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## MUDSOCK MESSENGER

MAY BIRTHDAY

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From the Presidents Pen

Black and White and Red All Over.

I saw an interesting news report on television recently. It discussed the census of the Emperor Penguins that was being done in Antarctica. Emperor Penguins are the largest penguins in the world and found only in Antarctica, The census was being done digitally which is totally new technology for counting the penguins. The census found that there were 595,000 penguins which is twice the number thought to exist before and accurate count could be done,

When my son Nat—the father of my granddaughters— was in elementary school he spent one year studying black and white "critters". Every time a paper was assigned he chose a black and white animal to report on—penguins, pandas, zebras—not always the most successful way to an A!

For thirty years I was the wife of a printer-back in the day when wood type coated in ink hit paper— pre-computer. We were "job printers" which means we printed everything—tickets on #63 cards, college newspapers on the web press, books for local authors and posters for all the events at University of Massachusetts, Amherst College and Hampshire College. All at the same time.

I was the editor of the New England Quilters Guild newsletter what's black and white and read all over was my motto! While editor I made a "What's Black and White and **RED** All Over" vest. I pieced together some fabric with newspaper column on it and also used a liberal amount of black, white and red fabrics. Shortly after I took a class with Virginia Avery to make a jacket. I used the collection of black and red fabric and made a great jacket! But I really need to be five foot ten to sweat it and look good!

Recently I have gotten back into black and white and red. I decorated my sewing room with cushions and curtains in those colors. I am also organizing a selection of fabrics to make a quilt in that scheme Until recently I couldn't find a pattern that I liked but at a recent quilt meeting I discovered the Disappearing 9 Patch Block. And I will use that to make my quilt. It is simple, fun and can be put together in a number of ways. From the pictures you can see I made a 12" 9 patch using my black, white and red prints. Then I cut it in half once in each direction which give me 4 small blocks. Use a good mix of prints and a fun quilt will emerge. Let me know if you try this out!

Marion

Editor's pote:

(The examples of this pattern will be available at the May meeting May 14th)

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



If you have questions or are lost call 317 –691-0282

—<u>MAKE THIS NOTE ON ALL YOUR CALENDARS!!! I will be waiting for all of you to visit me at the</u> barn on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month!!! It's hard to tell who has the most fun at these sessions!

Have you notice Boots is busy getting his place ready for company on May 14th !!!!! He can hardly wait to hear all the cars pull into the parking lot and the happy voices of the Mudsock Quilters Guild coming to have their May meeting— All members will be bringing their sewing machines—and their personal things they use with their sewing machine—and learning about 1/4 inch seams, etc— Boots is the happiest Cat this side of the Mississippi - who else gets to have so many ladies learning—and letting Boots listen in!

Rumor has it he has been checking Cindy's stash—maybe he will learn enough to enter his own quilt in the April 2013 Quilt Show!

DIRECTIONS TO CINDY'S BARN FOR MAY 14th 2012 MEETING.......FROM FUMC—116th Street And I-69 - GO NORTH ON 37 TO 206TH STREET— TURN RIGHT at the light keep going East—turn left onto Durbin Road— will be the 4th house on the left—



How many of you are into texting— do you know the "lingo the kids use" Sounds like another language to those not texting "lol" Here are some <u>*Quilt Acronyms*</u> to show the "younger set" you are in the know!!!!

- BOB Beginner's Only Block
- DSM Domestic Sewing Machine
- EQ Electric Quilt (a software package for designing quilts)
- FART Fabric Acquisition Road Trip
- LOS Local Quilt Shop
- OBW One-Block Wonder
- PIG Project in a Grocery Sack
- SABLE Stash Assumulation Beyond Life Expectancy
- STASH Special Treasure, All Secretly Hidden
- WIVSP Work in Very Slow Progress
- WIWMI Wish It Would Make Itself
- WOMBAT Waste of Money, Batting, and Time
- WWIT What Was I Thinking

## **BLOCK OF THE MONTH UPDATE**



January 2012 Block of Month Swap Pattern Rosie Antonides—Progress—at the Long Arm



February 2012 Block of tattern Pat Adams -



March 2012 B lock of the Month Swap Pattern Elizabeth Meek—



Marion Newell & Liz Rott discussing the Block of the Month for April 2012

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 to-gether 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 2012	Rosie Antonides	February 2012 Pat Adams March 2012 Elizabeth Mee	
April 2012	Liz Rott	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 Marion Newell December 2012 Barbara Street	

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

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## Future Dates for MQG - where's my datebook

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<u>MAY 14, 2012</u> is bring your sewing machine to MQG and let's play. The <u>meeting place will be in Cindy</u> <u>Reynolds Barn</u>. You won't believe all that is being planned for you— Just plan on being there—you'll be sorry if you miss it! If you have a friend that tells you they don't know or understand quilting—this is their chance as well as yours—will begin with the basic 1/4 inch seam and explore a whole new world—will also have plenty of help so no one will feel underqualified! Try it—you will be surprised what you already know or will learn !!! Bring your friends and share an "Ah HAHAHAHA moment with them"

<u>MAY 16TH 2012</u>—Common Threads Quilt Guild has invited us to join them to hear Dallas Reed—Dallas is a sought after teacher with International flaiar. He knows how to encourage us to cut into some of those large printsthat we love and don't know what to do with. He will share from his own personal collections of quilts and projects. Free to all paid members—\$5.00 for non members Meeting held at Mt. Comfort UMC—

*JUNE 11. 2012—MQG*—regular meeting **Jim Bennett from Select Sewing** will be with us to discuss Care and First Aid for our Sewing Machines 9:30 a.m. **Regular meeting place**—*Fishers United Methodist Church*. Bring a friend— You're be surprised what you will learn!!!

**JUNE 20, 2012** Common Threads has invited us to join them for a very special presenter **BRIAN HAGGARD** This is a great opportunity to hear a beautiful crazy quilt program. Brian is growing in fame and popularity and will be difficult to get for a program in the future. Why not be one of the first to enjoy his depth of talents and displays as we visit lazy quilts from the past with today's techniques for making and displaying these priceless heirlooms. It will be a pitch in luncheon—free to all paid members of CTQG—\$5.00 for non members