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From the President's Pen

Is It Spring (March) Yet?

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What was that groundhog thinking? I thought he said Spring would be here by now! I have noticed the birds singing, the longer days and some pretty, sunny days, but the COLD and now the SNOW – ARGH! But enough whining, I guess.

As most of you know the Mudsock Board decided not to have a quilt show at this time. Many of you have shared your concerns about our ability to make it happen. The big problem is that our group is too small to pull it off.

We have decided to redirect our energies into growing our membership and planning activities to bring us together at our monthly meetings and also outside of that format. We already have the Wool Focus Group and the Piecing Focus Group that meet monthly in an informal setting leaving time for learning new techniques and making new friends. We are brainstorming fund raising activities to address another of our concerns. We have discussed member-led workshops with a minimum fee, a tag sale of quilt-related items collected when we clean out our sewing rooms. We have also discussed incentives to bring in new members. Look at notices about these activities in this newsletter.

We want to get the word out about Mudsock Quilters Guild. Susan Cook's husband has developed a website for us. We need to start putting information on it. We want pictures on it. We are looking for a volunteer to take pictures of our meetings, activities and quilts and put them on the website. Sue Griffith has helped perfect our Mudsock Quilters flier and has even developed a prototype for a group pin.

The guild thanks Susan Cook for the hard work, research, time and energy that she put into the Quilt Show planning. Much of the research will help us down the road when the time comes to do a show.

Also we want to thank Holly Garber for the hard work, time and energy that she put into our newsletters. Unfortunately, for us, Holly has found it necessary to step down and focus on her family.

We welcome Bev Petru as our new newsletter editor.

I will miss the April meeting while I take a trip back to Massachusetts. While there I will be attending the Hands Across the Valley Quilters Guild show. This is the guild I started many years ago. I can't wait to see the quilts. Many are made by my former students from my shop - My Favorite Quilt Shop - which closed 15 years ago when I moved to Cape Cod. I can't wait to visit with all my friends at the show. I have never missed a show tho' it gets harder now that I live in Indiana.

Think Spring!

Marion

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Mark Your Calendars – Important Upcoming Events

Next Meeting – April 8th 9:30AM – Fishers UMC

Our program will be "Borders" provided by Connie Lancaster from Quilts Plus.

At last months guild meeting we broke into groups to continue working on the "Balkan Puzzle block" that we started at the "barn". If your group worked on that project outside of the meeting, please bring it. We want to see and hear about your progress.

For "Show & Tell"---Please share a colorful quilted item to remind us of Spring. Or, if you went to one of the "Focus Groups" and want to share what you've accomplished, please bring it.

April 23 – Focus Groups

Debbie Cobb will host the next "Wool Focus Group" on April 23rd. For more information, please contact Debbie or Pat Adams.

May 11th – Yard Sale Fundraiser

At the March meeting we agreed to sell donated items at the **Always in Stitches** Yard Sale on May 11 as a fundraiser for our guild.

Any donations of sewing and quilting items that you no longer need or want would be greatly appreciated. This is a good opportunity to make room for more fabric! Please prep the items for *display, i.e. neatly fold or bundle fat quarters, etc.* ****We will collect them at the April**

Meeting.** If items cannot be brought to the meeting, please contact Pat Adams at 490-1155 to drop them off at her home, since the sale is before our May meeting.

May Meeting- May 13th

Have you ever wondered how to make a quilted postcard? Lynn Hodge from Quilt Expressions will show us how. For "Show & Tell" ---In honor of the Indianapolis 500, please bring a quilt with black and white---in it. Or a legacy quilt. Or a Focus Group project! (We love show and tell!)

Great News! Immediately following the May 13th Meeting-

We have a standing reservation for a "play (sew) date" at the Fishers Public Library after our monthly meetings, beginning on Monday May 13, 2013 (except for July and September.)

On Monday May 13, we have the "East" meeting room from 12:00PM-4:00PM. The meeting rooms and times may vary slightly but will be announced in the newsletters, at the meeting and posted on the meeting room door. We can use the room to work on sewing projects, handwork, group projects or just chat! You may bring your lunch or stop and eat on the way. Parking will be a breeze. Just park on the far east side of the library and come right into the meeting room.

Dues Reminder

Membership dues for 2013 are currently due. You can make out your \$25 check to Mudsock Quilters Guild and send it to Kathy Jensen, 16195 Oliver St., Fishers, 46037

Advertisements:

For \$10/month, MQG will publish ads for those who desire. Checks can be made out to MQG and mailed to Joanne Fishburn. You can mail or email your ad to me, the Editor, Bev Petru, and I will run it in the next newsletter.

For Sale: Janome Memory Craft 350E Embroidery Machine - \$400

Machine in good working condition. The 350E makes is easy to embellish home dec items, garments, or accessories—just snap in your hoop and press a key. The 350E is our most advanced embroidery-only machine. Back-lit LCD screen, Auto thread cutter, USB memory key compatible, ATA PC card port, compatible with Janome software. Standard hoops: Large 5.5” x 7.9”. Standard 5” x 4.3” For more info, contact Rosie Antonides 570-1404 antonides@sbcglobal.net

Need a quilt top hand-quilted?

The Orchard Park Presbyterian Church Quilters hand quilt all styles and sizes, from antique tops to modern tops. They have been quilting together weekly for many years and do wonderful work. All proceeds go to church mission projects. They would love to have more projects. Contact Bev Petru, 569-8064, of MQG, for more info.

Quilt Expressions Quilt Shop – “Sew Modern”

Business Hours: NOW OPEN Monday – Friday 10–6 & Saturday 10-3

12514 Reynolds Drive, Fishers, IN 46038

QuiltExpressionslh@gmail.com

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 Barbara Street

March 2013 Pat Adams

April 2013 Lynn Hupp

May 2013 Kathy Astrike

June 2013 Judy Dunnigan

July 2013 Debbie Cobb

August 2013 Elizabeth Meek

September 2013 Sue Johnson

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!**

April Birthdays:

Joyce Blackwell 4/23
Donna Case 4/20
Elizabeth Meek 4/14
Susan Miller 4/2
Cindy Reynolds 4/27
Kathy Zook 4/25

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bear with me! For now, contact me
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