

MUDSOCK MESSENGER

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month

9:30 am – 12:00 noon

Cornerstone Lutheran Church

13450 East 116th Street, Fisher

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

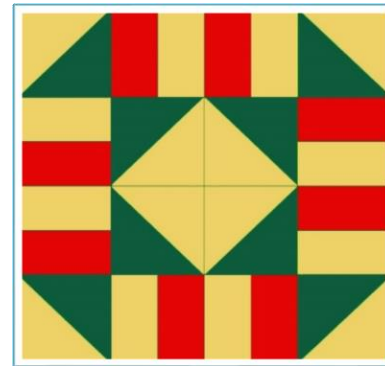
Thank you.

Now that's an odd way to start a letter, but it's what comes to mind as I think about everything the Mudsock Quilters Guild is doing lately. We're in our 4th year of making quilts for Community Hospital to distribute on Christmas morning. We're making pillowcases, baby quilts, and other sizes for children who are often in unimaginable situations. You stepped up to help with a request for 4 quilts for a nursing home in Nebraska, not knowing the people involved, but you heard there was a need and you responded with an enthusiasm that exceeded my expectations. Even after the 4 were started, you asked if you could do more!

We're like that. When there's a happy moment, like a baby on the way, we make a quilt (or 2). When someone is ill and needs a hug, what better way for a quilter to show some love, than to make a quilt to show some compassion. There is actual healing and comfort in wrapping up in a handmade quilt. We do so much charitable work, never knowing the receiver, but we know it helps. It helps us keep busy, working on a craft that we love. And we know it helps put a smile on a face, and comfort to someone in need. So, thank you.

If you haven't found a place in the guild, whether it's in a charity bee or on a committee, it's never too late to join. Check the website for the calendar of events. The Facebook page has events listed too and as always, we're showing our projects, sharing information and general shenanigans with the guild members. The meetings are so busy I know how difficult it can be to connect. The workshops offered and the extra activities are the best way to feel a part of the group.

We had another very successful Meet & Greet. Thanks to Diane Lockman for opening her lovely home and letting us peek at her charming sewing room. It's always a treat to get to know the newest members, share their interests and welcome them to Mudsock. The next one is May 17.



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Diane Lockman
- 04 Annie Gianaris
- 05 Jenny Zender
- 09 Wanda VanSlyke
- 14 Becky Mathison
- 18Carolynn Marriott
- 20 Christine Moore
- 21 Kathy Astrike
- 29 Sue Kiefer

NEW MEMBERS!

Carol Dean
Susan Juffer
Chris Logsdon (rejoined)

We're working a bit on streamlining the meetings even more. We realize that there's so much to cover, and only so much time. From now on, meetings will run from 9:30-12:00. If you have to leave early please slip out quietly. We just need the extra time to have an efficient meeting. Show & Tell, our most popular part of the meeting, is getting a bit revamped. Please have your quilts out of the bag, ready to show and limit the story time about the quilt. We need volunteers to be "holders and folders" and to keep things moving. We love to see what everyone is making, but as our numbers grow, so does (happily) our show & tell time. Laying the quilts out on the chairs was well received, so we will continue to do that each month.

The \$1 donation was a success right off, I think it will be a blessing to the church and it's an easy way to thank the church for allowing us to use the space. Please remember that food donations are always appreciated too.

This month, our guild program is sure to be a lot of fun as we have our 1st and last show & tell. Please participate, especially if you've been shy about stepping up front with a quilt.

Our April meeting is extra special as we have Weeks Ringle of Modern Quilt Studio. She's going to get us to rethink our stashes and look at design and color in all new ways. There's still room in the workshops, please visit the Program table at the meeting. In May, we will have our Challenge Quilt reveal. Have you started on your project? Or did you peek in the bag, only to close it up again, and think about it tomorrow? I like the fabric I received but am not yet sure on the project.

Enjoy the time that you spend sewing, whether for yourself or others. It's what makes us happy and fulfilled. How many of you have a quilt that you've made just for yourself? One to use when you need a nap, to curl up under while binge watching a favorite tv show, or to have on hand to cover a loved one at home? If you don't add that to your to do list! As wonderful as it is to sew for others, you should have at least one quilt you've made just for you. But, I know you all too well, and I know the charity quilts will keep coming at a dizzying rate, and that's why this guild is so marvelous. Thank you.

Happy Quilting,
Alice Whitaker

**March 11th -- Mudsock Quilters Guild Meeting (9:30–
12:00)**

Member participation in “First & Last”. We are asking each of you to bring one of the earliest quilts you made and one of your more recent finishes. We will each share a little about our own quilting journey. We will assign individuals into groups of 10 so that everyone isn’t standing up holding their quilts during the program.

Membership Dues are Over Due

The Membership Committee will be accepting 2019 dues at the March Mudsock meeting. **Anyone not paying by March will be deleted from the roster of active members.**

Mark Your Calendars!! Upcoming Mudsock Events & Meetings

- Mar 6** **Little Dresses for Africa**, 10:30 – 3:00, Always in Stitches, Alice Whitaker (757-903-5198), contact
- Mar 11** **Guild Meeting**, 9:30 – 12:00, Cornerstone Lutheran Church (see above description)
- Mar 18** **Community North Quilting Bee**, 9:30 - 3:00, Community Room at Community Health Pavilion, 9699 E. 146th St., Noblesville; Diane Dympl, (317) 550-9080, contact
- Mar 25** **UFO Sew-in**, 9:30 – 4:00, Community Room at Community Health Pavilion, 9699 E. 146th St., Noblesville; April Sterling, contact
- Mar 26** **Handwork/Piecers**, 1:00 – 4:00, Always in Stitches. Marion Newell (317-336-3567)/Marsha Baer (317-842-8889), contacts
- April 8** **Guild Meeting**, 9:30 – 12:00, Cornerstone Lutheran Church **“Color in a Supporty Role”** presented by Weeks Ringle of Modern Quilt Studio in Oak Park, IL. This is a lecture and trunk show. Guests are welcome, however for this special speaker there will be a \$5.00 for non-members.
- May 13** **Guild Meeting**, 9:30 – 12:00, Cornerstone Lutheran Church, **“2019 Challenge Quilt”** Sandy Metzger and Cindy Lazar will lead us in the unveiling of the quilt projects that the participants have made. We look

forward to seeing what you creative ladies have done with the 4 fat quarters that were in your brown paper bags.

