

Procrastinating Quilters - August 2009 Newsletter

Editor Notes – Lori Lewis:

Due to a hectic schedule, I am taking over for our editor – Norma Santiago this month. Our president, Cathy Starman is traveling so I do not have a report from her. We did have a board meeting in July and have many exciting plans in the works for the rest of this year. More details will be coming at our September business meeting. Meanwhile, those of us available will be meeting in August. See you there!

Programs / Roni Hunt:

August 20th - Sewing night at Country Quilts and Bears! We'll have kits ready to construct some quilt tops for the Cuddle Quilts. Please contact Roni at 727-741-6714 or via email: ronihunt@verizon.net if you'd like to reserve a kit! We will have a limited # of kits available. You may bring your own item to sew for our Outreach Project if you'd prefer. Roni will be at the shop after work (5:00 p.m.) if you'd like to show up early and begin sewing. We will end promptly at 8:30. Don't forget to enjoy the evening...Our theme is Extreme Quilting - in the spirit of the TV show Extreme Makeover-Home Edition with Ty Pennington! They do such great work in short time and we'll be doing the same. So get a 'team' together and be ready for some serious sewing!! Coordinate with your sewing buds so that we don't have everyone bringing their sewing machines. We need those willing to be runners, pressers (Jill French is the queen of pressers!), and rotary cutting queens!

Most of all we need you all to bring your smiles and positive attitudes while we make the world a little better place for others one stitch at a time!

Sunshine:

My family and I would like to express our appreciation for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, emails, and food sent our way upon the passing of our strength and compass - Edward 'Eddie' W. Voiland. My father was a humble man who lived his life with honor and always held out a helping hand to those in need. He certainly would have been touched by all your well wishes. On behalf of his family - thank you! *Roni Hunt*

Retreat 2010 – Sharon Kalinowski:

Retreat date is April 30 – May 2, 2010

Please make your initial **payment by the end of August** to enable us to pay our deposit with Day Springs.

Our retreat is set for April 30 – May 2, 2010. The later date is due to the Easter weekend falling on our traditional first weekend in April. Availability of the cabins and New Pavilion meeting area forced us to a later date as well. This year we will have 48 spots available. Cost will remain \$200 for the weekend.

As was the policy last year, a deposit is required to reserve your spot. We appreciate early sign up to enable us to pay our deposit with Day Spring. We have paid an initial deposit but must send ½ the total amount due by the end of the summer. The balance which is close to \$4500 ensures our date with Day Springs. Please sign up and pay your deposit of \$100 this month.

Back by popular demand, we will offer massages during the retreat. Diane Friedman will be the contact again this year.....thanks Diane.

I have already be receiving ideas for the retreat theme, but keep them coming. I will take a vote at a meeting in the fall, once all our Snow Birds return. Here are a few I have received already. "Rock Around the Block", "Quilters Gone Wild", "Carnival" & "Quilters Got Talent".

I have also received some ideas for activities

Decorate a Bra....perhaps model it...receive a prize

Name that Baby....Match the baby picture to the PQ member.

Talent Show Sing, dance, play a musical instrument, join up with your small groups or go solo.

Dance Contest....

All ideas are welcome and will be shared in subsequent newsletters.

Everyone liked the prizes, late night pizza & time to quilt. We will continue with these. The Afternoon Tea was very popular and went well with our theme. Next year we will have an afternoon activity as well but it will be something different in keeping with the theme we select.

If you would like to join the 2010 retreat committee please send me a note, the more the better!

Also it is important that e-mail addresses be kept up to date as I use e-mail to communicate updates and reminders once the date gets closer. Any questions, comments, or ideas send me a note or give me a call.

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VETERANS COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Carol Clarke:

All PQ Member Participation is Voluntary - Please do Not Feel You Are Obligated

General Information

Committee Members: Carol Clarke, Mary Ann Leonard, and Susan Herman

Veterans Need Assessment

We met with the Director of Volunteers and a Director of Nursing at the Bay Pines VA to determine their needs.

