

LAUREL MANOR QUILTERS minutes 5-8-12 HAPPY MOTHERS DAY EVERYONE . . .

THIS WEEK: Pat Chapin reported that the absence of members is getting all too noticeable! It seems that just a few short weeks ago we had a full house of productive, happy members, visiting and sharing at meeting after meeting. As happens each year, our remaining members are challenged to keep productive and inspired - and they are up to it. President Jeannie is updating that constantly changing roster, and a new and improved version is on the way. At this meeting, members got busy projecting a calendar for the next several weeks, which sounds like a winner.

NEW CURRENT CALENDAR:

5 - 15 - Penny from Sunset Point will be demonstrating the Binding Buddy quilt tool that Jackie sells. It always amazes me how the right tool can make things so much easier. This one sounds like a winner.

5 - 22 - Charity Quilt day. Bring your machines and 2 1/2 strips - preferably 22" long or longer, (shorter ones okay), and everyone will be stripping away! These go very fast, and remind us that it doesn't have to be difficult to look great.

5- 29 - Bring your own project week - or you can continue to work on the charity quilts.

6 - 5 - We're hitting the Road again. A day trip to Deland and Orange City. Details regarding times and carpooling will be noted before the trip. Shopping and lunch with good friends. Can it get better?

6 - 12 - Another bring your own project day - how about working on our chapter heart square project.

6 - 19 - Donna Burner will be demonstrating the Flynn Frame she uses. This is another tool to make keeping your sandwiched fabrics held just right so you can get creative while keeping them smoothly aligned. Be sure to see this in action.

ON GOING:

Note on **Mackey**: She's now home from the hospital, and readying for her move to an Assisted Living facility near her daughter in Tulsa Ok. We wish her well, and hope she'll find some other creative ladies living there to become friends with.

Our **patriotic squares** are continuing. Audrey brought in several which Pat said inspired her to join the contributing. Remember, people away can always make some up and send them to Jeannie....As we accumulate enough, another quilt will be assembled. We're also discussing sending a small item package (gum, shampoo, paper backs, etc...) to Katie to see how the mailing goes. That way we'll be assured of the arrival of the quilts in the future.

The **Spring/Summer blocks** should be coming in now, also. They will be due on 7/3.

BABY QUILTS?! What a sweet idea! Jeanette suggested the idea of our chapter doing baby quilts as a money maker for the boutique next year. Ever popular with all the grandmas who live here - this idea will be seriously considered. More to come.

HERE AND AWAY PROJECT REMINDER: Just to keep you thinking about this project, here is a copy of the information we introduced a few weeks ago. Let's hear from those of you starting on this. I have my paint chips - so far, that's all.....

Here are the instructions:

1. Identify your 3 name initials (if you have more, too bad - we only want 3) ie: **C-A-H**.
2. Go to your favorite paint seller (Hobby Lobby, Glidden, Ace Hardware, etc.) and find a paint color chip whose name begins with each of your initials, ie: **C**elery Green - **A**ngel Wing White - **H**eavenly Blue. (See, it can be most any color, but the descriptive first word of the name of the color has to have your initial). I hope that is **C**rystal Clear!
3. Take each of those chips, and match them to a fabric - solid, patterned, whatever, but basically as close to the **COLOR OF EACH CHIP** as you can get. 3 only!
4. GET CREATIVE! Design an approximately 24" x 24" wall hanging using ONLY those 3 colors. You may vary the size some, but they all should be about the same overall volume of size. (18" x 30", or similar). It can be blocks, applique's, scenic, dimensional, etc. You must be sure and bring the color chips with your project.

OTHER AWAY MEMBER NOTES:

Anyone wishing to share your creative fun while away, please send me the info, and I'll pass it on. I'll even try to figure out how to receive a picture; then pass that - if I can.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:

- 5/15 - Binding Buddy demo
- 5/22 - Charity quilts - bring machine & strips
- 5/29 - BYO project
- 6/5 - Day trip - Deland/Orange City
- 6/5 - Quilt Guild meeting
- 6/12 - BYO project
- 6/19 - Flynn Frame demo, Donna Burner