

MUDSOCK MESSENGER



From the President's Pen

The Weather Outside is Frightful

Indeed the weather outside has been a challenge but it has allowed me to spend some happy hours at my sewing machine. I assembled a quilt top, finished the second birthday crown, and made the 6 mercantile items I promised myself I'd complete in January.

Now that I have caught up on the current "TO DO" list I can tackle the "OTHER" pile! When I first moved here I started a patchwork plastic bag dispenser to color coordinate with my new kitchen. And as I frequently do, I enjoyed sorting through my scraps, choosing the fabrics and sewing them together. My secondary goal for this project was to get familiar with my Janome 6600 sewing machine. Before I moved to Indiana I purchased the Janome so I could do machine applique, machine quilting and make good buttonholes. But with all the moving and traveling back and forth it was still easier to use my trusty Pfaff 1475. It doesn't make great buttonholes but I love it's even-feed foot and it's near perfect 1/4- inch seams — and how many buttonholes does a quilter need to make anyway!

Yesterday I finally got the bag project out again, cleared off the machine and got out the Janome 6600 Instruction Book. I am going to dive into the "how-to's" and start by using a zigzag stitch over the seams of the patchwork with a contrasting thread. Then I'll dig out those machine applique projects and read up on that technique. Wish me luck!

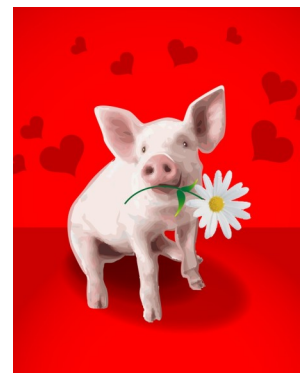
Last week I did take a break from the sewing machine and went to Pat Adams' house for the first meeting of the Wool Applique Focus Group. It was a fun afternoon. I took a project I started in 2002, I think. I picked up a few pointers and enjoyed getting to know the other gals. We also got to check out Pat's sewing room! Later that evening I pulled out my collection of wool applique projects and sorted through them trying to decide what would be next on the list. I finished the table mat that I took to Pat's two days later and have started on another that has been in my "pristine pattern" collection for years. I have discovered that wool applique is a great fit with evening TV time!

I just stumbled across a Super Bowl "factoid" that caught my attention. The Snack Food Association estimates that 11.2 million pounds of potato chips are eaten during the Super Bowl! Since chips are my favorite "can't resist" snack food I plan to take a hand sewing project to the neighborhood Super Bowl Party. I will need to keep my hands clean to sew and that will hopefully keep them out of the chip bowl. Now the decision — should it be a wool applique project?

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2013 Mudsock Guild Quilt Show

Quilt Show Committees:

Advertising & Hospitality Committee: Holly Garber (leader), Suzie Wetzel, Debbie Cobb, Kathy Astrike, Marlynn Story. Come up with flyers, bookmarks, etc, so we can start advertising the show now. Think of inexpensive strategies to advertise show and investigate how much signs cost. Think up inexpensive goodie bags for speakers.

Mudsock Mercantile Committee: Cindy Reynolds (leader), Pat Adams, Nancy Joseph, Chris Moore, Barbara Street, Joanne Fishburn, Lynn Hupp, Sue White, Carol Rankin. Come up with a list of items you want to collect for the shop. Get ready for the November meeting, where your group will be demonstrating four or so various items to make for the show.

Set Up/Tear Down Committee: Ruth Chrena, Cindy Reynolds, Sue Griffith, Jo Kidwell, Joani Lawson (need to pick a leader of this group). Contact Church for plans of the gym space. Plan on 100-200 quilts. Set aside space for venders and speakers.

Vender/Programs Committee: Pat Adams (leader), Laura Phares, Susan Breeder. Select venders (including food vender) for the show. Come up with prices for vender space. Contact venders. Start planning programs to offer throughout the show-demos on techniques, new rulers or notions can be demonstrated by venders to help sell merchandise.

Registration Committee: Kathy Jensen (leader), Ruth Chrena, Elizabeth Meek, Laura Phares, Wanda Van Slyke, Judy Elwartowski. The quilt categories have been chosen! Good work! Ribbons and registration method needs to be created.

