

Mudsock Messenger

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Mudsock Quilters Guild – DOUBLE ISSUE!

From the President's Pen

March 1, 2014

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I've been busy logging the travel miles. Last week, I flew to Little Rock, Arkansas and then enjoyed spending eight days with my daughter and two grandchildren. Really enjoyed the time with all of them. It had been a long time since getting to spend that much time with them. They may be moving out of the country in the next few months, so the time was extra special. While there, my daughter and I pulled out a quilt that she designed and started several years ago. It will have 90 nine inch squares. The squares are beautiful, but we are challenged with getting accurate points on the blocks and consistent size, every time we work on it. The quilt in-progress made it into my suitcase, and I will be taking it home to finish. I hope to finish it and give it to them before they get transferred.

After my week in Arkansas, I then flew to Kansas City and am currently visiting my mother and other family members and friends for a few days.

Spent today taking Mom out for lunch, then this afternoon hemmed a couple of pairs of pants for her, and organized her clothes closet. This evening watched a play rehearsal that my niece is was in. Have a couple more days to spend with mom, then flying home on Monday, if weather permits.

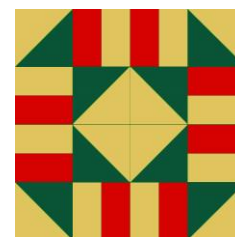
During my travels, I've started my second miniature English Paper piecing project. The first one I made was with 1/4 inch hexagons. This one is with 5/8 inch hexagons. I have found it is the perfect travel project, as I can fit everything I need in one very small case.

I had a wonderful time at last month's guild meeting and it definitely inspired me. I went home and over the next week, completed three charity baby blankets, put the binding on another charity baby quilt that was a group effort (Pat Adams cut the strips and Nancy McDonald pieced it and quilted it).

I enjoyed the tease of spring and look forward to when it is ready to stay. Hope you all are staying safe and warm and enjoying some cozy times working on your projects!

See you soon!

Debbie



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Don't forget to wear your nametag!

Remember to bring items for the Food Pantry!

(Food pantry donations allow us to use the facility without a fee)

Remember to bring items for the tag sale!

Mark Your Calendars – Important Upcoming Events

Next Meeting – March 10th 9:30AM – Fishers UMC

We have an exciting program in March with Mary Strinka. Those who know her work know that she does many innovative quilts and designs as well as traditional quilts. She is a fun speaker and will be talking about rust dying and how to use fabric made with it. And she will show us some of her pieces. She might even tell us about belly dancing!

March 17th – Mudsock Piecers – 1PM to 4PM at Always in Stitches. Led by Kathy Jensen

March 20th – Quilting 101 – New Group about the basics of quilting! Lead by Joanne Fishburn, will meet at Always in Stitches from 1-4PM. Contact Joanne with any questions at jsullfish@sbcglobal.net

March 25 – Wool Group – 1PM to 4PM at Pat Adams's home.

April 14th Guild Meeting – Our own Marion Newell will give a presentation on designing quilts. She'll explain how to determine the sizes to cut so we don't have to use templates and how to resize blocks (and why we would do that).

May 23rd - You are invited to attend the opening reception for Mudsock Quilter, Judy Ireland's solo fiber art exhibit at Fishers Town Hall. Reception will run 6 to 9 PM. The exhibit opens May 19 and closes June 27. Visit the Art in Town Hall Gallery during business hours.

Here's What You Missed at the Last Meeting!

Nancy McDonald shared her sewing/quilting background history with us. She also enlightened us on Riley and Payton Manning Children's Hospitals. Then she led us into our program, which was to cut strips for donation quilts. We either took them to the library or home to complete the quilts. Additional fabric and quilt tops were provided from Sue White's mothers stash! Keep those baby quilts comin'! Selena will be taking them to Riley.

The Tag Sale is coming in May. Annie Gianaris has agreed to be the Chairman for this great fundraising event. Remember to bring in unwanted sewing/quilting items, to each meeting. They will be priced and offered for sale to us at our meetings. What is not sold will go on to the Tag Sale! We will get first dibs! Thanks Annie!

