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MEETING TUESDAY, April 14 at 7:00 PM

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.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Allison

I was going to say "Happy Spring!", but it doesn't feel very spring-like...yet. I'm hoping it comes soon - enough of this cold! Take a look at the workshops for April and May - we have not yet met our minimum numbers for these workshops to pay for themselves, so if you are planning to attend and haven't yet signed up (or you're on the fence about signing up), make sure that you get your name on the list soon! I hope to see you all at the Open Sew on the 12th and the meeting on the 14th as well!

THE MYSTERY QUILT

Debby

This year's Mystery Quilt is crib size. The Outreach team can provide the batting for all donated quilts. Please contact Bonnie or Andie if you need batting. As always, you can make the Mystery Quilt without donating the finished product. All steps have been posted on the website at: <http://mothertownquilters.com/mystery-quilt/>

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Debby

Please bring in any Bolton Fair quilt blocks.

The BOM to due at the April is Spinning Star from QuiltersCache
Instructions can be found at: <http://mothertownquilters.com/block-of-the-month/>

The next BOM is Arkansas Star
Instructions can be found at: <http://mothertownquilters.com/block-of-the-month/>

WEBSITE NEWS

Debby Fink

New menus are available under Documents/Links:

Documents/Links -> Blogs and Websites.

Some websites and tutorials our members think are fun, entertaining and useful.

Documents/Links -> Blogs and Websites.

Some of the local quilt shops.

GENERAL NOTES

It's time to start that SPRING CLEANING again!

Based on the popularity of last year's event, we will be having another \$5 a bag yard sale after the June Pot Luck meeting. Please start pulling out all of your sewing/quilting related odds and ends to add to the tables!

We are having a little change to the rule this year though, so please read on:

- If you will be at the June meeting, please bring your items directly to the meeting and someone can help carry them in if needed.
- If you will NOT be at the June meeting and still want to get rid of some things, you can drop them off with Veronica at any meeting before then or bring them to her house.
- Please limit the number of magazine and books to 2 or 3 each. If you have a large number of magazines or books you want to get rid of, please contact your local library and inquire there.
- If you have scraps you want to donate, please put them in a zip top bag (or similar) and write scraps on it.

If you have any questions, please ask Veronica.

Refreshments (Michelle)

The following have signed up to bring Refreshments to our guild meeting in April.

- Amanda
- Jane M
- Laura C
- Jo E
- Sue L
- Kathy D
- Water (case) - Andi

Had an idea for May... What would you all think about Strawberry Shortcake or Ice Cream Sundaes? I'll take a poll at the April meeting.

Someone needs to think about volunteering to do refreshments for next year. Easy job! I'll answer any questions.

RETREATS

Calumet

If you were not at the March MTQ meeting, I informed the guild that the spring Calumet retreat is scheduled for Sunday, April 19th to Wednesday, April 22nd.

I also have information on the November fall retreat if you are interested.

Diane C.

HOME SEWS

Vicky

The Home Sew schedule is available on the guild calendar at:

https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=mothertownquilters%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York.

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

RAFFLE

Christa, Barbara



Congrats to the multiple winners last month, too many to mention!

This month's raffle is a variety of infant themed prints and patterns.

OUTREACH

Bonnie, Andie

Baby Quilts for Donation Project

We will have available at the April meeting, batting (45" x 54"), labels and backings for use on your donated baby quilt(s). Bring a sample of your top fabrics to choose a backing if you need one. Donated quilts can be of the current or past mystery patterns, Veronica's scrappy star/churndash pattern using charm packs, or a pattern of your choice. We will collect finished quilts at every meeting. Several of us enjoyed working on baby quilts at the March open sew – see some results below ☺

SCRAPPY STAR BLOCKS

We are "Calling in" all blocks. Please bring in any blocks you have made to the April meeting. The quilt making crew is anxious to start putting the quilt together. We currently have about 40 of the 61 needed blocks and we thank all of you who have made and donated one or more blocks already for the quilt. We will be selling the completed queen size quilt at the Bolton Fair this August with proceeds going to future outreach projects. Information on the quilt and blocks is below and on the guild website. If you are interested in being on the quilt construction committee, please let us know. We love working together on projects!



