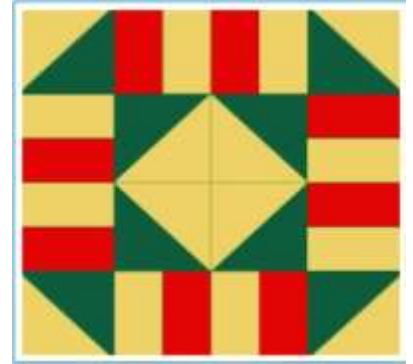


MUDSOCK MESSENGER

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month
Cornerstone Lutheran Church
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From the Vice-President's Desk

Clear Out the Clutter

Back-to-school anticipation still grips me. Even though it's been decades, I remember the simple pleasure of getting organized with new school supplies. Yellow No. 2 pencils. Pink pearl eraser. White notebook paper. After a fun, busy summer of childhood craziness, there was a certain calm that came over me as I got ready for that first day of school. Labor Day was the last hurrah, then order descended on my life again.

There's something really satisfying and invigorating about clearing out the clutter! So it's no surprise that as this summer slipped away, I found myself wanting to get organized, especially in my studio. Here are my tips for bringing order out of the chaos.

Step 1: See It

First I took a close look at my closet. That's where I hang my finished quilt tops and store my fabric stash. Then I tackled the drawers where I keep partial fabric cuts and quilts-in-progress. Finally I went through my unopened patterns.

Step 2: Name It

Now that I had a mental image of the status quo, I did what I call a "brain dump." I wrote down every single UFO from the abandoned WIPs to the finished quilt tops. I named them by describing the color, pattern, or fabric (for example, "red poppy hexagon" and "pink HST floral").

Step 3: Categorize It

With the list of UFOs in hand, I then assigned each project to either “charity” or “friends & family.” For example, I’ve got several finished quilt tops hanging in my closet. I asked myself who would like this gift? A nephew? A sister-in-law? A patient at Community North on Christmas Day? I pushed every single UFO into one of the two categories so that no project was abandoned.

Step 4: Prioritize It

Then I took my two bucket lists and gave each friend & family project a due date (by month) based on birthdays, Christmas, weddings, or baby showers. I also assigned a date to each charity quilt so that each month I’m ready to turn in another gift. I was shocked at how far into the future my production stretched...if I completed one charity and one personal quilt a month, I had enough unfinished projects to take me into next spring!

Step 5: Work It

Finally, the payoff to all the planning. I pulled out my most important August UFO for family & friends, a pretty pink quilt top that needed to be sandwiched, quilted, and bound. Within a few days, it was done. Whew! What a great feeling.

Next, I pulled out my September charity project, a brown patchwork quilt top that had been hanging in my closet for almost two years because I didn’t like the colors. (Now really, that is embarrassing.) To make quilting it more fun, I used a variegated thread which turned a boring quilt into a surprising visual adventure. Again, it only took a couple of days to get this UFO done. Cha-ching!

Now It’s Your Turn

Maybe your sewing room is so cluttered that you dread going in there. The heaviness of all those unfinished projects can really make you feel defeated and zap your energy for sewing, but girlfriend the crazy summer chaos is over. Labor Day has come and gone, and it’s time to “go back to school” and get organized. Take baby steps, but get ‘er done, day-by-day. Friends, family, and even people you don’t even know are waiting to cuddle in your handmade goodness.

You are a quilter, and you’ve gotta make!

Diane

PS. October is not just for staying in and getting organized...autumn is also for getting out and playing with your quilty friends! We’ve got lots of great ways for you to get involved...workshops, sewing bees, block-of-the-month, and more fun like:

LuAnn Krug’s Hexagon Pillow Workshop - October 3rd

Quilting at the Crossroads - October 11-12, 2019

Mickey DePre’s Foundation Paper Piecing & Scrappy Quilt Workshops - October 15th

See the website calendar for details.



October Birthdays and New Members

Happy Birthday to:

02	Cindy Lazer	17	Pat Osborn	25	Ann Ricciardelli
11	Audrey Nelson	18	Laura Johnson	26	Kimberly Scott
12	Pat Adams	21	Allynn Baker		
15	Terry Pate	23	Joanie Riddle		

Welcome to New Members!!

