

Mudsock Messenger

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month

Fishers United Methodist Church

[Website] mudsockquiltersguild.org

From the President's Pen

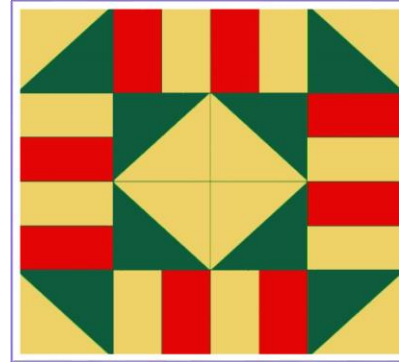
I love to quilt! I love all of it, even binding. I have T-shirts that tout my love of quilting. All my family and friends know I love to quilt. I have a wonderful sewing room that belongs to me alone. I have lots of fabric that is organized by color. There are ample sewing supplies to last a lifetime. I have a bookshelf full of quilt books and a drawer full of patterns. My cutting table and design wall are awesome. There is a wonderful sewing machine and good lighting just waiting for me. When I sew, I feel good, creative, energized, constructive and I love it.

So why do I spend so many days, NOT quilting? I'm afraid it's that online addiction. No more! I've removed the games and set the timer for 15 minutes per day! I want to be like the two ladies that I overheard talking at the Community North Charity Quilt sew-in last Monday who sew every day! I'm starting now! Happy quilting!

A special thank you goes out to Debbie Cobb for sharing her skills with us last month with the Disappearing 9-patch program!

A reminder that the **ALTERNATE** location for the 14 March Meeting will be the Community Health Pavilion, Noblesville, 9669 E. 146th Street (Cumberland and 146th, SW Corner) in the Large Community Room. It will start promptly at 9:30. Bring a lunch if you will be staying for the afternoon sew-in and "Jelly Roll Race".

Pat



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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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy B-Day to:

04 Annie Gianaris
06 Sue White
09 Wanda VanSlyke
20 Christine Moore
21 Kathy Astrike

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!!

Tamera O'Dell
Beverly Vancil

MARCH 14th Mudsock Guild Meeting (9:30 – 11:30+)

Our March 14th Mudsock meeting will be held at the Community Health Pavilion, Noblesville (9669 E. 146th Street, 146 & Cumberland Road) at 9:30 a.m.

For our program this month Joanne Fishburn will be explaining pre-cuts - what they are, pattern ideas, sources and advantages to using them. She will have samples and resources. If you have a favorite resource - let us know. If you have made something with a jelly roll or other pre-cut, bring it for Show and Tell.

Plan to bring a lunch (or you can go out) because after lunch we will be doing a Jelly Roll Race 1600. It isn't a real race. We have the room all afternoon. If you don't want to do the Jelly Roll quilt, bring your own project to work on. Bring your machine and supplies. There are lots of electrical outlets and this is a great facility.

We will not be going to the Fishers Library.

Mudsock Guild Charity Projects

Charity Pillowcases Update

On February 10th I attended the Nora Elementary School's tutor program Valentine's Party. The children were able to choose from over 50 pillowcases. They were so excited. They loved the bright colors and fun designs. I received a thank you card which I will bring to our meeting. They were very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone.

Val Angove

149 Keepsakes Donated to the Riley Children's Hospital!

On Friday, February 12th we donated an astounding 149 keepsake items to Riley Children's Hospital Cheer Guild! The breakdown of the donations are as follows: 84 quilts and crocheted blankets; 55 pillowcases; 7 knitted hats; and 3 child activity books.

Each month I am overwhelmed with the donations and support you ladies continue to give this charity which is now in its 4th year. The quilts and other donations we've given will be considered "keepsake items" and will be presented with discernment to families in need. From my experience, those items are among the most precious that a family going through tragedy will receive. The Mudsock Quilters Guild continues to set the bar high and reach it. Take a look at these numbers:

February 2013 (first year for the charity): 21 quilts donated.

February 2014: 43 quilts/crocheted blankets donated.

February 2015: 91 quilts/crocheted blankets, 11 pillowcases donated.

February 2016: 84 quilts/crocheted blankets, 55 pillowcases, 7 hats, 3 activity books.

The talent this quilt guild has is unmatched. As I was washing everything, I loved pulling out quilt after quilt, pillowcase after pillowcase, to see the bright cheerful fabrics and to imagine the smiles and joy on the faces of the children when they receive such treasures. Megan Ali, the child life specialist for the Riley pediatric urology unit, will be thrilled to see those pillowcases. From frogs to soccer balls to Colts to butterflies – they are sure to put a frightened child at ease in the operating room. And the quilts – absolutely beautiful with a perfect balance between boy and girl quilts. I must admit I snuggled with the crocheted afghans for a bit because they were so soft and warm. The activity books and hats were new items this year and will be much appreciated by the children.

Again, thank you for all your contributions and support. Listed below, as a reminder, are the special requirements for the quilts and blankets. If you'd like to give in other ways than making a quilt, I will include those ways below as well. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Requirements of the quilts/blankets:

Size: suggested sizes are 45X60 or 72X80 (I realize these are large), but smaller will be accepted and appreciated.

Yarn: for knitted/crocheted blankets, yarn must be new.

Other: NO TACKING! There is to be no hand sewing whatsoever as this can get caught on IV tubing and other equipment.

100% cotton batting and 100% cotton fabrics are required. Minky, fleece, flannel are all acceptable and encouraged – the kiddos love the soft feel and warmth of these fabrics.

Pillowcases:

The “hot dog pillowcase” is addictive to make! It also hides all fabric raw edges which means no unraveled fabrics to catch little fingers. Here's a link to make that:

<http://sewhooked.com/2010/01/29/sewing-hot-dog-a-pillowcase/>

Use fun, bright, festive fabrics for the kids to rest their weary heads on.