MOTHERTOWN BOOTH AT THE BOLTON FAIR – AUGUST 7, 8 AND 9, 2015

First meeting of the planning committee for this year's fair booth will be at the home of Bonnie Broders, Tuesday April 28, 7-9 pm. Please come and help us plan the booth displays, the sewing project or make the scrappy stars quilt. Bonnie will have a sign up for all fair related opportunities at guild meetings. Email or call her with any ideas, suggestions, questions or offers of help.

BABY QUILT DONATION PROJECT

What a great baby quilt outreach sew 8th!!!!!! We have ten quilts in the works, wonderful donated BOM's you have all and the great group of sewers at the Look for more pictures on our website! Janice, Laurel, Debbie, Lisa, Mary P. and Vicky who came to the open sew baby quilts, some taking them home to have a couple of finished quilt tops machine quilting. Please see Bonnie or guild meeting if you would be willing to



day March thanks to the been making outreach sew. Thanks go to Carol, Beth and worked on finish. We waiting for Andie at the quilt one of

them. We also will have available at meetings: backings, battings and labels for baby quilts. Just ask us! We will continue to collect BOM's and finished baby quilts (for donation) at every meeting. Outreach is planning to host a second outreach sew day at the end of the guild year to make quilts from this springs batch of BOM's.

Bonnie for your Outreach Committee.

SHOW & TELL SAMPLER



PROGRAMS

Janice, Cindy

Here are the programs and workshops for the next few months. They are also on the website.

Meeting Programs: .

- April 14, 2015 Lisa McCarthy – Trunk show of Judy Niemeyer and Jacqueline de Jonge quilts – both designers of challenging paper pieced mariner compass style quilts. Lisa is a certified teacher for both designers.
- May 12, 2015 Allison Wilber – “Trip Around the World” slide presentation and trunk show of fabric and quilted pieces collected from her travels in Asia, the Middle East and Europe. She touches on quilting traditions in several countries and talks about how to enhance your experience as you travel with a “quilter’s eye.”

Open Sews: Lancaster, 10 – 4 PM (Sunday before meeting) unless otherwise stated.

- April 12, 2015 10 - 4PM - Pre-cut workshop cutting help for the BeColourful workshop with Janice.
- ? May 3, 2015 10 – 4PM - Due to Mothers’ Day on May 10th, consider changing open sew to May 3rd or cancel. Will discuss at April meeting

Workshops:

Date	Time	Workshop	Teacher	Cost	Place*
April 25 th	9 – 4:30	BeColorful	Lisa McCarthy	\$40.00	Lunenburg.
May 30-31 st	9 -- 3:30	Bargello Quilt	Ann Lainhart	\$50.00	Lunenburg

*Lunenburg location – the United Parish hall, 39 Main St. (the hall is across the street from the church)

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

Workshop Descriptions:

