

MOTHERTOWN QUILTERS

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Mission Statement: To promote and encourage interest in the art of quilting through sharing of related information; to work together in harmony with mutual respect; and to continue the education of ourselves and the public in the art of quilting.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 8th at 6:00 pm.

To send email to whole guild: mothertownquilters@googlegroups.com

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEBBY FINK

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The guild is delighted have a new secretary - Linda Leroux-Griffin - thank you for volunteering! We still have a few openings for volunteers this year - co-chairs for Programs, Outreach and the Bolton Fair.

For the guild to continue with our wonderful programs and activities we need to do a bit of fund raising. We are asking members to donate any unwanted/excess sewing/quilting supplies and for each member to donate a yard (or equivalent) of summer or ocean themed fabric to make charm packs. A donation box will be available at the membership table.

Looking forward to the gift exchange and lots of yummy food at the pot luck. If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a wrapped quilting related gift (less than \$15 value). We will still have show and tell and UFO #1 is due.

FABRIC SWAP

TRACY LEBLANC

There are 8 participants in the 10" square fabric swap this year. The theme is "Holidays". Please bring 7 squares of December's Christmas/Hanukkah/New Year's fabric to the meeting.

- October Halloween
- November Fall/Thanksgiving/Harvest
- December Christmas/Hanukkah/New

Years

January – winter

- February Valentines/Love/Breast Cancer Awareness
- March Easter/Spring/Polka Dots
- April Stripes/Plaid/Geometric Designs
- May Flowers/Mother's Day
- June Flag Day/Patriotic

FIDGET QUILTS

SUSAN BIRSE

Hello All, hopefully your fidget quilts are coming along. I will bring more kits and backing to the meeting and will also collect the finished fidget quilts as they come in. I would love to get as many as I can so I can deliver them to the Life Care Center of Nashoba Valley in Littleton soon. Thank you. Any questions, please contact Susan Birse.

FUNDRAISING

VERONICA ROSE

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GROUP BUYING DISCOUNT

KATHY DUGAN

Sew Ezi table group discount! If you have been drooling over everyone's Sew Ezi table at retreats and classes - wait no more! We can put in a group order and receive FREE shipping (a \$35 savings)! We only need to order 10 to receive the discount. If interested please contact Kathy Dugan for details.

HOME SEWS

VICKY HASKELL

The Home Sew schedule is available on the guild calendar. You can find it by clicking <u>HERE</u>!

Reminder: Contact the hostess of the Home Sew so she can plan for chairs, etc.

MEMBERSHIP

SUSAN BIRSE

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please make out a check for \$25.00 to Mothertown Quilters and mail it to Mothertown Quilters, P.O. Box 223, Lancaster, MA 01523-0223. Thank you.

MYSTERY QUILT AND BLOCK OF THE MONTH

VERONICA ROSE

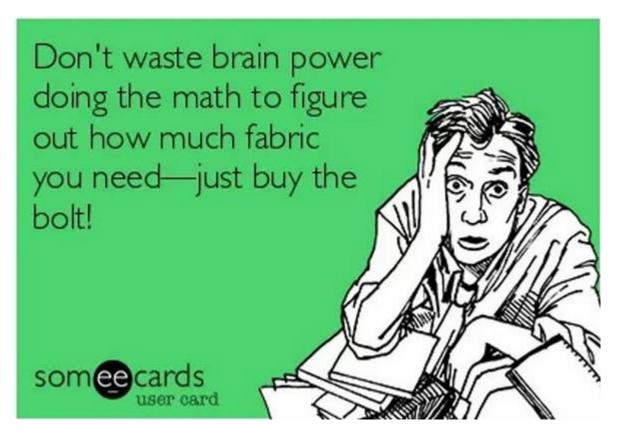
This is seriously getting exciting now! Have you seen the different blocks everyone is making?! You are all truly amazing quilters. I can't wait to the see the finished products. Please bring your completed Part C blocks to display on the table with next month's installment.

Part D will be available online and at the meeting on the 8th. I will also be at the next open sew if you need help, just drop on in.

OPEN SEW

The next Open Sew is Sunday, December 13th at the Lancaster location – the Village Seventh Day Adventist Church on 75 Sawyer St at the corner of Sawyer and Prescott.

At this open sew, you will also have a chance to create a fabric bowl, a 10 minute table runner, an origami fabric box and a microwave bowl potholder.



PROGRAMS

JANICE BOUTOTTE AND BONNIE BRODERS

The December meeting will be a potluck dinner starting promptly at 6PM. If you have not signed up for a dish to bring, please email our hostess, Cindy Jobin.

There will be a gift swap as well, so if you would like to participate, bring a wrapped sewing related gift (\$15.00 or less) to the meeting and drop it off at the program table with Janice and Bonnie.

For January:

January's guild meeting will be a talk and demonstration on English Paper Piecing by member Allison Rainville, an all guild member trunk show and a paper piecing (hand sewing using hexies etc. workshop. We would like to see any examples of paper piecing using this hand piecing method, old or new, partially finished or completed to make up a guild wide trunk show! So as you all go through your quilting and quilts, pull out any paper piecing and set it aside to bring to the January meeting.

Paper piecing by machine will be presented in February by member Janice Boutotte and will also include a guild wide trunk show of machine paper piecing. So start pulling those examples too!

RETREATS

DIANE CHAREST

The next retreat is coming in April, 2016 - stay tuned for more information!

RAFFLE

CHRISTA NEE AND BARBARA PERILLI

This month's raffle will be a lovely medley of Japanese themed fabrics. Something different to try for the new year. Come take a chance and win an early Christmas present for yourself!

REFRESHMENTS

CINDY JOBIN

Please remember to bring your item for the pot luck dinner starting at **6pm**. So far we have:

Main Dishes - Bonnie B., Tracey L., Allison R., Christa N., Debby F., Cindy J.
Salad/Appetizer - DonMarie D., Sarah H., Barbara, Joanne W., Ann H., Diane C.
Drinks - Carol M., Amanda J., Vicky H., Janice B.
Desserts - Susan B., Mary D., Wendy H., Veronica R., Lisa W., Melanie B.

A SPECIAL REQUEST:

Please bring your potluck recipe, or a list of ingredients with you and place it with your potluck dish. We have members who for either medical or religious reasons do not eat some foods, for example vegetarians, those with lactose intolerance, nut and shellfish allergies requiring an epi pen etc. Thank you all in advance for your co-operation.

CINDY JOBIN

UFO challenge quilt #1 is due! Please bring it to the meeting for show and tell.

WEBSITE NEWS

DEBBY FINK

There are no large changes to the website this month. Lots of information is available here including Block of the Mystery, Programs, Workshops as well as fun photos of our get-togethers.

WORKSHOPS

JANICE BOUTOTTE AND BONNIE BRODERS

Upcoming Workshops:

February 13, 2016 from 9:30 – 3:30PM **Paper Foundation Piecing** with Janice Boutotte The cost is \$15. This workshop will be held at the Lunenburg location – United Parish House – 39 Main St. (the hall is across the street from the church)

We still have openings in all our workshops - check the website for more details.

Please sign up and pay for this workshops at the next meeting or mail a check made out to MotherTown Quilters Guild to:

Mothertown Quilters P.O. Box 223 Lancaster, MA 01523-0233



UFO

EVENTS

If you have a something to share here, please email Veronica and I'll get it into the next newsletter.

The Quilted Crow has moved and they are having an Open House! Check out thequiltedcrow.com for more information.



SEEN AROUND THE WEB



The pattern for this cute ornament can be found HERE!