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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi All,

Our craft sale is only 6 months away, we need to get ready. This is our major fundraiser for the guild this year.

We need your help getting fabric cut & ready. Go through your fabric stash and what you don't want or need. Cut into usable pieces i.e.;

3 1/2", 2 1/2", 4" and 5" squares

3 1/2" & 2 1/2" strips for jelly rolls

5" for charm packs

10" for layer cakes

Code them by color or like things 30's fabric, Floral, Reproduction, Kids & Novelty.

Put into zip-lock bags, they must be clean. Get together with friends and have a cutting party.

Any UFO's you don't want is good too. Quilt tools, Scissors & Rulers in good working order and clean!

We will have tables for you to rent for your crafts, 25 Dollars each. Yes, you can share the table with a friend. Remember, Crafts only! Things you have made or things to make the craft.

Hope you are working on your challenge quilts!

Don't forget

1 - You show and tell

2 - Money for the raffle table

3 - Bring a friend

4 - Have fun!

Love ya, Ida

P.S. The room off the library is open for us, 9AM to close on Tues, Wed & Thurs. You can get together and have a cutting party. Please remember, other groups from the guild also use this room.

RAFFLE BASKETS FOR CRAFT SALE

We have a theme. "ENJOYING LIFE". That's going to open up a lot of opportunities for our baskets. They are always an awesome part of our shows/sales. Sign up sheets at meeting!! Thanks for your participation last year!! Looking forward to doing it all again, Roberta See. 978-319-5772

SIGN UP SHEETS!! sign up at November meeting for CRAFT YARD SALE IN APRIL. We will need your help manning the fabric tables as well as raffle baskets. Thanks for your early participation. We will remind you but please add to your April calendar!

REFRESHMENTS

The following are asked to bring refreshments. If you are unable to bring a dessert please contact Teresa Grignon and let her know. See side panel for her information.

Norma Biggins, Carol Castro, Sharon Carroll, Jocelyn Chase, Kristin Clark, Marion Clark, Maureen Cohen, Lee Colbert, Maureen Colby, Beverly Collins, Patricia Connors and Sandy Cook.

FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON FOR NOVEMBER'S MEETING

Our speaker for the November meeting is Jen Sorenson. She is a modern quilter with a passion for paper piecing. She is one of the founder of the Boston Modern Quilt Guild, and is the current president. Jen will be sharing her experiences with modern quilting and showing her own paper piecing designs.

-Marlene

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is ever so grateful for the things we bring. With the holiday season coming up so quickly they get an overabundance of holiday fixings. They really need a steady supply of basics. Condiments, paper products, juices (in plastic bottles or cartons for kids), instant potatoes, cereals, peanut butter and jelly, canned vegetables, soups, puddings, fruit cups. You get the idea.

A CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER

This month the door drawing will be for Veterans' Day. I would like to use this month to honor our service men and women by supplying them with some personal use items. Many of our veterans that are in the hospital, especially long term, would love to have small items that they can keep. When we think of Veterans, for some reason the image of a man pops in our head. Many women have served and reside in veteran facilities also. For most of our veterans, it is their permanent home. Small travel size bottles / jars of lotions and hand creams, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, mouthwash, manicure sets, books, sox, razors, shaving cream, Kleenex packs. This is just a small idea of items suitable for both men and women. Many of which can be purchased at the dollar stores. This month's door prize will be limited to those wearing red, white and blue. **Not one color, but all three colors!**

BIRTHDAYS for NOVEMBER

1st, Robin Murch; 1st, Donna Singleton; 6th, Pat Wolf; 10th, Anita Sartori; 11th, Joyce Lloyd; 15th, Megan Rossetti; 19th, Karen Vines, 24th, Jo Ann Frazier; 26th, Roberta Briscoe; 27th, Claudia Russo. A very happy birthday to all.

Winners of the raffle table

black fabric squares -Sue Doherty.

The thread - Marion Clark.

Color fabric fat quarters -Sue Doherty

Portable Light – Cindy Bliss Adams

Turkey Panel – Kathy Graham

Name tag door prize – Mary Grenda

Approved for a donation to be given to the New England Quilt Museum.

Gina Maniscalco, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Karen Vines has joined our guild as regular member.

I'm happy to be able to add a junior member.

Please welcome Allie Oliver as our 1st junior member for this year.

QUILT RAFFLE FOR THE Jonathan Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund

Winner of this year's quilt is Donna Dennett from Chelmsford, MA. This quilt raised over \$1,000.00, which will be put directly towards the scholarships for High school seniors. I want to send a big thank you to all who contributed to this worthwhile endeavor.

Pat Wolf and family

ANGELS AMONG US

I have been trying to promote the "members" behind the scenes. So far I have Lynda Harrington, Quilts for Kids; Pat Wolfe, Heart Pillows; Louise Kelley & Beverly Collins, our regular Tuesday Charity group.

The following was given to me by Joyce Lloyd. She is a very dedicated volunteer for this project and has many helpers within the guild.

RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES

When Cindy Kerr went to visit her son, Ryan, in a Philadelphia hospital where he was being treated for cancer, she brought a pillow case for him. Ryan was all excited and so were the other children in his room. Cindy went home and got back to sewing while she was filled with the excitement of the other children sharing the hospital room with Ryan.

So... what else could she do but go back the next day with pillow cases for the other children. This open attitude of sharing has now gone across each of the United States, Canada and some European countries as well. The project name "Ryan's Case for Smiles" can be found on the internet with many stories and background.

Here in our area, Marie Nader is the local director/supervisor arranging for the hospital visits and the distribution of pillow cases. We visit with children in the "Child Care" section of Boston Children's Hospital, Mass General Hospital for Children, Floating Hospital for Children, Ronald McDonald House, Yawkey Way Family Inn, Shriner's Hospital for Children, Spaulding Rehabilitation for Children and the Franciscan Children's Hospital. Marie brings the sewing machines, fabric and completed pillow cases.

The donated completed pillow cases are washed and put in quart plastic bags. These are distributed by the nurses to children who cannot leave their hospital rooms. Then...the children who can leave their hospital room come to the "Child Care" room where we sit with them and either help them make their own pillow case as they sit beside us or they will help us make a pillow case for them. They pick out their fabric from the "kits" we bring. Just to mention two incidents: a six-year old girl did such a wonderful job making her own pillow case that her mother said she was going to get her a sewing machine for the six-year old's birthday. Then there was the teen aged boy scout who went home and used this for his Eagle Scout Project, getting his troop mates to make pillow cases as well.

It is very heartbreaking to sit with these children who are being treated for cancer or other serious illnesses, but it is rewarding to share in their excitement of having made their own pillow cases. And I do mean excitement!!!

The Boston Chapter has contributed more than 50,000 pillow cases over the past ten years. From my exposure, either pillow cases or fabric have been donated by quilt guilds in our area. You may also see notices from Fabric Shops announcing a pillow case workshop to be held in their shop. This has also been very helpful.

Want to help Joyce, Lynda, Pat or Louise & Beverly? Ask them what you can do. Don't know who they are? Ask me! I'll point them out.