BeColourful workshop – Happiness Pattern

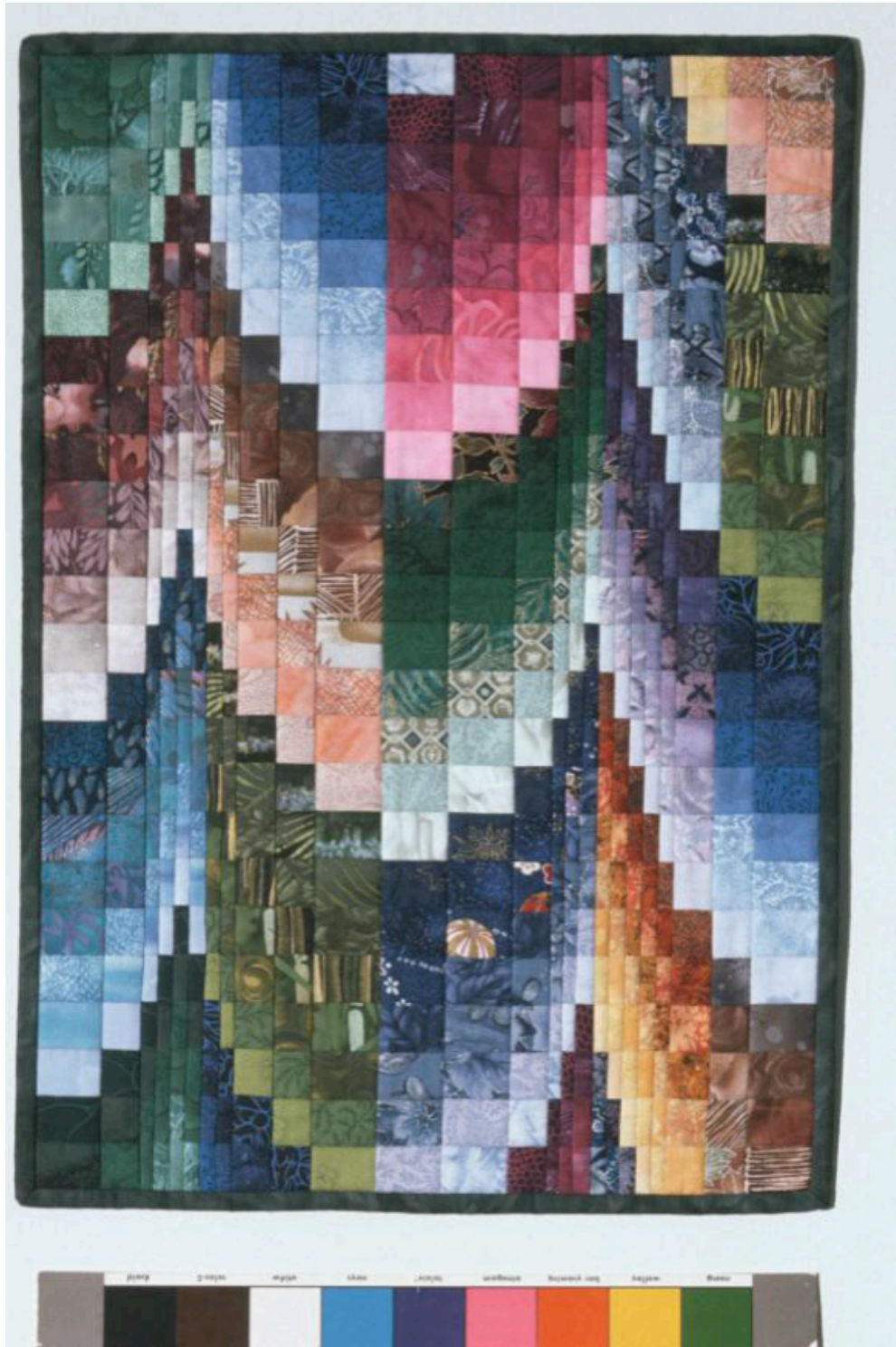
This 30" x 30" quilt is a great introduction to Jacqueline de Jonge's BeColourful patterns. Many of Jacqueline's unique assembly techniques will be taught during this workshop. There is prep work required prior to this class. Please see the pre-class instructions on the Guild's website for more information. Lisa McCarthy is talking at the April 14th meeting and patterns and other items may be purchased at the meeting or they can be purchased online from her website. Kits are available for 4 different colorways on her website at: <http://compasspointquilts.com/?cat=73>

These kits include the pattern and all the fabrics for the quilt, including top, binding, and backing and range in price from \$90 – \$110. An alternative is to buy the pattern (\$25) and either use your own fabrics, or just buy the fat quarter bundle of BeColourful 1895 Brights (\$70) and use other fabrics for the background/backing, etc. The pattern and FQ bundle are also available on her website. There is pre-class work required, so be sure to get your pattern/kit to be able to do that ahead of time. If you need help with doing the pre-class work, contact Janice Boutotte – some time will be set aside to do it as a group, if needed.



