



July Newsletter

Meeting 10 am, July 11, 2009

Bring: Fat quarters, 50/50,

BOM, Secret Pal Gift,

Priced Auction Items

June Winners: FQ-Carole DeGrenier, BOM-Terry Ware

50/50-Donna Nicholson

Free Drapery Fabric – Call Ann Von Allmen—remnants and swatches from making upholstery and drapes being donated.

Ann can bring it to the meeting. 205-594-5690

Quilt Show Planning Update

After visiting with the Birmingham Quilt Guild and their quilt show recently, I was amazed and somewhat awed by the system they employ to quickly hang and take down and return over 400 quilts in just over 1.5 hours.

First and foremost, this experience underscored the need for EVERYONE to participate in the activities during the weekend of our show. I have prepared a preliminary schedule for the show itself and will share that during our July meeting. This covers the Saturday and Sunday show hours only. If you are unable to work the scheduled times, it will be your responsibility to find a substitute for your shift and notify me so the schedule can be edited.

Based on what I saw at Quilt Fest, it will take ALL GUILD MEMBERS and as many other able-bodied volunteers as we can get on Friday for set up (and Sunday for take-down and returns) to get finished within a reasonable timeframe.

I also determined that we'll need some additional "stuff" to accomplish the set-up and take-down. A list will be distributed in July to determine how much of this "stuff" we can borrow from guild members and what we might have to rent. If you own any of these items and will loan them to the guild for those days, please be sign up at the meeting. A short list includes:

- 6-foot ladders (Need 6-10 depending on how many quilts we end up with)
- Sawhorses (need at least six, i.e., 3 sets of 2)
- Hand trucks and rolling carts

After my Kansas visit at the end of June to observe and participate in that show's set-up and take-down, as well as show day operations, we should be able to determine processes that will work for us to be successful in our first endeavor to more publicly promote quilting in our communities. Hope to see everyone at our July meeting to share a full report on these two events and how they may impact ours.

Donna Nicholson