

NEWSLETTER MARCH 23, 2012

" A day without sunshine is , like, you know, night." Steve Martin

I want to thank Maria Brower for taking notes for me for the newsletter while I was away. Much appreciated, Maria.

Monday , March 26th we will have a guest speaker, Alice Chang, who is in charge of the Cancer Wellness Institute. The NY beauty quilt that we did will be donated to them for auction .

Also on the same day , our picnic on the patio from 11:30 to 1:30. Husbands are invited, so bring them and a dish to share.....lemonade will be provided. Also , please bring your own table service.

Saturday , March 31st .....Quiltathon. We will be making small pillowcases for the Children's Clinic ( is that UMC?). Of course, everyone is always welcome to work on their own projects and other charity projects.

April 9th our guest speaker will be Susie Weaver. She promises new info in her presentation and if you have anything you would like to hear repeated , let her know.

No Block of the Month for March and April ( do I have this right, Pat?) . We are hoping to finish up with BOM's for previous months and Pat will have packets on the table for you to work on. If you'd like, please take a packet home, make a quilt and return it in the fall.

Sharon Kowalik will see if she can get two Habitat family for us to provide quilts for. She is also looking into quilts for Casas de los Ninos.....I spoke with Irene Passfield and she said there are at least 50 kids there who are abandoned, abused or neglected. We will be discussing this and let you know more about it later..

Sister of the Heart Home for Women provides a home for women who can't care for themselves. Anne Herman will find out if this is a legitimate charity and if so, we will do a one time donation of 8 quilts to the house.

BOOK BONANZA.....the goal is to collect books for children up to teenagers. There is a collection box in the ballroom, so bring new or gently used children's and young adult books to be donated.

Our "in group" raffle added \$244 to the treasury and was won by .....drum roll.....Anne Herman, who was one of several women who worked on the quilt. Congratulations, Ann. I thought this was a great idea and I would like to see this done every year. Thoughts, comments anyone?

I had promised to put info in about an easy way to do flying geese.....the way Adrienne taught during the round robin. Well , apparently the site has been sold and they are redoing the site. I do have the instructions of how to do it and will gladly copy them for anyone who wants them. The instructions were on the site for years and are public domain. Just let me know, or stop by .

If anyone out there knows how to "import" a bunch of email addresses onto a computer, and maybe set up a "group" to put them in, please call me. I need HELP.....

Joe Boyd has requested a quilt for the large area in the stairway in the office. The "summer group" will be deciding on a pattern and making the quilt. . It would be a beautiful thing for all to see, stepping into the office and seeing a beautiful quilt on the wall. We also would like to thank Joe for the quilt racks Voyager purchased for the show.

I have several tips of the day, so here goes.

Don't have the blade of your rotary cutter in too tight. It should roll easily easily. Norma Kindseth

If you have a soft covered sewing machine manual, have it spiral bound at one of the office supply stores, like Kinkos or Office Max. It costs under \$10, they also laminate the covers and it really prolongs the life of the book. Vel Peters

If your sewing machine foot pedal slips on your carpeting, glue the "hook" side of velcro to the bottom of it. Ann Jacobucci

I think I've covered everything, and if I haven't , please let me know so I can put it in the next newsletter.

Our weather is warming up .....just love the warmth and sun.....and many of you are heading to your homes in the northern areas and the midwest. Safe travels, be happy and healthy have a wonderful summer and we will see you again next season.

PS.....Norma is home from the hospital and doing well. Jean Nicholson is improving daily and Paul, Susie's significant other is also doing well.