

Mudsock Messenger

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month

Fishers United Methodist Church

[Website] mudsockquiltersguild.org

From the President's Pen

We all have projects that we have set aside for one reason or another. I call those "stumbling blocks". They are caused by: a) losing interest, b) not knowing how to proceed, c) a change of taste, d) the colors were not working or, e) the inspiration to finish has eluded you. Maybe it is time to take action. Figure out the problem and finish it or donate it to our Crafters Sale coming up on 14 May. Someone else may find the inspiration that you couldn't and finish it!

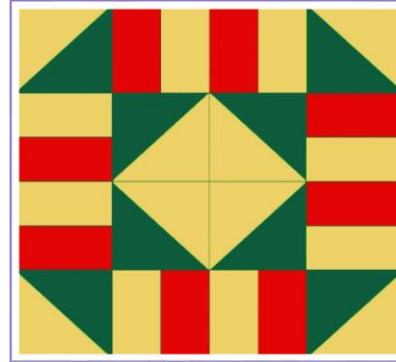
Several years ago, my niece and I met at a local quilt shop on the first Saturday of every month that year. We each paid \$5.00 for the first block. If the block was completed, the next month's block was free! She chose a blue theme and I chose batiks. After receiving our blocks, we would go to my house and work on the block, catch up on life and finish the block. Then we met again the next month and repeated the process. At the end of the year, we each had 12 blocks for the cost of \$5.00! It was a great learning and bonding experience that I will cherish forever.

I never put my blocks together, I didn't like the background and so it sat until recently when I donated it to the Crafters Sale table. I didn't need to keep the blocks, but I kept the memories! One of our guild members purchased and finished the top and quilted it. She donated it to our charity quilt project and it looked beautiful. I got rid of the guilt over not finishing it, she got the pleasure of finishing and donating it and the charity quilt recipient will enjoy it. Win, win, win!

If you have a "stumbling block," maybe it is time to pick up that project and move forward.

Happy quilting,

Pat



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We also meet at the 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:

04 Diane Chandler
07 Erika Nickens
09 Lorraine Ohlman
13 Kathy Rudd
14 Elizabeth Meek
16 Lissa Shanahan
22 Helen Hein
25 Kathy Zook
27 Cindy Reynolds

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!!

(no new members this month)

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

Our theme this year is “What have you always wanted to learn”. So, you have your quilt top finished, it is sandwiched with the batting and backing – now what to do. Pat Adams and Diane Peterson will be presenting ideas for marking your quilt for quilting, and the use of your walking foot and decorative stitches. We will meet at the Fishers United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall. In the afternoon we will have our sew-in at the Fishers Library. Bring a lunch or lunch out at one of the local restaurants.

Mark Your Calendars!! Upcoming Mudsock Events

- April 11 **Guild Meeting**, 9:30 – 11:30, Fellowship Hall, Fishers United Methodist Church
- April 18 **Piecers Group**, 1:00 – 4:00, Always in Stitches, Marsha Baer, 407-9711, contact.
- April 25 **Community North Quilting Bee**, 9:30 – 12:30, Community Room at Community Health Pavillion, 13121 Olio Rd., Fishers; Diane Peterson, contact
- April 26 **Handwork Group**, 1:00 – 4:00, Always in Stitches, Pat Adams, 490-1155, contact
- May 9 **Guild Meeting**, Suzie Wetzel will be showing us how to “Make It Yours” - Customizing your quilt.
- May 14 **Tag Sale**, 9:00 -- 2:00, Fellowship Hall, Fishers United Methodist Church.
- May 19 **Quilting 101**, 12:30 – 3:30, Always in Stitches, Joanne Fishburn, contact
- June 2 **Guild Board Meeting**, 1:00 – 4:00, Fishers Public Library. All members are invited to attend.
- June 13 **Guild Meeting**, Cathy Franks will present “Pieced Border Designs and Bindings”.
- July 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 9:00 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. Our May 9th meeting will be the last opportunity to bring in donated items. We will be staying after the meeting to go through all donated items and get ready for the sale. Volunteers are needed. 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 for a two hour time period.

Construction

Although several homes have been taken out on 116th street near Oak for an additional lane to be put in, I have been told we should not have any problem accessing Oak and the Fellowship Hall. I would suggest you drive slowly in the area and we will update you as construction updates are available.

Block of the Month NEWS

Congratulations to April Sterling on winning the beautiful heart blocks at our March meeting. Thank you to Kathy Rudd for giving us such a wonderful block to sew.

The April block is The Lucky Clover Block

at <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=13718>. The pattern calls for all fabrics to be variations of the color green. *However, we will be doing a variation on this color theme.* Our blocks will look more like flowers. For the Mudsock color variation, please use the following color scheme:

Focus Print (provided)

4 rectangles 3 ½ x 6 ½

Bright Flower color of your choice that coordinates with provided focus print

4 rectangles 3 ½ x 6 ½

Green print/texture of your choice (background) that coordinates with provided focus print

8 squares 3 ½ x 3 ½

8 squares 2 ½ x 2 ½

8 squares 1 ½ x 1 ½

The focus fabric was provided at the March meeting. If you did not get the fabric and would like to participate, please contact Debbie Cobb.

Other Quilting Events

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.

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

Aug 26-27 “Harvest of Quilts 2016” at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church from 9-5 on Friday and 9-3 on Saturday sponsored by the Common Thread Quilt Guild of Hancock Co. This year’s theme is the Indiana Bi-centennial.

Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Costs for materials, construction, & finishing for a 65" x 65" Throw Quilt.

Materials for throw quilt:

Fabric for the top:

6 yds @ \$11 yd = \$66

5 yds Backing @ \$13 = \$65

2 yds of Batting @ \$11 = \$22

5/8 yd for Binding @ \$11 = \$6.88

TOTAL Cost of Materials = \$159.88

Construction:

(Labor based on \$10/hr)

Making the top:

(Includes preparing the fabric, cutting the pieces, sewing the blocks, setting into rows, adding borders)

50 hours x \$10/hr = \$500

Assembling the Quilt Sandwich:

3 hours @ \$10/hr = \$30

Quilting on Domestic Machine:

(Charged by square inch in a simple all over design)

4225 si x \$.015 = \$63.38

Thread for Quilting - \$15

TOTAL Cost for Construction = \$768.26

Finishing:

Making the Binding:

2 hours x \$10 = \$20

Attaching the binding:

10 hours x \$10 = \$100

TOTAL Finishing costs = \$120

TOTAL COST OF QUILT = \$888.26

Note: A larger quilt, a more intricate pattern, a more elaborate quilting design will cause the price to increase.

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



Quilt Expressions Quilt Shop – “Sew Modern”

Business Hours: NOW OPEN Monday - Friday 10–5, Saturday 10-3 Bring this ad for 20% off 1 non-sale notion, book, fabric (1 yd+). Note: 1 coupon per customer, per day, w/additional purchase please. 12514 Reynolds Drive, Fishers, IN 46038, (317) 913-1816.

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