



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, October 13th at 7:00 pm.

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

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEBBY FINK

Hope you are enjoying the cooler weather. I'm looking forward to more indoor projects and quilting. A few new items have popped up and we're looking for volunteers.

Another exciting year is underway with Beth Helfter -Plays Nice with Others. Bring your checkbook to sign up for the workshops. Don't forget UFO #6 and your show and tell.

We're starting a membership drive - flyers in libraries, quilt shops, senior centers. Jo Edmunds is coordinating this. Sign up for your town at the October meeting. Flyers will be available for you to distribute.

A group is forming to look at our financial picture - how much should we have in the bank? When and what fundraising do we need to do? We already have a few volunteers. If you'd like to participate see me at the meeting or drop me an email debbyfink@gmail.com

Also we will be voting on a ByLaws change at the meeting. Changes can be found on the web at:
<http://mothertownquilters.com/documentation/by-laws/>

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 October's Halloween 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

Fidget Quilts for the Memory Support Unit at the Life Care Center of Nashoba Valley in Littleton is coming along. I have made up kits with cut 6 ½" squares in each and also the backing, no batting is needed. What works best is four cut 6 1/2" squares across by four cut 6 1/2" down with the add-ons that hopefully you have been collecting. Please pick up a kit at the October meeting. Any questions, please contact Susan Birse.

HOME SEWS

VICKY HASKELL

The Home Sew schedule is available on the guild calendar. You can find it by clicking [HERE!](#)

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

MEMBERSHIP

SUSAN BIRSE

We are looking for dues. 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 to be received by the October meeting or bring your due payment to the October meeting. Thank you.

MYSTERY QUILT AND BLOCK OF THE MONTH

VERONICA ROSE

First off! I am truly sorry that I made a couple of rather inexcusable boo boos on the Part A directions. The strip-pieced squares should be 4½" in size. If you have already made them 4 inches, you can still add on to the units. If you need help with this, please find me at the meeting. The strip sizes for Part A were also incorrect, they are as follows:

From 2 ½" strips:

- o 2 – 18.5" strips
- o 2 – 24.5" strips
- o 1 – 28.5" strip
- o 1 – 32.5" strip

Luckily, there's not much else that could possibly go wrong! (Right?) I think we will all make it out alive.

Please bring your completed Part A blocks for show and tell! I would love to see the colors you've all used!

Part B will be available online and at the meeting on the 13th. I will be at the next open sew if you need help, just drop on in.

OPEN SEW

The next Open Sew is Sunday, October 11th at the Lancaster location – the Village Seventh Day Adventist Church on 75 Sawyer St at the corner of Sawyer and Prescott.

Other upcoming Open Sews are November 8th and December 13th.

FEATHERED FIBERS by Carla Barrett



PROGRAMS

JANICE BOUTOTTE AND BONNIE BRODERS

Meeting Programs:

October 13, 2015 Program: Plays Nice with Others – Beth Helfter will present a program with a lecture that focuses on group quilting beyond the basic round robin, including several examples of group quilt projects she has organized on line through her website and blog.

November 10, 2015: Hand applique lecture and trunk show. Maureen Blanchard from Cobblestone Quilts will present a trunk show of her applique quilts, some of which have won awards at quilt shows, with a few English paper pieced quilts as well. She will also discuss her favorite method(s) of preparing the pieces for applique and the applique process. She will be back in the spring to teach a workshop on hand applique.

December 8, 2015: Annual potluck and holiday gift exchange. A UFO challenge quilt will be due. The potluck dinner will start at 6 P.M.

RETREATS

DIANE CHAREST

This year's quilt retreat to Calumet in Ossipee, NH is Sunday, November 15th to Wednesday, November 18th. This 3 night retreat includes your room, 9 meals, quilting area with tables, extension cords and ironing board and iron. There is a 24 hour beverage station with coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Every night before the cook leaves, she even makes a big bowl of homemade popcorn for us for the night! They are very accommodating.

This retreat also includes trips to local quilt shops including Keepsake Quilting at our discretion and whenever is convenient for us - no set time. There are beautiful walking trails around the conference Center where we will be staying and even a bonfire on Ossipee Lake if we choose.

All this for only \$212.00! There are still a couple of spaces left so please contact me at 508-320-3087 or jdcharest52@verizon.net. A deposit of \$75.00 is required.

If you are unable to attend this November, there will be another retreat coming in April, 2016 - stay tuned!

RAFFLE

CHRISTA NEE AND BARBARA PERILLI

This month's raffle contains a variety of fusible products and related items to use them with. See Barbara or Christa for a ticket. Good luck!

REFRESHMENTS

CINDY JOBIN

There are only two people signed up to bring refreshments for the October meeting. If anyone would like to bring something please let me know. I will bring a case of water and all the paper goods.

Thank you

UFO

CINDY JOBIN

UFO challenge #6 is due. Remember to bring your lists of projects if you are participating in this year's challenge! The form can be found on the website: <http://mothertownquilters.com/what-were-doing/ufo/>



WEBSITE NEWS

DEBBY FINK

The website will be discontinuing the Members Only section since this information is now available to all members through Google Docs. Also, the website will be cleaned up and the information and photos store in Google Drive. If you haven't been to the website recently our logo is now on the top of page and the background for each page. 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

October 18, 2015 9:30 – 3:30 – \$35 in Lancaster

Round Robin in a Day Beth Helfter

Beth has developed this workshop to go along with her Program lecture. Participants work on three other quilts in a six hour period to create a finished quilt top for every participant.



