

Chat room Q & A Sessions

Posted by chris - 2009/05/27 09:54

While chatting last night with a few lovely ladies, it occurred to me that a Q & A Session in the chat room might be of some use to the members here.

First of all it will keep my mind sharp as you challenge me with your questions, but secondly we can all learn from each other here. I know we have a great mix of quilters of various levels in our members. I also know we have a number of members who are brand new to quilting. (We all remember our first quilts, and some of the mistakes and lessons we learned from them)

By running a regular Q & A session we could help some of these new quilter out, and help them avoid some of the common problems. We could also expand our own personal knowledge in quilting and grow as a community here.

So here is the problem with this idea, and a solution with your help.

I can not be on the computer 24/7 (although at times it feels like I am):silly: So to run these so that everyone can benefit we need your help. I need a few moderators who are willing to step up and help out. If you have some time to give (and you get to pick the day and time the fits for you) and want to be a moderator for sessions in your time zone then send me an email chris@quiltingweekly.com

I would pick a topic, then we could each run our separate sessions (during our own times)giving members plenty of ways to get involved in the discussions. You don't have to be an expert in quilting to be a moderator just be willing to be there, and keep the conversations going. If you get questions you can't answer, write them down and send them to me. I will answer them in the forum for everyone to read. What do you think?

Who wants to help? I want to get started with these next month.

Reply here if you want to help, or send me an email/private message (don't post your email here this is visible to non members too)

Please reply with topics you want to discuss here as well (even if you are not interested in moderating the chats)

Thank You!
Chris Dahl

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Re:Chat room Q & A Sessions

Posted by justlovequiltin - 2009/05/28 00:05

I am wanting to do this in the Central time Zone.. I do have a problem that might accure at times though if I am not in the area to keep signal. And I have to set the time for 1 hour unless it is in the evening from 6pm till late if needed.

Let me know what you think about this. :silly: :cheer:

justlovequiltin

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Re:Chat room Q & A Sessions

Posted by chris - 2009/05/28 09:12

Lorraine,

Send me an email and we can discuss this. I am looking for more than one person per time zone (ideally that is) That way if you find you can't make it maybe someone else can. Especially since Central USA time zone is my area, which means I can cover for you if you are not available. So this is no big deal.

Thank you for stepping up to help! :)

Chris Dahl

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Re:Chat room Q & A Sessions

Posted by chris - 2009/05/28 09:20

We have 1 person for the UK, and 1 person for Central USA (plus me of course) Any other takers for moderators?

Ideally I would like to have at least one person per zone but would prefer to have 2 or more so as not burden any one person. If you are considering this, please contact me it is not a big commitment I am looking for. In fact you can control when and how long you choose to run the chat. Even if it is 1hr a month that would be more than we have now! LOL

Again, even if you are new to quilting that is ok, all you need is a willingness to help. This would be a great way to get to know the members in your area and to learn more about quilting and how to use our site. (think of it as free training!) And believe me helping is very rewarding in its self.

Any Australians? or East/West Coast people?

Update on volunteers for moderators as of 5/29/09:

UK - 1 moderator

Central USA - 2 moderators

East Coast USA - 1 moderator

West Coast USA - 0 moderators

Australia - 0 moderators

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Re:Chat room Q & A Sessions

Posted by chris - 2009/05/31 19:23

Looks like we will have to start without a moderator for Australia and the west coast. The west coast shouldn't be too much trouble as they can catch one of the central or east coast chats as there is minimal difference in times.

Anyone from Australia willing to step up??

I will email those that did volunteer so we can get started within the next week or so.

For the rest of the members watch your email for dates/times and topics for discussion coming soon!

Till then happy quilting ladies!

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Re:Chat room Q & A Sessions

Posted by kquilts - 2009/06/03 20:56

Oh, if those of you that are in the eastern time zone could email me or private message me with what day would be best for the discuss, it would be helpful. I have 2 email addresses. Chris posted the one I used to sign up here. Some of you have the other one. Use which ever you want to use.

Kathy

Re:Chat room Q & A Sessions

Posted by justlovequiltin - 2009/06/03 21:50

For those of you that are in the west coast time zone could email me or private message me with what day would be best for the discuss, it would be very helpful.

Thank You
Lorraine

Re:Chat room Q & A Sessions

Posted by chris - 2009/06/04 10:28

Well we are almost ready to start our live discussions. Only a few more details to work out.

We are going to have 5 sessions run every fortnight (that's 2 weeks for those in the US):laugh:

Since we have 5 time zones I want to cover, I would like to run a session on Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs.,

& Friday! (I like to keep my weekends open, as I am sure most of you do to.

I am still working who will do what day. I have found that the chat room activity seems to pick up after 8 pm. (Some of the moderators have indicated that 8:00pm would be good for them as well since that is past the dinner hour). So I think we will be doing all session at 8:00pm (in your respective time zones) This will make it easy to remember and by running them on 5 different days, there should be at least one spot you can join us in.

Now of course if anyone has a problem with the 8:00pm slot and would like to suggest a different time, then please speak now! Before we finalize this all.

Special note to my moderators who are anxious to start:

I need another day to resolve a few more details with Michelle (I think I have her convinced to start off the Australian chats!) You lucky Aussies! But with her busy schedule I haven't been able to pin her down for a time yet.

Special note to the members:

I would like to ask you if you have any preferences to your times, or days? (when replying, please indicate your time zone as follows: US Eastern, US Central, US Western, UK, or Aussie So that I can assign each time zone with it's moderator a set day and time for chats.

I also would like to ask at this time, if you have any topics you would like to explore during our chats? I am planning on a set topic for each week. There will be time at the end of each session for general questions (time permitting, depending on how many attend and how many questions we get) Each chat will be scheduled for 1 hour. If the moderator chooses to stay longer that will be their choice. Of course you can continue your chats even after your moderator leaves. I just don't want to have my volunteers scared off by long commitments. ;)

A special reminder, the moderators are volunteers, and although they are passionate about quilting, they are not claiming to be experts. So please be patient with them. All questions will be answered. If they don't know the answer they will be sending me the questions, and I will get the answers to you directly by email, and I will be setting up a place to post them here as well.

Please reply here with your topics and preferences. My mailbox is already overflowing on most days as it is. Besides that way we all can see the topics listed and we won't be duplicating them.

Ok, only a few more days left.....We should be starting this next week! So set some time aside to meet the members here and take the learning out of the classroom and into our live chats!

Watch your email for the final details, or check back here in a few day.

Happy Quilting,
Chris Dahl

<http://www.onlinequilting.wordpress.com> Check out the contests you could win big!

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Re:Chat room Q & A Sessions-Details

Posted by Janet - 2009/06/08 14:49

I love this idea but may not be able to join in this week as we will be traveling for a couple of days. Is it possible to have the current time in each zone in the corner somewhere. That way if any of us are up at an unusual hour we may be able to follow another areas chat for a change. I have no idea just how far ahead or behind in time I am compared to the rest of the world. Day light saving hours fot those countries who do it, does not help either.

Janet

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Re:Chat room Q & A Sessons-Details

Posted by chris - 2009/06/08 18:01

Janet, if you go to the "gallery" page on the site, you will see the chat box, and under it is our little world clock showing the current times.

That should help you out.

Chris

Remember we will be doing chats every 2nd and 4th week, so if you can not make this one there will be others.

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Re:Chat room Q & A Sessons-Details

Posted by Janet - 2009/06/09 01:59

Thanks should have gone to the bottom of the page.

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