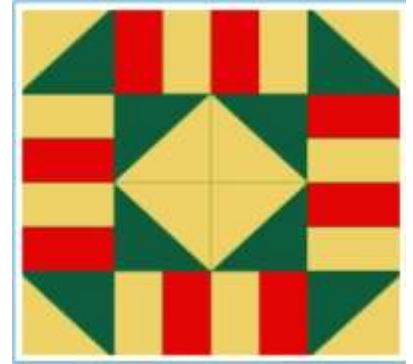


MUDSOCK MESSENGER

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month
Cornerstone Lutheran Church
13450 East 116th Street, Fishers, Indiana
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From the President's Desk

Hello Quilters,

It's snowing while I write this, as it was while I was writing last month's letter. A snowy day seems to provide a calming effect that helps me collect my thoughts enough to write to all of you.

February seemed like a busy month, with the meeting, the afternoon workshop with Connie Lancaster, the Meet & Greet at Diane Lockman's house, the Bricks quilt skill share session with Sandy Metzger, and the Quilters Day Out. Thank you to everyone who helped with the planning and execution of these events. I think all of that activity helped pass what otherwise was a very dreary month.

March, in addition to bringing us our first days of spring, will provide us with opportunities to connect while attending at least two different quilt shows. Grab a buddy and head to the Indiana Heritage Quilt Show in Bloomington on March 6–8. It's a short drive and well worth the trip. We'll have another quilt show to attend in Fort Wayne on March 20–21. The Appleseed Quilt Guild's show is the only show in Indiana hosting any of the Bob Ross Cherrywood Challenge Quilt exhibit. There will be 75 small wall quilts on display, each of them with the same pallet of Cherrywood fabrics. How fun it will be to see each quilter's interpretation of Bob Ross' artistry! Next year the challenge is Princess Diana.

Speaking of quilt shows, I was so inspired by the quilts that were exhibited at QuiltCon in Austin, TX! Perhaps having a better understanding of the elements of modern quilts, thanks to our February program, helped me see these works of art with a fresh perspective. I attended a lecture by Victoria Findlay Wolfe, who encouraged everyone to spend 15 minutes a day in their sewing rooms. She said that having at least that amount of time there each day keeps her focused on her projects—of which she might have 5–10 going at once—and also keeps her creativity flowing. I'm adding this to my list of 2020 goals. I know I can't do it every day, but I also know that I feel better when I spend time in my happy place.

Based on the number of finished quilts and other projects on display at last month's Show & Tell, there is no lack of focus and creativity in our guild. I've had a number of members mention that Show & Tell is one of their favorite parts of the meeting and that they find it so inspiring! We look forward to seeing more beauties each month, and we will continue to refine the process of showing them off so that we can enjoy as many of them each month as possible.

How are those 2020 goals coming along? Have you made a new connection in the guild? If not, I hope you are planning on attending an event in March so that you can connect with new and old friends.

Happy sewing!

April



March Birthdays and New Members

Happy Birthday to:

01	Diane Lockman	12	Dorothy Bradford	20	Christine Moore
02	Karen Richardson	13	Patricia Jones	20	Linda Jones
04	Annie Glanaris	14	Nancy Pitzer	26	Kim Bennett
05	Ginny Zender	15	Julie Sell	26	Irina Piliushento
09	Wanda VanSlyke	18	Carolynn Marriott	27	Marlene Dabels

New Members:

Karen Clauser`	Linda Hodge
Linda Jones	Judy Schaff
Irina Piliushento	Deborah Fravel
Kim Bennett	Ruth Ann Gapen
Kathy Staples	

Attendance at February Meeting: 101 members, 4 new members, and 11 guests

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

Capi Saxton, of *Always In Stitches*, will join us to talk about TNT! No, not the explosive kind, the sewing kind. Thread, Needle, and Tension is a mystery for some quilters and this presentation will try to demystify the subject. Check out **Always in Stitches** at <https://www.alwaysinstitches1.com>

March Workshop: Capi will step you through the mysteries on TNT on your own machines. We have 1 spot open and will take an additional 3 names in case of cancelations. There is no fee for this class,

thanks to Capi's generosity. March 9th, 1:00-3:00 pm at **Always In Stitches**, 1808 E Connor Street, Noblesville.

Information from your Membership Committee

Our membership team will collect **annual membership dues of \$25** at the March meeting. This is the last month to renew or your name will be taken off the active membership list: check or cash will be accepted. Please put your money in an envelope labeled with your name and your new card will be given to you at the next meeting.

If you want to pay by credit card, you will have to renew through the website.

Mark Your Calendars!! Upcoming Mudsock Events & Meetings

- Mar 04** **Little Dresses for Africa**, 10:30 – 3:00, Always in Stitches, Alice Whitaker (757-903-5198, contact

- Mar 09** **Mudsock Guild Meeting**, 9:30-12:00. Cornerstone Lutheran Church (see above).

- Mar 16** **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

- Mar 19** **Skill Share Class**, Zippered Pouches with Chris Behme. In this class you will learn zipper insertion while making a cute pouch, 10:00-2:00, Delaware Township Offices, 9090 E 131 St., Fishers, IN.

- Mar 20** **Children's Sewing Bee**, 9:00-3:00, Ignite Space, Fishers Public Library, 5 Municipal Dr., Fishers, IN. Come for all or part of the day.

