

# What's New!

for the week of July 19th 2010

**This Week:** July 23rd - Running Y Quilters meet.

**Camp Evergreen:** The quilts for these campers should be width-of-fabric wide by 2 yards long. The children range in age from 8 to 18 and have lost a loved one recently. I have room to take one more person to distribute blankets. If you are interested in going, please let me know.

**Why we do what we do:** Sunny Dehlinger set up our booth at Rocky Point on Saturday and had a boy come to the booth and thank her for the blanket he received at Sky Lakes Medical Center when he had an emergency appendectomy.

Then I came home to find the following email from another Blanketeer, Susan Kramer: I was at the Reames pool this week and had a very nice chat with one of the teen lifeguards there. She noticed my quilted tote bag and asked me if I "belong" to Project Linus. When I said I did she told me about receiving a PL quilt earlier this year when she was in Sky Lakes with severe pancreatitis. She said it was "the coolest" and that it meant more to her than all the other things friends and family had done to cheer her up. I am sure you hear these kinds of stories often, but it never hurts to hear it again, and it was a real treat for me. Made me want to finish my quilt from Make A Blanket day so much that I finally took some time to start setting up my new sewing room last night!

**Nine-Patch Project:** Do you have 48 blocks completed and working on number 49? Please let me know as you complete them so I can have your prizes assembled. There will be special prizes for those who have 92 blocks completed on August 31, 2010.

**Elm Creek Quilters:** Have you started your blocks for the Elm Creek Quilters? Here is more information for you: <http://elmcreek.net/index.php/main/news/sarahs-twins-cast-your-vote/> I encourage you to make additional blocks for our chapter and we will have a get-together to assemble them.

**Make a Difference Day:** October 24th is the date and Klamath Community College is the place. Please remember you must pre-register in order to receive a kit. We had several people attend Make a Blanket Day that did not pre-**register and thus we didn't have enough kits. As of today we have** seven people signed up to attend.

**Tip of the Week:** There are so many battings available today! There really is no right or wrong batting you can use IF you follow these guidelines:

It should be consistent in thickness. Batting that has thin spots and thick spots isn't worth your time or effort no matter how cheap it is.

Read the label for the maximum space that can be left in between the quilting lines. Quilting lines further apart than recommended leads to the batting tearing and lumping together like in a cheap comforter.

Select the lowest loft you can when hand quilting a natural fiber batting for ease of stitching. Cotton battings are a great choice for machine quilting as cotton will "stick" to cotton fabrics and prevent puckering.

Check to see if you need to pre-wash the batting before quilting. Some battings shrink and give you an antique look that you may not want.