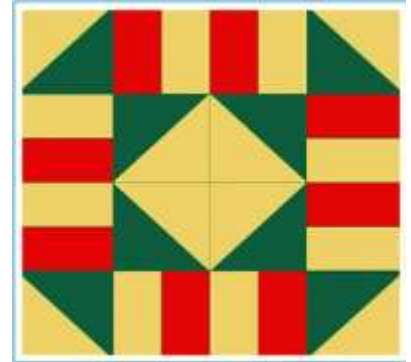


MUDSOCK MESSENGER

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month
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Beauty From Ashes

The first 10 months of 2020 have been full of unexpected disappointments . . . no one can deny that infectious COVID, contentious campaigning, raging wildfires, home foreclosures, violent hurricanes, business failures, racial tension, and stock market crashes all guarantee that this year will stick in our memories as vividly as 9/11.

Like that horrible September day in 2001, the events of 2020 have been extremely **destructive**.

Tragic circumstances beyond our control could overwhelm us with defeat and despair, but like the rally cry of New Yorkers after 9/11 who sorted through the ashes to build a beautiful memorial to “never forget,” we quilters are also people of hope. We are inherently **constructive**, not destructive.

We quilty folk see the possibilities for beauty in a disorganized, mismatched stash. We let our imaginations inspire us as we cut, piece, design, layer, and stitch quilts that comfort by silently signaling through color, thread, and texture how much we truly care about the craft and the recipient.

This year I’ve enjoyed witnessing your constructive hope during Show ‘N Tell and on Facebook seeing your “never forget” quarantine quilts. The quilt-alongs, mystery quilts, and virtual sewing bees of 2020 will always be a testimony to your tenacity and resilience during extremely destructive and disappointing times.

Beyond the constructive hope of quilting, I believe there’s a deep contentment buried in the layers of finished quilt . . . a feeling of satisfaction and gratitude for the means to stitch something of beauty. And as Thanksgiving draws near, I want to say how grateful I am for you all. You wonderful Mudsock women have rallied to encourage your officers and committee chairs to “keep on keeping on”

through the turmoil and uncertainty of 2020. We wouldn't have persevered through the unknown without your support and affirmation.

So thank you, friends, for actively adopting a constructive attitude towards the fear and adversity of life. Your spirit cheers us when we're down and reminds us that we, too, can find solace and meaning in our sewing rooms that will bless someone else who may be feeling depressed, anxious, and in need of a quilty hug.

With much love and gratitude,
Diane

PS. Thanks again to all the members who responded to the survey! Check your inbox for the PDF summary.



November Birthdays and New Members

Happy Birthday to:

01	Marsha Pellum	11	Sandy Metzger	25	Gail Ware
02	Jean Williams	23	Peggy Fowley	28	Sue Cox
06	Mary Boyden	24	Carol Dean	28	Lore Weas
08	Sharon Tate	25	Nancy Rosetto		

New Members

Jayne Gates

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

Back Door Quilts

We will meet at Cornerstone Lutheran Church. **Back Door Quilts** will join us during the general meeting to talk about **All Things Wool Appliqué**. They have been in business for 47 years and are located in Greenwood, Indiana.

Masks are required by the Church and social distancing will be followed. Meeting will also be on Facebook Live.

Programs and Workshops (updates from Chris Behme)

Meetings:

December 14th, 9:30 – 12:00, Cornerstone Lutheran Church. **Show us your Christmas Challenge!** Get your free panel from The Anderson Sisters and create a Holiday item for yourself or gift to a special someone. Masks are required by the Church and social distancing will be followed. Meeting will also be on Facebook Live,

Skill Shares:

November 19th, 10:00-2:00, **Use your Walking Foot!** , Delaware Township Offices. Learn how to mark your quilts and use rulers for quilting with your walking foot.

UFO Day. December 17th, 10:00-2:00, Delaware Township Offices. Did you take part in a skill share this year? Teach a skill share this year? Join us to work on finishing any of those UFOs still lingering!

Other Upcoming Quilting Events

All AQS Quilt Week Shows for 2021 have been cancelled!!

2021 **AQS Quilt Week Shows:**
Daytona Beach, February 24–27
Branson, March 24–27
Paducah, April 21–24
Lancaster – The Nook, August 4–6
Grand Rapids, August 18–21

Block of the Month

“**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 and 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 the blocks are displayed, and a raffle is held to determine who gets to take the blocks home for an instant quilt. If enough members join in the fun, we might have 3-4 beneficiaries of the blocks!

October Block



For detailed information about the October BOM, **Rail Fence**, go to the Mudsock website at www.mudsockquiltersguild.org . This pattern makes a 12.5" block using 2.5" strips of cream or cream on cream, black with small print, and floral (of your choice).

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