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**MEETING TUESDAY, March 10 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

Hard to believe that it's March! It certainly doesn't look spring-like out my window! It feels like forever since we've been together, and I am really looking forward to our meeting. I hope you've been using some of our snow days to get quilting done - I'm looking forward to seeing Show and Tell this month after a canceled meeting and two months' worth of snowfall, keeping us home. See you Tuesday!

### **THE MYSTERY QUILT**

Debby

This year's Mystery Quilt is crib size. The Outreach team will provide the batting. Please sign up at the meeting to donate the baby quilt if you take Outreach materials or if you would like Outreach to provide the batting. As always, you can make the Mystery Quilt without donating the finished product.

The last step - step 6 has been posted on the website at: <http://mothertownquilters.com/mystery-quilt>

### **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

Debby

Please bring in your donated blocks for the baby quilts to March open sew (Sun, Mar 8) or to the March meeting.



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

## WEBSITE NEWS

Debby

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

### **Mailing Address**

Please send mail to:

Mothertown Quilters  
P.O. Box 223  
Lancaster, Mass. 01523-0233  
Email for whole guild:

### **Refreshments (Michelle)**

The following have signed up to bring Refreshments to our guild meeting in February. We can use same list for March meeting, hopefully ok with everyone.

- Cindy
- Carol
- Lisa
- Susan
- Candy
- Maureen
- Laurel (case of water)

Michell will bring the hot water kettle and hot chocolate mix and teas. You are on your own for coffee.

## RETREATS

### **Calumet**

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

Please contact me if you are interested and I will forward the sign up sheet to you. Your \$50.00 deposit must be in to me by March 1st.

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

Diane, retreat coordinator

## 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](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



Congratulations to the winner of the last raffle: Candy

This month's raffle(s) will be a bag pattern extravaganza! We will have a variety of bag patterns, each containing some required item or notion needed to make the bag. Loads of fun to be had! If you have anything you would like to add to the basket, let Christa or Barbara know.

## OUTREACH

Bonnie, Andie

### **Baby Quilts for Donation Project**

We will have available at the March 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.

### **"Block of the Month" Baby Quilt Construction Workshop ( Sunday, March 8, 2015 @ open sew)**

**NOTE: THIS WORKSHOP IS BEFORE THE MARCH MEETING!**

Outreach team members will host a workshop to put together those BOM's we have been making and donating. We will make them into baby quilts for donation to Leominster Hospital and local Woman's shelter's. We would love you help!!!!

Please come, bring your sewing machine, neutral thread and usual sewing supplies. We will supply BOM's, matching fabric and batting. We will have set up a cutting station with rulers and cutters and iron stations with big board and iron's.

If you would be willing to quilt one of these baby quilts please let us know, we should have some ready, starting at the March meeting. Questions? Give Bonnie a call or email.

### **Scrappy Star Quilt for the Bolton Fair**

Please bring your scrappy star blocks that you have made to the March meeting. Pin them to our board and watch the quilt grow! This quilt will become a queen size quilt, which will be for sale at this years Bolton Fair, funds realized from its sale going to next years Outreach budget. Thank you very much for "emptying the box" of kits for these blocks at the January meeting and your willingness to help our guild with its goals. If you didn't get a kit and want to help, pictures of suggested fabrics and instructions are on our website. Bonnie also has a box of more 3" blocks to share as well, just ask! We will have a workshop for putting the blocks together into a quilt. Let us know at the March meeting if you would be willing to help. Janice B. has generously offered to long-arm quilt it for us.

## **Mothertown Quilters Booth at the Bolton Fair (August 7-9, 2015 Fri.-Sun. 9-6)**

We already have a great start. The theme is "STARS" and we have begun a guild- wide construction of a star theme quilt. (The pattern is included at the end of this newsletter.) Bonnie will have a sign up at the March meeting for the fair planning committee and for booth hostesses during the 3 day fair. Please consider joining your fellow members for either or both. Bring your ideas to the committee meeting's, which will start Tuesday, April 28, 7 PM at Bonnie's.

You can convey your ideas by phone, email or at meetings and home sews as well. :



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: .

- March 10, 2015      Sashiko program presented by Janet Elia (February UFO due)
- 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.

