



Quilters 2 Newsletter

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Charity Quilt Summer Challenge



Hopefully everyone has been working on their Summer Challenge quilt. Based upon the number of packets picked up last Spring, we should have 20+ charity quilts returned this Fall. If you didn't pick up a packet, you are welcome to use fabric from your stash. Unquilted tops are welcome! Aim for 48" x 75" or larger. Thanks everyone for helping us provide quilts to our charities.

ALPHABET CHALLENGE

An Alphabet Challenge has been issued to our Quilters2 members to create a quilt show entry for our February 25, 2019 Quilt Show. *Please contact JoAnn Washa if you would like to participate and have not drawn your Alphabet Letter and received the challenge rules.* If you want to make more than one challenge entry, you must draw additional letters (only one entry per letter drawn). We are on our second set of alphabet letters and have over 30 participants. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's entries but – sshh, we're going to keep them under wraps until the Quilt Show.

Halloween Quilts



A reminder: if anyone has a Halloween quilt, Jan Tuttle needs it before October 1. Please send it ahead if your return to Voyager is later.



Quiltathons

The summer quilting residents have been holding Saturday (and Wednesday) Quiltathons and have completed a number of charity quilts. Quiltathons are a great way to meet other Q2 members and spend time getting to know them without all the hustle and bustle of Monday meetings; plus, we usually have snacks!



We have identified block-of-the-month quilt patterns for our November thru March meetings and they will be explained at the first Monday meeting of every month. Then, on the last Saturday of the month, we have the Quiltathon to put the blocks together. We also will be working on quilts using designs other than the block of the month designs. We welcome individuals to help sew, cut fabric, and/or be pressers. It's a great way for beginners to get their feet wet with lots of experienced quilters to help and a lot of variety in the projects. In addition, you are always welcome to bring your own project to work on – it doesn't have to be a charity project. The next Quiltathon will be Saturday, October 27.

Team Challenge

In support of our Quilters 2 goals, a Team Challenge will be offered this year. The Team Quilt Challenge is an opportunity to get to know others within the Q2 group, to learn new quilting techniques and challenge yourself, and to make a charity quilt that can also be an entry for the Voyager Quilters 2 Quilt Show.

Each team will be provided with a package of fabric. This package will contain starting material for a lap-size (48" x 70") or larger quilt.



The design for the quilt will be decided by the team. The group should work as a team; i.e., meet together to decide on the design, meet together to cut and sew the quilt, etc.

Each team will be provided with a mentor member. The mentor members are there to assist the group and to coach team members who may be newer to the quilting world. They are NOT the leaders of the team NOR are they the decision maker. The team, as a whole, makes the decisions and establishes how the team works.

Interested Quilters 2 members need to submit their name to JoAnn Washa by December 24, 2018 (via phone, email, or in person). At that time, all submitted names will be placed in a bucket and teams will be established by drawing names. The teams will be announced and fabric packets made available at the first January 2019 Quilters 2 Meeting.



Programs

JoAnn Washa has been busy organizing programs for the upcoming season and many have been identified. Programs are the informational talks, demonstrations, lessons, and speakers at our Monday meetings. Check out the calendars on the Q2 website to see what's planned.

Classes

Classes on the website are not updated but Lynne Jensen is working on them. We will notify you via email when there are some schedules, samples, etc. If you would like to teach a class please let Lynne know. Also, if you have a project you would like to be taught, let Lynne know.



Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

A survey was conducted last Spring regarding interest in having Special Interest Groups. There was a lot of interest! Here is what is planned: these groups will meet during January, February and March for about 1 to 1 ½ hours once a month. The agenda for these meetings will be decided by the members and may include individual and group projects, sharing tips and techniques and helping each other with questions or problems. These are intended to be smaller groups where you can get to know other Quilters 2 members and to learn from each other. We are fortunate in that the Activity Office has agreed to let us use the Palo Verde room on Tuesday afternoons for these SIGS. Based upon the interest expressed last Spring, the following SIGs will be held this year:

Beginner Quilters

Applique

Paper/Foundation Piecing

Ruler-based Quilting (domestic machine or long-arm)

The Quilters 2 web site's calendars (www.quilters2.com) identify which SIG will be held on what Tuesdays – please check it out, and join us at one or more of the Special Interest Groups!