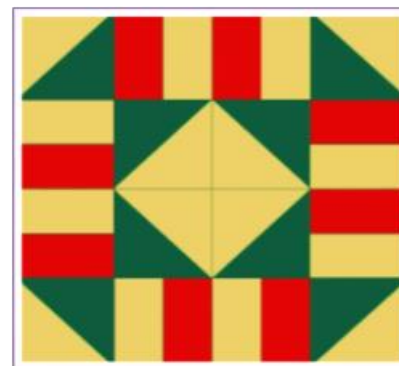


# Mudsock Messenger



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

**Fishers United Methodist Church**

**[Website] [mudsockquiltersguild.org](http://mudsockquiltersguild.org)**

## From the President's Pen

Happy Spring to you all! The other day, on a gray, cold morning, as I was looking out my window, I saw what looked like a leaf standing upright on a tree branch. It looked odd, so I looked a little more closely, and realized that it was not a leaf at all. It was a bird so pregnant, she looked like a misshapen circle with tiny legs. Pregnant birds are the ultimate symbol of Spring's approach, regardless of the temperature and lack of flowers.

Those of you who may be new to our fine state may be a little concerned that we are at the end of March, and there were snowflakes floating around the other day. Worry not! We ALWAYS have snow of some kind, whether just a few flakes, or a few inches, during the basketball finals. We are approaching the Final Four, the end of the basketball finals, which means we will soon see the typical signs of Spring – warmer temperatures, greener grass, flowers starting to pop up, and the chirping of newborn birds!

I am excited not only for the newness of the Spring season, but also for the programs shaping up for the Guild this year! Diane Peterson and committee, have done an awesome job coming up with some fun programs for us all! There is so much to look forward to! Quilting 101 starts again on the 3rd Thursday in May, and our annual fundraiser – the Crafter's Market, at Always In Stitches, in Noblesville is quickly approaching (June 6th). I know that as we go through Spring, and into the Summer, outdoor activities begin to take precedence in our

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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.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy B-Day to:

09 Lorraine Ohlman

13 Kathy Rudd

14 Elizabeth Meek

16 Lissa Shanahan

22 Helen Hein

25 Kathy Zook

27 Cindy Reynolds

lives, and it is easy to not allow time to create. Keep your creative juices flowing, even if you have to literally schedule time in your sewing room! I hope each month at the Guild meeting you will find new inspiration! Enjoy the awakening around us!

Joanne

# Our April 13th Meeting will Feature: Sherry McConnell presenting "What If I Do It This Way"

Sherry McConnell is a quilter, designer, teacher, lecturer and current president of the Evening Star Quilt Guild in Anderson. She is also the Vice President of the Quilters Hall of Fame and Exhibit Chairman for the Historic Marie Webster House in Marion, Indiana home of the Quilters Hall of Fame. In addition Sherry enjoys her work as a freelance technical editor, pattern tester and sample maker for several companies and designers including Benartex Fabrics, RJR Fabrics, England Designs, Terri Degenkolb of Whimsicals, Windham Fabrics and Quiltsmart. She and her husband Tom are co-owners of Pieces. She follows in the footsteps of her Mother, Grandmother and Great Aunt who were all quilters and has had the pleasure of watching her daughters make quilts of their own. Sherry makes her home in Anderson, Indiana and has been married for 41 years to her husband Tom. They have four lovely daughters, four son-in-laws, two lively grandsons, one precious granddaughter and a sweet great granddaughter



Sherry will be presenting the Contrary Wife quilt block and you are not going to believe how many different ways you can create the same block and have a totally new look. Perhaps you too will look at your favorite quilt blocks in a whole new light. Don't miss out on this special presenter!

## Photo Directory

We have been taking pictures at the last two meetings and only have about 50% of the membership. If you come to the April meeting, please make sure you have your picture taken when you check in. If you cannot attend, please send me a "selfie" or a head shot to my email: [ddimpfl1@comcast.net](mailto:ddimpfl1@comcast.net). Thank you, Diane

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## Mary Buvia Workshop -- August 10th, 2015 1:00 -- 4:00 P.M

### Understanding Thread Choices

This class is a complete guide to understanding Superior Thread styles and colors. Using your own sewing machine, participants try and experiment with "open thread bar" consisting of Superior's different types and colors of thread. This "open thread bar" includes popular Superior Threads of So Fine, Bottom Line, and Rainbows as well as specialty threads of Monopoly invisible thread, metallics, Glitter flat metallic thread, and Kimono #100 weight silk thread. Provided samples demonstrate using and suggestions of how to make proper thread choices. It is a "Try Before You Buy" opportunity experiment with Superior Threads and learn how to make proper choices of threads for specific sewing projects. Handouts will be available.

