



Firehouse Quilts of Colorado, Inc

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SUMMER 2010 FHQ NEWSLETTER

2010 Quilt Show

Just in case you aren't able to see our website where all the winners are listed, (www.firehousequilts.org) here are the top winners of our show this year. We had over 160 entries from people all over the nation and each one was a winner in our hearts. We're thrilled that the word is getting out there about our major fundraiser and people entrust their quilts to us for the show.



BEST OF SHOW

Prize: Weekend for 2 in Shawnee, CO
at [Ben Tyler Fishing Cabins](#)

Quilt Name: Sherbet and Marshmallow Crème
Quilter: Lorilynn King

*(she also received a 1st place ribbon in
Whole Cloth category)*

BEST USE OF COLOR

Prize: Weekend for 2 at [Iron Horse Resort
Retreat](#) in Winter Park, CO

Quilt Name: Geo
Quilter: Connie Nelsen



PEOPLE'S CHOICE

[Isle Casino](#) overnight stay &
Dinner for two at Farraday's Steakhouse
*(also received 2nd Place in Applique
and Celebrity Judge's Choice ribbon)*

Quilt Name: Baskets of Colorado Color
Quilter: Terri O'Brien



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Thanks for Hand-Crafted Boutique Items

Here's a HUGE thank you to everyone who made and donated items for the quilt show boutique. We had wonderful creative items in our boutique and this was our best year EVER! We sold a lot of snuggle quilts this year, too.

Thank you, Thank you to everyone for all of your time and effort.

Barbara McCrorie

(you don't have to wait for next year to start planning what you're going to make for our next quilt show; start NOW!) ☺

Update from Women's Crisis Center

I should share with you that when the families are transitioning out, is when I let them know that they get to take their quilt with them as a reminder of our shelter and the time they spent here. Just about every time it brings a tear to someone's eye.

I wanted you and your group to know that you are really touching a lot of families' lives and it truly makes a difference. On behalf of everyone here and our residents, thank you very, very much!

Douglas County Crisis Center



Hi Firehouse Quilters,

I have been enjoying the yellow backed quilt made by volunteers of Firehouse Quilts. Thank you. I received it through the Fellowship of Christian Firefighters gathering in March.

I am a fire veteran of the Indianapolis Fire Department for 23 years but the past few months have been on light duty since I was injured in a fire. I have enjoyed your quilt at home.

Thank You. Holly Lambert Engine 1 IFD



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New Links on FHQ Website

<http://www.firehousequilts.org/EventsShows.htm>

This is a calendar of sorts, that shows different quilting events going on nearby, but mostly things that involve Firehouse Quilts.

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10th Anniversary Celebration-Oct. 1, 2 and 3, 2010

6811 W. 120th Ave. Broomfield, CO 80020
303-466-8129

Featuring Marci Baker doing workshops Friday/Saturday and a trunk show with lunch & live music on Sunday.

Go see their newsletter for prices and more info.

<http://makeitsew.biz/newsletter.pdf>

Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival

Last weekend, our FHQ Boutique was open for three days (profit \$317) at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival. Susan Knox and her husband Dick did a beautiful job setting up the booth Thursday afternoon. We had a lot of fun, got to see another quilt show and spread the word about Firehouse Quilts. It took a lot of effort it to pack up all the sellable items at storage, set up and tear down the booth at the show and bring unsold items back to storage.

Thanks so much to all of you that drove up there to help.

We'll continue to have the wonderful hand-made items donated by our volunteers at our own quilt show in the future.

Quilt Block Library

<http://www.quiltblocklibrary.com>

This is one of the nicest instructional quilting website I've seen; click on the link, then find a block you like on the right under 'Video Archive'. An instructional video of how to make the block you chose will come up for you to watch. You could spend all day, just on this website, learning a ton of things about quilting.

Have fun!



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Dinner at On the Border

Tuesday, Sept. 28th (4p-10p)



On The Border Mexican Grill & Cantina is hosting a fund-raising event in support of Firehouse Quilts.

Just order your dinners from their regular menu anytime from 4p-10p on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010 and **On the Border** will donate 10% of the total purchases to Firehouse Quilts.

