

Project Linus Tri Cities

Blankets for comfort

Newsletter

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Spring 2019 MABD April 20!

The Spring Make A Blanket Day is **Saturday, April 20, 10:00-4:00 at the Richland Library**. Check out the entries for the Space blanket challenge (and VOTE!), hear from our newest blanket recipient agency, [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#), and catch a demonstration of scrap quilting by Laurel Grove. We'll have kits with a new pattern (and kits of old favorite patterns), door prizes, and more. MABD is **always** a good time—don't miss it!



Parkview residents donate 31 blankets



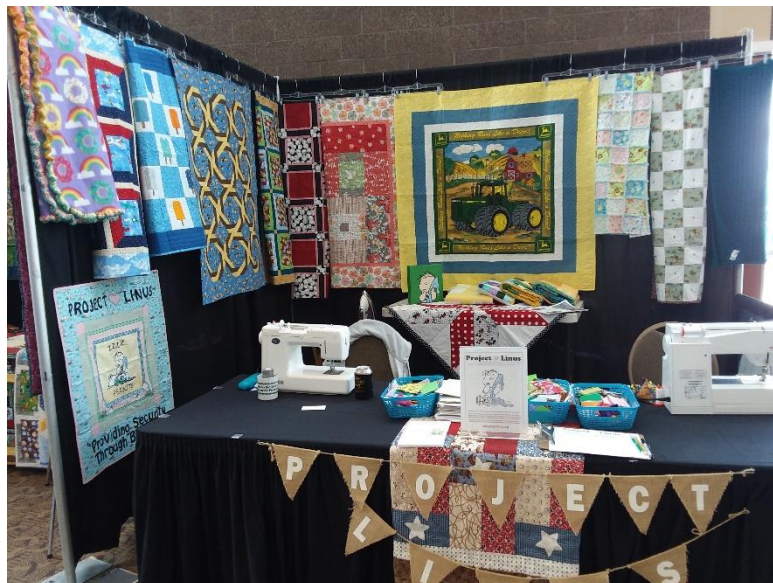
We had a special visit at the March Team Battelle work party, when residents of Parkview brought in several bags of quilts and blankets that they had been working on over the winter.

This quilt was entirely stitched by hand: piecing to quilting--



Project Linus at the Quilt Show

Did you see the Project Linus table at the Tri Cities Quilt Show March 29-30? Lois Pedersen, Pam Pelly, and Barbara Stoops set up our booth, with baskets of pre-cut fabrics for attendees to create blocks. We now have over 250 blocks that were put together over the two days. Watch for new quilt kits with these fun blocks! Thanks to all who helped with the booth!



Project Linus Mystery Knit & Crochet Challenge

After three very successful Mystery Quilt Challenges, Project Linus has created a [Mystery Challenge for Knitters & Crocheters](#)! Registration is now open and it's not too late to join! The first clue was sent out March 2, with subsequent clues every 2 weeks for a total of 5 clues. As a fundraiser for Project Linus, the \$15 (plus \$0.45 processing charge) goes straight to our chapter when you register (you must choose the Tri-Cities chapter though!). Overall, participation has been lower than for the quilt challenge, but it's the first time out, so I hope you'll join us.

The finished knit blanket should be approx. 45x40, 7 skeins (1200 yds) of Vanna's Choice yarn. The finished crochet blanket should be approx. 55x47, and requires 10-11 skeins of Vanna's Choice yarn. (several folks have commented that they have run out of yarn, so do pay attention to gauge, and be prepared!) Check out the FB group to see blankets in progress. Here are the Knit (left, by Julie Skeath), and Crochet (right) blankets so far



Tri-Cities Chapter Updates

From Linda Porter: For 2019, we have distributed over 600 blankets—down a bit due to the incredible “snowmageddon” in February! **Our 2018 year-end total was 3.040 blankets.** Thank you to all of our blanketeers!

Team Battelle Work Parties at Quinault Baptist Church: Thanks to all who help in the morning, with setting up the long tables, ironing boards, etc., and then in the afternoon, getting everything tidied up and put away before we leave. Our goal is always to leave things better than we found them

Blanket labels: The Project Linus label should be attached to the **BACK** of the quilt or blanket.

Upcoming events: Mark your calendar!

- Quilting at the Library: **Second Thursday of each month**, 10:00-4:00, Richland Public Library (955 Northgate Drive, Richland). Upcoming dates: **May 9, June 13, July 11**
- Battelle work parties: **First Saturday of each month**, 10:00-4:00, *Quinault Baptist Church, Kennewick*). Upcoming dates: **May 4, June 1, July 6**
- **Fall 2019 Make a Blanket Day: October 19!**

Useful information!

Project Linus blanket size guide

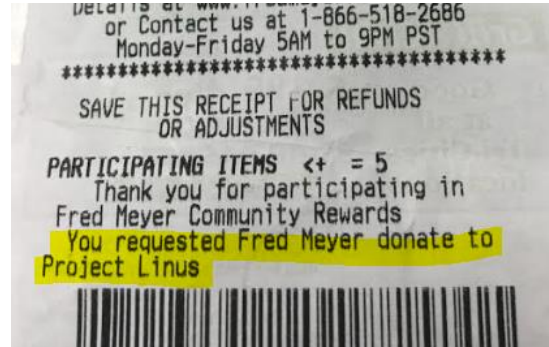
Hospitals: NICU – 28.5” x 36”
Infant/Crib: 30”- 36” x 36-50”
Elementary: 42”- 45” x 48”-55”
High school: 50” – 55” x 65” – 70”
Twin & Double bed sizes

Drop off locations

Badger Mountain Yarns, Richland
Discount Vac & Sew, Kennewick
Fabric 108, Kennewick
Janean’s Bernina, Pasco
JoAnn Fabrics, Kennewick
Quiltmania, Richland

Reminders: Other ways to support Project Linus

Don't forget that you can add our local Tri-Cities chapter of Project Linus to your [Fred Meyer Rewards](#) card—our quarterly check from this source has been increasing, and we greatly appreciate those who help us out this way. **Even if you are not a regular Fred Meyer shopper, we benefit from every purchase you make using your Rewards Card.** →--→--→



You can add the national Project Linus to your [AmazonSmile](#) account. We also accept refills of the coin jars that were distributed a couple of years ago ☺

We also appreciate support received from these local agencies:

- Kroger's/Fred Meyer
- The Columbus Foundation (Battelle)
- Live Victoriously Ministries
- Washington River Protection Solutions
- Walla Walla Exchange Club Foundation

If your employer supports giving to or helping with community projects, please contact us! We have participated with other groups (corporate, Boy Scouts, etc.) who worked with us on Make A Blanket Day, and at regular work parties.

Chapter funds do not pay for any salaries; we are volunteers. Chapter funds (your donations!) cover the costs of purchasing supplies such as labels, ribbon, yarn, fabric and batting, postage, etc.

All this & more online!

Just a reminder to check [our website](#) for events and contests, as well as contact information and patterns. You can Google us if you don't bookmark it ☺

Find us on Facebook! You can also "[Like](#)" [our Facebook page](#) (you don't have to be "on Facebook" to see our page) and get reminders about upcoming events, resources, tips, etc.

