

“The Blanket Review”

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Newsletter

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Appreciation Tea and Make A Blanket Day.....

This year I'd like to have our Appreciation Tea and Make A Blanket Day, which is February 17th, on the same day.

DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2007

TIME: 2:00P.M.-4:00P.M.

PLACE: Jenny's house

304 Maria Drive,

Petaluma

R.S.V.P. 778-6875 or email

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By February 9th

Please bring anything that you're working on for Project Linus and you can work on it here. I will have fleece here for anyone to take and yarn also...when you r.s.v.p. that you're coming- if you could let me know if you're interested in either- that would be great.



For those of you who don't know about M.A.B.D., it's always held on the 3rd Saturday in February. It's a nationwide event and is done jointly with Janome Sewing Machine. Every sewing machine shop, quilt shop, etc. that participates in this along with Janome and Project Linus gives away a Janome Computer sewing machine!!! Yes, that's what I said; EVERY SHOP WILL BE GIVING AWAY A SEWING MACHINE. That makes your odds very good. All you have to do is take a blanket that you've made into a participating shop, anytime before Feb. 17 and you will receive a entry ticket into the contest. On the 17th (sometimes it's the next day or two) they will pick the winning entry. It's that easy. I will check on what shops are participating and if you are interested, let me know and I can tell you for sure who's doing it.

I would like to have one of my wonderful volunteers (or a couple of them) volunteer to show a new technique, a special pattern, an easy pattern, etc. to the ladies at the tea. Nothing fancy, just an informal little class- something fun to do. Maybe I can find a recipient of blankets to talk to us. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested- please let me know. And don't be bashful- we're all just friends here- so please share your expertise with all.....

HOT OFF THE PRESS:

Hats off to Jean Tobin who has made over 100 blankets(101 to be exact). Way to go Jean!!!!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE AND
MY VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST THERE ARE !!!!!!!!**



Project Linus was on national news last night, Friday January 19. Nightly news with Brian Williams on NBC at 5:30! Just a 3 minute segment, but what better coverage is there than that?? Here is a website that you can go to and watch it, if you have a computer. <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16711082/> or I have it taped and you can watch it when you're here for the tea. There are also some chapters that had local coverage and if I can figure out how- we can watch those too!!

Quiltmaker magazine has come up with a quilt pattern for the 2007 M.A.B.D. . You can either see it in the magazine or here is the website to see it; www.quiltmaker.com/patterns/patt267. Maybe someone can start it and bring it to the tea to show us!!

Important Reminders.....

I just want you to know- that sometimes you might not get your thank you right away. I have two really great volunteers who either pick them up at Joann's or have blankets dropped off at her house. Then they are washed, labeled and come to me for distribution. So you can see that sometimes there's a bit of time before I can get the thank you's out. I hope you understand....

Please, please be sure and put your name and address on any blankets that you take to a drop off site. I can't tell you how sad it makes me when I pick up beautiful blankets, only to see there's no name on them and I really want to thank you.....

Please weave in your ends securely. Short yarn ends (1-2 inches) tend to pop back out. Weaving in 3-5 inches of yarn is more secure and saves me a lot of time...

Here's a thank you that was received from headquarters to share with you.

Hello,

I just wanted to thank you for all that you do. My daughter Samantha was diagnosed with a Wilm's tumor on her right kidney and has started and finished her radiation treatment in the last month and is undergoing chemotherapy for the next six months. When she was first diagnosed, just a little over a month ago, you can only imagine the shock of it all. A few days after her surgery to remove the tumor and her right kidney, one of your volunteers came by, with a big, monstrous bag of blankets and told Samantha to pick one. Thank you so much for all you do, it brought tears to my eyes that there was so many people out there making these beautiful quilts for people like my daughter. She loves her blanket, and whenever she is ill, she lays on the couch with it and plays with toys, draws, and even when she goes to eat at the table, she takes the blanket with her. I will always cherish this blanket, it's just so touching that there are organizations like yours out there that make something that is so hard to deal with and so terrifying just by providing something as a simple blanket, to reassure us that there are good people out there who really do care.

Tanya

Mother of Samantha

Born 7/17/02

Diagnosed 9/17/06

Wilm's tumor

I apologize for the "short" newsletter. I don't really have a good reason other than I wanted to get the invitation out to you and get started planning the event. I also couldn't think of anything else to write. Guess I'm a little brain dead after the holidays!! We also just got back from a week in Washington visiting grandkids(4 under 7 yrs. old including a 2 week old baby) -**exhausting!!!**

Well, on that note- I will sign off for now. Hope to see you at **your Appreciation Tea** .



FYI



Wish List

If you don't sew, knit or crochet, you can still help. We are always in need of cash donations, gift certificates for fabric, yarn or quilt shops, postage stamps, paper, ink cartridges for printer and laundry soap. I know that sounds strange—but I go through a lot of laundry soap washing all the blankets.

Blanket sizes:

- Baby- 25"x30"
 - Toddler- 35"x40"
 - Child- 40"x60"
 - Youth- 45"x65"
 - Teen- 50"x72"
- These are approximate sizes and you certainly don't have to stick to them exactly— just try not to make them too small or oddly shaped...

Drop-off sites

Please put your name on your blankets!!

- Joann's Fabrics on Industrial Ave. in Santa Rosa
- Ilse's Gudehus— 539 Blackstone Ct., S.R. 539-9340 call first
- Susan Guggiana— 2490 Shady Creek Ct., S.R. 538-5686 call first
- Brenda Marshall-27 Warrick Ct., Petaluma
- Judy Mesa-223 Carina Dr. S.R. 544-8878
- Northgate Sewing & Vacuum-274 Northgate One, San Rafael 415-472-1281 Anne Cupich
- Sandy Erich-7185 Circle Dr., R.P. 792-1327

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Chapter Report— As of December 31, I've collected 3,195 blankets and donated 2,924.....

National Report— As of Sept. 30, 1,806,791 blankets have been delivered and there are now 397 chapters of Project Linus.

OUR MISSION

Project Linus is a 100% volunteer non-profit organization with a two fold mission.

- ♥ First, it is our mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers".
- ♥ Second, it is our mission to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children.