Bargello Workshop

This is a 2-day workshop. The first day will be spent primarily in designing your individual quilt and selecting the colors/fabrics for it – there's no pattern included and the second day will focus more on the construction of the quilt. This is a color-shift bargello wall hanging, which looks best with 8 to 10 color families. Participants will bring fabrics (fat eighths), with leftover strips being shared with others to cut down on the amount of yardage each needs to bring. See supply list on the website for more details.



SCRAPPY STARS QUILT

A QUILT MADE BY MEMBERS OF MOTHERTOWN QUILTERS, TO BE SOLD AT THE 2015 BOLTON FAIR

The Bolton Fair and Outreach committee's thanks you for helping us construct blocks for a quilt, which will be finished and sold at next year's Bolton Fair. Costs incurred (batting) in making this quilt will come from this year's outreach budget. Money realized from selling this quilt will go into outreach funds for future year's projects.

Using a fabric packet provided by the outreach team at the January guild meeting, you will be able to make two 8 1/2" blocks. We would appreciate your returning the finished blocks at the February guild meeting. The pattern is an eight pointed star block. We are using fabrics in warm fall colors of gold, brown, green, blue and red set on an off-white/cream background. Our intent is to make the blocks very scrappy (see block picture). The blocks will be sashed and set "on-point" in an 88"x102" queen/king size quilt. Pictures of four blocks for the actual quilt are here and on the website, as are the directions for the blocks.

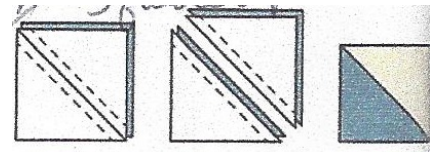


QUILT BLOCK DIRECTIONS; Each fabric packet contains 20 squares of cream and 20 squares of dark fabrics, which should be enough to make two blocks. Feel free to use your own fabrics, provided they match the color tones and use small prints, batik's and tone on tone prints, as the provided fabrics. Note that the squares are approximately 2 1/2", 2 7/8", or 3". Trim or cut to size the squares for the needed location within the block.

Each block requires

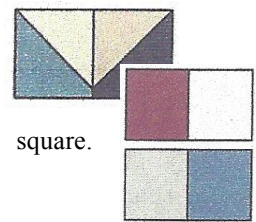
- six @ 2 1/2" squares of cream (corners and center)
- two @ 2 1/2" dark squares (center)
- 8 HST (half square triangles) for the star points.

For each block: Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of eight 2 7/8" or 3" cream squares. Layer a dark square, right sides together, with the cream square. Sew together with two seams, stitching a scant 1/4" on each side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line to make two HST's. Press each triangle unit (HST), pressing the seams to the dark fabric. Trim each HST to measure 2 1/2". You need eight of these finished units for each block, all different fabrics if possible.



Sew together two HST units to make star points. You need 4 of these, measuring 2 1/2" x 4 1/2".

Sew center 4 patch units using 2 cream and 2 dark 2 1/2" squares. Sew the dark and cream squares together in pairs. Press to the dark fabric. Join pairs together to form a four patch unit, alternating dark/light. Press in one direction. The four patch unit should measure 4 1/2"



Using the diagram, lay out block using 4 cream 2 1/2" squares in the corners and 4 star point units on all four sides of the center 4patch unit. Sew pieces in three rows, pressing seams away from the star point units. Sew rows together to make block. Press seams towards the middle row. The block should measure 8 1/2", including the 1/4" seam allowance. VOILA!

