

LAUREL MANOR QUILTERS - minutes 5-15-12

Villagers are hoping to get some needed spring rain, and most of the “away members” are enjoying beautiful spring in other parts of the country. I love shopping for flowers at this time of year and getting my house & yard all cheery with mid-western varieties. Keeps me away from the sewing machine a bit, but the inspiration of color is worth it. President Jeannie said that there was plenty of inspiration at the meeting this week, and some excellent show and tells!

DEMO: Penny from Sunset showed everyone how using the Binding Buddy, which can make your work easier. Doesn't it always look easy when you know what you're doing! Well, she came to make sure we would. Jackie has these available for us, and can give us a quick brush up on how to use it, as needed. If you're looking for another option to get that binding just right, this could be it.

SHOW AND TELLS: Seems it was a busy day with things to look at. Jeanette completed a wonderful quilt wedding gift. What a lovely gift to receive - they must be special.

Then, Joy has a knack for finding great looking, easy patterns to share with us. She showed a baby quilt she'd done, and that led to a discussion on it's being a quick and easy item for us to do for the boutique.

The quilt we'll be making for charity next week, was also shown.

BURNING FABRIC!?! Okay, the note from Jeannie made me call Pat Chapin and give my imagination a better idea of what she had done to create ANOTHER new thing for us to consider. I get the idea, but didn't see the product, so I won't try to describe it, but - Pat made a Kindle sleeve out of a final textured fabric, which she made from layering a combination of polyesters and a wool and using an old fashioned wood burning tool, to heat, puncture, and whatever, the surface and/or layers - into raising color and altering the fibers. I'll try to get a picture of this for the next minutes. It amazes me how people can come up with these ideas! Pat found it in a magazine, and decided to try it. She said it was really fun to do.

KATIE REPORT: Kristin has heard from Katie with some requests. We were hoping this troop would keep us busy and they are! We have completed one fleece blanket, and will do 2 more for them, then start in on the 60 fleece pillowcases they'd like. Easy, inexpensive, fun, and it brings lots of smiles.

MORE GOOD NEWS: Very Good News! Wal-Mart on 466 is going to put in a fabric department - probably where they now have a few notions and yarn. This is going to be so appreciated by the many of us who live so far from the Joann's region. Although we all agree that we need a real quilt fabric shop in home territory, the convenience factor of having basic fabric needs for those “pinches” we get in, in another location is great.

CARING MEMBERS: Barb and I continue to grateful for all the prayers and good wishes as our children have been going through more than we ever wanted them to. Her son, and my daughter

are doing well now, and we look forward to that continuing, and for Mackey to be getting the good attention she deserves. Thank you all for caring.

NEXT WEEK: Group Sew-In! We'll be working on the Charity Quilt. The room will be full of strippers. Sorry, had to.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:

5/22 - Charity quilts - bring machine & strips

5/29 - BYO project - possibly doing the pillow cases

6/5 - Day trip - Deland/Orange City

6/5 - Quilt Guild meeting 7:00 Laurel Manor

6/12 - BYO project

6/19 - Flynn Frame demo, Donna Burner