

# Mudsock Messenger

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

Fishers United Methodist Church

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## *From the President's Pen*

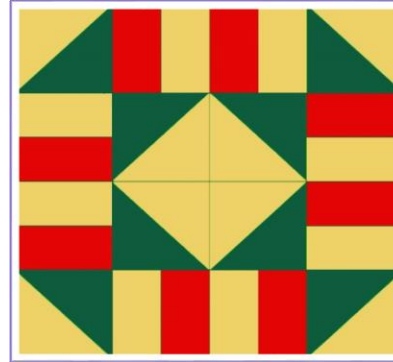
Happy New Year!

I am looking forward to taking the helm and seeing what is in store for our quilt guild for 2016. I would like to thank our 2015 board members and committees for the wonderful job that they did last year.

Did you know that the first Mudsock Quilt Guild meeting was in September 2011? As soon as I read about it in the Current Newspaper, I requested a couple of hours away from work and attended the October meeting. I was so happy to have a quilt guild right here in Fishers. It was a wonderful meeting. I went back to work that afternoon and put in my retirement papers! (I was going to do it anyway but the timing was perfect!)

It is four and a half years later and our guild has grown a lot. As with any organization we are learning as we "grow". One way to do that is by taking a survey to find out what you want and need from the guild. A big "Thank you" goes out to those who filled out the survey in November. One thing we learned is that our "Groups", need to be clarified. So, I'm going to try to clarify some of the "Groups" and other gatherings that we have in our guild. Our "Groups or Focus Groups" are like Quilting Bees. They are a gathering of people who want to share ideas, projects and companionship. That's it. I encourage you to take a peek and see if any of these interest you. No sign up required. Below is a list of the current "Groups".

"Piecer" Group was started by Kathy Jensen to help each other with machine piecing. It started in her basement and is now held at Always in Stitches in Noblesville from 1-4 PM on the third Monday of every month. Usually 6-8 people participate. It has evolved and some people bring their machines and sew, others do hand sewing, sometimes people just pop in



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We also meet at the Fishers Public Library after most Guild Meetings for a "Sew and Chat" session. Go out to lunch at a local restaurant or bring a sack lunch to the library.

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

### **Happy B-Day to:**

01 Marcia Stevens  
02 Stephanie Coy-Lykes  
10 Joanne Glover  
10 Sandra Housholder  
10 Judith Weaver  
11 Marcia Baer  
11 Nancy McDonald  
16 Rocky Schuh  
17 Susan Street  
19 Selena Krajewski  
24 Kathy Jensen  
26 Barbara Street  
28 Ellen Hanson  
31 Lesley Cox

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER!!**

Tameria O'Dell

to visit and see what we are working on. Knowledge is always willingly shared. We were all beginners at one time.

**“Wool or Handwork”** Group was started by me, Pat Adams, because I have a passion for wool! I love the look of applique but found that working with cotton applique was not for me. Then I learned how to appliqué with wool and the rest is history! It started out in my home and also moved to Always in Stitches. It is ALWAYS on the last Tuesday of the month from 1-4 PM. Usually 6-8 participants show up. It has evolved into the “Wool or/Handwork group” because some people prefer to embroider or a bind a quilt instead of working with wool.

**“Block of the Month”** (BOM) was started by Judy Dunigan in 2012 and it continues to change and adapt to the preferences of those interested in participating. This year we will continue the month by month Block of the Month. There are three committee members (Debbie Cobb, Ellen Hanson, and Kathy Rudd). Each month a block pattern will be presented by one of them. Printed instructions will be handed out at the meeting and links to the pattern or the pattern will be provided in the newsletter and on the website. Members may participate every month, or less often. If they bring a block or two and want a chance to take all the blocks home, they drop their name in the basket for each block they brought, for a drawing. We have had as few as 11 and as many as 30 participants!

Joanne Fishburn started **“Quilting 101”**. She knew many of the new members were beginner quilters and needed help getting started. It was more of a structured hands-on class, starting with the basics. She taught it for two years. It is not currently scheduled this year. If you are interested, let me know. About 10 people participated each year.

