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2006 StopPDD Quilt Challenge Update

The AHN 2006 "Birds of a Feather" StopPDD Quilt Challenge is well underway! The artist has finished the Quilt's creation; its public debut has been scheduled; pictures & posters are forthcoming.

The 2006 Birds of a Feather quilt and pillow coverlet is composed of 30 blocks that were designed, made and donated by bird lovers from across the U.S. Each block is approximately 12 x 12 inches and is surrounded by a 2-inch border of "black eyelash" from Jinny Beyer's Palette (# 9410-03) collection. Those blocks with a sky blue background are embellished with machine-embroidered parrots, a wren birdhouse or a canary. The other blocks are either machine appliquéd or pieced. The final outer border, on the quilt and on the sides of the pillow coverlet, is from Jinny's Millennium II (# 3305-02) collection.

The artist, Kay Steadman, donated quilting supplies and expertly quilted the quilt squares contributed by Quilting Bird volunteers nation-wide. Pam Thompson of Chantilly Virginia donated quilting supplies and piecing of the squares. The results are a beautiful, unique queen size Quilt and a separate Pillow Coverlet.

The Quilt and Pillow Coverlet will be displayed at Howard Studios from November 21-29, 2005. Howard's is located in downtown Lebanon, PA at 738 Cumberland Street. Howard's professional staff will also donate their skills to provide photographs for Internet and flyer advertising. Limited edition posters will be used as additional fundraisers for the Quilt Challenge. Stay tuned...

The Bird Heard will host the drawings for the Quilt and the Pillow Coverlet on September 9, 2006 (www.thebirdheard.com). Do not miss the chance to buy tickets. All proceeds from the Quilt Challenge support ongoing PDD research conducted by the Emerging Diseases Research Group (EDRG) at the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine*.

Comments to date: *"The Quilt & Pillow Coverlet: is magnificent. It is entirely different from the first quilt, both in design and appearance. The individual blocks are each remarkable in their own way and they combine with the elaborate border for a very special look. The pillow cover is also a nice accent piece and beautiful itself"*

The AHN 2006 StopPDD Quilt Challenge has been a most extraordinary effort of Bird Owners & Quilters with support from the business community. All are pulling together to fight for a common goal - to keep PDD research funded. We invite the entire avian community to join us in that goal; people united do make a difference.

2006 StopPDD Quilt Challenge Tickets are on sale:

Tickets are on sale now at www.StopPDD.org the cost this year is \$10 each. You can order tickets online using PayPal services or download our form and send checks to:

AHN for StopPDD
11654 Plaza America Drive #245
Reston VA 20190-4058.

What a wonderful holiday present to give someone a chance to win the quilt & help all of our birds at the same time!

Mark your Calendars:

Quilt & Pillow Coverlet Display Schedule:
Howard Studios, 738 Cumberland Street, Lebanon, PA
November 21-29, 2005

Mid-Atlantic Bird Mart, Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Dr. Tyson's Corner, VA
December 4, 2005

G-Street Fabrics in the Washington DC area
watch www.StopPDD.org for dates & details.

*Meet Dr. Ritchie & Kathy Bangle: Quilt Drawing ~ Keep an eye on www.TheBirdHeard.com for details
September 9, 2006

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All you need is a jar. You can download one of our labels and you are ready to go.

Nancy Rattigan & the members of Parrotland.net have started a fundraising campaign to help StopPDD (www.parrotland.net).

Nancy writes "When I polled the membership to see exactly how best to raise money, many ideas were reviewed. Some members decided to do a monthly contribution directly to AHN, another member donated a day's pay and others decided to join me by simply saving their change in medicine bottles. I am personally saving quarters in empty prescription containers that have been re-labeled with Coins for the Cause labels."

Members of Parrotland.net have really answered the call to help StopPDD; we cannot thank them enough! Other idea's have been offers to place jars in their offices, pet stores, vet offices, at their laundry machines for change left in pockets and using money saved by coupon redemption to help fill their jars.

If you, your club, group or business would like to join the cause, please contact AHN (www.stopppdd.org) and we will get you started. Or write and let us know your ideas.

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*Dr. Branson W. Ritchie, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ABVP and ECAMS; Distinguished Research Professor and Acting Head; University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine & Kathleen Reid Bangle, Director of Development, University of Georgia will be attending & doing the drawing for the Quilt & Pillow Coverlet

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