The Food Pantry contributions allow us to use the facility *without cost*. Please remember to bring donations!



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March Birthdays

- Kathy Astrike – March 21
- Annie Gianaris – March 4
- Christine Moore – March 20
- Bernice Tieken – March 15
- Wanda VanSkyke – March 9
- Sue White – March 6

April Birthdays

- Joyce Blackwell – April 23
- Elizabeth Meek – April 14
- Lorraine Ohlman – April 9
- Kathy Zook – April 25



43 Quilts Donated To the Riley Children’s Hospital!

Selena Krajewski

On Friday February 14th, I traveled to Riley Children’s Hospital to donate 43 quilts and blankets to the Cheer Guild unit of the hospital. 35 of these quilts were made and donated by members of the Mudsock Quilt Guild. Seven were made and donated by members of a Round Robin group in Western Massachusetts, and one generously made and donated by Connie Lancaster of Quilts Plus.

Upon arriving at the hospital, we were escorted to the “Toy Room” of the Cheer Guild to learn more about their work. The Cheer Guild gives 14,000 items to children at the hospital and at their satellite campuses each month. Yes, you read that correct – 14,000 items each month! That number includes toys, games, clothing, as well as quilts and blankets, so our donation was readily accepted and greatly appreciated.

The quilts and blankets will be x-rayed to be sure all pins and needles are removed from the items. Per my request, the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) will have the first choice of quilts and blankets, and all others will be given to children in the children’s wards. Not all will qualify for the NICU due to size restrictions or their particular needs.

I would like to thank each person who took the time to make and donate a quilt, as well as the guild who continues to support my charity project. Last year we donated 21 quilts, this year 43. We more than doubled the quantity this year! It’s never too early to begin for next year’s donation. After all, at this rate our goal ought to be 86 quilts for February 2015!

Our donation.....

Selena & Cheer Guild Director, Heather Dawes



MQG Bad Weather Policy

If Hamilton Southeastern Schools are closed due to weather—NO MQG meeting!!
2 Hr delay of Hamilton Southeastern Schools - meeting
as scheduled



BOM Swap List – Pat Adams for March & Kathy Zook for April!

Be sure to have the packet of fabric with your name and name of recipient. And when it is turned in, it needs to have the person's name.

Block of the Month Swap was Judy Dunnigan's idea (a new idea to many of us) and it began in January 2012— We look forward to each month to see that the new pattern will be—how hard it will be to put together and what new tricks we will learn.

The list is not in alphabetical order—but order of sign up. See list below of who is participating!

January 2014 Judy Elwartowski
 February 2014 Elizabeth Meek
March 2014 Pat Adams
April 2014 Kathy Zook
 May 2014 Stephanie Coy-Lykes
 June 2014 Joann Fishburn

July 2014 Lynn Hupp
 August 2014 Judy Dunnigan
 September 2014 Kathy Astrike
 October 2014 Debbie Cobb
 November 2014 Diane Peterson
 December 2014 Lorraine Ohlman

Enjoy these recipes from the Christmas Pitch-In! I will print the rest in the May Newsletter.

CHICKEN SALAD-Pat Spudich

(I put together this recipe, so the following ingredients are according to your taste. This recipe is low calorie and full of protein.)

Chicken breasts, shredded

Non fat Greek yogurt

Grapes

Mix the above ingredients and then chill.

BEAN SALAD – Sue White (easily doubled)

1 can kidney beans (drained)

1 can green beans (drained)

1 can yellow wax beans (drained)

1 can garbanzo beans (drained)

1 cup chopped green pepper

1 medium purple onion – sliced thin

Black or green olives – optional

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup vinegar

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup salad oil

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon garlic salt

Combine sugar, vinegar, oil, and salt. Bring to a boil. Cool. Pour over beans. Let stand until thoroughly chilled, or overnight.

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