- Mar 30** **UFO Bee**, 9:00, Ignite Space at Fishers Public Library, Five Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN. We start at 9:00 and go until whenever we are ready to quit for the day. Join us for a fun day of sewing!

- Mar 31** **Sew Bee It**, 1:00 – 4:00. Always in Stitches, bring any type of needlework you want to work on (even machine work)—or just come and visit, Marion Newell (317-336-3567)/Marsha Baer (317-842-8889), contacts

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Upcoming Programs and Workshops

April Speaker: Doris Goins will present **Quilt as Desired**. Doris will provide tips for those who suffer from the dilemma of how to quilt their tops. An afternoon workshop will allow you to bring in your own tops for specific advice. Workshop fee: \$25.00, Time: 1:00-4:00 at Community Health Pavilion North

April Sewing Workshop: Mudsocks Guild Member Vickie Smith will step us through the gorgeous bag Ten Pocket Travel Tote <https://tinyurl.com/yx4lwrur> April 14th, 10:00-3:00, location TBD

April Skill Share: Mudsocks Guild Member Kristin Alfano will share her method of Graffiti Quilting with the class. April 16th, 10:00-2:00 Delaware Township Offices, 9090 131st Street, Fishers, IN

May Speaker: Alice Ridge will present "Quilts from the Hardware Store" doing our regular meeting. On May 12th she will teach us how to make the New York Beauty Block. All those spikes and curves, a truly stunning pattern. Time and location TBD

May Skill Share: Lynn Summers will show us how to make fabric wrapped rope trivets/rugs, or if you are daring, bowls! May 21st, 10:00-2:00, 9090 131st Street, Fishers

Call for Photographer (Historian) Group

We have a real need for two or three members to take pictures of the "Show and Tell" quilts and other Mudsock events that should be photographed for our guild.

Call for Bus Trip Planners! We Have Volunteers!

We have volunteers to plan a trip to Paducah in the Spring of 2022. More to follow.

Other Upcoming Quilting Events

Mar 5-7 Indiana Heritage Quilt Show, Thurs. & Fri: 9am–5pm, Sat: 9am–4pm, Monroe Convention Center, 302 South College Avenue, Bloomington, IN

Mar 7-Aug 9 *Quilts: Uncovering Women's Stories* is included with regular museum admission to the Eiteljorg Museum, Indianapolis, approximately 30 fascinating examples of quilts by women artists from the early 1800s to the present day in the Western states.

Mar 20-21 Appleseed Quilters Guild - **2020 Festival of Quilts Show**, Fri: 10am to 4pm, Sat: 10am to 3pm, Plassman Athletic Center at Turnstone, 3320 N Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN. See the Bob Ross Cherrywood Exhibit! (see below for more information)

Apr 4 **String-A-Long Quilt Show**, April 4, 2020 9 AM – 5 PM, April 5, 2020 10 AM – 4 PM Porter County Expo Center, 215 E Division Road, Valparaiso, IN 46383

Apr 22-25 **AQS Quilt Week Show, Wed–Fri: 9am–6pm, Sat: 9am–4pm**, Schroeder Expo Center, 415 Park Street, Paducah, KY 42001

Jun 19-22 **Shipshewana Quilt Festival**, Wed: 12pm-5pm; Thurs-Fri: 9am-5pm; Sat: 9am-3pm, Michiana Event Center (MEC), 455 E Farver St., Shipshewana, IN. Show will once again be juried and limited to approximately 200 quilts.

Block of the Month NEWS

“**Block of the Month**” (BOM) is a quick and easy way to learn new piecing techniques while contributing to member quilts. Each month, the BOM Committee selects a unique block pattern which they assemble at home bring to the guild meeting.

Everyone who wants to participate follows the same free pattern, using random fabrics with specified colorways. The following month, all of the uniform blocks are displayed, and a raffle is held to determine who gets to take home the blocks for an instant quilt. If enough members join in the fun, we might have 3-4 beneficiaries of the blocks!

For detailed information for the March Block, **String Quilt Block**, go to Mudsock website at www.mudsockquiltersguild.org . The pattern and instructions for this block are there.



**April received this invitation from the Appleseed Quilters Guild:
You and your guild members and friends are invited to attend and participate in
the:**

**Appleseed Quilters Guild's Festival of Quilts,
March 20-21, 2020 at Turnstone Center, Fort Wayne.**

- Lots of quilts to see, including the Cherrywood 75 quilt Bob Ross Collection!!
 - Lots of new things to learn!
 - Enter your quilt - Viewer's Choice quilt wins a new Janome sewing machine!!
- Go to <https://www.appleseedquiltersguild.com/biennial-quilt-show> and view the attachments.

Advertisements



Quilt Expressions Quilt Shop – “Sew Modern”

Business Hours: NOW OPEN Wednesday - Friday 10–5, Saturday 10-3. 12514 Reynolds Drive, Fishers, IN 46038, (317) 913-1816. QuiltExpressionslh@gmail.com

REMINDERS

- **Bring your donations for “Steals and Deals”. Please put prices on them (~\$4 yd).**
- **Please bring items for the Church’s food pantry and \$1.00 donation for their discretionary fund. (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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