

MUDSOCK MESSENGER

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month

Cornerstone Lutheran Church

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I thought I'd be looking at a beautiful snowy winter scene this morning as I sit in my sewing room. Instead, it's freezing rain, gray skies and no hope of seeing any sun today, or even the snow that we expected all week. Seems like a good time to look forward to what's ahead for Mudsock in the coming months, make some sewing plans, and get my calendar up to date with our events.

We will have our first UFO Bee on Monday, January 28th at the Community Health Pavillion at 146th and Cumberland. Bring a project to work on, the BOM, or "shop" the charity quilt fabric and start on a charity quilt. It's sure to be a lot of fun, and a great "get to know you" day. Of course, plan on going out to lunch too.

Did you print out a copy of the 2019 Bucket List? It's available on the website. I bet there are a few that you can already check off. I've checked 8 so far. Did you sign up for the Challenge Quilt at the January meeting? It is not too late, bring your 4 fat qtrs. (hidden from view!) and get the bag and info from Sandy or Cindy. I'm already thinking of the projects and patterns I could do but hope that the fabric I receive will inspire me toward something different and creatively challenging!

Our speaker for February is Barbara Triscari. She is a local fiber artist, photographer and quilter and a member of SAQA (Studio Art Quilt associates). Barbara draws from her photography to create innovative quilts. She is sure to inspire us with her use of mixed media—well beyond cotton fabric and thread. You can preview her work at triscartsi.com or [BarbaraTriscari](https://www.instagram.com/BarbaraTriscari) on Instagram.

February will also be the start of our suggested \$1.00 donation for Cornerstone Lutheran. It's completely by donation, not a fee for meetings, a simple way to give back to this church for allowing us to meet there each month. Cornerstone is holding a "SOCK DRIVE" for February instead of the usual food drive. If you'd like to donate a pair, or two, that would help their cause.

We have approximately 60 members who need to have their photo taken for the website members section. Please plan to get your picture taken at the next meeting during the break and stop having a quilt block instead of your smiling face in the Members Information Section.

March will get you out of your comfort zone with the "first & last" show and tell. Bring your 2 quilts to show and step up front to share your talents! It's a perfect time to try it, if you've hesitated to participate in a show & tell at the meetings!

I hope that you feel connected to the Mudsock Quilters Guild, and have found a place to volunteer, a bee or charity to join. Remember to check the website for updates in the guild, the calendar for events and the directions for the BOM (we may never top the excitement over that chicken block!!) Find inspiration for your quilting projects in your daily life, thumbing through magazines, books or on Pinterest. Try a new technique that stretches your quilting knowledge, and share your work on the Facebook page! Get inspired and challenge yourself!

See you at the February meeting!

Happy Quilting,
Alice Whitaker

February 11th -- Mudsock Quilters Guild Meeting (9:30–11:30+)

Our speaker is Barbara Triscari. The title of her talk is "Artful Adventure." She is a member of SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates), Quilt Guild of Indianapolis and Indianapolis Modern Quilt Guild.

Barbara Triscari grew up in Ohio and Fort Wayne, met her husband at Purdue, and then they embarked on their military journey while raising three girls. She moved to the Lebanon area with her family after her husband retired from the military in 2010 after 13 moves: she lived in 9 states and Italy and traveled to five foreign countries. Throughout her travels, photography has been a constant and she has taken over a million photographs.

Barbara is an art quilter who draws from her photography to create innovative quilts. She began to quilt after seeing that photographs could be printed on fabric. She began exploring ways to piece photographic quilts and soon realized the potential of textiles as a medium and delved into art quilting.

Barbara has developed techniques and shares her experiences in magazines and presentations. She prints on leather and other unconventional materials and uses rust in a controlled manner to reproduce aspects of her photographs. She exhibits frequently in quilt shows and art exhibits.

Barbara can be contacted at: artsifartsi@triscartsi.com or www.triscartsi.com

It Is Time to Pay Your 2019 Membership Dues

The Membership Committee will be accepting 2019 dues at the February Mudsock meeting. Once again, we ask you to put your \$25.00 check or cash into an envelope with your name on the outside and leave it with the Membership Committee as you enter the meeting. That way you won't have to

stand in a long line. Your 2019 membership card will be available at the March meeting. Make checks payable to Mudsock Quilters Guild.

