

CALICO CUT-UPS NEWSLETTER

JULY 1, 2021

WE HAVE A MEETING LOCATION

Your board has been working diligently trying to find a meeting location. In fact, we contacted over 30 locations! Calico has signed a contract, to meet in person, at the **Sun City West Foundation** located at 14465 R H Johnson, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Our Chapter has reserved the Palo Verde room on the second and fourth Mondays. (A schedule of rooms will be distributed at a future time and will be on the web page.) The room opens at 9:30, the meetings start at 10:00. We can sew until 1:30, but we can have the room longer for a small per hour charge. (We even have a small closet!) Hope to see everyone there! Be sure to bring:

- Your sewing project and supplies.
- Bag lunch
- Bag lunch & drinks (no food or drink will be provided)
- Show and Tell
- Any news since we last met.

Just an FYI: On the AQG website we have submitted the change to our meeting location to Sun City West instead of El Mirage.

OUR FIRST MEETING IS ON JULY 12, 2021., IN THE QUAL ROOM. BE THERE OR BE A “QUILT SQUARE”!

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

At the last board meeting, Karen S. volunteered to be our new Membership Chair. If you see her, thank her for supporting Calico Cut-Ups. As we have said before, membership participation is what makes Calico Cut-Ups special. Thank you, Karen S., for taking on this responsibility. The entire chapter is grateful.

CHARITY

Marlene delivered quilts to the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) group. Below is a thank you note from the CASA Supervisor:

The quilts are AMAZING – and so perfect for these youth. Please let [Marlene] and her sewing group know how much we appreciate them. I packaged one immediately into a Hope Bag last week as it truly met the request of the CASA.

Appreciate it,

Stephine Klass

Please continue to work on your quilts and diaper bag blankets. Information for each of these is located on the website on the Charities web page. Sandy H. has volunteered to deliver the quilts to the CASA group.

PROGRAMS

This month we learned about Piecing 101 and Creating Backing the Least Expensive Way. Donna G. and Theresa F. provided a presentation that reminded us of piecing basics and then some suggestions that were new. (Their presentation and the videos we saw are posted on the website.) I learned what is a scant quarter inch seam, only iron from the top, not all quarter inch feet are a true quarter inch, and how to measure and mark a quarter inch seam on our machines. Want to save money? We learned how to purchase the least amount of fabric when creating our quilt backs from crib to king size. There was even information on buying yardage of pre-made labels with room for additional information. Check it out, you might learn something, also.

Calico has traditionally not had programs in July and August. We will start our programs in September.

WEBSITE

Have you visited the website lately (calicocut-ups.org)? Any Chapter information you may need is all available at your fingertips. There are helpful videos and presentations on the Program Page There is a page of free patterns and a summary of special meetings on our Events page. This month you will find a map to our new meeting location. If you have any additions or corrections, contact Fred W.

REMINDERS

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Calico Renewal was due July 1, but of course you still can join. You can pay on the website, or mail your dues to Pat W. If any of your contact information has changed since last year, please download the membership form and mail it with your payment.

STAY AND SEW RETREAT

It sounds early, but we need a volunteer to set up the Stay and Sew Retreat in September. Our plans last year were to have it at the Holiday Inn Express in Surprise. They want our business and have some great LOW rates. Another advantage – we did not have to promise to rent a minimum number of rooms. With the ideas that you have, I know it would be a great retreat. Let Sandy or Fred W. know if you think this is a fit for you.

CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE

We are looking for a person to organize our annual Christmas Party. Several people have said they would help, and there is a budget, but no one has said they want to head up the committee. If you start working now, it should be a piece of "Candy-Cane" by Christmas. Contact Sandy or Fred if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party is a go! Mark your calendar for December 13, 2021. More details to follow.

ACQUILT–GO AVAILABLE

Sandy H. has the Accuquilt available for anyone to use. She can provide you an inventory of the numerous dies that are available. It really can reduce the work on your next project. Or better yet, use the AccuQuilt to standardize the size of your pieces in Mount Scrapmore. Please contact Sandy H. if you have an interest.

**AGAIN, SEE YOU AT THE PALO VERDE, SUN CITY WEST FOUNDATION QUAIL
ROOM ON JULY 12, 2021.**