

Mudsock Messenger

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month

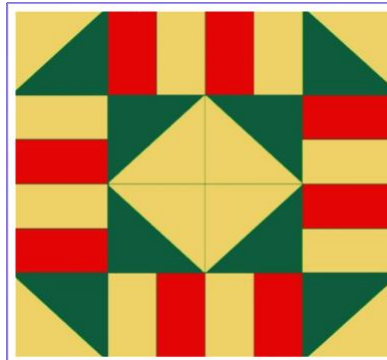
Fishers United Methodist Church

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From the President's Pen

Yesterday I had the pleasure of attending the QGI's quilt show, and it was a party for the eyes. So many incredibly beautiful and unique quilts were on display. Many of them were submitted by members of our Guild, and several of those had ribbons on them! I am pleased to announce that I (and my partner in quilting crime, Lynn Hupp) managed to make it out of the vendor section without buying anything we did not need – I bought only a pack of hand quilting needles! It was an absolute first for both of us! I have so much stuff in my craft room I do not know what I have! Since my son and his family from Texas are planning to spend Christmas here (the first time I will have all my kids and grandkids together in 3 years – so excited!), and my craft room is my guest room, I will need to do some major organizing and purging in the next few weeks! I am really bad at organizing, and worse at purging, so I am not looking forward to it at all. It is a necessary evil, because my craft room looks like a fabric/yarn bomb exploded in there – literally! I am not exaggerating at all – I have a path between fabric mountains to the sewing machine. If I were a braver woman I would include a picture, so all of you would feel better about your own spaces, but it is embarrassingly chaotic. Perhaps one day I will post before and after pics.

I am very excited that we have installed the 2016 Guild Board, and have a great start on committees. We still need some volunteers for the Hospitality, Fundraising and Charity Committees. You are probably sick of hearing me say it, but serving on the Board and Committees is a great way to get to know your Guild sisters, and to truly feel a part of the group. It really is a fun experience. Please step out of your comfort zone, and get involved. These committees are so no one person has so much responsibility they feel they are overwhelmed by their responsibilities to the Guild. Many hands make any job easier. Take a chance – volunteer! If



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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.

NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

Happy B-Day to:

04 Karen Burkett
07 Maureen DiNapoli
08 Sharon Tate
11 Sandy Metzger
19 Carolyn Streb
28 Lore Weas

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!!

Judy Hamilton
Sandy Metzger
Erika Nickens

you don't enjoy it, then you don't have to continue the next year. The Board and Committees usually meet just quarterly, so it is not a big time commitment either.

If you have not purchased your Guild pin yet, plan to get it at the next meeting! Thank you again, Val for pursuing the idea, and making it a reality. They are awesome! Thank you to all of you who have worked so hard to make this year such a wonderful one!

Joanne

November 9th Mudsock Program

Cotton Theory Quilting: Quilt First--Then Assemble

Lana Russel, a Certified Teacher of Cotton Theory, will be our featured speaker. Lana will have several techniques to share with us and inspire many of us to learn an easy method for our quilting. Take a look at her website: LanaQuilts.com

Cotton Theory quilting is a fast, fun, and unique way to construct a quilt using Betty Cotton's fold-and-finish procedures. Quilting your project is easy with this method since you quilt each piece individually before you construct your project. So, whatever the size of your quilt, the quilting becomes just as enjoyable as piecing together the design. This "quilt first, then assemble" method allows you to see your reversible quilt come together by constructing one project. You can be as creative as your imagination will allow while producing completely reversible quilts with bobbin work, applique, and machine embroidery, if you so desire. Furthermore, all work is done with a sewing machine, even the binding, so there's no need to do handwork.

AND

We would like for you to bring in a picture of your favorite quilt, prize winning project, first project, or material that someday you will make into something!! Please bring them to the November meeting (for use at our December meeting). The picture could be a snap shot, or computer printout. Or maybe a portrait you had made of your FINISHED project.

