

LAUREL MANOR QUILTERS minutes 4-10-12

The Bunnies have hopped away, and we are on to more spring business. The Villages are planting new spring flowers in all the thoroughfare plant beds, which should inspire us to create those spring blocks for the May lottery.

A nice note about that is that we will soon have a finished quilt that comes from the very first Laurel Manor block collection, ever. Pat Padala won that group of blue and yellow spring designs, and eventually put them into a quilt which she brought to us for finishing and donating to our Charity pool. Cathy Stone has taken on the completion of hand quilting it with the help of as many of us as would like to work with her. If you'd like to join the creative force - and it will be a pleasure - call Cathy for info on when and where this fun process will be taking place: 864-275-9001.

Thank you Alice, for the demo and information about the specialty piped seams. We appreciate learning from each other and especially the tips and tricks that make it easier to do things.

ON-GOING PROJECTS:

Christi is now completing the wonderful patriotic blocks that were donated for "**Katy's Quilt**". It has taken shape beautifully. Katy will be "shipping out" next week, and the completion of the quilt will be following her. When we get an "APO" address, we'll send it on, including a shoulder strapped carrying case that Linda Thomas is working on, so she can "shlep" it around with her! Thanks for all the participation in this special Charity project.

A "**Charity Project**" book is put together to register and record the many projects we get involved with each year. Individual charity work should be noted here, as well as our group projects. If any of you do donated work (Like Alice said she donates to the "Linus Project" in her home area every year), those acts count. Please let us know what you are doing, so that we can include them in our registry.

There has been a generally agreed to decision on the **Quilt Show Banner** that we are required to assemble. There seems to be no reason to "re-invent the wheel" - we've got a great logo with our "HOT CHICK'S QUILT" design, so we're going to build on that theme. Pat Chapin is leading the project but needs a few more to help her with the final designs and decisions on production. If you'd like to help out, let Pat know.

2013 Quilt Show plans continue to unfold. Detailed forms have been created for any submissions to the Silent Auction. The process is very different from what it has been in the past, so if you are considering contributing to it, please see Jeannie for a form to be sure to meet the requirements. We will need to donate 3 items from our chapter. How the auctioning will take place has also changed quite a bit, as there will be specific times for auctioning a group of items. We will try to keep you all informed as we get closer to the time.

Quilt Guild Classes: The best place to find out about up-coming classes is at the Guild meeting each month. The second best is to see Joy Niles. The Guild continues to offer extraordinary classes for very low cost. We are very lucky to have this attention to education for our members.

Golf Cart Parade 2012? Well, this poor event has been delayed, changed, delayed and altered so many times, that we've run out of time to have it! It seems some of the participants have already left, so the amount of homes to visit has dwindled to a point of it being smarter to cancel it for this season, and reschedule it for next winter when we have a much fuller membership. Tentatively - we will schedule this fun even for shortly after the Quilt Show, probably early February, 2013.

Retreat 2012: All monies need to be in by June 1st. The cost for the Retreat is \$165. if you are taking Joan Shay's class, and \$155 if you are not. That does not cover the cost of her materials. Donna was able to find out that day attendees will be allowed. If you cannot stay for the whole experience but would like to participate for a day, there will be a \$10/day charge, plus cost for the breakfast (\$7), lunch (\$8) and/or dinner (\$10) you share. If you would like to do this, talk to Donna before the retreat to arrange to be included. There was additional discussion about reserving time next spring for another retreat for our chapter alone. The date they offered is March 4, 5, 6 and 7.

We are reserving this time, and will have more details in the future.

NEXT WEEK - OFF SITE OPPORTUNITY:

Next week is the invitation to the Pat Knoechle Trunk Show at the Bridgeport at Lake Miona Rec Center (located across from Arnold Palmer's, on Buena Vista). The show starts at 10:00, but we're recommended to be there about 9:30 a.m. This should be a wonderful show, and the admission is great: a donation of a non-perishable item for the Food Bank! For those not caring to attend, but wanting to use our meeting room, it will be open and available as always.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

April 17th - Trunk Show - Bridgeport

April 24th - Regular Meeting - BYO project

May 1st - Ruching technique of decorative stitching

May 1st - Guild Meeting