



# Blanketing Central Texas

The Mission of The Linus Connection is to provide a handmade Security blanket to every child who is in crisis or at-risk situation in Central Texas

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## **OCTOBER BIG CELEBRATION MONTH**

**Come one come all. Our October meeting is going to be full of lots of goodies and fun stuff.**

As usual we will be celebrating our anniversary at the October meeting with lots of fun, friendship and food!

We will again invite representatives from all of the donation facilities who will share some stories about the children with us.

During meeting we will have the voting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Blanket Challenge (detailed below).

This is also the completion of the raffle. We will be asking one of the facility representatives to draw the winning ticket for the beautiful quilt. Plan to come and see if you are the winner!

## **THE LINUS CONNECTION 2007 RAFFLE**

This year our major fundraising event will be a raffle. We have a gorgeous Queen Size Thimbleberries Quilt as the raffle prize. This quilt was pieced and donated to us by Annette Copeland of Austin. It was made using the Thimbleberries Block of the Month series called "Vintage Stitches". It was then quilted by Shirley Wolfe.

Raffle tickets are 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. We are asking for all of our blanket makers to sell one

set of 24 tickets or \$20 worth if possible. The proceeds from this raffle will be our major source of funds for fabric, yarn and batting for the next twelve months.

Raffle Tickets will be available at the August and September meetings. If you are unable to make it to either meeting to pick up tickets please contact Stephanie at 266-9305 or Stephanie@linusconnection.org.

## **THIRD ANNUAL BLANKET CHALLENGE**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual blanket challenge has begun, but it's not too late to join in the fun! As in the past there are separate challenges for yarn & fabric.

The knitted/crocheted packets contain a skein of lime green yarn. The fabric packets contain one fat quarter of a very colorful fabric.

Each packet contains a number which must be attached to the blanket when turned in as well as the challenge rules. The deadline for completing the blankets is 9:30am on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

The blankets will be put on display at the October meeting and everyone gets to vote on one fabric quilt and one yarn blanket as their favorites. The winner of the fabric vote will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Honey Bee Quilt Store and the yarn winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Blue Bonnet Yarn Shoppe.

Challenge packets - both yarn and fabric - can be picked up from the Honey Bee Quilt Store, at the monthly meetings or can be mailed to you by contacting Stephanie at 266-9305 or Stephanie@linusconnection.org.

## ANNUAL BLANKET COUNTS

| <u>FACILITY</u>                 | <u>COUNT</u>  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Foster Care/Protective Services | 591           |
| Grief Support                   | 105           |
| Medical/Hospital                | 1,063         |
| Shelters                        | 543           |
| Victims Assistance              | <u>55</u>     |
| <b>Distributed This Year</b>    | <b>2,357</b>  |
| <b>Distributed To Date</b>      | <b>23,384</b> |

## LINUS DONATIONS

There were 2 corporate donations during the last quarter. Lone Star Roofing donated \$100. They will donate \$100 for anyone that mentions Linus Connection when having work done. Hail damage anyone??

The Sunrise Rotary Club donated \$500 towards the purchase of our new quilt machine.

## MONTHLY DEMONSTRATIONS

We will continue with our **Monthly Show & Tell** at 10 am. After Show and Tell we will have a demonstration of a favorite pattern or a quilting technique. Patterns will be provided after the demonstration. Anyone wishing to demonstrate a favorite pattern or technique please contact Ellen Dutkiewicz at 869-7616 or [redutkie@texas.net](mailto:redutkie@texas.net).

**August...** Nancie Voegele - Crumb Blocks  
This is a scrappy quilt

**September...** Kathleen Curtis - Curves  
How to sew curves with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot.

## NEW LINUS PURCHASE

Linus recently purchased a long arm quilting machine from the Honey Bee Quilt Store. Honey Bee purchased a new one and Linus was offered the opportunity to purchase the used one. Marge Lentricchia was kind enough to re-arrange her home and take the long arm. The older machine we had (nicknamed 'Agatha') is now in her new home in Georgetown with the Berry Creek Linus Circle.

## UPCOMING BLANKET MEETINGS

All Monthly meetings will continue to be at St. Phillips Church in Round Rock from 9 - 11 a.m. on

the third Saturday of each month. The next three dates are:

- \* August 18<sup>th</sup>
- \* September 15<sup>th</sup>
- \* October 20<sup>th</sup>

If you would like to attend, but do not have transportation, please contact us and we will do our best to arrange a ride for you.

## HONEY BEE WORKDAY

Honey Bee Quilt Store will be hosting their next Linus work day on Sept. 8, 2007 starting at 9:00 a.m. For more information please call the store (512) 257-1269 or visit their website: [www.honeyeequiltstore.com](http://www.honeyeequiltstore.com).

## BLANKET DROP OFF LOCATIONS

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Round Rock - Margarita            | <b>255-9241</b> |
| Cedar Park - Dee                  | <b>331-5847</b> |
| G'town - Wesleyan Retirement Home | <b>863-2892</b> |

You can also drop off your blankets at the follow businesses:

Honey Bee Quilt Store - 9308 Anderson Mill Rd. Ste. 300 - Austin (located in shopping center at corner of Pond Springs and Anderson Mill by the Family Dollar Store).

Bluebonnet Yarn Shoppe - 2800 Whitestone Blvd., Ste. 127 (located in shopping center at the corner of Parmer and Whitestone Blvd/1431, Cedar Park.)

## STORAGE UNIT SPONSOR

A great way to help The Linus Connection is to be a Storage Unit Sponsor. If you know of a family, business or group who would like to sponsor the storage unit where we keep our supplies for one month a year, please call Stephanie at The Linus Connection number: 266-9305.

## A GREAT LOSS TO THE QUILTING COMMUNITY

The local quilting community recently lost one of its wonderful long arm quilters. I'm sad to report that Jackie Peterson passed away in July after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She will dearly missed by the quilting community. Our deepest sympathies go out to her family.