

# MUDSOCK MESSENGER

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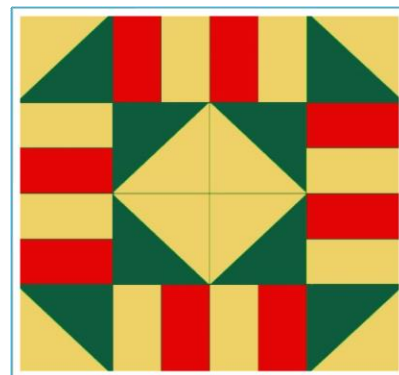
Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

Fishers United Methodist Church

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to get outside on the sunny warm days we have had lately. I'm already starting to see my daffodils and tulips peaking up through the dirt! The sun coming in my sewing room windows is so uplifting. I'm inspired to make some bright, springy project.

Our meeting in February was very busy with lots of changes for the new year to catch up on. Thanks to everyone for being so understanding about waiting for this month to bring show and tell items. We should have a great showing of all the projects members have completed since the end of last year. Don't forget to bring any UFOs that you finished last year that were part of Val's challenge.

The meeting this month will be at our usual place at the Methodist church. I will be doing a demonstration of the envelope purse during the meeting. Anyone can come to the workshop in the afternoon at the Community Health Pavilion at Cumberland and 146<sup>th</sup> Street. You should be able to complete your purse during the workshop. I've had a few questions about the supply list. To make the purse, you need a quilted square measuring somewhere between 18x18 to 26x26 inches, depending on how big you want your purse to be. Make a normal quilt "sandwich" with front, batting and backing, quilted and bound. The supply list is on the website and was also included on the handouts at the last meeting. It will be fun to see how many different purses there are at the end of the workshop.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

**Happy B-Day to:**

01 Diane Lockman  
06 Sue White  
09 Wanda VanSlyke  
14 Becky Mathison  
20 Christine Moore  
21 Kathy Astrike  
26 Denise Stites

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

LaVanne Mitchell  
Patti Kings  
Dianne Esslinger  
Patricia Nolan

Be sure to check the Mudsock website that has been redesigned. There is a lot of information on the site, and it looks really pretty too! Thank you to Diane Lockman and Lois LeVine for all their hard work! As always, there is information about all the events and special activities planned for the guild. We would all love to have everyone participate in at least one of these activities. We have the Community quilting bee, the inaugural challenge project, block of the month, the Alice Ridge workshop, and the Tag Sale, to mention just a few. Get involved, make new friends, and have fun!!

Happy sewing and see you all at the next meeting!

Sandy Metzger

## **March 12<sup>th</sup> -- Mudsock Quilters Guild Meeting (9:30–11:30+)**

The next Mudsock meeting is on March 12th at our usual meeting place at Fishers United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall. Join us for a demo of the envelope purse that will be the focus of our afternoon workshop. Sandy Metzger will be our presenter. After her demo, the committees will hold their organizational meetings, which were cancelled in January as a result of the bad weather. If you are not yet on a committee, there is still time to join one. It's a great way to get to meet others in the guild.

Our presenter in April will be Connie Lancaster, owner of Quilts Plus. Her topic is UFO Crackdown. That should be good for all of us!

### **Envelope Purse Workshop (Free)**

**Doors open at 12:00 noon, workshop starts at 1:00 p.m.**

**Feel free to bring a sack lunch.**

**Before the workshop** – Quilt and bind a square piece of fabric measuring 18"–26", depending upon the size of the purse you want to make.

**Materials** (in addition to sewing machine, thread, scissors, etc.):

1. Quilted and bound **square** measuring 18"–26", depending upon the size of the purse you want to make
2. 2- $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide X width of fabric strip for purse strap, or substitute 1- $\frac{1}{4}$  yard of cord or braid
3. 2" X 40" strip of fusible fleece for strap (if you don't have any, I will be bringing a few yards with me that you can use)
4. 2 buttons, 1- $\frac{1}{4}$ "–1- $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter
5. 2 matching covered rubber bands (hair ties) (I will bring extras)
6. Matching thread, hand sewing needle
7. Magnetic snap, Velcro, or other closure (can be added later)

**Questions? Please contact Sandy Metzger at 517-881-3785.**

# Mark Your Calendars!! Upcoming Mudsock Events

- Mar 12** Guild Meeting, 9:30-11:30, Fishers UMC, Fellowship Hall. Sandy Metzger will demo the envelope purse and the Committees will hold their organizational meetings. The Envelope Purse Workshop will be held at the North Community Health Pavilion, 9699 E 146<sup>th</sup> St., Noblesville, 1:00-3:00.
- Mar. 16** Improvisational Curved Piecing Workshop presented by Alice Ridge, 10:00-4:00, Community Room at Community Health Pavilion, 9699 E. 146th St., Noblesville, see below for more information.
- Mar. 19** Community North Quilting Bee, 9:30 - 3:00, Community Room at Community Health Pavilion, 9699 E. 146th St., Noblesville; Diane Peterson, (317) 550-9080, contact
- Mar. 20** Piecers Group, 1:00 – 4:00, Always in Stitches, Marsha Baer, (317) 407-9711, contact
- Mar. 27** Handwork Group, 1:00 – 4:00, Always in Stitches, Marion Newell, (317) 336-3567, contact
- Apr. 09** Guild Meeting, 9:30-11:30, Fishers UMC, Fellowship Hall. Connie Lancaster, owner of Quilts Plus, UFO Crackdown

## Program Committee

April Sterling and the program committee have several new events and activities planned for our guild in the next several months. They hope there is at least one for everyone.

