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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Sew Much to Do.....Sew Little Time.....

I don't know about you, but my Christmas Countdown has begun! A trip to the tree farm in Fortville with granddaughters in tow produced a wonderful Christmas tree— tho' the girls preferred visiting with the chickens and enjoying the hot cider and cookies also provided on site. The tree is up and decorated. A shopping list for gifts is organized. The first shopping trip has produced a pile of gifts to be wrapped. And a survey has been conducted to determine which holiday cookies will be baked. Ingredients are at the ready—piled on the counter. Also received a reminder not to forget the Snack Mix!

As for the quilting projects in my Christmas schedule I am much less orderly! I always think there is a three month period between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. As you know there is no such relaxing, carefree time to play and sew in my sewing room. Yet, I never learn. Last year I did make a tree skirt for our first Christmas tree in our new home in Indiana. I even cut out of the three stockings I could imagine hanging from the fireplace mantel.

Somehow my creative mind gets all revved up once the Thanksgiving table has been cleared. I throw caution to the wind and get inspired to start wonderful Christmas projects—too many to finish in time. This year I will finish the Christmas stockings—I'm almost done. I will also make Christmas dresses for two Bitty Baby dolls. But there are still those wonderful UFO's that I can imagine hanging on the wall or draping over a couch that never seem to get finished. I'm sure I am not along in this dilemma.

There is a solution! Quite a few years ago I took a class from a veteran quilter who shared her philosophy for getting projects done. Her advice was simple—Keep Working On Them! I have used her advice to move along my collection of holiday projects. I take one of my favorite "To Do's" out of the box right after Thanksgiving and work on it when you can. Even if I spend only 15 minutes a day or every other day doing a little piecing, quilting, or binding—progress is made. I may not finish it this season, but if I work along when the holiday spirit is strong it will get done. I urge you to try it. Don't set a deadline, enjoy the process. In fact, those few minutes you squeeze in working on your project may prove to be the best holiday stress buster you have ever found!

Don't forget the Sew-in at Cindy's barn on December 15 from 9-3. There is lots of room to cut, sew, baste and visit. It is fun to check out what everyone is doing and we get to know each other better as well. Bring your projects, machines, tools and lunch and join us for a wonderful day. I'm sure you will be busy as Santa's Workshop as we work toward finishing our holiday projects.

Marion Newell

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Block of the Month Swap

Jan 2012 begins the BOM swap. Rosie Antonides will do the first month—You will be given the pattern, fabric, already cut -ready to sew and see a sample at the January 9th meeting. We have 12 or more signed up. Can't wait to get started—for a sneak peek—see Feb 2012 Am Patchwork & Quilting cover—We'll talk about this at the Jan 9th meeting and kits will be ready to go home with you!



NEWS FROM THE "SEW-IN" AS TOLD BY ~ *BOOTS*



December 15, 2011 - Will be looking for you at the barn- Last chance "Sew In" before Christmas! What better chance to get a lot of last minute stitching done—and if you are stuck and need help rest easy—someone will be there that can help you get going again! Remember to bring all the tools you will need to work with and lunch. 9-3 NOW I HAVE NEWS TO SHARE! Beginning January the barn will be open to all of you quilters on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays for a "SEW-IN". What better time to get busy and avoid the winter "blahs" - Quilters know when to hold'em and when to fold'em and a trip to the "Barn Sew In" will be much better than a trip to Vegas!!!! And you are guaranteed to be a winner! Cell phone number for the barn 317-691-0282 if you are lost or have questions!



MEETING SCHEDULES FOR 2012— MARK YOU CALENDAR AND BE PREPARED FOR FUN!

The January and February meetings will be a learning time—We will be doing Mini Workshops. There is so much to learn and we have members who are willing to share their talents and knowledge with us—Do you know how to make Yo—Yo's? How about Quilt Patties? How about Knifty Knitter? Do you appliqué—by hand or machine? Just a few of the topics to be covered—don't see what you want—contact Marion Newell

Please welcome *Joanne Fishburn* as our *Treasurer*. She is getting the books all set of for 2012—and will have a detailed Treas. Rpt in the January newsletter— Please give her a Quilters Welcome!



Dear Santa—We have an urgent request—Mudsock Quilters Guild needs a *Vice President*—and we know you do wonderful things with requests— Vice Pres. It's an awesome job you get to help plan the programs and we already have some plans made— get a chance to work with some of the most helpful people this side of the Mississippi—will be in the know on what's happening with the Mudsock Quilt Guild. Please deliver her name and phone number to Marion Newell or any other members of Mudsock Quilters Guild— we'll leave you a gift you won't ever forget PLUS cookies!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT—WOW

We are 40 members strong— Really awesome for a new quilt.

Keep spreading the news—pick up a flyer and help us keep growing.

Treas.Rpt \$1725.00



Have you been knitting hats? As a service type project for Mudsock Quilters' Guild Kathy Jensen has agreed to be collection person for these hats and find a home for them to keep someone else warm. Bring with you to Guild meetings. Thanks many times over! Busy hands make warm hearts. Bless you for your gift to spread warmth & cheer!

2013 QUILT SHOW CHAIRMAN (see her picture on the right)—She's looking for people to sign up for a lot of fun things to do for the 2013 Quilt Show—Look her up and SIGN UP!! April 2013 will be here before we are ready—You should see all the plans she already has—she needs willing hands to help her get these under way—



Susie Cook