

## **Press Release from C&T Publishing**

### **Alex Anderson and C&T Publishing donate hundreds of quilting books to women's prison**

CONCORD, CA, August 9, 2009—C&T Publishing and author Alex Anderson are working together to enhance the quilting program at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville, Oregon.

About 7 years ago, an enthusiastic quilter named Koko Sutton heard that a women's prison was opening in her community. She believed that learning an art form like quilting would benefit the inmates in many ways, so she started the Coffee Creek Quilters group at the prison.

Sutton gathered volunteers to teach their weekly group classes using the book, *Start Quilting with Alex Anderson*. "Alex's book is the perfect example of simple quilts with clear instructions...that can be made successfully by beginners," says Sutton. The inmates, some of whom are dealing with mental health and substance-abuse issues, donate more than 100 of their handmade quilts each year to various deserving organizations, including hospices, nursing homes, and low-income medical facilities. Their group's motto is "Two for charity, one for myself, and all from the heart."

According to Sutton, the program was a hit from the very beginning. Eighty inmates are currently enrolled, with over a hundred more on a waiting list. "The program teaches so much more than quilting...our students develop their skills in problem-solving, math, reading, team-work, perseverance, and self-discipline. They also learn from experiencing the joy of giving to someone else in need."

When Alex Anderson heard that her book was a part of this wonderful program, she contacted C&T to discuss how we might be able to help. "We were thrilled to give the prison several cases of Alex's books, so each student could have her own copy to keep after completing the class. C&T Publishing will continue to supply The Coffee Creek Quilters group with books as their program grows." Publisher Amy Marson explains, "This program at CCCF is a perfect opportunity for C&T to work together with teachers and students to keep our mission statement alive—Innovate. Educate. Create."

The Coffee Creek Quilters group is always in need of volunteers and donations. To learn more visit [www.coffeecreekquilters.org](http://www.coffeecreekquilters.org) or call 503-257-1320.