

# Chapter News The Artful Needles of Northern Idaho

The Artful Needles of North Idaho had a busy first 16 months. We had our first gathering in March of 2009 and were very well received in the community, with membership growing rapidly, and what a great group of ladies. Boy oh boy!!!...what a basket full of skills and creativity we have.

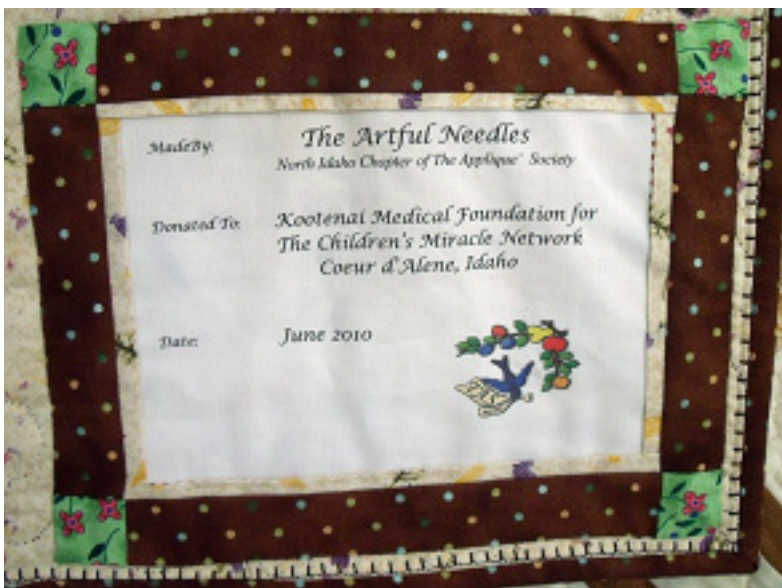


## August

Our first excursion was last August, with an invitation to a small town faire called Spirit Days, which was to be a number of booths with artisans demonstrating early American/local area crafts. Of course quilting and appliqué were a given. We set up a couple of shade pop-ups, hung quilts and projects, pulled up a chair and had a fun day of stitching and chatting and sharing with interested faire-goers.



# Spring 2010



Spring 2010 came and there was another quilt to be made. We found a free pattern on the Internet, had a little discussion, (no really, just a little discussion <G>,) and created our blocks. What fun, at each meeting, to see a new block unveiled. We then decided it too, would go to the Children's Miracle Network summer auction. The hospital was thrilled with the quilts and asked to be on our list for more quilts. They gently reminded us that the Christmas Festival of Lights auction was just around the corner, should we have another quilt in the making.

# TAS Presentation in a Box



Another first for us, was utilizing the Presentation in a Box, provided by The Applique' Society, and having a booth at a local area 2 day quilt show in Sandpoint Idaho in May. The host guild, The Panhandle Piecemakers, had not done anything like this before, nor of course had we, so not quite knowing what to expect we all jumped in, found a little corner to set up, and had a great time, showing our projects, various techniques, and all of the prepared samples & info provided in the Presentation in a Box package. We were very well received; the guild loved us for being there to provide instruction, demos, and information, and has asked us back for next year's show. We were so busy, we didn't get enough pictures, but the ideas are there for next year's presentation. We certainly would encourage other Chapters to take advantage of the Presentation in a Box; it was a great tool to use, and to build on for our own Chapter's archive collection.