Bonnie Dannenberg
Pat Jones

92 members and 6 guests attended our September Meeting!

October 14th -- Mudsock Quilters Guild Meeting (9:30–12:00)

Mickey Depre of Oak Lawn, IL will present "Quilts, Young & Old, Timid & Bold". Her motto is "There is enough fabric in the stash to make both art and traditional quilts." She says her work mixes traditional quilting techniques with bold, innovative machine appliqué and thread work. Fabric choices include her own hand dyed cotton with commercial cottons for a special spark of color and depth. Pieces are heavily machine quilted. Come and listen to Mickey and be inspired to try something new.

Mark Your Calendars!! Upcoming Mudsock Events & Meetings

- Oct 14** **Mudsock Guild Meeting**, 9:30-12:00. Cornerstone Lutheran Church (see above).
- Oct 21** **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
- Oct 28** **UFO Bee**, 9:00, **Ignite Space in the basement of the Fishers Library** (please note that it is always the last Monday of the month. Details are on our FB page (click on events.)) 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!

- Oct 29** **Sew Bee It** (new name for the Handwork/Piecers group to reflect that any type of needle work is fine (even machine work)—or just come and visit!), 1:00 – 4:00, Always in Stitches, Marion Newell (317-336-3567)/Marsha Baer (317-842-8889), contacts
- Nov 6** **Little Dresses for Africa**, 10:30 – 3:00, Always in Stitches, Alice Whitaker (757-903-5198, contact

Upcoming Mudsock Workshops (only 2 left for 2019!)



October 15, 2019 - Paper Piecing Workshop – Presented by Mickey Depre Whirl Around Set-In Seams with The Whirligig Block

The workshop is on a Tuesday from 9:00-12:00 am at the Delaware Township Building on 131st St. in Fishers. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. **Only 5 spots left!**

Mickey will walk us through all the tips and tricks to foundation piecing and then we will set that center square in, easy-peasy. Once you have one block under your belt, you will never hesitate to sew a set-in seam again.

This is a kitted workshop. The kit is \$10, payable to Mickey, the day of the workshop.



October 15, 2019 - Summer Carnival, a scrappy quilt block presented by Mickey Depre

The workshop is on a Tuesday from 1:00-5:00 pm at the Delaware Township Building on 131st St. in Fishers. **Cost: \$25.00. We have plenty of spots left in this afternoon workshop.**

Strips of fabric 1.5" and 2.5" wide are sewn, cut, and sewn again to make this fun block that is a twist on a traditional Sisters Choice block which fills the center of this quilt with a confetti-like appearance.

This is a perfect workshop for developing your precision in piecing. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a master!

Other Upcoming Quilting Events

- Oct 11-12 **Quilt Guild of Indianapolis Show**, Indiana State Fairgrounds, AG/Hort. Building, Indianapolis, IN. Opens at noon both days, over 400 quilts and 25 vendor booths, \$10 admission + \$8/car parking fee.
- Oct 26-27 **Heritage Quilt Guild Show**, Crown Point Fairgrounds, Crown Point, IN. Hours: 10-5 Sat. 10-4 Sun, \$6 admission.

Community North Quilting Bee Quilt Show - Saturday Nov. 23rd

We will be hosting our annual quilt show at Cornerstone Luther Church 13450 E 116th St, Fishers, IN 46037 (our regular meeting place) on 11/23 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Donation of \$5 is suggested. Please come and support our work for Community North Quilting Bee and the wonderful ladies who donate their talents. If you have a quilt to donate, please do so before that date. If you are working on something and it will not be done until later, we will accept quilts up to Christmas Eve. Our group does not meet in December, so bring any quilts to our membership meeting on Dec. 8th or contact me at (317) 550-9080 Diane Dimpfl

Block of the Month NEWS

For detailed information for the October Block, **designed by Sally Sandilands**, go to Mudsock website at www.mudsockquiltersguild.org . The pattern and complete instructions are there. Make, using 2.5" strips and your creativity.



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.

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