



April 2007

Mark your calendars!

May 5, 2007

Brown Sugar Stitchers will host an extraordinary Quilt Show. The show entitled "The gift of our time" is a display of Brown Sugar Stitcher's talent, skill, creativity, dexterity and love of fabric. The theme the gift of our time was selected because every quilter knows that quilting is a labor of love. Giving a quilt to someone is an expression of love that is manifested in time and patience resulting in a quilt.

Together we can make it happen!!!

By Marva

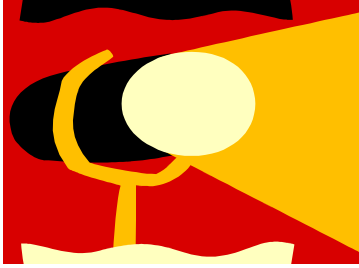
Reminders:

* Bring your quilts for Quilt Show to the April Meeting.

*Remember to bring two (2) fat quarters for our Silent Auction basket to the April meeting.

* Each member is asked to make two quilts plus a Carrie Steele Pitts quilt. The CSP quilt should be in the dimensions of 50" X 60" or 60" X 75" and should be geared toward teens.





Guidelines for Brown Sugar Stitchers Quilt Check-In/Check-Out

April 21, 2007/ May 5, 2007

**The following guidelines /procedures
will be implemented for the quilt
check-in/check-out procedures:**

1. Each quilt must be in a separate pillow case/bag and appropriately labeled with the quilter's name and telephone number (s).
2. Each quilt must have a sewn on label.
3. Each quilt must have a sewn on 4-inch sleeve; absolutely no pins!
4. Each quilt will be assigned a number. That number will be attached to the quilt, the bag and one will be given to the quilter.
5. Please retain the assigned number(s) inasmuch as that number will need to be presented by the quilter in order to receive the quilt at check-out. In the event the quilter no longer has the number, the quilt will not be returned until all quilts have been given to quilters having their numbers. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

6. Check-in for all quilts will begin on April 21, 2007 at our usual meeting time and place.
7. As soon as the quilt show ends we will promptly begin dismantling the frames and quilts removed in order to begin the check-out process. We will return quilts to 5-8 quilters at a time. The rationale is that these few will allow for an orderly transition.
8. We ask for your patience and simultaneously expect full cooperation in order that we may complete this process as orderly and expeditiously as possible.



More volunteers are needed for the children's committee and the demonstration committee.

Quilt of Holes

Submitted by Marva

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls.

Before each of us laid our lives like the squares of a quilt in many piles; an angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life.

But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in every day life. I saw hardships that I endured, which were the largest holes of all.

I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened. My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air.

Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose; each in turn,

holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My angel looked upon me, and nodded for me to rise.

My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life, and laughter. But there had also been Trials of illness, and wealth, and false accusations that took from me my world, as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me.

And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it was. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light.

An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes.



Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, "Every time you

gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles.

Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you."

May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through!

God determines who walks into your life....it's up to you to decide who you let walk away, who you let stay, and who you refuse to let go."

Author Unknown

Quilt Stands

Several member spouses will assist with assembling the quilt stands. Your help is needed to make small sand bags that will be used to stabilize the quilt stands.

A note from the editor:

I have had a private detective spying on BSS members as they prepare for the quilt show... This is what was found.



..Haven't you heard that a messy sewing room is a sign of creativity?



Well I can't wait to see the beautiful quilts that were made in these rooms.