The **“Library”** Group gathers at the Fishers Library after our monthly meeting for a sew-in for the afternoon. We bring sewing machines, irons, cutting boards, whatever you want to work on. Usually 10-20 participate. We have not been able to reserve the library after every meeting this year, so the location may change but it will be in the newsletter. (We can't bring our machines to the normal meeting location because the electrical system cannot accommodate our needs.)

The **“Lunch”** Group was started because after the meeting we were HUNGRY! Going to “Play” at the library for the afternoon would require nourishment! So it started with brown bag lunches, then picking up something to eat, then a few people were just going to McAlister's or the Nickel Plate etc. Then before long, it actually became a “thing”. Unfortunately, the guild did not realize it was a Guild “thing” and the word did not really get out there and some people may have been left out. Therefore, we are going to get the word out about where people are going for lunch. So please leave your nametags on if you do this so our new members can find our group.

A great way to get to know people and feel like you really belong is to check out our “Groups”. If you do not see one that you are interested in, maybe it is time to start another one! Maybe one for paper-piecing, hexys, machine embroidery, hand quilting or a Round Robin! If you are interested let me know and we'll help get one started.

I loved the “name” game at the Christmas Party. I had about 100 names correct, that's 50 ladies! I know those Quilting divas through being a member of the board or on committees or in groups together. It is just about impossible to get to know anyone at the meetings because there is not

enough time to socialize. I encourage you to check out a group or join a committee. More groups equal more interaction, which equals more quilting ideas and friendships.

Next Month--Committee chat!

**Pat**

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## **January 11th Mudsock Guild Meeting (9:30 – 11:30+)**

Our January 11th meeting will present Alice Ridge and her program, "Quilt Trip around the World". She has been quilting for over 30 years. Alice loves all types of quilting, from traditional handwork to modern and art quilts. She taught for a number of years at her local quilt shop, which was ever-changing since her husband is in the Army and moves frequently. Alice's high energy and experience will bring us an entertaining and educational trunk show that will inspire us in 2016.

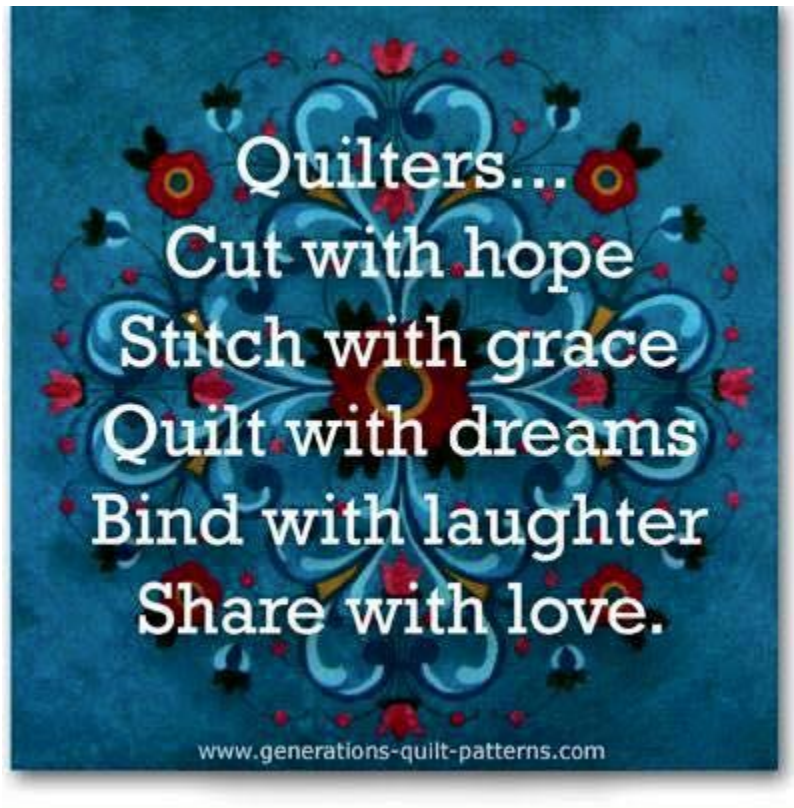
## **Mark Your Calendars!! Upcoming Mudsock Events**

