

LAUREL MANOR QUILTERS minutes - 1 - 31- 12

Jeannie began the meeting by letting us know that we are now at capacity. We have had a number of special people (*we only accept special people*) join in the past few months, and we can now just get to know everyone better and enjoy what the newcomers will be adding to our fun.

This meeting we were very busy making dolls. Making dolls is a good thing. There's something about these spindly, little yarn headed fairies that we just always enjoy. Joy donated all the supplies we could use, and the differences in the dolls were just amazing. I think a few people who hadn't planned on doing these, jumped in and went home with a new friend. Thank you, Joy, for your donations and lesson.

LAST OF THE CRUISERS NOTES: As Jeannie said, we're about to take off, so you won't be seeing all the references much longer. She also cautioned all that "*What Happens on the Cruise, stays on the Cruise. . . .*" Pat Chapin has agreed to make up a master list of room numbers for us so we can stay in touch while on board. If you haven't gotten your number to her, just reply back to me and I'll send along with a few others I've gotten. Some of us were able to get together at Linda's on Sunday and make up bobbin/bead necklaces and shaggy fabric flip flops to go with our Hot Chick's shirts to wear onboard. Now the membership can see the shirts, and any can order them if desired.

FUTURE BUS TRIP: The Sarasota day trip on the 24th of March is still in the works, with confirmation of details being taken care of by Donna. She should be back next week to let us know if anything more has been firmed up.

SECRET SISTERS: Many members are bringing their forms in to activate this program for 2012. Jeannie has applications which Alice will collect and assign a name to. You can still join in on this fun.

BLOCKS: Quilts of Valor blocks are coming in every week. Be sure and get yours going. We're receiving some really attractive patriotic themed blocks for our sponsored Katy. Remember 12 1/2".

"JUST RIGHT PURSE PATTERN": If you go to quilterswarehouse.com, you'll find "Bobbi's Just Right Bag, by Sweet Season Quilts. This is the wonderful purse demonstrated during our Show and Tell time. It seems to cover all purse need bases and several members were interested in getting the pattern. The cost includes the pattern and hardware to make it.

NEXT WEEK: We will complete the collection of the Valentine Heart Blocks, and hold our drawing for the winner of them. We have an extraordinary variety of very impressive blocks. If you bring one in, be sure and pin or tape your name to the back to participate in the drawing. Then, bring any personal project you may be working on.

QUILT GUILD MEETING: Next Tuesday evening we will be the hosting chapter for the Guild meeting at Laurel Manor at 7:00 (always come at 6:30 to get a seat and check things out).

Those who graciously agreed to help with hosting responsibilities, please arrive by at least 6:15 to get in place, and thank you for helping out. New members: These meetings are very enjoyable and give you a good feeling for the bigger picture of our Guild. Also, be sure and check out our guild website: QGOTV.com it is a great website.

MARK SHERMAN TRUNK SHOW: This month's program will be a wonderful look at one of our "man quilters" creations. Don't miss this one!

MEETING ON THE 14th: While a few of us are on the high seas, the rest of you can have a party here, if you want! There is no project scheduled for that meeting, so bring your own and enjoy the whole place to yourselves!

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:

Feb. 7th - Valentine Block drawing

Feb. 12th - Cruise

March 6th - Spring Auction

March 20th - Golf Cart Parade of Sewing Rooms

March 24th (Saturday) - Bus Trip to Sarasota Quilt Shops

October 2nd, 3rd and 4th - Retreat at Lake Yale