



Prayers & Squares International



The Prayer Quilt Ministry – June, 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

Happy Summer Days!

With all of the school chaos over, I have found my way back to my sewing machine. Hooray!

So what is new with Prayers & Squares?

We are looking at sites for our International Conference next year. Already! If you are in the middle United States and have a church that can support a conference of about 300-350 quilters with 5 to 6 rooms for workshops, drop us a note and we'll give you more details!

Guess what else?!! We have been approached to write a book that features lap-sized quilt patterns written by Prayers & Squares members. It is so exciting! We are putting out a broadcast e-mail calling for truly **Original** patterns in the next week with all of the details. E-mail me if you now if you want to hear sooner. We are looking for certain types but are open to all. The deadline for submission of the patterns will be **June 24, 2007** so we have time to test the patterns and get the quilts to the photographer and into the book! Be sure to call that special person in your chapter that writes patterns just for you and let them know about this.

Have a safe and happy summer!

– Kathy Cueva, President
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ASTRID'S CORNER:

Hi Busy Quilters,

Summer is fast approaching. The first few years in this ministry my quilters were able to take the summer off. This summer we will need to meet as our stock has dwindled and our requests have increased. To help us get some quilts in stock, we took advantage of the Fast Block pattern from Susan Head. Sorting through our closet, we assembled colors and cut the fabrics needed for this pattern. Now we have a tub full of kits ready for sewing this summer. Thanks Susan for the trunk show at the conference to show us an easy quilt and how beautiful all the color combinations can be.

I hope you have tried the string quilt ideas to get rid of those odds and ends. One of our quilters has put together at least ten quilts and still stringing! Another made sixteen squares in blue tones but never put them into a quilt. She was afraid to take the paper off and sew them together so she gave them to me. I am so glad I did not have time to put them together before our conference. Roz Nelson from St. Mark's Chapter 213 met me at the door and shared her ideal for a string quilt, "Diagonal Diamonds". You only need four string squares sewn on the diagonal and two coordinating solids. It is very bold, generic and goes together quickly. I was able to put together four quilts from Mary's blue squares. I used four different background colors and navy for the sashing. They're Grrreat! She included two variations that I am sure will also look great. Check Astrid's Corner for members for this pattern. Thanks for sharing, Roz.



I welcome all your ideas. When you e-mail me, please include your chapter number, chapter leader and location.

This week was very emotional in our house. We found ourselves in prayer continuously for a friend who is going through her third bout with cancer. She had surgery on Wednesday. Her husband shared that her prayer quilt was across her bed when she came out of recovery and it meant as much to him as it did to her. He said all the nurses tied prayers in her quilt. I spent my day Wednesday in my “sanctuary” making quilts and praying. Somehow it brought me peace to feel the comfort and hope our quilts bring.

May you, too, find serenity as you quilt in God’s world,

– Astrid



Roz Nelson's "Diagonal Diamonds"

