

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Williamson, Travis, & Hays Counties of Texas

We provide children with blankets full of hugs.

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Next Meeting

April 16, 2011: 10:00 am-3:00 pm

**North Group is
not meeting for April!**

South Meeting Location:
Manchaca Baptist Church
215 FM 1626
Manchaca TX 78652



News

We're late this month getting our newsletter out, so we'll keep it short!

On Monday, April 4, our chapter donated 100 blankets to Soldiers' Angels in San Antonio. These blankets join other chapters' donations and have been sent to American soldiers families who are being evacuated from Japan. Many families were in temporary quarters awaiting relocation to the US due to radiation concerns as well as other supply issues, and we felt compelled to help.

As a fundraiser for our bagging supplies, etc., Anita Howe has chosen a popular restaurant gift card. For \$10 the buyer gets \$25 dollars' worth of food at a lengthy list of Austin eateries. Participating restaurants can be checked out by visiting www.restaurant.com/available.asp on the internet. If you would like to purchase a card, simple mail a check to Anita Howe, 11000 Pairnoy Lane, Austin, TX 78739. She will then mail you a restaurant card. When you receive your card there will be a code on it so you can go online at <http://fundraising.restaurant.com> and redeem each \$10 card for \$25 worth of certificates that are available from over 14,000 restaurants nationwide. Think outside the box—what a wonderful gift this could be! You spend \$10 and the recipient has a \$25 gift! Project Linus will award a \$25 gas card to the member who sells the most cards.



Please remember the ongoing request from Dell Children's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for ~30 handmade flannel receiving blankets (~36"×36") per month. Please keep them coming! (And, *Thanks!*)

The usual requests: If you make blankets for us, please...

- Include your name, address or email with your blanket(s), so we will know whom to thank.
- Wash your blanket (if possible) before turning it in.
- If you've made a fleece blanket, please be sure the selvages are trimmed off.
- Please do not make your blankets out of tapestry, burlap, upholstery fabric, 70's-type double-knits, felt, vinyl, wool, or wool yarn. Please do not use fabric that has been stored in a damp area or has a musty smell. Mold spores can cause an allergic reaction in a child and are very difficult to remove from the fabric. We regret that blankets smelling of smoke or having pet hair on them cannot be accepted.
- Be especially careful about checking for pins if you use them in the construction of your blankets.
- 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 mouths.
- A suggested label format to include with each blanket donated:
<Your Name>. <Street Number / Street Name>, <City, State, Zip>, <Email Address>

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Places to leave blankets..

Thanks to these businesses which support our efforts by collecting blankets from blanketeters who don't attend meetings. And thanks for using them. Any way we can get more blankets is terrific!

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.poppyquiltnew.com

The Knitting Nest

Stacy Klaus
Recent address change—
8708 Congress Avenue, Ste. 570
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

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Food for Thought

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give. ~Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so! ~Mark Twain

Project Linus Contacts...

Position/Committee

- Project Linus Coordinator, Williamson / Travis/Hays Counties
- Assistant Coordinator-South
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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/austinlinus/. 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.



Our local website has 'archive' copies of our newsletters. In each one there are knitting, crochet, and quilting ideas for blankets. As we're keepin' it short this month, we will forego them. But there'll be more next month!