



Peace by Piece Quilters Newsletter

December/January 2019

Another Successful Year for Peace by Piece Quilters

Thanks to all the dedicated, hard working and talented volunteers. Whether you show up at our bees every month or do volunteer tasks from home, this group could not continue to succeed without all that you do, month after month, year after year.

In 2018 we made and donated 649 quilts.

That brings the total number of quilts donated since the inception of Peace by Piece Quilters in 2004 to an impressive 7,313!

A New Year... A New Start

If you've been a part of Peace by Piece Quilters for awhile you may have noticed how the monthly newsletters have evolved and changed over the years. We are starting 2019 with our monthly newsletter being written using a different tool so you may notice a little different formatting. As I use and learn the features of this tool the newsletter may take on slight changes in the future.

Our website remains in the same format, including it's quirks. The Calendar page has been updated with the 2019 bee dates.

Annual Holiday Party

If you missed the Peace by Piece Quilters Annual Holiday Party you missed a FUN time. Our Party Elves, Cheryl, Donna and Diane, did an outstanding job again this year.

Usually our bees end with a show n' tell of all the quilts we've completed that day. But the party started with a show n' tell of all the quilts that volunteers completed at home during November. There must have been a whole lotta work going on during the month cuz we had 61 quilts for show n' tell!

Then we had a show n' tell of quilts volunteers had made for their own personal use or gift giving. I'm always amazed at the talent within our group.

I must say... it was one of the best potlucks I've attended in a long time. There was plenty of food without being an overwhelming amount. The variety was well balanced. AND everything tasted delicious. Many people went back for seconds.

We played a fun round of the left right game with the story behind the game having been written by one of our own, Cheryl R. It was an adventure story about Peace by Piece Quilters that went on a Cruise Sewing Retreat and we even got a show n' tell of the quilts, and UFO's they made during the cruise.

Our Raffle Queen had a BUNCH of things for us to buy chances for. The selection was awesome, from big stuff to small stuff AND the winning ticket was pulled for the three month raffle of a cute tabletop Ottlight.

Everything went home with a happy winner.

AND... The elves had lots of fat quarter prizes that went home with people AND there was even some handmade lighted tabletop decorations!

AND... There was even a FREE table full of items that needed a new home for the new year.

Bee Report

During the November Bee...

- 196 quilts were completed!!!! That's a record that may stand forever! Of those, 28 were Christmas themed, 67 were everyday quilts and 101 were flannel that were double-sided with no batting, enveloped and minimal quilting.
- 27 tops were sewn together.
- The raffle raised \$70.

During the December Party...

- 61 quilts were completed. The majority of them were Christmas themed.
- The raffle items raised \$144.

What you'll find at the January Bee...

- The kit basket is stocked and ready to start a new year.
- There will be a pile waiting for binding.
- A bunch of refreshed volunteers that have survived another holiday season!
- Remaining in the Peace by Piece closet are 147 tops ready to become hugs in the new year.

Quotes & Tidbits

This is the fifth installment of "The Dedicated Quilter" survey. So far we've learned who the dedicated quilter is, her fabric, thread and batting buying habits.

This month we'll learn her book and magazine buying habits.

- A Dedicated Quilter spent an average of \$136 on books, magazines & DVDs in the past 12 months.
- They read an average of 3.4 magazines regularly.
- They read to learn new tips & techniques (88%), get quilting inspiration (75%), find out about quilting products (63%), look at photos of quilts (62%), and find block patterns (60%).
- 85% of dedicated quilters obtain information and/or inspiration about quiltmaking from magazines.

Act of Kindness

The person who gave something to a homeless man to occupy his mind.



I gave this homeless man, Paul, my Kindle after learning that he'd been reading the same book over and over. He hasn't put it down for days...

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Upcoming Bee

The next *Peace by Piece Quilters* bee is on Thursday, January 3.

We WILL be collecting petbeds for Lost Out Home Shelter, we NO LONGER accept ANY scraps for petbeds.

Please note: We are NOT currently accepting ANY fabric.

There WILL NOT be a free table this month.

Please send homework requests to info@creativequilting.biz.