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## Mudsock Quilters' Inaugural Fall Retreat

Friday–Sunday, September 7–9, 2018



**Farmstead Inn & Conference Center  
Shipshewana, Indiana**

***Bring a project and spend time sewing, shopping, and making lasting friendships!***

Limited to 60 participants. We've reserved a block of 30 hotel rooms, each with two queen beds. Total per-person room cost for the two nights is \$122.08 (if sharing).

The estimated cost for the retreat is \$45; includes continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and Saturday night dinner at the Blue Gate Restaurant; price could drop depending upon the number of participants. Friday night dinner and Saturday and Sunday lunches are not included or provided, but anyone interested can chip in for a pizza party on Friday night and for sub sandwiches at noon on Sunday.

**Step 1** – To register for the retreat, sign up with Laura Frieden at the meeting or email her at [atlfboiler@att.net](mailto:atlfboiler@att.net)

**Step 2** – Select a roommate, if you want one.

**Step 3** – Phone the Farmstead Inn at (260) 768-4595 and reserve a room; make sure to tell them that you are with the Mudsock group. Rooms will be paid for individually.

**Step 4** – Give your retreat fee to Laura or Alice by the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Questions? Contact any member of the 2018 Fall Retreat Committee: April Sterling, Alice Whitaker, Laura Frieden, and Amy Anderson

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## Mudsock Quilter's Guild Inaugural Challenge Quilt



Each participant will select a crayon. The color of that crayon will need to comprise at least 1/3 of the finished project. The theme of the quilt must relate to a star. Participants are encouraged to create a quilt design as literal or as abstract as they choose.

### Quilt Requirements:

Quilts must be of an original design.

Quilts must be no smaller than a 20" square and no larger than a 30" square.

To qualify for judging, a quilt must be pieced, quilted, and bound.

Quilts will be judged by member vote at the June 11<sup>th</sup> guild meeting. We will award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

If you have questions, please contact April Sterling at 317-452-3400 or Alice Whitaker at 757-903-5198.

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## Improvisational Curved Piecing Workshop Presented by Alice Ridge

**When:** March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10-4pm. Doors will be open at 9:00.

**Where:** Community Room at the Community Health Pavilion at 9699 E. 146<sup>th</sup> St., Noblesville

**Cost:** \$30 if we fill the class, \$35 if we have between 10-14 participants. Workshop won't go if we don't have 10 sign up. Reserve your space by signing up and paying your \$30 to April Sterling.

Checks should be made out to Mudsock Quilters Guild. If we need to collect an additional \$5.00 due to class size, we will do so the day of the workshop.

**Workshop maximum is 15 participants.**

**What to bring:** Supply list will be provided to all who sign-up.

A little bit about Alice from her website, AliceRidgeQuilts.com

*I learned how to sew and embroider by hand when I was in second grade, taught by my grandmother and my great aunt. I got my first sewing machine when I was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and have been sewing ever since.*

*I have been quilting on and off for over 35 years, quilting “obsessively” (as my husband says) for the last 15+ years. I have been a Traveling Quilt Teacher for about the last 8 years. Just about all quilting styles appeal to me. Handwork and machine, traditional to art quilts. I love to try new techniques and ‘tweak’ old ones to make them new and fresh!*

*I have a small rigid heddle loom to weave my own fabric to incorporate into some of my art quilts. I love playing with the different textures that you can get from different fibers! I also crochet and knit, and am learning how to tat lace. Never a dull moment!*

*Personal info: I am married to a career Army man (35 yrs Active Duty !!) and have traveled all over the world. We have lived on 3 continents....I’ve lost count of the number of times we’ve packed and moved! 3 children - 2 daughters and 1 son. The girls are in Indiana, my son is in the Army and his location changes as often as ours does. 4 grandchildren - 2 girls and 2 boys, all of them in Indiana. 2 cats, crazy and stupid, but lovable anyway.*

## **Other Upcoming Quilting Events**

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| April 12-14 | Chicago Quilt Festival, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL, 10-6 on Thurs. & Fri, 10-5 on Sat. \$10/day, \$25/show   |
| May 18-19   | Redbud Quilt Show “Time to Bloom”. Anderson Museum of Art, quilt show and bazaar, 10-5 on Friday & 10-4 on Saturday, admission \$5.   |
| June 1-3    | Brown County Historical Society Quilt Show, Brown County Historical Center, Nashville, IN, presented by Pioneer Women, 10-5 on Friday & Saturday, 11-3 on Sunday, admission \$5, children free. |
| July 19-21  | Quilters Hall of Fame, Marion, IN, featuring the induction of Xenia Cord, <a href="http://www.quiltershalloffame.net">www.quiltershalloffame.net</a> for more information.                      |
| July 27-28  | One Stop Quilt Shop Hop - Thirty Quilt Shops, Kokomo Events Center, Kokomo, IN, 9-5 on Friday, 9-4 on Saturday.   |

## **Community North Quilting Bee – March 19th**

This month Joanie Riddle will give a class on making a stripy, scrappy quilt that is fast and easy using a paper foundation which she will supply (see picture below).

Other supplies needed: variety of strips different widths 2" or less; strips of one color for center strips ( I use 1 1/2" for these); scissors; and cutting tools if you need to cut strips.



## Block of the Month NEWS

FEBRUARY BOM—Be Good to your Heart



Go to our website: at [www.mudsockquiltersguild.org](http://www.mudsockquiltersguild.org). for more information.

## REMINDERS

**Bring your donations for the Tag Sale. Please put prices on them.  
Please bring items for the Church's food pantry. (We do this in lieu of rent.)  
Wear a 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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