

I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. My family had a great time. The grandbabies were there so it was chaos when it came time to open presents.

Mona has been out of town so we won't have a newsletter this month, but there are a lot of things I felt we needed to go over with the retreat so close.

There are still spots available in many of our classes, so be sure to visit our website, www.cedarchestquiltersguild.org to see details about the classes. Contact Kathy Fazio (867-9445) with your registration questions. She will be glad to register you over the phone, since there isn't much time left before the retreat. If you're attending our "Meet the Teacher" event on Wednesday evening at 7:00, be sure to bring any projects you've made from one of our previous retreats (even if it's just the quilt top), so we can show them at the trunk show. Our national teacher, Bobbie Aug, will present a trunk show on Friday evening. During the lunch break on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, we'll present some "mini-demonstrations" that you won't want to miss.

We still need items for the welcome bags. If you know someone who owns or manages a business, please ask if they would like to donate items to include in the bags. Some suggestions:: wallet-size calendars, pens, refrigerator magnets, key chains, discount coupons, candies or other treats with their business card attached, or other promotional items that their business has on hand. We will be making 150 bags; but any amount would be appreciated. Contact Eleanor Miller (867-1471).

We also still need some items to use for door prizes. If you have new, unused sewing accessories, patterns, etc., that you will not be using, please consider donating them. If you know a business owner, who might be willing to donate something, that would be great. Contact Rachel Shallenberger (865-7720).

PLEASE bring what you have to the guild meeting or call either Eleanor or Rachel. Can you help at the registration desk? We need people to work half-day shifts each day of the retreat. Contact Eleanor Miller (867-1471).

Francine is in need of quilts to be displayed in the lobby. If you have a quilt that wasn't shown at the retreat last year PLEASE bring it to our guild meeting on Thursday, or call Francine.

The scissors guy will be there again. He will pick them up in the evening and drop them back off the next morning. You can drop them off at the registration table, he will have a box there with the name tags. Fill out your name-tag and attach all of the scissors together.

Please remember to be at the class and ready to start sewing when the class is supposed start. either at 9:00 and 2:30.

Thanks for all of your support and help,

Liz