



MUDSOCK MESSENGER

*May you always have work for your hands to do
 May your pockets always hold a coin or two
 May the sunshine brighten your windowpane
 May the rainbow be certain to follow the rain
 May the hand of a friend be always near
 And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you*

From the Presidents Pen
 March 2012

Quilting Friends Are Good Friends

On my February trip to Massachusetts there was no creative inspiration from the landscape – it was all brown, gray and drab!

The purpose for our trip was to check on our house on Cape Cod and to be in Amherst on Sunday, February 26 so my husband could go to his Fantasy Baseball auction. My son would be flying in from Indianapolis to meet us there.

My agenda was to see as many of my quilting friends as I could squeeze into 10 days and two locations. While on the Cape I spent a day with two of my Amherst quilting friends who were at a get-away in Hyannis. They were set up in the hotel ballroom with 85 other quilters. It was a little bit like our Sew-Ins at the Barn - but on steroids! We hit the local quilt shops, had fried clams for lunch and then spent the afternoon in the ballroom working on our own projects. Norma is a fan of Japanese fabrics and design. She was making a quilt using circles and moving the values from dark to light across the surface of the quilt. Char is still in love with Batiks and her favorite slightly murky color palette.

Later in the week I had supper with my Cape Cod quilting pals - Vickie, Jane and Willie - my Four Sisters group. We had a great dinner, show and tell and a chance to catch up with each other.

Another morning I had coffee down the road with Pat, another quilting friend. Once again there was show and tell and we also swapped grandkid stories. It was a short visit since I was packing up to move on out to western Massachusetts for the big Sunday auction in Amherst.

On Sunday, while my guys were busy selecting ball players I spent the afternoon at my friend Char's house. It was good to see her once more. That afternoon six other quilting buddies joined us. It was so good to see everyone and to see what they were working on. Two of the gals were making scarfs by felting wool roving onto silk. Carolyn, who used to teach at my quilt shop, was doing a wool applique with cotton as the background square. Gloria was hand quilting her beautiful floral applique quilt in a 1/2 inch grid! Char had her latest Round Robin blocks (at Mudsock we call them BOM) pinned up on the wall. The final destination for the finished piece will be to Quilts of Valor.

Needless to say I had a great time visiting and catching up with "My Buds." I truly believe that Quilting Friends are the Best Friends! And I'm excited to be making new ones here in Indiana.

Marion

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MUDSOCK QUILTER'S QUILT IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar 12 - MONTHLY MTG
9:30 a.m.
- Mar 15—SEW-IN BARN
9 AM—3 PM
- Apr 5 - SEW IN-Barn
9AM—3PM
- Apr 9—Monthly MTG
9:30 A.M.
- Apr 19 SEW IN-BARN
9AM—3 PM

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

NEWS FROM THE "SEW-IN" AS TOLD BY ~ *BOOTS*



—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!!! It's hard to tell who has the most fun at these sessions!

**Cell phone number for the barn 317-691-0282 if you are lost or have questions! Or call Elizabeth Meek at 317-698-6719 - also call above numbers for weather related questions!*

Attendance at the "Sew-Ins" at the barn is awesome!—a lot of good items are being made .
(Ed note– what happens at the barn stays there - so if you want to be in the "know" check it out")

We want to welcome the following members who joined Mudsock Quilters' Guild in March 2012

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We have 28 members and 3 guests for our February 2012 meeting.

We would also like to thank Laura Phares, Susie Cox, Pat Adams, Marion Newell, Ruth Chrena and Barbara Street for serving on our panel—they talked about different threads for different jobs, needles and the size of needles, rulers -(Ed Note: use the same brand for individual projects—don't mix brands a quarter inch may not always be the same but oh what a difference it makes!!!!) and much more. If you have future questions keep them available for the next discussion group!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Annie Gianaris	3-4
Sue White	3-6
Wanda VanSlyke	3-9
Christine Moore	3-20
Kathy Astrike	3-21

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Meek	4-14
Donna Case	4-20



Mudsock's First Annual Quilt Show
Susie Cook would like to hear from you about helping with this event—
317-770-9473

OLD TIPPECANOE QUILT GUILD FESTIVAL OF QUILTS

March 24, 2012 9am—4pm

ADMISSION: \$5.00

Christ UMC 3610 S. 18th St.