Volunteer Coordinator: I need someone to be the volunteer coordinator.

Reminders & Notifications

Cancellation Notifications

For those of you without an email account, I will always notify you (by telephone) promptly with any time sensitive information.

*****During winter months, you can check online or view local television stations' school cancellations to determine whether MQG will meet. If Hamilton Southeastern Schools are closed, likewise, MQG will also not convene.*****

Charity Quilts

Several people have now donated fabrics for charity quilts. However, we are in need of volunteers to piece and quilt these blankets. The fabrics have already been divided out into groups, and there are enough sets for seven quilts. I will have these available at the August meeting, for those of you who would be willing to help. If you would like to make one but cannot attend this month's meeting, contact me by phone or email and I will arrange to get you a set. Thanks! -Holly



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It's Time to Make the Doughnuts Focus Group

This group will meet on March 11, 2013 after the monthly meeting. There will be a break so plan to bring your lunch or make a trip for your favorite takeout.

Supply List for Making A Doughnut

-6" x 12" piece of tan, brown or light brown FELT (doughnut pincushion). Ideally we would like to use a good quality felt wool or part wool – but I have found that color is more important when choosing the felt for your doughnut. Choose one that looks realistic regardless of content.

-5" square pink, brown, white, or tan FELT (icing applique)

-Polyester fiberfill to stuff the doughnut. I prefer wool batting, but for this initial doughnut the poly is fine.

-THREAD - Perle cotton No. 5 or 8 dark pink, cream white, caramel or yellow to applique the icing. If you wish to add a decorative stitch to your doughnut bring a color that works with the color of the doughnut

*Embroidery Floss may also be used for this step.

-Regular sewing thread for your sewing machine to match the doughnut color

-Assorted bugle or seed beads for embellishing the icing

-Needles: Curved needle, Embroidery needle with eye large enough for the perle cotton and a needle to fit through your beads – I use an #10 or #11 Milliners needle

-Chopstick to help stuff your doughnut

-Sewing Machine and extension cords

**The sewing machine is needed to stitch the two halves of the doughnut together. You will be sewing around the inner and outer circles of the doughnut and you may be most comfortable using your own machine. If you and a friend have the same machine – just bring one and share.

-Basic Sewing Kit – pins, scissors to cut felt and to cut paper, thimble if you use one

Advertisements:

For \$10/month & advertisement, the MQG will now be publishing ads for those who desire. Checks can be made out to MQG and delivered to Joanne Fishburn. You can mail, email, or text me your advertisement and I will make sure it's published in the following month's newsletter. Thanks! -Holly

Contact Information

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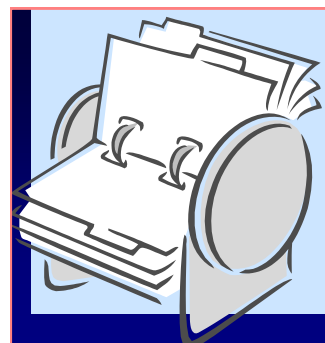
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Future Dates for MQG: Where's my Datebook?

MQG Monthly Meetings:

February 11, 2013: Have you ever wondered what "Quilt Market" is all about? Kathy Zook and Stephanie Coy-Lykes, from Always-in-Stitches, will share their Quilt Market experiences and pictures with us. For "Show & Tell" please bring a "Red" or "Valentine themed" quilt or a cherished quilt that was given to you.



February Birthdays

Joanne Fishburn	2/2
Sophia Uland	2/7
Liz Rott	2/12



BOM Swap List

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 2013 Judy Elwartowski	February 2013 Sue Johnson	March 2013 Barbara Street
April 2013 Lynn Hupp	May 2013 Kathy Astrike	June 2013 Judy Dunnigan
July 2013 Debbie Cobb	August 2013 Elizabeth Meek	September 2013 Pat Adams
October 2013 Kathy Zook	November 2013 Stephanie Coy-Lykes	December 2013 Joanne Fishburn

Don't forget the Block of the Month Swap takes place **after the meeting!**