- March 8, 2015 10 – 4PM      Open Sew – Outreach - Help put together quilts to sell/donate
- April 12, 2015 10 - 4PM
- May 10, 2015 10 – 4PM

### Workshops:

Date	Time	Workshop	Teacher	Cost	Place*
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	9 – 4:30	BeColorful	Lisa McCarthy	\$40.00	Lunenburg.
May 30-31 <sup>st</sup>	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:

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## 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>

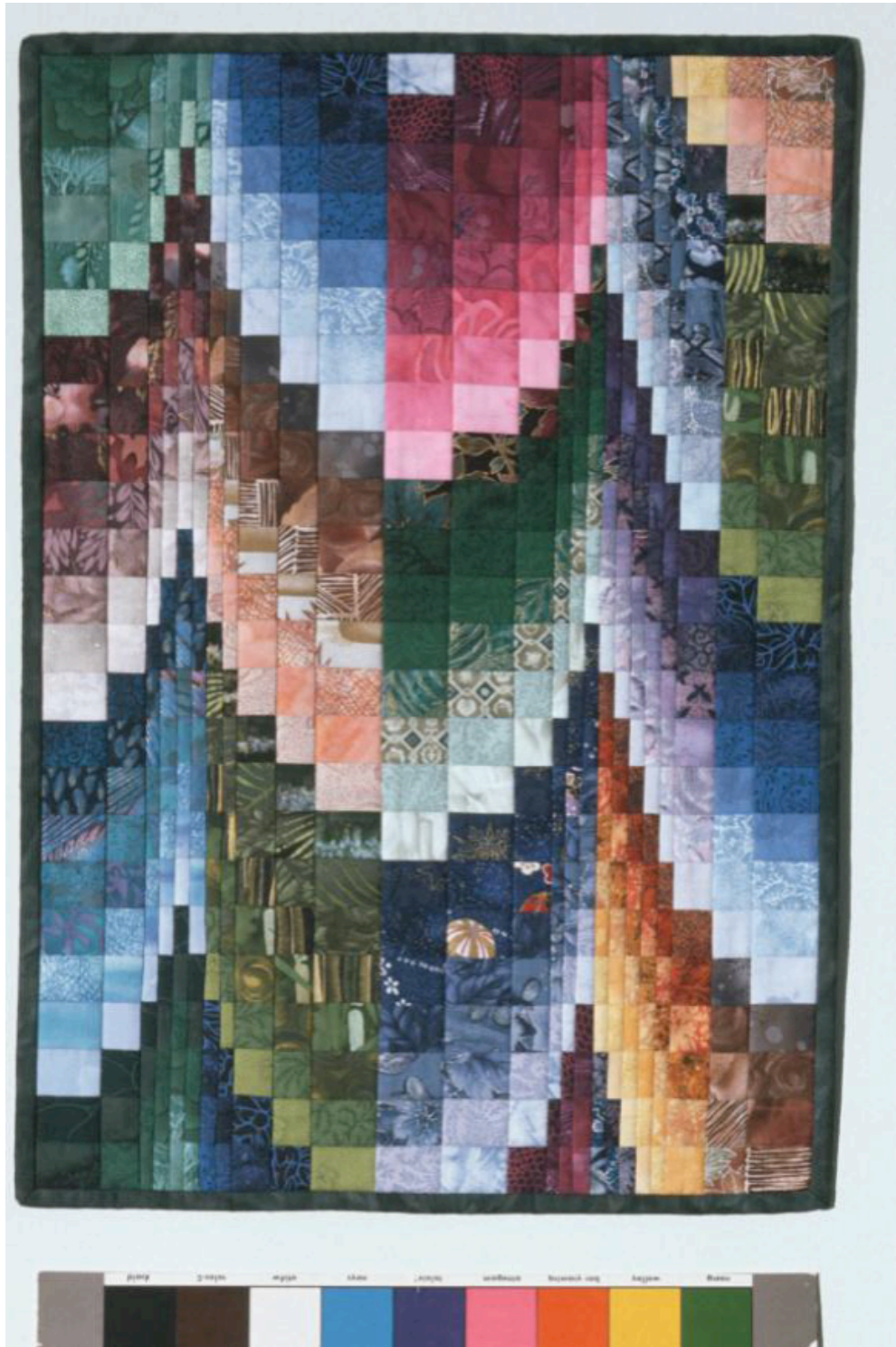
These kits include the pattern and all the fabrics for the quilt, including top, binding, and backing and range in price from \$90 – \$110. An alternative is to buy the pattern (\$25) and either use your own fabrics, or just buy the fat quarter bundle of BeColourful 1895 Brights (\$70) and use other 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.

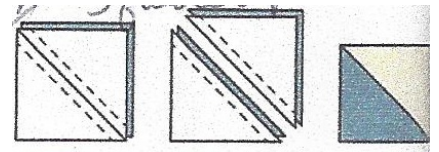


**QUILT BLOCK DIRECTIONS;** Each fabric packet contains 20 squares of cream and 20 squares of dark fabrics, which should be enough to make two blocks. Feel free to use your own fabrics, provided they match the color tones and use small prints, batik's and tone on tone prints, as the provided fabrics. 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

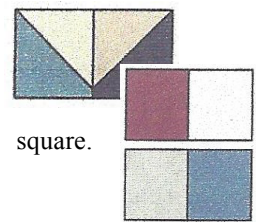
- six @ 2 1/2" squares of cream (corners and center)
- two @ 2 1/2" dark squares (center)
- 8 HST (half square triangles) for the star points.

**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!