STEALS & DEALS SPRING CLEAN

Our big sale is scheduled for April 27! Bring in your pre-priced sewing-related items to the March meeting and anything not sold to our members and guests will be for sale at the April 27th sale.

The sale will be held on April 27th at Fishers United Methodist church in Fellowship Hall, right on IKEA way, just south of 116th Street, from 9:00 am- 1:00 pm.

Contact Carlene Clark if you have any questions or just want to help. winesalot@att.net

BUS TRIP NEWS:

According to the votes on Facebook, the bus trip will be to the quilt show in Grand Rapids, Mi. It is scheduled for August 21-24. We will probably stay out two nights just like last trip. We will have a table set up at the March guild meeting for sign ups. The deposit will be \$25, bring checks or cash. We need to see how much interest there is, in order to make it cost effective we need at least 45 people to sign up.

Let's make this a great trip, we had so much fun on our first bus trip.

See Becky or Lois with any questions.

Little Dresses for Africa

Little Dresses for Africa is a non-profit charity started about 8 years ago helping to make simple dresses for girls in a few countries in Africa. It's grown into a global charity with mission trips all over the world distributing dresses for girls and shorts for boys and reusable sanitary pads. Major fundraising and support also allows the group to provide wells and a school/ work center in Africa. Our group with Mudsock meets once a month at Always in Stitches in Noblesville. We have the supplies to make the dresses and reusable sanitary pads. We are always happy for donations for fabric appropriate for girls' dresses, flannel and PUL for the pads. At the moment, we do not need any batting, as we still have plenty donated last year. If you would like to join us, the next sewing days are March 6, April 3 and May 8. All sewing days are 10:30-3:30, and we break for lunch. Please bring your own sewing machine and basic sewing supplies and we can

get you started. Join us---changing the world, one little dress at a time!! POC is Alice Whitaker, email mom7983@yahoo.com If you know of any mission trips going to Africa, Haiti, Central America etc. where the dresses would be appreciated, please let me know. All of our dresses went out to missions through our Guild members.

Community North Quilting Bee

Reminder - the fabrics that are being stored in the store room are for quilts for Community North Hospital. There is a small supply of children's prints and flannels that can be used for blankets, pillowcases or dresses for Africa. They are stored on the first island on the left as you enter the door to the store room. The rest of the fabric is to be used for Community Quilts and no other purpose. Access to the store room is during our meetings the 3rd Monday of the month and on Tuesday mornings when I am volunteering at the front desk. Happy Quilting! *Diane Dimpfl*

Children's Charities

After speaking with the coordinators of our Children's Charities, here are some more specifics on their needs. Labeled tubs will be at our meetings for your donations. Questions: Sally 317 747 4104 or Max 608 692 2020. Thanks for all you create and donate!

DAMAR: Mostly boys ages 6 through 18 with autism. Standard size colorful pillowcases.

BIRTHRIGHT, INT'L.: Support for teens and women with unplanned pregnancies. Larger (36"x 40" up to 36"x 50") baby quilts and blankets. Rag quilts are fine, but not knit or crocheted blankets.

HANDS of HOPE: Blankets or quilts for foster care children in Hamilton Co. No restriction on type or size. Greatest need for babies, toddlers, and preschool age. Some need for older children.

RIVERVIEW HOSPITAL: "Touch of Love" and Noblesville County Hospital Give 1200 blankets to newborns each year. Prefer size to be between 30" and 36" square. Double flannel is great. Quilts are fine, too. If tied, use embroidery floss not yarn. Can also use burp cloths and new 3 to 6 month sleepers for layettes.

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 quilters 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.

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

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| 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. 12-May 25 | The Declaration of Sentiments 1848 – The Struggle Continues (see below) |
| Apr. 24-27 | AQS Quiltweek: Spring Paducah, Schroeder Expo Center, 415 Paark St., Paducah, KY. Go to quiltweek.com for more information. |

April 12 – May 25

The Declaration of Sentiments 1848 – The Struggle Continues
EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION • *Friday, April 12, 2019*
Exhibit continues through May 25

An art quilt exhibition celebrating women's accomplishments and honoring their struggles throughout American history. The works by the artists in this exhibition illustrate the passion, anger, hope, perseverance, and celebration of women's rights.

This is the regional SAQA traveling exhibit by quilt artists in the Midwest. It is curated by Lisa Dodson and Susie Goodman of Bloomington, IN, and has been seen in multiple venues since the autumn of 2017. Several Indiana artists have works in this juried exhibit including Ann Luther of Indianapolis and Judy Ireland of Fishers.

The SullivanMunce Center is very near downtown Zionsville and has a website for more specific information, or contact quilter Judy Ireland.

Block of the Month NEWS

For information and directions for the March Block, **The Disappearing 4-PatchBlock**, go to the Mudsock website at www.mudsockquiltersguild.org for the details. Make, using spring blues and/or greens with white or tone-on-tone white fabrics of your choice.



REMINDERS

Bring your donations for the Tag Sale. Please put prices on them (~\$4 yd).

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



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