't know we had such a talented carpenter in the group ... she might be sorry we do now. Since the lock isn't working and we're not getting any help from the woodshop, she's going to bring her tools again and install a new lock. We'll all feel better when the machines and the Go-Cutter are secure.



**Don't mess with me!**



**I *DO* know how to do it!**

Speaking of machines, the Quilt Basket has moved their Bernina dealership from Orange Grove to Tanque Verde ... they opened the wall into the space next door to their shop.

I'd like to encourage all of you art quilters to take advantage of an online "service" called Quilting Daily. I first learned of it when we subscribed to Quilting Arts magazine. What they do is to send a "newsletter" almost daily to you by email. It often includes offers to buy or subscribe to this or that ... all dealing with art quilting. But they also share lots of great tips for new skills and materials to work with. Take a look ... it doesn't cost anything.

**Tip of the Week: Bind with Ease**

Avoid the frustration of tangled quilt binding with this simple and very handy idea sent to us by TQS member Maluhiamoni. Maluhiamoni wraps the ready-to-sew binding around an empty toilet-paper roll. She then runs a cord (or ribbon) through the tube, ties the ends of the cord together, and hangs the roll around her neck. The binding rolls easily off the roll without getting tangled. How clever is that?!

I tried this method and it really works! Feels a little weird ... looks a little weird. Works better with larger tube than t.p. roll ... try cutting a bit off of a paper towel roll.

Stay well.