Working in three “rounds” or blocks of 1.5 hours per border, participants will design, create, and add each round’s border to a quilt belonging to a different class participant, working on three other quilts in all. At the end of the workshop, each participant should have a completed 36” square quilt that reflects not only themselves but the unique ideas and approaches to quilt making of his/her fellow workshop participants. (min of 10, max of 15 participants) You may still sign up at the October meeting. Please sign up and pay for this workshop 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



EVENTS

In this area, I'll be adding whatever quilt shows and news I can find. If you have a something to share, please email me (grapecoffee@gmail.com) and I'll get it into the next newsletter.

The Quilted Crow is moving! Check out thequiltedcrow.com for more information.

We are moving to
626 Main Street; Bolton, MA 01740
(Rt 117, Previously The Salt Box Country Store)

We will Close for our move
November 23, 2015

We will Re-Open in our New Location
December 1, 2015



Directions

Rt 495 to Exit 27

(Rt 117W, Bolton)

Travel 1/2 Mile

We are on the Left.

Don't miss our
**Annual Holiday Open House
& Grand Re-Opening**
December 4, 5, 6, 2015

Shoppe Hours

Tue-Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4

Sun 12-4, Monday Closed

Sign up for our e-Newsletter to be aware of
upcoming sales, classes and events!

thequiltedcrow.com

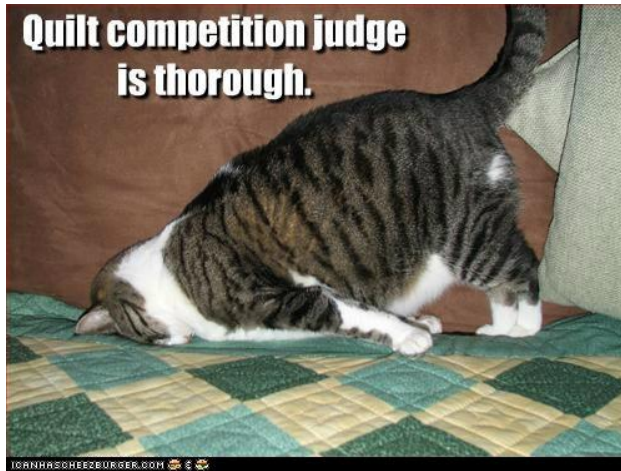
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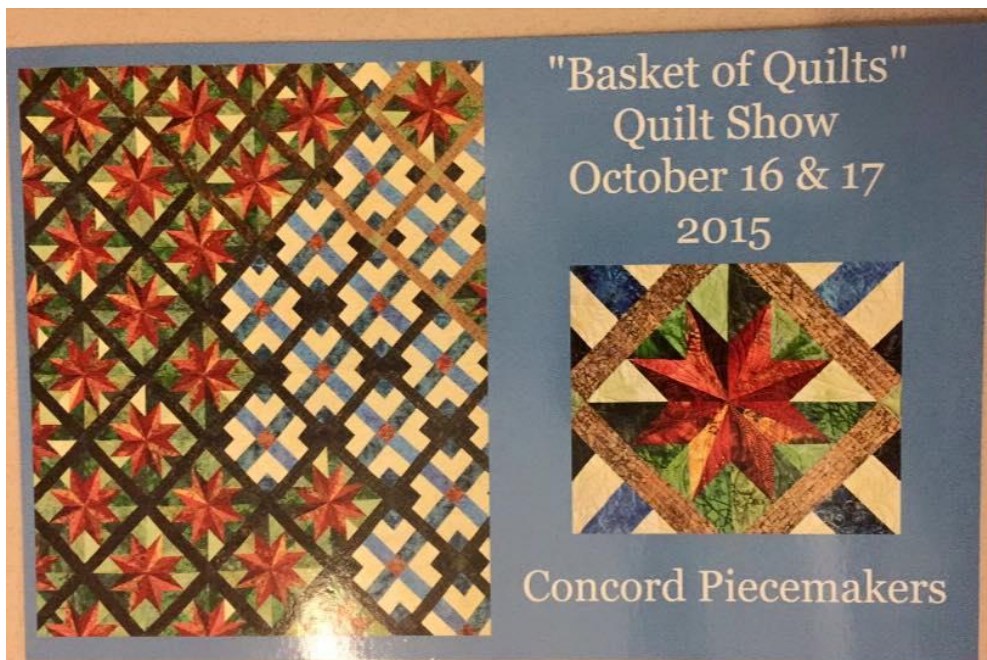
Mary P. posted a great pic on Facebook of the placemats we made being used at the Lancaster Community Center.



QUILT SHOWS



Concord Piecemakers - St. Matthews Church 435 Central St. Acton, MA



Burlington Quilter's Guild Show - Middlesex Community College, Campus Center, Bedford MA

Sat, October 24, 10am – 5pm

Admission is \$6.00

Proper Bostonian Quilters - Monsignor Donahue Hall, Saint Theresa School 40 St. Theresa Ave., West Roxbury, Ma 02132

November 6, 6pm-8pm November 7, 10am-6pm November 8, 10am-4pm

Admission is \$7.00