

MUDSOCK MESSENGER



February

From the President's Pen 2012

Eeney, Meeny, Miney, Mo—

With a nice clean sewing room/studio I have been able to finish up two I Spy quilt tops and a pillow top, as well as prepare three backings. Now it's time to send them out to be machine quilted. Not bad for the month of January.

Now what to do next!!! And of course, the sewing area needs to be cleaned again. All the left over bits and pieces need to be packed away. And then there are all the threads to be vacuumed up!

Recently someone asked me where I got the inspiration for my quilts. It made me stop and think about that process. The colors in nature—in the world around me—make me sit up and take notice. At the beginning of our Fall trip back to Massachusetts I was inspired by wildflowers, grasses and trees along the highway as we drove out of Indiana. The wildflowers were a light bluish purple, the grasses were shades of gold and rust and the needles and the leaves on the trees were many shades of green. I know one day soon I will be making a scrap quilt with that color combination. I love to go through my stash pulling out the right prints to fit the vision. Even better I know I will be poking in quilt shops looking to add to the mix. Now to decide on a block design.

I know that I can also be inspired by quilts seen at Show and Tell. I might see a pattern design that had never caught my eye before. Other times it could be a combination of colors that were used. And I realize that it would be perfect for one of my "Must Do Someday" projects.

For the past 15 years I have kept two binders. One is patterns that I fall in love with— those are in the "Must Do Someday" projects. Also in this binder are the "Special Requests" - the wedding quilts, baby quilts, and special celebration quilts and projects. Each design idea has it's own clear page protector to hold the instructions. There is also a page to collect fabric swatches as I pull together the ingredients. If I need to go shop for additional fabrics I can take these two pages to the store with me. I know what I have and I know how much I will need.

The second holds the information about the finished quilts. When I finish a quilt I will move two pages from Binder#1 to Binder #2. Also in Binder #2 will be a photo or photos of the finished quilts. Some pictures include the delighted recipients. Also I keep any drawings I made along the way—quilting designs ideas or layout considerations. I also have the label info that I graphed out as I made the label which always has a completion date on it. This way I have record of these special projects and a visual testament to my productivity. The I Spy Quilt pages will be moving on to Binder #2 very soon.

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MUDSOCK QUILTER'S QUILD IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- FEB. 2, - SEW IN- BARN
9A.M.—3 PM
- FEB 13, MONTHLY MTG
9:30 A.M.
- Feb 17, SEW-IN BARN
9 AM—3 PM
- Mar. 1, SEW IN-Barn
9AM—3PM
- Mar 12 MONTHLY MTG
9:30 A.M.
- Mar 15. SEW IN-BARN
9AM—3 PM

NEWS FROM THE "SEW-IN "
AS TOLD BY ~ 20063



Cell phone number for the barn 317-691-0282 if you are lost or have questions!

One thing I know for certain—when quilters are planning on quilting— they show up even if there is 2 inches of snow! Way to go ladies— 17 of you and one darling “young man” showed up on Jan 19th and a good time was had by all—lots was accomplished—I heard some talking about what category they were going to enter the finished project in for the 2013 Quilt Show. Nothing makes me happier unless it is a nice “fat mouse”! Ladies—**MAKE THIS NOTE ON ALL YOUR CALENDARS!!! I will be waiting for all of you to visit me at the barn on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month!!!**



FEBRUARY 13,2012 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS—we will be answering some of your questions on your index cards returned to the Jan meeting. We have experienced quilters from our group for Feb. meeting. The panel met and are ready for you—so you be sure to show them your appreciation for the expertise. Will report the most important answers in the March newsletter!

We want to welcome the following members who joined Mudsock Quilters’ Guild.

December 2011 Kathy Astrike and Karen Burkett

January 2012 Jo Kidwell, Christine Moore, Stephanie Coy-Lykes, Barbara Bible and Holly Garber

We had 28 members and 3 guests at our January 2012 meeting.....not counting the members in Florida!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- Stephanie Coy-Lykes 1-2
- Marsha Baer 1-1
- Susie Street Cook 1-17
- Selena Krajewski 1-19
- Kathy Jensen 1-24
- Barbara Street 1-26



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- Joanne Fishburn 2-2
- Sophia Ruth Uland 2-7
- Liz Rott 2-12

HOPE IT WAS A VERY HAPPY DAY FOR ALL OF YOU & MANY MORE!

INDIANA HERITAGE QUILT SHOW

**MAR 1-3 2012 Bloomington Convention Center
302 S. College Ave, Bloomington, IN**

Adults \$8 PER DAY OR \$17 for three days

7-12 \$2 6 & Under Free

9 am—6 pm Thurs/Fri

9am—5 pm Sat

**OLD TIPPECANOE QUILT
GUILD**

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS

March 24, 2012 9am—4pm

ADMISSION: \$5.00

Christ UMC 3610 S. 18th St.

Lafayette, IN

Have you signed up with Susie Cook yet to be a part of MQG Quilt Show?

Her phone #317-770-9473



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You will have to be a certain age to appreciate this. Can't you just hear your mother now!

The Basic Rules of the Clotheslines

1. *You have to wash the clothes line before hanging any clothes-walk the entire lengths of each line with a damp cloth around the lines.*
 2. *You hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hand the "white" with the "whites" and hand them first.*
 3. *You never hand a shirt by the shoulders-always by the tail! What would the neighbors think?*
 4. *Wash day on a Monday! Never hand clothes on the weekend, or Sunday, for Heaven's sake!*
 5. *Hand the sheets and towels on the outside lines so you could hid your 'unmentionable' in the middle (perverts & busybodies, y'know)*
 6. *It didn't matter if it was sub zero weather...clothes will "freeze dry."*
 7. *Always cather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes. Pins left on the lines were "tacky!"*
 8. *If you were efficient, you would line the clothes up so each item didn't need two clothes pins, but shared one of the clothes pins with the next washed item.*
 9. *Clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket and ready to be ironed.*
 10. **IRONED?!** *Well, that's a whole other subject!*
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A CUP OF TEA, FIRE IN THE FIREPLACE AND----

When you need to let your fingers rest from quilting or if it's a gray gloomy day—Sue White recommends reading one of Jennifer Chiaverini's books from the Elm Creek Quilts Series. She has written 17 titles. Even a newcomer to the popular series will quickly get caught up in the lives of the ladies who stitch. They are quick, light hearted reads and will remind you of local things that happen with quilters and every day life. As well as being the author Jennifer has a collection of three quilt projects inspired by the series and is the designer of the Elm Creek Quilts fabric lines from Red Rooster Fabrics. (Editor's note—I'm reading the first one *The Quilter's Apprentice*—anyone else have any of these books we could swap and all enjoy— Let me know)

