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MEETING TUESDAY, May 12 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

It's finally spring! The grass is green and the birds are out, and I hope you're getting a chance to quilt while you enjoy this beautiful weather! We've got two meetings left before our summer break - I hope everyone will get a chance to attend one or both meetings. Don't forget to be working on your UFO for June's meeting and on baby quilts for Outreach, and make sure you get your star quilts done for inclusion in the Bolton Fair in August. Also, make sure you sign up to attend the workshop on May 30-31 (I believe there are still spaces available)! See you on the 12th!

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 or BOM.

The next BOM (May) is Arkansas Star

Instructions can be found at: <http://mothertownquilters.com/block-of-the-month/>

The BOM due at the June meeting is Ohio Star

Instructions can be found at: <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=8252>

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:

To send email to whole group

mothertownquilters@googlegroups.com

From the Treasurer:

Please submit all bills or receipts before or at the May meeting as the books for the year close May 31, 2015. Please hold all dues for the 2015-2016 year until the June meeting.

Thanks,
Ann

Refreshments (Michelle)

The plan is for Strawberry Shortcake for the May meeting?

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

RETREATS

Calumet

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.

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

RAFFLE

Christa, Barbara

May's raffle is a basket full of floral print fabrics, lots of them! This will be the last raffle of the year. We won't have one for June because of the yard sale and other activities.

Congratulations to Candy B, last month's winner.

OUTREACH

Bonnie, Andie

Baby Quilts for Donation Project

We will have available at the May 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.

Mothertown Quilters Booth at the Bolton Fair (August 14-16, 2015 Fri.-Sun. 9-6)

The title for this years booth will be "EVERY QUILT'S A STAR". We are requesting of the Bolton Fair Committee that we have the same location, tent, tables and chairs as previous years. Outreach is purchasing fabric to complete the scrappy star quilt, the completed top, hopefully will be on display at the June guild meeting. Thank you all again for helping make the quilt a reality.

Activities at our booth for adults and young adults will include piecing and quilting coasters using star fabrics and tracing star patterns for quilting. Also making Betsy Ross's perfect 5 pointed stars (with just one snip of the scissors!). Activities for children will include felt board stars, coloring star patterns and new this year, Storytime: when periodically during the day we will read a quilt related children's book.

Demonstrations of hand quilting and piecing will be part of the booth display, as will examples of making a quilt, drafting of pattern to finish. The main focus will be the "Quilt Display". We are planning a display of star quilts both old and new, large and small, for our viewers pleasure. We are always looking for unique additions for the display so if you are willing to lend us your star quilt for the fair, please give Bonnie an email or call.

We welcome all of your help and input. The fair booth is our face to the outside world, showcasing what we create, our outreach projects and quilting's value as a "folk art". Remember working a few hours as a booth hostess will get you a pass to the fair for the day! Questions or volunteering, contact Bonnie.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 16th, 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

See the Mothertown Web site at <http://mothertownquilters.com/april-2015-meeting> for meeting and workshop pictures.

PROGRAMS

Janice, Cindy

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

Meeting Programs: .

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.

May 10, 2015 10 – 4PM

Workshops:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Place*</u>
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:

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.