Other ways to donate without making a quilt:

Shout Color Catchers: I wash all of the quilts in fragrance-free detergent before bringing them to Riley each year. I go through boxes of color catchers and can always use donations of them. A big thank you goes out to the person who donated the box this year!

Cotton batting: Most of us use our stash to make the quilts we donate but batting can be pricey. Any batting donations would be greatly appreciated. Must be 100% cotton.

Continued support: Encouragement, prayers and good wishes sustain us all!

Selena Krajewski



Riley Quilts 2016



Community North Quilting Bee:

On February 22nd sixteen members ironed, cut and sewed fabric; some came to donate fabric or just to help other members. Four new quilts were donated for a total of twelve. Our next sew-in will be March 28th at the Community Health Pavilion, 13121 Olio Road, Fishers in the Community Room from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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. Each month at our Mudsock Guild meeting there will be a bag to donate your scraps. We will be collecting 2 1/2 inch strips for our first quilts. If you have any

coordinating strips to donate, please bring them to our March 14th meeting. So check out your stash and please contribute to the "Community Bee."

See our sign-up sheet at the membership table to join our new "Bee". Community North Hospital Auxiliary has awarded us a grant to purchase batting and fabric for quilt backs (we are sewing quilt tops from donated fabrics). So save your receipts, circle the items and put your name and address on the back. Diane Peterson will be collecting this documentation when you submit your donated quilt. Reimbursement will be sent directly to you from the Hospital Auxiliary. We are truly blessed to have this assistance and encouragement from the hospital.

Check us out on Facebook "Community North Quilting Bee". Pictures of completed quilts and meeting notices are posted. You can also request to become a member of the group.
Diane Peterson



A finished quilt top

Mark Your Calendars!! Upcoming Mudsock Events

- Mar 14 **Guild Meeting**, 9:30 – 11:30, Joanne Fishburn's program on "Pre-cuts" at Community Room at Community Health Pavilion, 146th St. and Cumberland, Noblesville.
- Mar 21 **Piecers Group**, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Always in Stitches, Marsha Baer, 407-9711, contact.
- Mar 28 **Community North Quilting Bee**, 9:30 – 12:30, Community Room at Community Health Pavillion, 13121 Oilio Rd., Fishers; Diane Peterson, contact
- Mar 29 **Handwork Group**, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Always in Stitches, Pat Adams, 490-1155, contact
- Mar 31 **Guild Board Meeting**, 1:00 – 4:00, Fishers Public Library. All members are invited to attend.
- Apr 11 **Guild Meeting**, 9:30 – 11:30, Marking your quilt for quilting. Diane Peterson and Pat Adams will be discussing how to mark your quilt, use your walking foot and decorative stitches. We will be at the Fishers United Methodist Church in the morning and at the Fishers Library in the afternoon.
- May 9 **Guild Meeting**, Suzie Wetzel will present the program – "Making It Yours".
- May 14 **Tag Sale**, 8:30 to 2:00, Fellowship Hall, Fishers United Methodist Church.
- Jun 13 **Guild Meeting**, Cathy Franks will present "Pieced Border Designs and Bindings".
- Jul 11 **Guild Meeting**, Cathy Burkett from In Stitches in Rushville will show us how to use panels. She will also have panels available for purchase.

Tag Sale

Mark your calendar 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. Please 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 Peterson or sign up at the membership table.

Block of the Month NEWS

Kathy Rudd presented the Patch Work Heart block for our February block of the month. Go to: **mudsockquiltersguild.org** to see the block and get instructions. To participate in the drawing for all the blocks made, bring your block to the March meeting.

Other Quilting Events

Until Mar 19 “Capturing Women’s History: Quilts, Activism, and Storytelling,” presented by the University of Louisville Hite Art Institute. The exhibition includes over 500 quilts that honor women’s achievements. Originally organized by Judy Chicago in the 1980s as a companion to her significant work, The Dinner Party, this is the first solo exhibition of the quilts and their stories. Following are links to the department’s website that provide more details about the exhibition, as well as background on the International Honor Quilt project itself.

<http://louisville.edu/art/facilities-resources/international-honor-quilt>

<http://louisville.edu/art/exhibitions-lectures>

<http://digital.library.louisville.edu/cdm/history/collection/ihq>

If a trip to see the exhibition isn’t feasible, you can check out their online database (<http://uofl.me/intl-honor-quilt>) and our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/International-Honor-Quilt-1520152938284117/>).

Mar 4-Jan 8 “A Joy Forever: Marie Webster Quilts” at the Indiana Museum of Art. This Indiana quilter is considered one of the leading designers in the history of early 20th-century quilt making. Show is included in price of admission to the museum. Go to: <http://www.imamuseum.org/exhibition/joy-forever-marie-webster-quilts> for more information about this exhibit and others associated with it.

Apr 2-3 “Quilted Crossroads” is presented by String –A-Long Quilt Guild of Valparaiso from 9am-5pm CST on Saturday and on Sunday from 10am-4pm CST at the Porter County Expo Center, n215 E. Division Road (one mile south of Rt 30 on Rt 49) Valparaiso, IN. The show offers vendors, guild boutique, raffle quilt, raffle baskets. Admission is \$6, under 12 free. ***Bring a copy of postcard for \$1 off admission per person***
For more information email us at stringalonggg@yahoo.com

April 23 "Stitches in Bloom Quilt Show", 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Fishers United Methodist Church. A hand quilted quilt will be raffled off at 4:00. Admission is free with a donation to the United Methodist Children's Home. Childcare is provided. If you would like to display your quilts: contact Laurie Ogle at NEALANDLAURIE9289@gmail.com

REMINDERS:

Bring your donations for the Tag Sale. Please put prices on them.

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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