

## COMMUNITY QUILTS & THE NEW PROGRAM

We are changing the Community Quilts Reimbursement program to a Batting Allowance program. This reimbursement program was started for various reasons, one of which was to help members with the cost of batting since this was a significant cost for a charity quilt. So, we wanted to change the program to offset the cost of batting. The Batting Allowance program will focus more on charity and the giving nature of our members. Also, the grant we receive from the Siletz Tribe has become more specific this year with most of the funds going directly for supplies such as fabric, batting, mats, cutters/blades, and tying supplies. If we were to stick with the reimbursements, we would need detailed receipts from members donating the quilts. We really hope we can count on your continued support throughout 2008. We have touched so many lives this year – we couldn't have done it without all the generous hearts within our guild.

**Here's the scoop:**

**Turn in a FINISHED QUILT– ready to donate (w/ OCQG label)  
You'll receive a Batting Allowance of \$15.00  
ALL QUILTS, ALL SIZES = \$15.00**

This should cover the regular price of batting for small to medium sized quilts and for larger quilts when the batting is on sale. **NO RECEIPTS REQUIRED!!**

We understand that many of you will only want to make small quilts due to the lower reimbursement amounts but we are hoping that this will not deter everyone. Remember, **quilt tops are always a welcome option**, we will gladly tie them at one of our tying functions.

In addition, we will have fabric available at the quilting groups throughout the county: Bayshore-Walport, Knotty Ladies-Newport, and the ladies in Lincoln City will be given fabric to use whenever the urge strikes to make a charity quilt. We'll be bundling fabrics which will be available at the meetings.

**If you use our fabric**, you can still be reimbursed as long as a completed quilt is turned in and ready to donate.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!** ...sew a guild label on your quilts, we had close to 50 quilts turned in last year without labels. We will have labels at all the meetings. Also, we **NEED** your names pinned onto the quilts, so we know who donated, etc.

**Batting WILL be available for charity quilts but if OUR batting is used, we cannot reimburse you for the quilt (batting allowance).**

We are trying to make it easier by getting the supplies (fabrics, batting, backings, etc) to the members so the only thing needed is **your charitable donation of time**.

We can always use more help with the quilt-making process. You can cut kits, piece a quilt top (to be tied), help with tying or help with binding after the quilts are tied. Our goal is to have each member turn in a quilt **or** help with one this year, what a year that would be. Let's put the **charity** back in our Charitable Community Quilts!!

Thank you again to all our members who made 2007 such a great year with 202 quilts donated to our various agencies:

- Indian Child Welfare (ICW) (tribal foster children, etc)
- Siletz Elder's transport bus
- Siletz Day Care
- Siletz Transitional Living Center
- Newport Transitional Living Center
- Samaritan House
- My Sister's Place
- DHS-Lincoln County Foster Children
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Habitat for Humanity
- Lincoln County Health Nurse
- Lincoln County School Advocate (homeless kids)
- Red Cross –fire victims
- Birthright
- Newport Rehab Nursing home
- Lincoln City Rehab Nursing home
- Sea Aire-Yachats
- Yaquina View Special Ed Class
- Disabled American Veterans van –medical transport
- Lincoln City Dialysis Center
- Lincoln County Hospice patients
- Guild members in crisis

We are always adding to our list of agencies/people in need, so if you have any ideas or know of a need, let us know. Please note our list of 20 or so agencies - this is where all our quilts have gone, and the need continues. (if you divide 200 quilts by the places needing our quilts, that's like 10 or less quilts per agency)

#### **TOP QUILT PRODUCERS FOR COMMUNITY QUILTS 2007**

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| # 1 Paulette Stenberg (31 quilts) | 100%(free) Quilting Gift Certificate    |
| # 2 Twy Hoch (18 quilts)          | 50%(1/2 off) Quilting Gift Certificate  |
| # 3 Florence Roberts (15 quilts)  | 25% (1/4 off) Quilting Gift Certificate |

We'd also like to acknowledge the 3-way tie for 4<sup>th</sup> place: Laura Martin, Barb Martin and Wilma Roles.(9 quilts each) **Thank you all so much!**

I also want to thank Jennifer Reinhart for her gifts donated to the top 3 producers of 2007, which included quilting gift certificates and tote bags, thanks to Holly at Quilter's Cove and Monica at C&M Quilter's Cottage for their donations of prizes and fabric to Community Quilts – we THANK YOU for all your support!

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call Gretchen @ 867-7677.

Thanks So Much, Gretchen Jolie & Pam Werth – The Community Quilts committee.