

It certainly is starting to look a *lot* like Christmas !

Thanks to everyone who volunteered quilts for the Angus Library and especially to Sally B. for co-hosting the presentation. We were pleased to see two high school girls in attendance. Happily, the quilting tradition continues.

Here are a few pics of the quilts hanging in the library – they'll be there thru the new year.



We enjoyed another bountiful pot luck at the December meeting. I am always amazed that without any planning, a variety of items from appetizers thru desserts inevitably shows up. There was lots of buzz about the sweet potato casserole, so by popular demand, here is Sarah's recipe for:

## Vegetarian Quinoa and Sweet Potato Shepard's Pie

2 lbs sweet potatoes- cooked  
1 tbsp canola oil  
1 onion, chopped  
1 red pepper, diced  
2 cloves of garlic, minced  
2 tsp ground cumin (I put less... usually 1/2 tsp)  
1 can black beans, well rinsed and drained  
1 cup cooked quinoa made with water  
1 cup frozen corn, no need to thaw  
1 cup medium or mild salsa, deli-style (I put a bit more)  
1/4 cup light sour cream  
1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro  
1/4 tsp ground black pepper  
1/4 cup thinly sliced green onion for garnish  
\*\*I add on: grated cheddar cheese on the top before baking

1. Cook sweet potatoes (either in oven, microwave or steamer)
2. Lightly grease an 8-cup baking dish with canola oil. set aside
3. In a large pot, heat oil over medium heat. Add the onion, red pepper, garlic and cumin. Cook stirring often for 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in black beans, cooked quinoa, corn and salsa until well combined. Remove from heat.
4. Pour into the prepared pan. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F
5. Mash the sweet potatoes well with sour cream. Stir in cilantro. Season with pepper.
6. Spoon sweet potato over the quinoa mixture.
7. Bake for 30 minutes, or until heated through and bubbly. Sprinkle green onion on top for garnish

Thanks, Sarah !

Here are a few websites to visit if you've got a post-holiday lull...

From McCalls Quilting, these tips for sorting and actually using your smaller bits of fabric:

[http://www.mccallsquilting.com/content\\_downloads/eBook2013.Scraps.pdf](http://www.mccallsquilting.com/content_downloads/eBook2013.Scraps.pdf)

Some free bag patterns: [http://www.sew4home.com/tips-resources/interviews-inspirations/s4h-top-13-2013-top-totes?utm\\_source=Sew4Home&utm\\_campaign=9b9721ef8b-20131209eNewsletter12\\_8\\_2013&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_e8dcb184a2-9b9721ef8b-65220349](http://www.sew4home.com/tips-resources/interviews-inspirations/s4h-top-13-2013-top-totes?utm_source=Sew4Home&utm_campaign=9b9721ef8b-20131209eNewsletter12_8_2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e8dcb184a2-9b9721ef8b-65220349)

You might also want to check out [www.craftsy.com](http://www.craftsy.com) for several free sewing/quilting video classes and lots of free patterns. Look for their free New Year's Day Mystery Quilt, too. Planet Patchwork also offers a New Year's Day Mystery Quilt – [www.planetpatchwork.com](http://www.planetpatchwork.com) . Fabric requirements and initial prep steps are already posted.

Don't forget: No meeting in January. Our Sunbonnet Sue reveal/block draw takes place at our February meeting. We also have a Valentine's craft in store.

From all the executive – Have a wonderful holiday with your friends and families, travel safely, and the happiest of quilty New Year's ! See you in February ! (It'll almost be spring !!)