You must give your server the flyer advertising our event when you order your food.

It's important to encourage our friends, family, neighbors, business contacts, etc. to go out to eat Tuesday, Sept. 28th anytime between 4p-10p at their [Quebec/C-470](#) location to support our Firehouse Quilts mission of helping children in crisis. *Give them a flyer!*

Who wants to cook on a Tuesday night anyway?

Tell your neighbors and ask them to bring a flyer and come dine out at On the Border in Highlands Ranch.

Bring your whole family and have a nice dinner together.

Mark it on your calendars now!

Copy the [flyer](#) from our website or pick some up at Sew Day; take it with you and go out to eat with your family & friends.

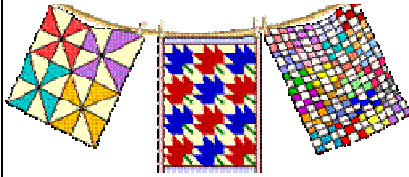
**DON'T FORGET YOUR FLYER,
THAT'S OUR GUARANTEE FOR DONATION!**



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Please Wash Quilts Before Returning to FHQ for Delivery

All donated fabric is laundered after receiving it and before we cut it into kits/patterns to remove chemicals, allow for shrinkage if it's going to and to be sure the colors 'bleed' or 'run' at this point instead of after the quilt has been assembled.

Whether you make our FHQ snuggles and/or twin sized quilts from start to finish or maybe you put the finishing touches on someone else's quilt top, like quilting and binding, please wash and dry them thoroughly *once they have binding on them* before bringing them to Sew Day for delivery. *It's important to remove any pet hair/dander that may have gotten on them while working on them at home or the smell of cigarette/cigar smoke.*

Be extra sure the quilts are totally dry before putting it back into the zip-lock storage bag so we don't have any mold growing in there.

Please use the **Shout Color Catchers** (soap aisle at grocery stores) in the water to catch the extra dye so it doesn't attach itself to the fabric in our quilts.

Also please use **un-scented detergent** when you wash the snuggles/twin sized quilts before returning them for delivery.

Un-scented products help reduce symptoms for the children with allergies to fragrance or have chemical sensitivities.

Most perfumes and essential oils, scented body lotion, deodorant and clothes dried with scented anti-cling/fabric softener sheets should be avoided any time we're washing fabric or quilts for FHQ.

Remember, most of the children treated by Action Care Ambulance alone have called for help because of difficulty in breathing.

We don't want to add to their problem if they are also allergic to fragrance in detergent, smoke or pet dander.



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What Else Can You Help FHQ?

We're already thinking about our quilt show next year and realize we need more help than we had this year to keep improving. So start thinking about what other skills and talents you have that may help make our show even better next year.

Are you good with marketing; getting the word out about our show verbally and in person? Are you good on the computer; do you enjoy working with Microsoft Word and Excel? Can you write interesting newspaper articles to help advertise the show? Do you know able-bodied people that could help the days of the show, bringing vendor supplies in, setting up quilt racks, etc? Do you have access to a pickup truck that could be loaded with our outdoor directional signs and could help set them out to direct our visitors to the church? Do you like to work with photos on the computer and create a nice DVD of the quilt show displays to be sold after the show?

As you see, there are a ton of things that go on behind the scenes for months in advance of our show. We need responsible, dependable people to volunteer their talents to help make the show run smoother. Feel free to email me with ways that you can help for the quilt show. Thanks!

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A Harvest of Quilts

October 1- 3, 2010

The Castle Rock Quilt Club & Philip S. Miller Library will present *A Harvest of Quilts* their annual quilt show Oct. 1-3 this year.

They will display quilted items including large bed-sized quilts, wall hangings, miniature quilts, baby/lap quilts, wearable's and home décor items.

See their website www.crqc.org or call 720-530-3658.

2010 SEW DAY SCHEDULE

(Sew Days are 'work' days for Firehouse Quilts volunteers.)

Wednesday, Sept. 1st (4:30p) Thursday, Sept. 16th (12:30p)

Wednesday, Oct. 6 (4:30p) Thursday, Oct. 21 (12:30p)

Wednesday, Nov. 3rd (4:30p) Thursday, Nov. 18 (12:30p)