

LAUREL MANOR QUILTERS Minutes 4-3-12

Busy, Busy, Busy! Is everyone as busy as I am??? I can tell you all that, as I have spoken to some of our members - (gathering the info for the minutes) - many of you are! How lucky we are to be interested and productive and able to share our creative thoughts with like-minded friends. I came back from my daughters shower inspired by so much that I saw, that I just don't know where to start, and the unscheduled trip to the Biloxi casino brought me time to do 3 of those ruffled scarves I needed for gifts and also organize plans to get a lot more done over the the next few weeks. Here's a rundown of the things that our group has been doing while I've been gallivanting around the U.S.

COVERED ROPE DEMO:

First, thanks, Pat for the demo on the covered clothesline bag. This is a unique sewing process that has endless uses. I'm taking one of the bowl classes using the same technique, I think, at Quilt shop of Deland next week and will bring my effort to Show and Tell on Tuesday. It may be enlightening, or it may be depressing - we'll see.

AMISH SHOP BUS TRIP:

Second, for those wondering, it sounds like the bus trip was a great success - a very accommodating bus driver was good enough to take the group to shops, divide them as needed for lunching, then take them back to shops again! There was definitely a lot of shopping going on, between all the laughter. Donna, you did a super job getting this all together for everyone to enjoy.

LAST WEEK: We collected \$22.00 from our 50/50, and voted to donate it to the Animal Shelter for food. Remember your old scraps can fill beds (fill an old pillow case and sew the end shut - done). Or make up a variety of sizes, because some of those animals are bigger and some small... and remember NEVER throw away a worn blanket or towel - they are much appreciated there. For more information, talk to Jackie Perez.

NEXT WEEK:

Alice is warming up for that special seaming demonstration. She assures us it is not as difficult as it looks, but the beautiful piped detail in the seams of the lovely, dressy jacket she shared, is pretty impressive. Take notes - bring a camera! ALSO, new member, Mary (we're finding ourselves calling you Mary, from Nova Scotia....) has some special tips to share on hand quilting for the many of us who still love this form of sewing.

SPECIAL MEETING ON APRIL 17th :

This is another "away" meeting. We are invited to a wonderful trunk show to be given by Pat Knoechel, who is Eleanor Burns' sister. The show will be at the Bridgeport Rec Center, and will begin at 9:30. These shows are so inspiring; you might want to bring a camera.

FUTURE PROJECTS:

The 2013 Quilt Show Banner Project. Pat Chapin has volunteered to lead us in the creative process of coming up with a design on black fabric for a Laurel Manor Banner that will hang on

an end cap - or somewhere, in the Quilt Show. Each chapter has to make up its own, and Pat would appreciate a few more imaginations joining in. If you'd like to join the fun, let Pat know.

SPRING SQUARE:

Yes, we're doing a spring square - hope to see lots of pinks, and yellows, and greens, and lavenders and blues, and springy prints and whatever represents spring to you, into some happy blocks! 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" unfinished, and they will be due in May.

PATRIOTIC SQUARES: Yes, we're also still collecting patriotic blocks the same size. There have been some wonderful ones brought in.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

April 10th - Jacket seam demo

April 17th. - Trunk Show - Bridgeport

April 24th. - Cart Caravan

May 1st. - Ruching technique of decorative stitching

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