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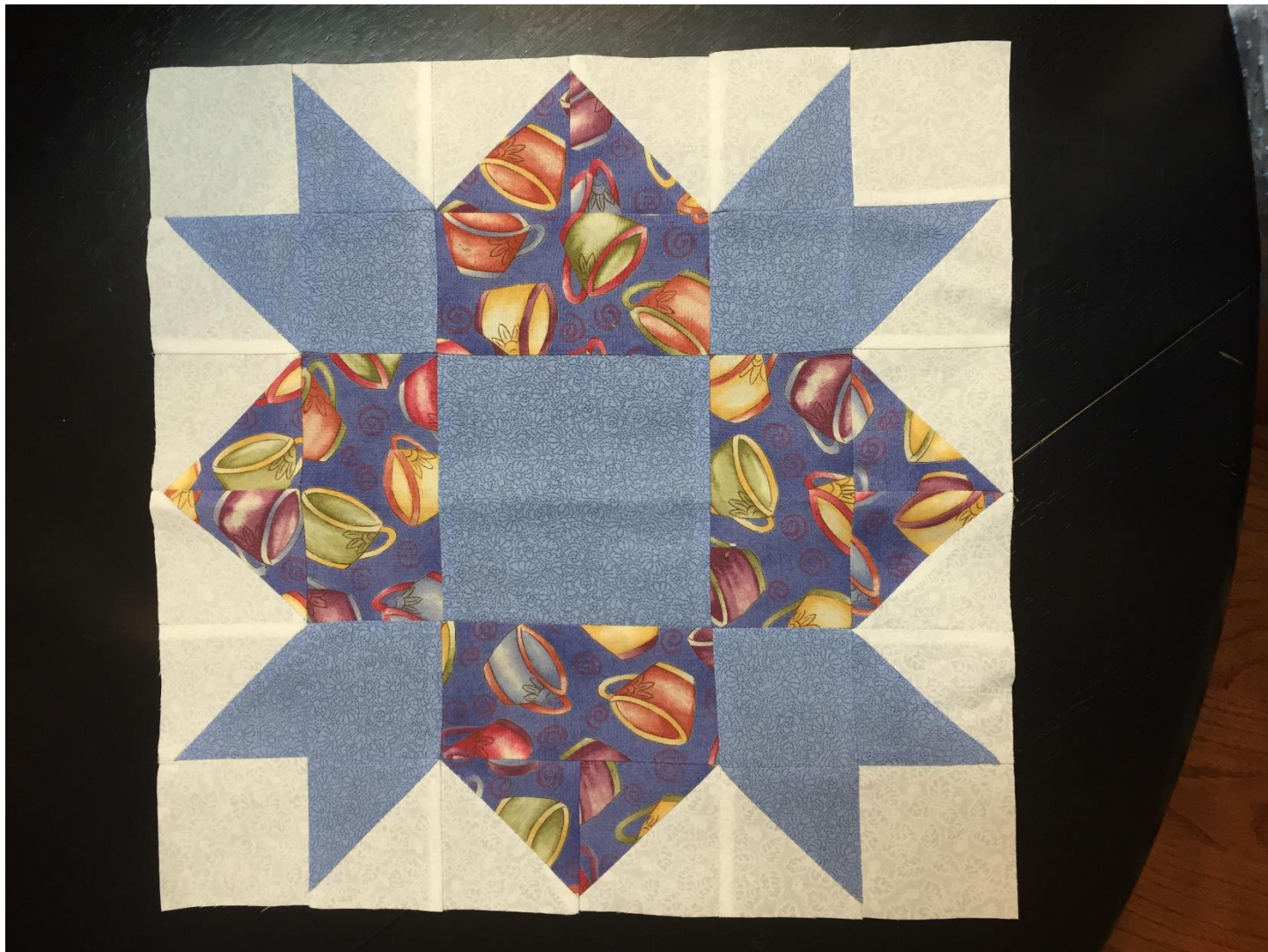
Better Edges LLC -- Robert Zickler a Sharpener will return to our November meeting. If you did not bring your knives or scissors to our October meeting, here is your chance to get your items sharpened. His work is guaranteed so if you had any problem last month, he will fix it at our November meeting. Since he does this work out of his truck, this will be the last time we ask him to come until Spring or Summer.

Mark Your Calendars!! Upcoming Mudsock Events

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| Nov 16 | Piecers Group, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Always in Stitches, Marsha Baer, 407-9711, contact |
| Nov 24 | Handwork Group, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Always in Stitches, Pat Adams, 490-1155, contact |
| Dec 14 | Christmas Brunch and Fashion Show, 10:30 am
Be sure to get your quilted jackets, coats, sweatshirts, purses, totes etc. ready for our Fashion Show. Please RSVP to Diane Peterson (ddimpfl1@comcast.net or 317 550-9080) if you are participating and what garment you will be showing. |
| Jan 11 | Guild Meeting, 9:30 – 11:30 am |

NEW--Mudsock Pins

Mudsock Lapel Pins arrived just in time for the October meeting. They will be available for purchase at the November 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!



