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From the President's Pen

December 1, 2014

What a busy time of year! I'm sure all of you are busy planning, shopping, sewing, and quilting! (And trying to stay warm---Brrrrrr!) I've got more projects going than there will time to finish, I'm sure. I became addicted to making little quilted mug rugs, so now I'm trying to catch up on previously planned projects, such as my challenge quilt!

Thank you to our guild members Karen Burkett for sharing her sewing tips and flower making skills in October and to Judy Ireland for sharing her stenciling techniques and magical talents in November. Both ladies' programs inspired me to add to my "want to do" list.

We have a fun meeting planned for December meeting. It will be a pitch-in salad/dessert brunch, starting at 10:30 (note the later time for this month only). We will have great quilting fellowship, wonderful food, inspiring show and tell (challenge projects and other), and fun games. See details of one of the games later in the newsletter. Hint: you might need to rummage through your stash! Don't forget, this month we will get to see the Challenge projects from those who committed last year to completing a specific Unfinished Project. I'm working diligently to finish mine, but you may just get to see my progress. I hope if you are in the same boat, you'll share your progress as well. I'm also looking forward to all other Show and Tell. It is always so fun and inspiring to see what other quilters are busy doing.

Hope you to see you at December Guild Brunch at the church and please plan to also join the afternoon sew-in at the Fishers Library! You will love the opportunity to get to know your fellow quilters better and will be able to have a block of time devoted to your projects. And maybe we can extend the guild party games!

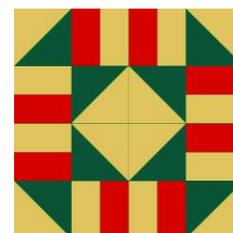
Thank you to the nomination committee for their hard work on the 2015 Board and committee members and thank you to those who have accepted positions to serve our guild in the coming year.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served as your guild president during 2014. Thank you for enriching my life!

Happy Quilting!

Debbie

Member Renewals \$25/ year due January 1st. New forms for everyone (including renewing members) to fill out. Pick one up at the next meeting. Scholarships are available. Please contact a board member if you would like to apply or nominate someone for one.



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Mark Your Calendars!!

Important Upcoming Events

Next Meeting –December 8, 10:30AM – Fishers UMC

This will be our pitch-in salad/dessert brunch. No worries if you did not get the opportunity to sign up for salad or dessert; whatever you choose to bring will be enjoyed. One of the games planned will be a variation of 'LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER' using precut fabrics. So, if you would like to participate, please bring either of the following: *three* strips of fabric, each cut selvage to selvage 2 ½ inches wide, OR bring *three* 10 inch squares, OR bring *three* 5 inch squares. There will be three games played at the same time and the game you play will depend on which size of precut fabric you choose to bring. The winner of each group will win all the fabric precuts from that game. For those of you who would like to play again, for bigger stakes, maybe we could have a fat-quarter game at the library in the afternoon. If interested, please bring three fat quarters to the afternoon library sew-in, and if we have enough participants, we can play again! Game participant or not; *Please* join us for a fun afternoon of sewing and quilting!

For Show and Tell, we will be returning with our (hopefully) completed UFO/Challenge projects or any gift items or Holiday themed items (could be a lengthy and enjoyable Show and Tell!)

It's time to be wrapping up Block of the Month for 2014. So please return November blocks to Diane Peterson and pick up blocks from Lorraine Ohlman. This would also be a great time to turn in any "catch-up" blocks that you may have from previous months.

Quilting 101 will not meet in December but will resume in January, Joanne Fishburn, contact
 December 15 – Piecers Group meets at Always in Stitches from 1-4, Kathy Jensen contact
 December 30 – Wool Group meets at Always in Stitches from 1-4, Pat Adams contact
 January 8 – Board Meeting, 1PM, Location TBA, contact Joanne Fishburn.

January 12 – Next Guild Meeting at 9:30 at Fishers UMC. Debbie Cook will be leading a workshop on string piecing and crazy quilt piecing. Supplies needed will include sewing machine, extension cord, iron, ironing surface (ironing board, towel or whatever), bag full of fabric scraps, scissors, thread (cream, beige, white, or grey), rotary cutter, cutting mat, square ruler for squaring up crazy quilt blocks, long ruler for trimming up pieced strips. More info and details to come in the next newsletter.

January 19 – Piecers Group meets at Always in Stitches from 1-4.

We would like to express a big **THANK YOU** to our outgoing 2014 Officers. President, Debbie Cobb, Co-Vice-Presidents, Elizabeth Meek and Nancy McDonald, Secretary: Pat Adams, Treasurer: Joanne Fishburn. We welcome new Officers for 2015 President, Joanne Fishburn, Vice-President, Diane Peterson, Treasurer, Lynn Hupp, Co-Secretaries-Val Angove and Susan Breeden.

Other committees that need chairpersons and workers are: Newsletter, Hospitality, Membership, BOM, Website. (Editor's Note: At this writing, I am not exactly sure where we stand on the completeness of these committees. Be thinking about where you can be of help. It will be discussed at the guild meeting)

Please remember to bring items for the food pantry!
Remember to wear your name tag to every guild meeting!
Keep those quilts for Riley NICU coming!

BOM Swap List

Be sure to have the packet of fabric with your name and name of recipient. And when it is turned in, it needs to have the person's name.

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 2014 Judy Elwartowski
February 2014 Elizabeth Meek
March 2014 Pat Adams
April 2014 Kathy Zook
May 2014 Stephanie Coy-Lykes
June 2014 Joann Fishburn

July 2014 Lynn Hupp
August 2014 Judy Dunnigan
September 2014 Debbie Cobb
October 2014 Kathy Astrike
November 2014 Diane Peterson
December 2014 Lorraine Ohlman



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Happy Birthday
to You!

December Birthdays

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Paula Jurgonski – Dec 31

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