

Project Linus Tri Cities

Blankets for comfort

Newsletter

Fall 2021

Where we are now...

Unfortunately, we are still in pandemic times, 18 months later. However, we are planning a somewhat reduced **Make A Blanket Day** to be held **November 13, 2021**, at the Richland Public Library [from 10:00 – 2:00](#). This will replace our regularly scheduled Team Battelle work party [that was scheduled for November 6](#). The library is restricted to 50% capacity, so it will be a different experience, but we are excited to be able to connect!

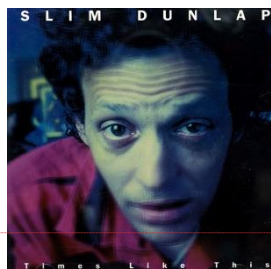
MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN THE LIBRARY.

We will display the Mystery Quilt entries (Science and Music themes), offer some door prizes, and have kits available (a new pattern...). We are still not doing potluck lunches, but you are welcome to bring your own lunch. We will provide some limited snacks, and coffee & tea. The coffee place at the library is not yet open.

Note: At 50% capacity, we will be practicing social distancing, ~~with threetwo persons per table~~.

We'll be drawing for the winners of the Challenge quilts received (Science &/or Music themed), and there are other door prizes, [including a drawing for a new sewing machine!](#)

Finally, with winter and holidays coming up, and still COVID-times, we will not be meeting December, January, and February. Watch Facebook and your email for next meeting announcements. Please don't stop making blankets! We still serve our various agencies even when we do not meet.



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Ch-ch-changes!

Linda Porter is stepping down as Chapter Coordinator. Here is her [letter to blanketers](#):

I think most of you know by now, that I plan to retire as coordinator [at the end of this year](#). Since I knew that my husband and I would be moving south soon, I thought this would be the best time to make the transition. **Laura Kuprat** has agreed to take over for me and I know that she and her team are prepared.

During Covid-19, I have really missed seeing each and every one of you. Thank you for your faithful service to Project Linus and to the children of our community.



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Laura Kuprat [has taken](#) over as Chapter Coordinator. Linda Porter [has worked](#) with Laura for a seamless transition. We are all indebted to Linda for her long stewardship of our chapter, keeping blanketeers busy, and working with a host of local agencies in our area to provide kids the warmth of a handmade blanket when they are in tough situations. Besides Linda, Laura's support team includes Dianne Najarian, Paula Newbry, Lois Pedersen, and Barbara Wetzel.

More Changes!

Pam Pelly has agreed to continue as co-coordinator of the Quilting at the Library meetings at the Richland Public Library [if a partner can be found to assist](#). These are [Richland Public Library](#) events, and not official Project Linus work parties, but of course Project Linus blanketeers are welcome!

However, in order to continue, Pam needs a [partner](#) to help her out. If you are interested and able to help out, contact either Pam, pam.pelly633@gmail.com or Lisa at the library (509) 942-7454. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month, Set-up and take-down usually takes about [an hour or so](#).

Duties would include helping to set up (tables, chairs, extension cords, ironing boards and irons, cutting tables), and then take down tables/chairs, put away equipment, and vacuum the floors.

Project Linus Mystery Quilt Challenge: Oliver's in the Doghouse



The new Mystery Quilt Challenge has begun—and there's still time to join the fun. Register [here](#) to get your password and then you can start seeing the clues (posted each Saturday morning). (It takes a couple days to get the email with all the contest information: be patient!). The cost is \$20 (plus 60 cents transaction fee). This is Project Linus's biggest fundraiser every year, and it has grown! Join the FaceBook group (over 4K members) to see what others are doing, ask questions, get ideas, and more. Be sure to select the "Tri-Cities Chapter" ([Laura](#), Coordinator) when you register. The first clue was posted September 25, the last clue

("The Big Reveal") will come on Saturday, November 20.

NOTE: the Project Linus Knit & Crochet Along will begin early in 2022.



Bindings



Check out Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Company (& a friend of Project Linus!) as she [binds a quilt](#). Her bindings are 2-1/2", but you can also use 2-1/4" bindings. Watch the way she does the corners, and finishes the last seam. This is an old video (2011!) but the information still works 😊 She demonstrates a decorative stitch here; see also her newer video [here](#).

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Tri-Cities Chapter Updates

So far in 2021, we have distributed over 2500 blankets! Our chapter has donated over [40,000](#) blankets total! Thank you to all our blanketeers!

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In 2020, we distributed blankets to the following agencies:

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| Kadlec Hospital | You Medical (Pregnancy Center) |
| TRIOS Hospital | Union Gospel Mission |
| American Red Cross | Mo's Place |
| Children's Developmental Center | Children's Home (Walla Walla) |
| Children's Services | Children's Services (Walla Walla) |
| Community Actions Connections | Hospice (Walla Walla) |
| Camp Amanda | Pioneer Nursery (Walla Walla) |
| Richland Fire Dept. | Christian Aid (Walla Walla) |
| Elijah Family Homes | Children's Hospital Sacred Heart Hospital |
| Hospice | (Spokane) |
| SARC | Lincoln H.S. (Walla Walla) |
| Lutheran Community Services | YWCA (Women's Shelter-W.W.) |
| My Friends' Place | Guardian Care (Pendleton) |
| Royal Family Kids' Camp | Tru/Care Pregnancy (Hermiston) |
| Jefferson Elementary | Domestic Violence (Hermiston) |
| Sleep in Heavenly Peace | |

You can still drop off completed blankets at all ~~of~~ our drop-off locations (Janean's in Pasco; Joann (*aka "Joann's fabrics"*), Fabric108, & Discount Vac & Sew in Kennewick; Quiltmania in Richland).

We would also like to thank the generous donors who supported our chapter in 2021. We received grants from Battelle/Pacific Northwest National Laboratory [and various individuals](#). We continue to receive funds from Kroger/Fred Meyer, for those who have connected our chapter to their Rewards cards (\$27.26 this quarter, and yes, it all helps! Add the Tri-Cities Project Linus chapter to your Rewards card!). The Project Linus challenges (Mystery Quilts, the 2021 Knit & Crochet along, and the Side by Side challenge) also benefited our chapter. Thank you to everyone who donates time, resources, or funds.

We've added some new volunteers, so thanks to all who have shared their passion for Project Linus with friends and family. We have continued to receive blankets, and distribute them to agencies from Hermiston to Spokane! Thanks to all for your continued faithfulness and generosity!

Remember to check out our [web page](#) for updates, old newsletters, and other useful information. We are also on [Facebook](#) (the page is open to all, you don't have to be "on Facebook" to see posts).