

From the President's Pen November 2012

BRR It's Cold Outside! I think it is Sewing Room Time!

At last the garden has been put to bed. No more eggplant and only about 24 tomatoes turning from green to red on my kitchen counter. All the flower pots have been emptied, cleaned and stored and the outdoor furniture is ready to be covered up. Hooray!!! Now I get to go back to Cape Cod and get that house ready for winter. As I started this article I was watching the Weather Channel predicting the Frankenstorm!!! It made me wonder if all my patio furniture would be blown away before I could get there to put it away. As it turned out the storm in Eastham had about the same kind of weather as we had on October 30 when the affects were felt here – rain, wind, cold – but, of course, they also had extra high tide and big waves! But the power stayed on, so I expect to find that all is well at the house.

We are flying back this time so I have been preparing some hand projects to take along since I will not be taking a sewing machine. I cut out a bunch of Fall colored prints from my stash and have prepared some English paper-pieced shapes that I think will become a table runner that will remind me of the color of Fall leaves at their best. I have also gotten some more circles prepared for hand applique. I'm really into quilts made with circles. This one has concentric circles of solid colors that again are in the colors of autumn leaves – am I stuck in this color-way? And I have started making some Donut Pincushions for our Mudsock Mercantile so I will pack up some threads and beads to embellish them and try to complete a couple more while I am away. I will be offering a Focus Group to share how to make these. If you are interested be sure to sign up at the Nov. 12 meeting.

Since #1 granddaughter Zoey started kindergarten, I have been doing more frequent "Grand-mother Duty." I love our time together. During her last visit she had her first adventure in quilt design. My pin-up board was up in my sewing room and I had a basket of cut-fabric squares on a shelf nearby. I periodically go through my scrap bin and cut squares and strips to help get a jump on future scrap quilts. Zoey spent quite a long time arranging a diagonal of 4-patch blocks on the flannel wall. She chose the more vibrant colored squares in the basket. It was quite impressive and she was very proud. And then before we could discuss sewing it together the wall was bumped and all the squares fluttered to the floor. She was in tears and felt sad for quite a while. Next visit we will start again but the pin box will be nearby so we can get the design to stay put and maybe even think about sewing it together.

We had good discussion and some fun ideas at this morning's Board Meeting. Plans for 2013 are moving forward. There is room for more of you to sign onto the guild committees and help with the planning process. We also are looking for ideas for programs and speakers' so please speak to any of us with your ideas. We welcome your input.

I hope to see some suggestions for our Mudsock Logo at the November 12 meeting. This logo will be our identity on our fliers and posters for our quilt shows and on our handouts to invite people to join our group. Please share your ideas.

Now that I have finished this article I'm heading to my sewing machine for a cozy afternoon of creativity with my fabric – until it is time to go see the granddaughters prepare to go out to Trick or Treat.

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November Birthdays

Bernice Bruhn	11/24
Karen Burkett	11/4
Ruth Chrena	11/4
Maureen DiNapoli	11/7
Karen Mitchell	11/6