

Project ♥ Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Williamson, Travis, & Hays Counties of Texas

We provide children with blankets full of hugs.

Project Linus Blanketeer Newsletter June 2010 Volume 2, Issue 6

Please R.S.V.P. if you are planning on attending June's meeting and specify whether you're coming to the North (Cedar Park) (to **Helen Bokman**, hbokman@sbcglobal.net) or South (Manchaca) meeting (to **Jean Bishop** @ bishopTX@earthlink.net). Please note—the South meeting has recently relocated.

Next Meeting Date:

June 19, 2010: 10:00 am~3:00 pm

North Meeting Location:

203 Industrial Blvd.
Cedar Park, TX 78613

South Meeting

New permanent location
Manchaca Baptist Church
215 FM 1626
Manchaca TX 78652



Join us and make a difference
in the life of a child...

A message from Project Linus Coordinator, Anita Howe

STORAGE NEEDED: We are in real need of storage space in South Austin. We store the blankets we receive from individual blanketeers until we can sort, label, and bag them. Then we store them until we deliver them to children or agencies which distribute them to children. Although we have great storage space in Cedar Park donated by Hill Country Climatized Storage, we have nothing in South Austin supporting our South group. Please help—my home is overrun with blankets!

Summer is here! While there are all those wonderful extra daylight hours you and the kiddos will spend enjoying activities outdoors, there are times when you need inside relief from the hot weather. How about making a blanket? We can help you with patterns for fleece blankets or you can come to one of our meetings and learn to quilt, knit, or crochet. Lessons are free! Please call me at 512-963-3015 for more information.

Mary Scott passed away on May 15, 2010. Mary was a Project Linus blanketeer when she lived in Abilene and continued to help children when she moved to Austin, in 2006. She made many wonderful crocheted twin-sized blankets, and we will miss her dedicated service. Our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Children taken into foster care, sick children, children who have a parent coping with serious illness—all these and more benefit from our efforts. While we all enjoy the camaraderie of our work, at its base is very serious work: comforting traumatized children. We appreciate your help in whatever fashion you can give it.

We will be demonstrating the Ultimate Sweater Machine at our North meeting on June 19. Don't let the name fool you—this is a knitting machine that makes wonderful knitted blankets. In July we will be making the same demonstration at the South meeting location. So if you've never seen a knitting machine in action, come and take a look. Jan Everett and I have both taught ourselves to use them, and if we can, you can!

Finally, if you're in the market for some weekend entertainment, there's The Neighborhood Arts & Crafts show on June 5th at the Fern Bluff Community Center in Round Rock. Project Linus will have a

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booth there selling handmade items to support our 'blankie distribution efforts.' We've attached a flyer with more details to this newsletter.

Ideas



Diagonal Stripe Lapghan

<http://www.lionbrand.com/patterns/90548AD.html>

Deco-Ribbon Crocheted Baby
Blanket wr 016
Finished measurements approx.: 32" x
35"

http://www.straw.com/cpy/patterns/deco-ribbon_babyblanket-crochet.html



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For quilters—a visually-interesting quilt block that lends itself well to strip-piecing techniques and will assemble a child’s quilt relatively quickly. As always—the fabric choices are the fun part and then consider what you might get if you alternate lights and darks in adjacent blocks? Find more instructions at <http://www.quilterscache.com/InterlockedSquaresBlock.html>

Reminders for Blanketeers

- Please include your name, address or email with your blanket(s), so we will know whom to thank.
- Please wash your blanket (if possible) before turning it in.
- Be especially careful about checking for pins if you use them in the construction of your blankets.
- Please make sure when knitting or crocheting to securely tie off yarn ends and weave them into the blanket.
- No embellishments such as buttons, glitter or anything that will come off because small children put things in their mouth.
- A suggested label format to include with each blanket donated:
- <Your Name>. <Street Number / Street Name>, <City, State, Zip>, <Email Address> We always need flannel, hand-crafted (not “bought”) receiving blankets. These go to Dell Children’s hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The flannel should be pre-washed (preshrunk) and the size is 34” × 36”.

Project Linus Contacts

Position/Committee

- Project Linus Coordinator, Williamson / Travis/Hays Counties
- Assistant Coordinator-South
- Assistant Coordinator-North
- Chapter Communications
- Community Outreach Representative, Williamson / Travis / Hays Counties
- Special Events Coordinators

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Blanket Drop-Off Locations

We appreciate the generous assistance of the following businesses. They accept blankets from those who want to make blankets but don’t attend to our monthly get-togethers. Taking in blankets interrupts their business day, and takes up space until we get there to collect them. We hope you’ll think of them when you’re shopping.

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Austin Sew & Vac

Mike and Robyn Smith
1401 S. I-35, Ste #170
Round Rock, TX 78664
(512) 310-7349

Austin Sew & Vac South

8213 Brodie Lane
Austin, TX 78745
(512) 899-8176

B & B Quilting and Gifts

Nancy Brinkley & Lori Beckers
107 S. Austin Steet
Buda, TX 78610
www.bbquilting.com
(512) 312-2299

Glassica, Inc.

Heide Fowler
820 South Austin Ave.
Georgetown, Texas 78628
(512) 778-9398
www.DisplayYourArt.com

Learning Express Toys

Joe and Mary Theriot
Gateway Market
9607 Research Blvd, Ste 110
Austin, TX 78759
(512) 795-9770

Poppy Quilt 'N Sew

Anita Brockell
4106 Williams Drive (RM 2338)
Georgetown, TX 78628
(512) 863-6108
www.poppyquiltnsew.com

The Knitting Nest

Stacy Klaus
160 W. Slaughter Lane, Ste 200
Austin, TX 78748
(512) 294-8866
www.theknittingnestaustin.com

Raney House Quilts

Madilyn Dunlap
3253 Williamson Rd. (Co. Rd. 177)
Lockhart, TX 78644-2287
(512) 376-5990
www.raneyhousequilts.com

Project Linus respects your privacy We don't share your email address or contact information with anyone outside our organization. To remove your name from our mailing list, contact jan_texas@yahoo.com

If you have questions or comments, Anita Howe at ahowe@sellsaustinhomes.com is our chapter coordinator.

To visit the Williamson/Travis/Hays County Project Linus website online, go to www.orgsites.com/tx/austinlineus/. The national Project Linus organization's website is located at www.projectlinus.org/

Quilters—

Please save barcodes from all Hobbs batting that you purchase and give them to your meeting coordinator or contact us and we'll give you a mailing address. We can redeem them for discounts on batting for Project Linus blankets.



Neighborhood Arts & Craft Show

Fern Bluff Community Center
7320 Wyoming Springs Dr.



Saturday

June 5
10 am ~ 3 pm

**Jewelry • Baked Goods • One-of-Kind Gift & Novelty Items • Creative Cards
T-Shirts • Home Décor • Family Activities • Baby Gifts • Hand Sewn Items
Pottery • Glass • Pet Items • Wooden Furniture • & Other Specialty Items**

For booth rental contact Cyndy Flores at cyndy_flores@sbcglobal.net or call 512.497.0573