

# MUDSOCK MESSENGER

## From the President's Pen

### Is It Spring (March) Yet?

February 21, 2013: I was all revved up for a couple of days alone!!! Norm was headed to Massachusetts for the weekend to attend a meeting of his Fantasy Baseball league. This is a group who meet several times a year and work on their own "fantasy baseball" teams. They have been doing this for more than 25 years. BUT due to the weather – more big snow predicted for western Massachusetts - it has been rescheduled. BUMMER! I am sure I will still get some sewing time but it will be interrupted by dinner prep, etc.

I am really enjoying our Wool Applique meetings with Pat Adams. I am about to finish project number three! We had our second meeting which coincided with a no - school day for Zoey. I was encouraged to go to the meeting since sister Sadie would be joining Zoey for the afternoon and the girls entertain themselves leaving Grandpa to play solitaire on the computer while keeping an eye on the girls. Well when I got home I found that ketchup sandwiches had been made – 4 slices of white bread with 3 layers of ketchup in between! It's not even clear if the sandwiches were ever eaten!!! Grandpa thought it was OK because they were playing restaurant! Next time I may need to get a sitter for Grandpa!

Here we are three months into year two of Mudsock and a vision for the group is beginning to come into focus. We currently have 42 renewed members with an attendance of around 30. Some are new to quilting and some are long time quilters which I think is a great mix. One of our prime mandates for the guild is to be a group where you are encouraged to experience all that quilting has to offer. We plan to offer opportunities to move members along.

February 26, 2013: I just spent the last two days rearranging my sewing room. I cleaned off counters and put away the remains of several finished projects. I made a label for a finished quilt and I started looking over the quilt magazines from 2012. As you know, I save projects of interest in notebooks for future reference. In fact several of my most recent projects came from those books. I even figured out how to downsize my ironing area!

I am also looking forward to going back to western Massachusetts at the beginning of April to attend the quilt show held by my former guild, Hands Across the Valley. It will be fun to visit with all my friends and to see what they have been up to in their quilting adventures. One of my good friends moved to Texas last year to be near her granddaughter – sound familiar? She will be there so we can visit and catch-up. I'm trying to convince her to stop in Indianapolis in two years and we'll go to the next show together.

I don't know about you, but I am ready for Spring!

Marion



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**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

## Riley Children's Hospital Charity Quilts Donated

At the start of 2012, I challenged the guild to make quilts for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for Riley Children's Hospital. I am proud to announce that on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, I was able to donate 21 beautiful quilts to the Cheer Guild of Riley! Contributions came from the Mudsock Quilt Guild and we even received several from quilters in a Round Robin sewing group in Massachusetts. These quilts will be distributed to patients of the hospital in need of some warmth and love.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one of you for donating your time, the fabric and your prayers to make these quilts. As a mother who had two children in the NICU, we were able to keep everything our children touched. We have a treasured wealth of quilts and blankets that mean the world to my husband and me. I know firsthand the importance of this charity for more than just the children who receive them.

I challenge you to consider making and donating another quilt to give to the hospital next year. If you were unable to make one for the charity in 2012, please give thought to contributing your talents this year. The preferred size requirements are listed below, but smaller quilts are welcomed with open arms.

Thank you again!

### Suggested Riley Children's Hospital Quilt Requirements:

The Quilts should be made of new material and appropriate for all age patients. New batting is necessary for all quilts small and large. NO TACKING PLEASE!!!!

There are no real restrictions on color or thickness for the larger quilts and filling may be used but it must be NEW. Again, no tacking please.

### Suggested Quilt Sizes:

45"x60"

72"x80"

Afghans – either knitted or crocheted are also given to the patients at Riley. They need to be made following the same size guidelines as the quilts and need to be made out of new yarn.

-Selena Krajewski



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### Future Dates for MQG: Where's my Datebook?

#### MQG Monthly Meetings:

March 11, 2013: Regular meeting held at Fishers UMC



### March Birthdays

Annie Gianaris	3/4	Carolynn Marriott	3/18
Wanda VanSlyke	3/9	Christine Moore	3/20
Janet Terzi	3/15	Kathy Astrike	3/21



### 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	<b><u>March 2013 Barbara Street</u></b>
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!**