Veterans Needs

1. Sample size toiletries – Your stash from hotel visits would be most appreciated.
2. Gently used Afgans (knitted or crocheted) that you would like to donate.
3. Lap quilts approximately 36" X 48"
Colors requested: Male oriented, generic, patriotic, and a few female colors.
4. Privacy Bags – These bags help Veterans protect their dignity by covering their urine bag, so is not visible. They are very easy to make.
5. We would appreciate a donation stash material. We plan to cut up kits for easy assembly of quilts & privacy bags. See the PQ website for the pattern for the privacy bags!

Brown Bag Challenge –Judy Wedekind:

Drum Roll for the great reveal in November!!!!

Hi Ladies!!! Are you still wondering what to do with those 3 coordinating fat quarters??? Or are you finished!!! Time is ticking...tick...tock...tick...tock...and you have just 3 months to finish your brown bag challenge. As a reminder, here are a few of the things to keep in mind...

Use the **3 COORDINATING FAT QUARTERS** on the front/outside of your project.

Please use at least 75% of the fabric provided on the project.

You may add as many other fabrics your heart desires - quilt store quality please.

The project **MUST** be **QUILTED** - machine or hand.

The project **MUST** be **FINISHED**.

The project should be no larger than a lap size.

Please put a label on your project.

Please turn your project in to me by Friday November 13th - the sooner the better, since the BBC Ladies will need time to verify, organize and number 50+ finished projects

Attend the reveal on November 19th at Crossroads Baptist Church - can you find your 3 coordinating fat quarters??

How do I turn my completed project in? That's easy; you can do one of the following or have a guild member:

- Bring it to the September or October PQ meeting
- Drop off at Country Quilts & Bears - notify me if you do this so I can pick up your project
- Contact me to make an alternative arrangement

What should I do if one of the following happens?

- I lost the fabric - Immediately contact Judy Wedekind, 727-644-5685
- Something comes up, i.e. medical/family emergency, etc., and I am unable to complete my project - Immediately contact Judy Wedekind or Cathy Starman (727-391-0005) so we can ensure the project gets completed.

Remember, you must turn in a completed project in order to receive yours. Have fun and if you have any questions, please contact me at 727-644-5685 or wickedgirl2u@yahoo.com

Healing Hearts List for 2009 – Lori Lewis:

This month we added two new healing hearts list. We added Ron Evans and Judy Bartlett. Please see the PQ website for details and mailing addresses for each person. Remember it is never too late to send a healing heart block. The blessings needed continue for a long time and it is always wonderful to receive one. It is always the right time!

If anyone is in need of a healing heart block – please email me at lorilewis@hypersytes.com and I will get the word out.

- Ron Evans – Lung transplant July 2009 – Pieced Friendship Star
<http://www.hypersytes.com/pqwebsite/images/RonsStarPattern.doc>.
- Patti Hansen – Loss of her son June 2009 – Tan background with Civil War fabrics
- Judy Bartlett – Loss of her mom May 2009 - Cream background with soft peaches and greens
- Melanie Taylor – Loss of her mother April 2009 – White background with purple and green
- Becky Madasz – Loss of her sister March 2009 – Tan background with Civil War fabrics
- MaryAnne Blackmore – Loss of her mother March 2009 – White background with Asian prints
- Lynn Tinley – Loss of her mother – White background with pastels
- Cathy Starman – Loss of her husband – White background with batiks
- Jill French – Loss of her mother December 2009 – White background with pastels
- Kathy Weiss – Loss of her December 2009 – Tan background with Civil War fabrics

Block Swap – Pat Dearth

The flip flop swap blocks are due in August. Please bring in your blocks to the meeting or get them to me prior to the meeting. Thanks.

August Birthdays – Penny Black:

8/3 Kathie Gorman
8/7 Barbara Paige
8/8 Penny Black
8/10 Carol Clarke
8/13 Jennie Coiner
8/17 Linda Steinport
8/18 Janet Jensen
8/20 LaVonne Newcomer

Sharon Kalinowski
8/22 Drinda Shelby
Linda Weingart
8/28 Robin VanScoy

Next Meeting Reminder

Where: Country Quilts and Bears

Time: Come any time after 5pm

What to bring: Your machine, community outreach project to work on, sewing supplies, your smile

Other items you may need to bring: Retreat Deposit, Swap Blocks, Completed Privacy bags or items to donate.