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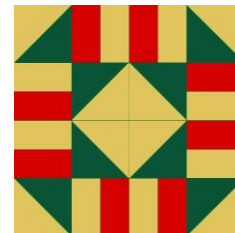
From the President's Pen

January, 2015

Happy New Year!! Due to holiday travel plans for both Bev (serving her last month as the newsletter editor) and myself, I am attempting to exercise one of my new year resolutions of not waiting until the last minute to get things done, and writing this a couple of weeks before it is due. This year I have made more gifts than ever before, and it feels wonderful! A few creations that started as table runners in my mind became candle mats, but I am perfectly okay with that! I have reached the point where I have a few more gifts I would like to make for my granddaughters, but if I do not get them done in time, that is fine - they have plenty to open on Christmas morning! I have a few crochet projects to finish up for friends, and all the wrapping to do, but I am confident I will get it done.

It is a pleasure to stop for a moment to think about the rapidly approaching new year. To be honest with you all, I don't usually look too forward to starting a new year. My main job is tax return preparation, so for me, a new year is a signal that my crazy busy season is quickly approaching. This year, however, I am excited about the new year (not just because I found out yesterday that grand baby # 12 is due to arrive in August!). While I am a little nervous about taking on the position of guild president, I am also thrilled. I have so enjoyed my time so far in this guild, and I have learned so much from you ladies - I am excited about what this year holds for all of us! My hopes for our guild this year is that we continue to grow in numbers, but more importantly, that we continue to grow in relationships. Our guild has such an awesome combination of different skill and experience levels, and preferred styles - and we can all learn so much from each other! The best way to truly get to know one another is to grab opportunities to spend time with each other outside of the monthly meetings. We have so many opportunities available now - there are many classes that have formed; the opportunity to get together in the library after our monthly meeting; and serving on the board or a committee. Serving on the board, and teaching the Quilting 101 class have allowed me to know so many of the ladies beyond matching a face to a name once a month, and has heightened my sense of truly caring about, and belonging in this guild. I so appreciate all the ladies who have agreed to serve on this year's board, and who have volunteered to serve on a committee - you will be blessed for your generosity of your time and energy.

I would like to let you know that the first board meeting will be on Thursday, January 8th, at 1:00 pm, at the Fishers Library. *This is a joint meeting of the old board and the new.* I ask that each committee have at least one representative attend the meeting as well. All board meeting are open to anyone who would like to attend. I encourage you to try to make it to at least one board meeting this year (we usually meet only once per quarter), even if you are not on the board, so that you can get an idea of what goes on in the background of your guild.



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Our first meeting of 2015 will be at 9:30 am, January 12th at the Fishers Library. Our speaker that day will be our own Susie Cook, and she will be showing us how to make lovely blocks using up our scrap fabric. *Bring your sewing machine and supplies, iron, and scraps of fabric as described further down in the newsletter.* Please continue to bring your food pantry items for the church (they do not charge us rent for the use of the Fellowship Hall each month, so providing for the food pantry is how we show our appreciation), and bring any items you would like to donate for our tag sale. **Please remember to price your items** - fabric goes for \$2/yard (so .50 for a fat quarter), and use your discretion on pricing tools and books - you know when you purchased the items, and what you paid, so you are the best judge of a fair price. Remember to wear your name tag! **For Show and Tell please bring a UFO (unfinished object) that you would like to publicly commit to finishing, or at least greatly advancing, in the new year.**

I hope you all have a very, very Happy New Year! I know 2015 will be an incredible year for the Mudsock Quilters' Guild!!

Joanne Fishburn

*******Member Renewals \$25/ year due January 1st. There are new forms for everyone (including renewing members) to fill out. Pick one up at the next meeting. Scholarships are available. Please contact a board member if you would like to apply or nominate someone for one.*******

Mark Your Calendars!! Important Upcoming Events

January 8 – Board Meeting, 1PM, Location, Fishers Library. Outgoing and incoming Board members requested to attend. Joanne Fishburn, contact

Next Guild Meeting – January 12, 9:30 AM– *Fishers Library*

Susan Cook will be leading a workshop on string piecing and crazy quilt piecing. Supplies needed will include sewing machine, extension cord, iron, ironing surface (ironing board, towel or whatever), bag full of fabric scraps, scissors, thread (cream, beige, white, or grey), rotary cutter, cutting mat, square ruler for squaring up crazy quilt blocks, long ruler for trimming up pieced strips. For a nicer look to your project, try to choose fabrics that will blend and look nice together, not just a hodge-podge. Come to sew, be an observer, an ironing helper or just be with friends.

January 19 – Piecers Group meets at Always in Stitches from 1-4, Kathy Jensen, contact

January 27 – Wool Group meets at Always in Stitches from 1-4, Pat Adams contact

Please remember to bring items for the food pantry!
Remember to wear your name tag to every guild meeting!
Keep those quilts for Riley NICU coming! February is the month we deliver them to Riley!!!!

BOM Swap List

New Procedures for the Block of the Month in 2015!

“Block of the Month” (BOM) will be a little different this year. Each month a pattern and color scheme will be provided and ANYONE who participates will have a chance to take home all the blocks!

Anyone can bring blocks any month they want, no advance sign up is required. If you want to participate, pin your name on your block and place it on the design wall, when you arrive at the meeting.

January’s block will be a simple 9-patch made of 4.5 inch squares in blues and whites (think winter and snow). The block should measure 12.5 inches. If you want to participate in January, please bring your blue and white block to the Jan 12th meeting. Your name **MUST** be pinned on each block. (It will be used for the drawing.)

February’s block will be the same simple 9-patch but in reds and white for Valentine’s Day.



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Happy Birthday
 to You!

January Birthdays

Marsha Baer – Jan 11

Susan Cook – Jan 17

Stephanie Coy-Lykes – Jan 2

Sandra Housholder – Jan 10

Kathy Jensen – Jan 24

Sue Johnson – Jan 16

Selena Krajewski – Jan 19

Nancy McDonald – Jan 11

Rocky Schuh – Jan 16

Barbara Street – Jan 26

Whew!

Apologies to newer members I
 may have missed!

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