

**NQF1-5 CREATIVELY UNPACKED NEWSLETTER** – Volume 1 (February 08)

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Good Day All

This is the first newsletter since our site has been launched and we hope that this newsletter will help us to form relationships with you.

Thank you to those of you which have provided feedback to us in terms of the site, given us suggestions and provided valuable insight. If you would still like to supply us with feedback please complete the feedback form on site – it is highly appreciated. Our news is that we have plans to re structure the site to make it more user friendly and we have lots more planned for it.

**NEW** – Coming Soon

- **Our online shop** - you can look forward to items such as hand-made embroidered original designs on fabric already embroidered so you can make them into you own wall hanging, cushion's etc.
- **Machine embroidered designs** on fabric to design your own quilt.
- We are going to be adding some imported and hand-dyed fabric for the quilters. There are a few other surprises which we will tell you about later.
- **Personalised facecloths** made to order.
- **Talent Shop 1** – This area is the home for all handicapped persons, be it mentally or physically. Their goods will be sold here and ALL proceeds will go to the person concerned. Their handicap will be verified and a story written about each person for you to see.
- **Talent Shop 2** – This will the home for the low-income earner to sell their hand-made wares – they will pay a small monthly fee to sustain the site.
- **Used Goods Shop** – Any donated item we cannot find a home for will be housed here for those interested.

We have added a *quilting friendship club* which we would like to tell you about. We want to have relationships with you and would appreciate this flexible club to become our family. This is what we have in mind but let us know what you suggest:

- 1) You can join us with our projects which we have running on our site such as the Ohio Star blocks we are currently involved in. Whether you do them just for yourself - we supply the pattern - we ask you to write to us and tell us how you enjoyed the project.
- 2) If you enjoy our project and would like to you can make us a block or two to add to our collection so we can make quilts for the needy.
- 3) If you are able to help us with supplies such as batting, material backing, cotton, embroidery cotton and embellishments we need your support.
- 4) If you can offer your services to complete quilts (put the blocks together with sashing etc) we need you.
- 5) If you are able to quilt the completed article we need you.
- 6) We have a **block swopping** service in that you send us a block and we will return a different block to you. Some people prefer to send us two for one as they donate one to charity. You tell us what you want? This club utilizes **ONLY 100%** cotton fabric.

## **QUILTER'S BLOCK SWOP** (closing end 28 January 2008)

This project will differ periodically, this month we focus on making tea or coffee stained seedcloth with an appliqué design focusing on the theme of “outdoors”. Our challenge is to get names for this block swop and if 10 people want to do this, you will need to make 10 blocks. This gets distributed to the other members. This means that you get back 10 completely different blocks, **or** for everyone you send in you get one back. The appliqué needs to cover at least 60% of the calico/seedcloth background. Any colour. Good for using scraps.

Come on quilters, you can even fit in one block – please submit your name to me at [nqfcup@webmail.co.za](mailto:nqfcup@webmail.co.za) before the 28<sup>th</sup> January. I will then inform you of the details. Alternatively, if you only want to do one block, I will swap one block with you.

## **JEWELLERY** – **SPECIAL OFFER**

We have two areas on the website offering costume and semi-precious jewellery. Ally Cat Creations and Coll Doll Designs. As our opening special we are offering 10% discount on all orders placed and paid for in the month of January. Postage will be charged according to postal rates and you will receive an invoice from us in order to pay in the correct amount. Please state this newsletter offer on your purchase request.

**Project Idea** – This month we focus on “inchies” – this is an embellished piece of textile art similar to a quilt which gets a backing fabric, batting and a front piece of fabric which is sandwiched together and embellished. It is a one inch square. Embellishment can be in the form of decorative stitching, beads, wool and fibre or anything you desire. We would love to hear from you or see some pictures of your inchies. If you do a search on Google you can see some examples. Please email us [nqfcup@webmail.co.za](mailto:nqfcup@webmail.co.za) with your pictures.

**Donations** – if you are able to give a helping hand to others or can provide some service in any way we would love to hear from you.

Best wishes and God bless!

The NQFCUP team!