Mark Your Calendars!! Upcoming Mudsock Events & Meetings

- Feb 6** **Little Dresses for Africa**, 10:30 – 3:00, Always in Stitches, Alice Whitaker (757-903-5198), contact
- Feb 11** **Guild Meeting**, 9:30 – 11:30, Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Organizational meeting for 2019.
- Feb 18** **Community North Quilting Bee**, 9:30 - 3:00, Community Room at Community Health Pavilion, 9699 E. 146th St., Noblesville, Diane Dimpfl, (317) 550-9080, contact
- Feb 26** **Handwork/Piecers**, 1:00 – 4:00, Always in Stitches. Marion Newell (317-336-3567)/Marsha Baer (317-842-8889), contacts
- Mar 11** **Guild Meeting**, 9:39 - 11:30, Cornerstone Lutheran Church. Please bring one of your quilts you completed as a newbie and one of your more recent quilts. Our program will be a show and tell with brief commentary from each participant about their quilting journey. Think of what you liked when you started and how that may have changed over the years. If each participant can keep their comments to a minute or so, we should be able to have time for everyone to show their stuff!

Mudsock Quilters Guild Board Meeting

The meeting was held on January 9, 2019 at 1:30 pm at the Fishers Library. Attending: Diane Dimpfl, April Sterling, Alice Whitaker, Donna Reimer, Chris Behme, Marion Newell, Tamera O'Dell, Sandy Metzger, Samantha Berry, Diane Lockman and Laura Anderson.

The meeting was called to order by Alice Whitaker. Introductions were made, including position in the Guild. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. The Treasurer's report was distributed. It indicates a profit of \$4,195 in 2018. Proposed changes will be discussed under new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Marion Newell reported there were 126 members in 2018. At this time, 75 members have paid their 2019 dues.

Hospitality: Laura Anderson has sent an email to previous committee members to determine those that want to stay on the committee. She will be looking at the cost of food items and reimbursement issues. She proposed dual mikes for the meetings for ease of reaching people who need to speak. We need to make an effort to meet new people and quiet people.

Charity: Diane Dimpfl reported that they delivered quilts to 140 patients on Christmas. That leaves about 90 left. In the future all completed quilts need to be taken to Community even those shown at the meetings. All fabrics need to be in plastic bins by Community Hospital guidelines. No cardboard boxes are allowed. This is already done. A quilt raffle with proceeds earmarked for the charity quilt project was proposed as it is unknown how much financial support from the hospital guild will be given this year. It was decided buy-in from the membership was needed. It was also proposed and approved after discussion to purchase insurance at \$178/year to cover the charity quilts and supplies. Laura Anderson discussed the deliveries to Damar which are appreciated. The representative from Damar wants to speak to the guild and this may be arranged in the future.

Tag Sale: The quest for a new name is on-going. The Board proposed posting on the website for the membership to vote.

Sunshine: The committee still does not receive names of people who need cards. They are going to place a basket at the meetings for members to place names.

BOM: The committee has the first two months ready. They will be meeting this month.

Facebook: Amy Klodzen will try posts to increase activity.

Website: Diane Lockman was asked if there could be a link to former speakers. She indicated this can be done.

Newsletter: A deadline is needed for the letter. It is needed by Wednesday and it was proposed that the deadline be set for the 21st of each month.

Bus Trip/Retreat: No report at this time.

Programs: April Sterling and Chris Behme distributed the Program Schedule and Budget Estimate for 2019. All the months are completed except August and November. They also proposed that notification to drop out needs to be given no later than 2 weeks before a workshop or a substitute found in order to have a refund. Guidelines will need to be developed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget changes: Advertising increased to \$100 as the flyer will be updated and distributed to the quilt stores. Hospitality increased by \$50 for food costs. Insurance increased to cover the new policy. Website decreased to reflect actual historical costs. Quilt Show budgeted for \$75. Retreat budgeted for \$250. Programs increased to \$3,500 which will include speaker fees, workshops and speaker travel expenses. Tamara will compile the 2019 budget for consideration.

The Meet and Greet dates have been set for the year. The first will be at Diane Lockman's on February 15. It may be necessary to limit current membership attendance depending on the hostess.

Hospitality and Membership to greet guests at sign-in, show guests around. Select a few members to carry the mikes for introductions.

The Fishers Library has asked the Guild to consider beginning quilting classes to be offered to the public. This discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

2019 Workshops

April 8 – Workshop: The Role of Color in Your Quilts, with Weeks Ringle of Modern Quilt Studio, Community Health Pavilion, 146th Street and Cumberland Road, 2-5 p.m. Cost: \$30.



Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr are professional quiltmakers and co-founders of Modern Quilt Studio, a design studio in Oak Park, Illinois. Having written the first book on modern quilting, Bill and Weeks are pioneers of the Modern Quilt movement. Weeks made her first modern quilt in 1987 to rethink the possibilities of the American quilt as being expressive of the time in which we live. Having sewn since he was 8, Bill began designing and making modern quilts in 1995.

Their work has been featured widely in the national press including: *O: The Oprah Magazine*, *Time* magazine, *The New York Times*, *Dwell*, *American Patchwork & Quilting*, *Patchwork Tsushin*, *France Patchwork*, and *Country Living*, among others. Weeks and Bill have taught extensively throughout the U.S., Canada, Japan (classes taught in Japanese), England, and France (classes taught in French). In addition, Weeks has taught two online classes, *Designing Modern Quilts* on *Craftsy* and *Solids Revolution* on *iquilt.com*. In 2011, Modern Quilt Studio launched the first-ever magazine dedicated exclusively to modern quilting, *Modern Quilts Illustrated*.

When not busy designing and sewing, Weeks writes about craft and creativity on her blog, *Craft Nectar*. When he's not working in the studio, Bill can be found at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois, where he is Director of the Graphic Design Discipline. He is the former Chair of the Art Department.

Workshop details

Develop analytical methods for using color with confidence through individual and group color explorations. You will leave this workshop with a deeper understanding of the role of color in your quilts and with a renewed excitement about quilting.

Student supplies: rotary cutting equipment, a wide assortment of cotton quilting fabric scraps (bring fabrics you love to work with as well as others that have proved challenging to work with; we'll be working with small pieces), notebook or journal, and a glue stick.

Skill level: Beginner to advanced

We will not be using sewing machines at this workshop.

April 9 – All-day Workshop, Rediscovering Your Stash, with Weeks Ringle. Community North Pavilion, 146th Street and Cumberland Road, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Cost, \$50.

Gain color confidence and plan creative ways to use your stash in one day! Mix a big dose of color theory with an in-depth discussion of combining patterns and a pinch of working with large-scale fabrics and you'll end up with a plan for projects that you want to make from the fabrics you already have. In addition, you'll have consultations about how to freshen up your stash while learning how to use fabrics that you love but find perplexing. You'll see new possibilities for working with your stash and leave the workshop with beautiful palettes and plans for your next few projects. Bring patterns you love and fabrics you'd like to use or are unsure how to use and you'll be amazed at how you'll be able to pull it all together. Each student will begin work on a project of their choice during class.

Student supplies needed: An open mind and as large an assortment of cotton quilting fabric as you can haul! Try to include different values and hues, small-scale prints, tone-on-tone prints, solids, stripes, batiks, large-scale fabrics, and especially fabrics you love but find challenging to use. Small quantities are fine. You'll also need a sewing machine, rotary cutting equipment, extension cord, thread, seam ripper, notebook or journal, and any supplies you like to have handy when quilting.

Skill level: Adventurous beginner to advanced

Other Upcoming Quilting Events

Mar. 7-9 2019 Indiana Heritage Quilt Show, at the Monroe Convention Center. Bloomington, IN. Go to IHQS.org for more information.

Mar. 28-30 International Quilt festival, Donald E. Stevens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd., Rosemont, IL.

Apr. 24-27 AQS Quiltweek: Spring Paducah, Schroeder Expo Center, 415 Park St., Paducah, KY. Go to quiltweek.com for more information.

Message from Ann Sobierajski, Administrative Assistant Cornerstone Lutheran Church

"Our collection for February is a little different. We collect new socks for the seminary in Fort Wayne and The Sharing Place. Below is the snippet from the February newsletter. ...I wanted to give you and the ladies plenty of notice since everyone is so generous with their donations when you're here. Food donations will return for March!"



Help make February a great "sock-sess"

During February, the LWML is collecting socks for Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne and The Sharing Place. The goal is to collect 400 NEW pairs of socks for men, women, and children. If every family brought in just ONE pair, we would far exceed our goal! (Gently used socks are also welcomed.) Put your sock donations in the marked donation bin by a worship area.

Block of the Month NEWS

For information and directions for the February Block, **Sweetheart Chain**, go to the Mudsock website at www.mudsockquiltersguild.org for the details. Make, using fabric of your choice for the chain and black as the background



REMINDERS

Bring your donations for the Tag Sale. Please put prices on them (~\$4 yd). Please bring items for the Church's food pantry. This month they are collecting socks. (We do this in lieu of rent.) Wear a name tag to every Guild meeting.

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