- Jan 07 MSQG Board Meeting, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Fishers Public Library, all members are invited.
- Jan 16 Piecers Group, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Always in Stitches, Marsha Baer, 407-9711, contact
- Jan 26 Handwork Group, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Always in Stitches, Pat Adams, 490-1155, contact
- Feb 08 Guild Meeting, 9:30 – 11:30, Debbie Cobb program on the "Disappearing Nine-Patch"
- Mar 14 Joanne Fishburn program on "Pre-cuts" -- after lunch we will have a "1600 Race" -- so get a jelly roll and be ready to sew. Our meeting will be at our alternate location: Community Room at Community Health Pavilion, 146th St. and Cumberland, Noblesville.
- May 14 Tag Sale (8:30 to 2:00) -- Fellowship Hall, Fishers United Methodist Church

## **Community North Hospital Charity Christmas Quilting Bee**

We announced this project at our December 2015 meeting and have ten members signed up to help with this project. Community North Hospital would like to give a quilt to every patient who is in the hospital on Christmas. This could be 75 to 100 patients. Community currently has two other hospitals with this program supported by many fine quilt guilds. The Quilters of Britton Falls will also be working on this project. Each monthly meeting there will be a bag to donate your scraps. We will be collecting 2 1/2 inch strips for our first quilts, which we will sew in 5 strips and then cut into 10 1/2 inch blocks. If you have any coordinating strips to donate, please bring them to our January meeting.

See our sign-up sheet at the membership table to join our new "Bee". This charity project is not meant to replace or diminish our contribution to Riley Children Hospital; we still need lots of children quilts. So check out your stash and remember when you finish a quilt and have a few strips left over, please contribute to the "Community Bee." Together we can bring warmth and a smile to those who cannot be with their families on Christmas.



## Tag Sale

As you may know Always in Stitches has canceled their "Garage Sale" for 2016. This has been our biggest money maker and we don't want to see it go away. The good news is we have booked the Fellowship Hall (our regular meeting place) for Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will open the sale from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and again will need lots of volunteers. Diane Peterson has volunteered to chair this project. So please mark your calendars and continue to bring your donated items for our Tag Sale during our regular monthly meetings. As in the past we will offer items for sale at our monthly meetings first. If you would like to work on this committee, please contact Diane or sign up at the membership table. Watch for further information in future newsletters.

## Remember—New Mudsock Pins

Mudsock Lapel Pins will be available for purchase at the January meeting for \$5.00 each. They are our Mudsock (quilt block) logo with our name below the block. Be sure to get one while they last!

## Dues are Due

It is time for the annual membership renewal drive. Annual dues are \$25.00 payable by January. In an effort to streamline the process and to allow membership volunteers greater

participation in the meetings, we are requesting that you consider mailing your dues (checks payable to Mudsock Quilters Guild) to Debbie Cobb, 16007 Lambrusco Way, Fishers, IN. Your payment will be recorded and a new membership card available at the next meeting.

## **Block of the Month NEWS**

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In December, Debbie presented a Christmas Tree block pattern. The free pattern is located at [http://quilting.about.com/od/blockofthemoth/ss/christmas\\_tree.htm](http://quilting.about.com/od/blockofthemoth/ss/christmas_tree.htm). We are using the colors shown in the pattern: green for the tree, brown for the trunk, neutral for the background. Completed tree blocks can be entered into a drawing at the January meeting. Please put your name in the basket when you put your block on the wall.

Ellen Hanson will be presenting the February block at the January meeting, and Kathy Rudd will be presenting the March block at the February meeting.

We hope you will enjoy the patterns we select! Please let us know if you have special block patterns you would like to see in BOM.

BOM can now be found listed on our website: [mudsockquiltersguild.org](http://mudsockquiltersguild.org) Check anytime you want to know what is coming up.

## **REMINDERS:**

**Bring your donations for the Tag Sale.** (Members can purchase new items at each meeting).

**Please bring items for the Church's food pantry.**

**Wear your name tag to every guild meeting.**

### **Bad Weather Policy**

If Hamilton Southeastern Schools are CLOSED due to weather – NO MQG Meeting

If Hamilton Southeastern Schools are DELAYED – Meeting as Scheduled





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