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MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 at 7:00 PM

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Allison

Welcome to fall, everyone!

We have several new technology resources that we'll be using this year, including a MTQ Google Group, which I hope you have joined. (If you have not received an invitation, please let me know!)

We have some great workshops and programs coming up, and we've contributed over 30 baby quilts to the hospital in Leominster. We also have several new members!

Please join us at the meeting on October 14!

THE MYSTERY QUILT

Debby

This year's Mystery Quilt is crib size. The Outreach team will provide donated fabric for the top, backing and the batting. Fabric for the top will be available at the upcoming meeting. 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. Step 1 & 2 were provided in September and can be found on the website at: <http://mothertownquilters.com/mystery-quilt>

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Debby

This year the theme is Stars. Outreach will provide one fabric to coordinate the blocks and fabrics for you to choose for the 2nd color. As always, you can make the BOM without donating the block or donate a block using your own fabric. List of blocks can be found on the website at: <http://mothertownquilters.com/block-of-the-month/>

Block due for the October meeting is Martha Washington Star. Instructions can be found at: <http://www.quilterscache.com/M/MarthaWashingtonStarBlock.html>

The October BOM (due for November meeting) is Friendship Star. Instructions can be found at: <http://www.quilterscache.com/F/FriendshipStarBlock.html>

WEBSITE NEWS

Debby

Home sews, open sews and board meetings are on the calendar. Almost everything is now open to the public including the current newsletter, free patterns, workshops and programs. There is still a members only area with older newsletters, secretary notes and treasurer reports.

HISTORIAN

Debby

Just a note about the origin of the Mothertown Quilters name: Mothertown Quilters is named for our home - Lancaster. In 1731 Lancaster (then 110 square miles) was proposed as the Worcester County seat. Lancaster declined the proposal. In 1732 part of Lancaster broke away to become Harvard. As so other sections of Lancaster began to form their own towns - Bolton, Leominster, Sterling, Berlin, Boylston, West Boylston and Clinton. After birthing 8 daughter towns Lancaster was reduced to 24 square miles and kept the title "Mothertown".

GENERAL NOTES

New Address (Ann):

Mothertown Quilters now has a P.O. Box. Please send mail to:

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

Snacks (Michelle)

A sign-up list was sent around for meeting snacks. For October, the following folks signed up for snacks:

- Bonnie
- Kathy
- Vicky: Cookies
- Iva: Water & snack
- Laurel: Veggies/Hummus
- Susan

Also, if anyone isn't signed up, but wants to bring something - feel free to bring something! Michelle will have something cold to drink, but if anyone wants hot drinks, she suggests Dunkin Donuts or McDonald's, which are both nearby.

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

Barbara

The winner of last months raffle was: Candy..

OUTREACH

Bonnie, Andie

The Mystery quilt show and Baby quilt show was part of the September guild meeting. So many beautiful quilts, both of the mystery quilt pattern and baby quilts with the maker's pattern of choice! Thirty one quilts (see sampling of quilts below) were given to the Outreach Team for the Leominster Hospital, A Health Alliance Hospital, Leominster, MA. They are all labeled, washed and packed in clear plastic bags, ready for delivery to the babies and very ill, very young children.

Thank you so much from all of us on the Outreach Team



The Outreach Committee has prepared the two quilts to be donated to "Quilts of Valor" in the name of Mothertown Quilters. The quilts were made and shown at the Bolton Fair booth and the September guild meeting. Pillowcases have been made as "Presentation Cases" for the quilts and they will be handed over to The Quilted Crow, a collection site for the "Quilts of Valor" project. Thank you to all of you guild members who helped make this donation possible.

The showcase quilt made for this years Bolton Fair booth for MTQ (see picture below) is being sold, the funds realized from this sale will go to Outreach Funds for future project materials. The ad can be found on the ETSY website. Pictures of the quilt and the ad can also be seen on our website.



SHOW & TELL SAMPLER



PROGRAMS

Janice, Cindy

Meeting Programs:

October 14, 2014: Cathy Racine will present a program on everything you want/need to know about threads, needles, etc. UFO Challenge #3 is due as well as completed forms for new UFO Challenge.

November 11, 2014: Photo Transfer – Michelle Banton will give a program on how to transfer photos to fabric.

December 9, 2014: Annual Holiday Potluck supper.

Open Sews: (Lancaster, 10 – 4 PM unless otherwise stated)

October 5, 2014 9:30 – 3:30 PM

November 9, 2014

December 14, 2014

Workshops:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Place*</u>
October 5, 2014	9 – 3:30 PM	Birdie Sling Bag	Laura Sexton	\$20 + \$8/pattern	Lancaster
November 8, 2014	9 – 3:30 PM	Machine Applique	Sue Pelland	\$35	Lunenburg

Birdie Sling Bag: Laura Sexton will lead us through making this bag –**Note, there is an additional \$8 for the pattern, due the day of the workshop.**



Rotary Cut/Machine Applique: Sue Pelland is returning, this time to show us how to use the techniques we learned in her first workshop a couple of years ago to make a quilt – the Hope Diamond pattern; this pattern uses the same Leaves Galore ruler we used in that workshop, so if you already have the ruler, that's great. There will be enough of us with the ruler to share, so if you don't have it, you won't have to buy one unless you want it. You don't have to have taken the previous workshop to do this one.



*Lancaster location – the Village Seventh Day Adventist church on 75 Sawyer St

*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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