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From the President's Pen

Home Is Where Your Friends Are.

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They say "You Can't Go Home Again" but I think I just did! On April 6 and 7, I went to the 14th Hands Across the Valley Quilt Show – a biennial show – in Amherst, Massachusetts. This is the quilt guild that I started with nine other eager quilters in 1983.

The show was wonderful! Large quilts were in the auditorium of the Campus Center at UMass Amherst. Small quilts were displayed on the walls of six smaller rooms down the hall where the vendors were set up. There was also a special exhibit of World War II quilts in the big room where demonstrations and quilt appraisals were being done. Out in the lobby was a display of small quilts that were for sale and gift baskets that were to be raffled. Down the hall was the raffle quilt ticket sales. Also in the auditorium was the bag Silent Auction. Totes, clutches and purses were displayed and bids were solicited. The highest bidder got to take home the bag.

For me this was a multi-sensory event! The quilts were terrific. There were traditional, contemporary and modern with a sprinkling of garments. And then the other – to me - more important feature was the people. Several of the founding members who had moved away were at this show. I have never missed a show, but living in Indiana may make it more difficult to keep up my attendance. I visited with members of my former "Round Robin" group. (Block of the Month that meets in members' homes). I also caught up with other guild members who shared quilt "adventures" like going to Quilt Camp. And I also got to chat with former students from my quilt shop days. They always tell me they miss "My Favorite Quilt Shop." I never say I taught them to make the quilts they make. I say, and I believe, that My Favorite Quilt Shop opened the door to quilting and all its possibilities to the students. We taught techniques, offered color theory and introduced the tools to make a quilt. These skills allowed the creativity to come from the students.

The common thread in all these friendships is quilting and sharing in activities that were quilt-related. I am beginning to develop some of those relationships here in the Mudsock Quilt Guild. Our Wool and Piecing Focus Group meetings offer opportunities to get together and share our skills, show our projects and just get to know each other. I also went on the Road Trip to Fabric and Friends in Roanoke last week. What a great day! We chatted all the way up, were treated to a demonstration and delicious lunch and then allowed to shop the many rooms that housed 10,000 bolts of fabric. And of course we talked all the way home. This past Monday was another opportunity to gather and bond as we sorted the many donations for our Tag Sale on May 11. I am beginning to put many more names and faces together.

Don't forget to plan to go to the Fishers Library for a work session after our Monday guild meeting. Bring a project, your machine and perhaps your lunch – certainly another chance to share and visit.

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Mark Your Calendars – Important Upcoming Events

May 11th – Yard Sale Fundraiser – 10:00 to 3:00PM – Plan to attend!!

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.

In addition to our personal donations, we will be including in the sale, sewing fabric, yarn, books, notions, and misc goodies from 29+ boxes of estate items. Twelve guild members gathered together and sorted and priced all donations. Anyone who volunteered to work at the yard sale will be contacted very soon. We can still use help, even for an hour, so contact Pat Adams at 490-1155, if you can help.

Next Meeting – May 13th 9:30AM – Fishers UMC

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!)

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. This month, some groups plan to work on their Balkan Puzzle projects.

May 21st – Wool Focus Group

Lorraine Ohlman will lead the Wool Focus Group from 1-4PM. They will meet at the Fishers Public Library in the Fishers Stage room.

June Meeting – June 10th

There will be a presentation on Layer Cakes and Jelly Rolls by Quilt Quarters.

Here's What You Missed at the Last Meeting!

Connie Lancaster from Quilts Plus gave us a great visual presentation on "borders". How to plan and how to execute. It gave us lots of opportunity for interaction, and great food for thought.

Sue White had planned a road trip to Fabrics and Friends quilt shop in Roanoke for April 24th. I understand it was lots of fun! The shop had a program planned and also provided lunch!

Show and Tell was great, as usual. Some items displayed were:

1. Pat Adams, embroidered quilt
2. Karen Mitchell – needle turned applique quilt
3. Susan Cook – Bev Petru's twister quilt that Susan machine quilted; strippy aqua quilt
4. Debbie Cobb – Child's "Cars" quilt, plus one she is donating to the Quilts of Valor project
5. Karen Burkett – 3D floral piece, plus "sun" quilt wall hanging
6. Judy Elwartowski – flower quilt completed from BOM



Debbie Cobb's quilt for the Quilts of Valor Project.

Advertisements:

For \$10/month, MQG will publish ads for those who desire. Checks can be made out 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.



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

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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!**

May Birthdays:

Believe it or not, no May
birthdays!

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