Lafayette, IN





TREASURER'S REPORT-
JOANNE FISHBURN
Feb 29, 2012

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Balance Forward \$ 1,573.58

INCOME

Donations \$ 1,075.00

Dues \$ 1,175.00

Interest \$.18

Scholarships \$ 75.00

Miscellaneous \$.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 2,325.68

EXPENSES

Hospitality \$ 195.87

Speaker Fee \$ 225.00

Mileage/Lodging \$ 152.00

Administrative \$ 54.23

\$ 627.10

BALANCE Feb 29 2012 \$ 1,698.58

\$



Mudsock Quilters Guild Board of Officers 2012

We are so pleased to announce that we have a complete *Board of Officers for 2012* We are very grateful for the following ladies and their commitment to making "Mudsock Quilter's Guild" the best ever!

President	Marion Newell
Vice President	Pat Adams
Secretary	Elizabeth Meek
Treasurer	Joanne Fishburn
Membership Chairman	Kathy Jensen
Quilt Show Chairman	Susie Cook
Hospitality	Sue White & Joani Lawson
BOM Swap	Judy Dunnigan
Barn"Sew-In"	Cindy Reynolds
Newsletter	Rosie Antonides

BLOCK OF THE MONTH SWAP

Judy Dunnigan

Block of the Month Swap was Judy Dunnigan's idea (a new idea to many of us) and it began in January 2012— Rosie Antonides was first one on the list. Pat Adams pattern and choice of fabric for February was very awesome. The list is *not* in alphabetical order—but order of sign up. See listed below—

January 2012	Rosie Antonides	February 2012	Pat Adams	March 2012	Elizabeth Meek
April 2012	Marion Newell	May 2012	Judy Elwartowski	June 2012	Joann Fishburn
July 2012	Judy Dunnigan	August 2012	Kathy Astrike	Sept. 2012	Laura Phares
October 2012	Cindy Reynolds	November 2012	Liz Rott	December 2012	Barbara Street

Don't forget the Block of the Month Swap takes place after the meeting! In March—see Elizabeth Meek and what she has in her surprise packet!!



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**MARCH IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH!!!! On
March 12 bring a new member or more with you
and you all will win a prize. You never know what
is in the "Pot of Gold" !**

APPLE CIDER BEEF STEW

Apple cider and cinnamon are the unique additions that give a down home flavor to this oh-so-easy and economical stew.

4 cups frozen vegetables for stew (about 24 ounces,) thawed or chop your favorites

1 can (8 oz) sliced water chestnuts, drained 1 jar (4 1/2 oz) sliced mushrooms, drained

1 tablespoon dried minced onion (or chop your own) 2 envelopes brown gravy mix

2 tablespoons onion soup mix 2 teaspoons steak seasoning 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

2 #’s stew meat cut in 1 inch cubes 1 can (14 1/2 oz)beef broth 1 1/4 cups apple cider or unsweetened apple juice

1 can (8 oz) tomato sauce 1 bay leaf Combine vegetables, water chestnuts, mushrooms and onion in 5 qt slow cooker. In a large resealable plastic bag combine the gravy mix, soup mix, steak seasoning, and cinnamon, add beef a few pieces at a time and shake to coat. Add beef to the slow cooker. Combine the broth, cider and tomato sauce and pour over beef. Add bay leaf cook on low for 6-7 hours or until meat is tender.

Combine 3 tablespoons cornstarch and 1/3 cup water until smooth. Stir into stew—cover and cook on high for 15 minutes till thickened. Discard bay leaf Yield 12 servings.



April Showers won't bother
MOG for their April meeting—
will put on a happy smile and
meet for our regular **April 9th**
meeting at 9:30 a.m. We

have an fun filled program being brought
to us by Cindy Reynolds on Strip Piecing!

How many ways can you use up those
scraps and come up with something you
can hardly believe you have created!

Don't miss April 9th at our regular place!



**MARCH MOG MEETING ON
MARCH 12TH — GUEST SPEAKER**

Our quest
speaker for the March meeting will be Karen Bennett from
Select Sewing 65th & Keystone in Indianapolis. She will be
giving us "How To's" on Machine Quilting and also have
an update on new tools of our trade— maybe even have
some for us to purchase and try out. Put that date on your
calendar and bring a friend!

Who knows how to set up a website—need info for the
MOG—just need to "HELP" - low budget item but good
way to communicate with everyone—Let Rosie know at
mudsockquilters@yahoo.com or 570-1404

**HELP WANTED—No experience necessary just a desire to make peo-
ple happy—Everyone loves to be a winner—We need a door prize
chairman and others to work with her—WINNER, WINNER, STEP UP
so we will have lots of winners—See Marion Newell , Pres.**

Happy 
St. Patricks Day