Registration will start at our April 13th meeting. Cost \$40 per person limited to 25 people, payable with registration.

### Mary Buvia (Master Quilter) Bio:

Mary Buvia's quilting interests began eighteen years ago. She has been machine quilting for twelve of those years and teaching machine quilting and appliqué for ten years. Her original quilts have won over 50 awards in major competitions and have appeared in many publications and calendars including front and back covers of magazines, along with engagement and twelve-month calendars. Mary's work has been included in the book "500 Art Quilts," published by Lark Books in 2010. She received the 2011 Master Quilt Award, Best of Show Award, and Best Machine Quilting Award at the 2011 National Quilting Association Show in Columbus, Ohio and the "World of Beauty Award" at the Houston International Quilt. Mary will receive the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indiana State Quilt Guild on July 16th at the Marion Public Library during the Quilters Hall of Fame Celebration 2015.

Submitted by Diane Peterson





One of Mary Buvia’s Beautiful Quilts

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!!**

- Kimberly Scott** who enjoys beading and embellishing
- Terry Weidmann** who enjoys piecing
- Becky Moore** who enjoys wool applique and piecing.

## Mark Your Calendars!! Important Upcoming Events

April 13: Next Guild Meeting, 9:30 – 11:30 am - Fishers UMC

April 20 Piecers Group, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Always in Stitches, Marsha Baer, 409-9711, contact

April 28 Handwork Group, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Always in Stitches, Pat Adams, 490-1155, contact

### REMINDERS:

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

**Bring your items for the Tag Sale!! We will offer them for sale to members at the meeting first.**

**Remember to 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

### Block of the Month

Each month a pattern and color scheme will be provided and ANYONE who wants to participate will have a chance to take home all the blocks! You can bring blocks any month, no advance sign up is required. **Please pin your name on your block** and place it on the design wall when you arrive at the meeting. We will use this pinned note for the drawing to determine the winner of ALL the blocks.

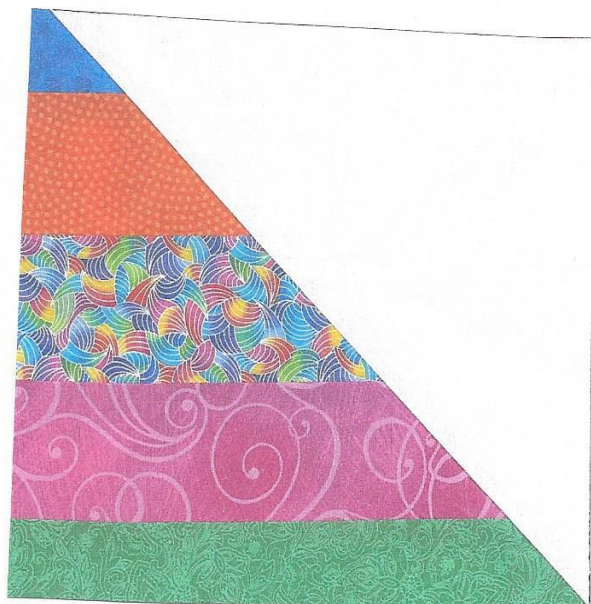
BOM can now be found listed on our website [mudsockquiltersguild.org](http://mudsockquiltersguild.org) Check anytime you want to know what is coming up.

**April** - Block is another simple block!

5 - 2.5" x 10.5" strips of bright fabric

1 - 10.5" white or white-on-white square

Sew the five strips together side by side (should = 10.5"). Press. Mark the back of the white fabric diagonally from corner to corner. Place it face to face with the striped piece. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of the diagonal line. Then cut on the mark. Press to the dark side and square to 9.5". Don't forget to pin your name on it.





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