

Mudsock Messenger

Mudsock Quilters Guild

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From the President' s Pen

As I write this From the President's Pen, we are enjoying a balmy 34 degrees! What a delight after such incredibly cold days. While I have to confess to downright envy of all our guild members who are reading this newsletter in a warmer southern state, I am truly grateful that we Hoosiers have once again been spared the huge storms that keep hitting the east coast. While we have had to endure some very cold days, we have had some very serious, life changing storms move above us, and below us. I will take a few days of bone chilling cold over lots of snow every time! Because the weather is making it so unpleasant to spend a lot of time outdoors, I am expecting lots of show and tell items at the next several meetings!! Unfortunately for me, this is my crazy, busy time, preparing tax returns, so I do not allow myself time in my sewing room between February and April. That is why I am so excited that Diane Peterson, our Guild VP and Program chairperson, has asked the members of the Program Committee to share tips, or demo something for the group at our March meeting – I must spend time in my sewing room now! It is my duty!

In the January newsletter I mentioned that I hoped 2015 would see an increase in our numbers, as well as in our relationships. Bev Petru, chairperson of our Membership Committee, has reported that we are at 53 members already! We have already grown a bit, and the year has just begun! While I am so very excited to see an increase in our numbers, I am very greedy, and I want more!! Val Angove has been working very hard to get Mudsock Quilters Guild mentioned in several community papers. Remember that we have cards available for you to hand out to people as you discover they are quilters – those can be found at the sign in table. Remember – we are not an exclusively female group – we will welcome any man who wishes to join us. Male quilters are not common, but the interest is surely growing among men, so if you meet a male quilter, please encourage him to join us! There are also so many new quilters in the younger generation – keep your ears open, and encourage them to take advantage of the hundreds of years of experience represented in our membership (true, but kind of hard to hear!), and to visit one of our monthly meetings.

As I mentioned earlier, I set a goal of trying to enhance our relationships with each other this year. The better we know one another, the more we are vested in our guild. One of the things I would like to do each month is to very briefly and randomly introduce a few members to the ladies attending the meeting that month. To assist me in that, I am asking every member to fill out a quick info sheet, with just a few questions, that will be attached to this newsletter. I will also have blank ones available at the meeting in case you forget to print it off. I want to be able to "introduce" 4-5 people at each meeting, so we need to keep our answers to the questions very brief – as Joe Friday, from *Dragnet* would say, "Just the facts, Ma'am." My hope is that as we learn a little more about each other, we will find things we have common with each other (besides our overwhelming addiction to fabric, tools and notions). Please fill out the form, and bring it with you to the March meeting. Stay warm, Ladies! I look forward to seeing you all on March 9th!

Joanne

MEMBER INFORMATION FORM

Member name: _____

Tell us a little about yourself(married, kids, grandkids, working, retired?)

How long have you been quilting? _____

How long have you been a member of Mudsock Quilters Guild? _____

What is the favorite part of quilting for you? _____

What is your least favorite part of quilting? _____

Name something that has made you smile in the last week or so (it can be anything – it does not have to be quilt related at all):

Please return your completed form to Joanne Fishburn.

Mark Your Calendars!!

Important Upcoming Events

Next Guild Meeting - March 9, 9:30 AM - Fishers UMC

You asked for it again, you got it! Tips and Demonstrations

Our experienced panel including members from the Planning Committee and Susan Cook will present several tips and suggestions to help us with our quilting projects and sewing. If you have any questions you would like answered, please email Diane Peterson (ddimpfl1@comcast.net) and we will make sure the panel is prepared to advise you. Don't be afraid to ask or be shy. Someone else probably has the same problem or struggles with a technique. Our panel has a number of years experience and are looking forward to sharing their knowledge and ideas. See you then.

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Mar 16th - **Piecers Group** meets at *Always in Stitches* from 1-4, Marsha Baer, 409-9711, contact

Mar 24th - **Handwork Group** (formerly Wool Group) meets at *Always in Stitches* from 1-4, Pat Adams, 490-1155, contact

Indiana Heritage Quilt Show

March 5, 6 & 7

Monroe County Convention Center

302 S College Ave

Bloomington, IN 47403

Hours: 9 to 6

\$8.00 admission

Block of the Month

Each month a pattern and color scheme will be provided and ANYONE who wants to participate will have a chance to take home all the blocks! You can bring blocks any month, no advance sign up is required. Please pin your name on your block and place it on the design wall when you arrive at the meeting. We will use this pinned note for the drawing to determine the winner of **ALL** the blocks.

BOM can now be found listed on our website! Check anytime you want to know what is coming up.

March Block will be a simple flower made up of 4 - 5.5 inch floral patterned fabric squares (Think Spring!); 3 - 2 inch white or cream colored squares, marked diagonally, and sewn on three of the corners; 1 - 2.5 inch yellowish square, also marked diagonally, will be added to the other corner of each piece. When the four pieces are trimmed, pressed and sewn together, they will create a flower with a yellow center. The block should measure 10.5 inches. Do not forget to pin your name on it.

91 Quilts Donated To the Riley Children's Hospital!

On Friday, February 13th we donated an astounding 91 quilts/crocheted blankets and 11 pillowcases to the Cheer Guild at Riley Children's Hospital. Heather Dawes, the director of the organization, met me with open arms and a very large rolling cart! She began pulling out some of the bright cheerful quilts and was in awe of Mudsock's charitable and beautiful donations.

Each month I am overwhelmed with the donations and support you ladies continue to give this charity which began 3 years ago. This year it added up to 102 items! The quilts have come from members of the guild as well as my mom, an avid quilter in Massachusetts (thanks mom!). The quilts will be considered "keepsake items" and will be given with discernment to families in need. From my experience, those items are among the most precious that a family going through tragedy will receive.

The Mudsock Quilters Guild continues to set the bar high and reach it. Take a look at these numbers:

February 2013 (first year for the charity): 21 quilts donated.

February 2014: 43 quilts/crocheted blankets donated.

February 2015: 91 quilts/crocheted blankets, 11 pillowcases donated.

Do you see the trend? Each year we have more than doubled the number from the year before! That makes me wonder...what will 2016 yield?

Again, thank you for all your contributions and support. Listed below, as a reminder, are the special requirements for the quilts and blankets. If you'd like to give in other ways than making a quilt, I will include those ways below as well. Thank you from the bottom of my heart

Selena



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Carole Anderson
Ellen Hanson
Donna Reimer.

Happy Birthday to You!

March 4 - Annie Gianaris
March 6 - Sue White
March 9 - Wanda Van Slyke
March 21 - Kathy Astrike

Bad Weather Policy

If Hamilton Southeastern Schools are CLOSED due to weather - NO MQG Meeting

If Hamilton Southeastern Schools are on a 2-hour Delay--Meeting as Scheduled



Quilt Expressions Quilt Shop – “Sew Modern”

Business Hours: NOW OPEN Monday - Friday 10–5, Saturday 10-3

Bring this ad for 20% off 1 non-sale notion, book, fabric (1 yd+)

Note: 1 coupon per customer , per day, w/additional purchase please.

12514 Reynolds Drive, Fishers, IN 46038

QuiltExpressionslh@gmail.com

*Please remember to bring items for the
food pantry!*

*Bring your items for the Tag Sale!! We
will offer them for sale to members at the
meeting first.*

*Remember to wear your name tag to every
guild meeting!*

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