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MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 at 7:00 PM

DUES

Mary P.

Reminder to all guild members who have not paid their dues. Dues are due at the September meeting. They can be given to Mary at that time. If anyone wants to mail the dues they can send it to Ann.

SNACKS

Michelle B.

Where did summer go? Sew excited for our meeting next week, but almost forgot I volunteered to head up the Refreshments! Since I didn't do any planning ahead and ask people to do sign-ups, I'm asking anyone who had a birthday over the summer to please bring something for refreshments next Tuesday. If you didn't have a birthday over the summer and would still like to bring something, that would be fantastic, too. Anything goes - it can be healthy - or not. Cold - or hot. Sandwiches or Sandwich Cookies. Your choice. I'll have the paper goods and will bring cold beverages. Contact me if you have any questions.

THE MYSTERY QUILT

Debby F.

Just a reminder - the Mystery Quilt (from 2013-14) and Baby Quilt show is planned for the September meeting. Both Mystery and non-mystery baby quilts are being donated to Leominster Hospital (Health Alliance Hospital) for the Babies and very young, very ill children. Quilt will be collected at the end of the September show/meeting. The Outreach Team will wash, dry, attach a label (with the new "Mothertown Quilters" labels) and package and deliver the donated quilts to the hospital.

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. Instructions for Steps 1 & 2 are on the website.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Debby F.

The BOM has three goals this year - make interesting blocks, make blocks you'd be willing to donate to create a baby quilt, make quilts that will be shown at the Bolton Fair and then donated. 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.

This year the theme is Stars. The theme for the 2015 Bolton Fair will be Stars.

The September BOM (due for October meeting) is Martha Washington's Star. Instructions can be found at <http://www.quilterscache.com/M/MarthaWashingtonStarBlock.html>

WEBSITE NEWS

The website now has the guild calendar (you do not need to sign in). Home Sews will be added when people sign up in September.

PROGRAMS

Janice B., Cindy J.

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

Meeting Programs:

Sept. 9, 2014: This is our annual extended business meeting, which will include updates on programs and workshops for the next year with sign-up sheets for workshops. We will also reveal your Mystery quilts, so bring in your mystery quilts and other baby quilts for donation. Also due this month is your summer challenge – projects for any of the holidays from Halloween through Valentine’s Day. And finally, UFO Challenge #2 is due. We will also be presenting the new UFO Challenge for next year.

Oct. 14, 2014: Cathy Racine will present a program on everything you want/need to know about threads.

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

Dec. 9, 2014: Holiday Pot Luck

Workshops:

Date/Time	Workshop	Teacher	Cost	Location
Oct 5, 2014 9:30 – 3:30 PM	Birdie Sling Bag	Laura Sexton	\$20 +\$8/pattern	Lancaster
Nov 8, 2014 9 – 3:30 PM	Machine Applique	Sue Pelland	\$35	Lunenburg
Dec 14, 2014 9 – 3:30 PM	Open Sew – work on holiday projects		\$0.0	Lancaster

Birdie Sling Bag: Laura Sexton will lead us through making this bag – this was one of the two bags the members selected in May when Laura did her show & tell. **Note, there is an additional \$8 for the pattern. Laura needs some lead time to order the pattern, so please let me know as soon as possible if you might be interested in this workshop so I can let Laura know how many patterns to order.** See picture on left below



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. See picture on right above ...

* 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 the workshops at the next meeting or mail a check to made out to Mothertown Quilters Guild to our PO Box (see website).

HOME SEWS

Vicky H.

The Home Sew Schedule will soon be available. Be sure to bring your calendars with you to our first meeting next week! :) In the meantime mark a morning homesew at Bonnie B' on Sept 16th

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

CALUMET RETREAT

Diane C., Coordinator

The upcoming retreats are November 16 – 19, 2014 and April 19 – 22, 2015. The cost is \$204.00 for three nights stay and nine meals. If you are interested in attending one of the upcoming retreats at Calumet, please contact me.

BOLTON FAIR 2014: A GREAT SUCCESS!

Bonnie B., MTQ Bolton Fair Committee Chair, Outreach co-chair

Mothertown Guild had a beautiful booth this year at the Bolton Fair. "Patriotism in Cloth" was our theme and included a great display of quilts both patriotic and historic. Everyone stopping by the tent gave a smile of delight, including the President of the Bolton Fair, Rose Darden (visited twice!) We met some wonderful and appreciative folks, met some possible future guild members and some happy sewing youngsters making flag pillow's or pincushions and patriotic ribbons. For the first time this year we had a nice selection of items and quilts for sale and indeed sold a few items including a large quilt "Yellow Ribbons" which was made up of blocks made by many of you guild members. Central focus of the guild booth display was a quilt made with the combined efforts of the Bolton Fair Committee, a beautiful World War II Victory quilt, which will be on display at the September guild meeting. The Bolton Fair Committee made a total of \$ 522.00 selling items at this years fair, a nice addition to the Outreach coffers! Be sure to check out our facebook page for more fair pictures!

Janice and I (Bonnie), made and donated a quilt to the Bolton Fair Rainy Day Raffle, a new addition to the fair to make a bit of extra money to support the fair, a volunteer effort by a group outside the Bolton Fair Committee. The quilt was donated to the raffle in the name of "Mothertown Quilters Guild" and was very much appreciated, indeed the organizer said it was the most valuable item in the raffle! The winner (who bought many, many raffle tickets!) came right over to our tent to thank us for making and donating such a beautiful quilt! A pink and white, twin size butterfly quilt. We wanted to give thanks for the generosity of the Bolton Fair, providing free of charge to us each year, a wonderful tent, tables and chairs as well as the opportunity to share quilting with the public and let them see what our local guild is and does!

I want to thank you ladies for making this years fair a great success. Thanks to booth hostesses and committee members Kathy, Ann, Sarah, Debby, Janice, Andie, Vicky, Mary, Tracey, Carol, Barbara, Christa, Karen, Veronica and daughter Katie and my friend Linda. The booth display is great but you all made it come alive!

Pictures: One is the butterfly quilt donated to the Bolton Fair, one is the "Yellow Ribbons" quilt made with blocks made by guild members and sold at the Bolton Fair. The others are photos of the Mothertown Booth at the fair.