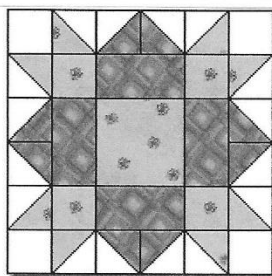
Block of the Month

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 Check anytime you want to know what is coming up.

Weathervane


This makes a 12" block!



**** Supplies List ****

- (Color 1 is provided)
-  Color 1 Color 1 needs: one 2-1/2" x 18" strip AND one 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip
 -  Color 2 Color 2 needs: one 2-1/2" x 10" strip AND one 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip AND one 4-1/2" square
 -  Color 3 Color 3 needs: one 2-1/2" x 10" strip AND two 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strips

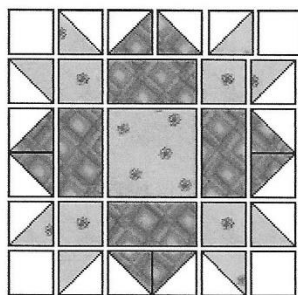
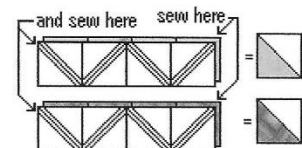
**** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block ****

 Start by marking and cutting the Color 1 2-1/2" x 18" strip into four 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles...

 Then mark and cut the Color 2 2-1/2" x 10" strip into four 2-1/2" squares...

 Next mark and cut the Color 3 2-1/2" x 10" strip into four 2-1/2" squares...

To speed piece the half squares stack the Color 2 and Color 3 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strips with right sides together and all edges aligned. Mark the 2 7/8" square lines and then mark the diagonals in the direction shown. Sew 1/4" above and below the marked diagonal lines pivoting at the square lines. Cut this apart ON the marked diagonals and on the 2 7/8" square lines. This will give you eight half squares. Press seam allowances towards darker fabric. These should measure 2-1/2". Repeat with a Color 3 and a Color 1 strip of the same length, to get eight more half squares in that color arrangement...



Now using the fabric pieces we cut and sewed...lay out your block pieces as you see at left...noting that you will be first sewing four pairs of two Color 1/Color 3 half squares together for the blocks center side units...Now make five rows, pressing seams in alternating directions by row...then join those rows to make the block, again pressing row seams in alternating directions...and you are DONE!

A Quilt Guild Poem

by Selena Krajewski

There was a nice lady from Quilt Guild,
Every second Monday she was just so thrilled
To attend another meeting
With very prime seating
So she could become more quilt skilled.

She wanted to support a charity
Because she'd been blessed with prosperity
And wanted to share
All her love and her care
Doing something that could bring her more clarity.

She cut up some bright colored fabric
And some that was even generic!
She took out her best friend
Her Bernina to the end-
And (believe it or not) she became quite euphoric!

She sewed and stitched until evening fell
As if she was under a tranquil spell.
The hum of her machine
Wiped her worries clean
And her donation made her feel quite swell.

Her project complete made with love and prayers
She bound the quilt with soft snuggly layers.

Nothing was hand sewn
As the rules are well known
She admired her quilt with bright happy squares.

It was just that simple to make a smile
On the lovely face of a far too sick child
Knowing your sewing gift
Will do nothing less than lift
A special child's weathered spirit for a while.

The quilts will be delivered every year to Riley
Come February 14th, whether it be rainy or shiny
Happy pillowcases are welcome
That would be so awesome
All of them for a baby or child, either big or tiny.

Now that this rhyme is coming to an end
I hope you're feeling like you can spend
Some quality time sewing today
To help a child (and me) to say
Thank you for being such a Godsend!

Thank you for all of your donations. We are currently at 68 items including quilts, pillowcases and knitted/crocheted blankets. That's AMAZING! We still have 2 ½ months before they'll be taken to Riley Children's Hospital. Thank you for all you do for this charity!

Dues are Due

Member Renewals \$25/ year are due January 1st. Scholarships are available. Please contact a board member if you would like to apply or nominate someone.

REMINDERS:

Bring your donations for the 2016 Tag Sale. (Members can purchase before we offer at the sale).

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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