



Prayers & Squares International



The Prayer Quilt Ministry – November, 2007

President's Message:

We are back from the International Quilt Show in Houston and we had a FABULOUS time! My friend Linda Allen (one of the quilters in our book, [The Giving Quilt](#)) and I went to help our publisher, Cozy Designs, ([cozyquilt.com](#)) release the book to the industry side of quilting. We spoke to so many people I'm about to burst with news! Our goal was to get the book to as many shop owners and distributors as possible and it was very well received. To purchase copies of the book on this website, go to the home page and click on [The Giving Quilt](#) picture.

So this is what quilting looks like for the next year. There are a lot of "retro" lines of fabric that recall another time. They are not so much "repro" in design as a different look in colors. If you want a good idea, look at [fatquartershop.com](#). Kimberly Jolly has a great overview. We talked to (and hugged) Mark Lipinski, that wild and crazy guy who started Quilter's Home magazine. The subscription starts now so don't miss it! He has an absolutely gorgeous line of fabric coming out called Katmandu which will be very fun to embellish.

We talked to our friend Tricia Cribbs, the creator of the Turning Twenty patterns. There is not a sweeter person on this earth. And guess what?! [She will be with us at conference](#) in April! She has lots of new patterns to look at on her website at [FriendFolks.com](#).

There is a wonderful new line of fabric coming out from Wing and a Prayer Designs. Jenny Foltz has teamed up with Timeless Treasures fabrics to develop a panel with 4 beautifully written scriptures on it. They include the Lord's Prayer, Love is... from Corinthians, There is a time for everything... from

Ecclesiastes, and Psalm 23. The picture below is the cross they did out of their mosaic fabric. I gave them a book and told them we are really with them in this! Check them out at [jennyfoltz.com](#).



So much to tell you!! We went to a class with Sandy Bonsib and her new book, [Sweet Treats](#). Just imagine 10 quilts with 10 delicious dessert recipes to go with them. All made from 2 easy blocks! Yum! We talked to the June Tailor peoples about new rulers. They have a new "shape cut" for diamonds! They also have a new fan/Dresden ruler that allows for a lot more pieces cut at once. Anything to make us go faster! We also checked in with our friend Susan Ziegler at Loralie Designs for all the ideas. Two beautiful booths of fun new characters. Look below at "Buttonella" for a laugh!



Whew! I'm almost done! Something to look forward to in January is The Quilter's Catalog. Meg Cox, a former reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*, wrote this 600 page "bible" about the world of quilting. She interviewed us too! We also met with the gals from Bella Nonna Designs and bought their fun new template called "Boondoggles". You basically build a four or nine patch, lay down the diamond shaped ruler and get a whole new look. Very easy! They also have foil for fabric kits that are easy to work with and washable. We had lots of ideas when we left there. Bellanonnaquilt.com.



One of the most informative classes we went to

was with Pat Forke from Quakertown quilts. She gave us a great idea for our beginner classes. How about laying out the project you are teaching in steps with signs above them as part of your demo so that the beginners can refer to them repeatedly and not have to ask so many questions? I love it and I'm doing it!

QuakertownQuilts.com.



Conference News: I had hoped to have the final word but am still waiting. **Pencil in** April 4-6, 2008 on your calendar for our International Prayers & Squares Conference in Texas. I will update you on the Message Board as soon as we figure it out. Nikki Mundt, from Crossroads Bible Church in Lewisville, TX is our newest Board of Directors Member-at-Large and she will be helping us as well as writing for the newsletter as things progress! While we were in Houston, we also met with Pin Peddlers on our new P&S pin with our logo that we will have at the conference. We will finalize it when they come back from the show.

Astrid's Corner:

Hi Busy Quilters,

This has been a devastating time in Southern California. I pray that God's love and strength will be with those who lost their homes as they begin to rebuild. I thank God for the work of all the fire fighters and pray for their safety as they continue to fight the blaze; they saved many lives and homes. Watching and reading the news each day and knowing the destruction that was taking place was heart wrenching.

It was good to hear from family and friends from far and wide. Thank you for your prayers. God Bless all the volunteers and medical personnel during this crisis.

"Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much." Helen Keller

When I first started Astrid's Corner, my goal was to help new chapters get started with ideas and patterns that I used with my new quilters. I have enjoyed offering tips and patterns for the last few years and hope that you found something helpful. Now I feel that it is time to get some new and fresh ideas from others. And I need some time to attend to other matters; my garden needs weeding, my house needs cleaning! I need to spend more time with my family and take care of other obligations. I am still a prayer quilter and will be as long as the mind can think, the fingers can move and the eyes can see! Thanks to all who shared ideas and tips.

This will be my last newsletter and I hope you enjoy the last 2 years of ideas we have posted. May God Bless each of you as you quilt in His world.

Peace be with you,
Astrid

