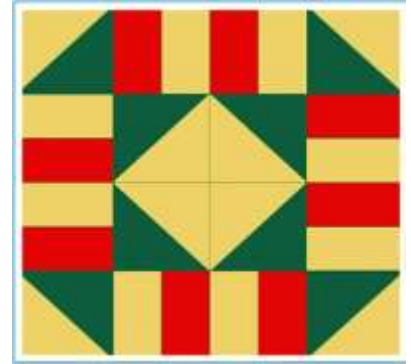


MUDSOCK MESSENGER

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month
Cornerstone Lutheran Church
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[Website] mudsockquiltersguild.org



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“All the leaves are brown. And the sky is grey...”

Hello dear quilters!

I bet many of you remember those lyrics from *California Dreamin'* famously sung by the Mamas and the Papas. I love that song despite the winter melancholy it evokes, and for me, February has often been the most melancholy month of all. As far as I'm concerned, we can just skip to March. However, on this winter's day I feel content after spending the morning at a virtual sew-in with other Mudsockers. I accomplished something, I laughed, I felt connected to the outside world and I have more things to look forward to in February. I might even put on real pants and a full complement of undergarments!

We will start off the month with our first “Sip and Sew” on February 4th from 7-9 pm. Yes, I said pm-as in after dinner but before breakfast. Come in your comfy clothes, bring an adult beverage if you choose, chat and sew.

Another event I'm excited about is the “Steals 'N Deals” garage sale on February 11,12 and 13, from 10 am-2 pm. Remember those quilty items we used to rummage through at our monthly meetings? Well, they haven't seen the light of day since lock-down; but now, thanks to Melissa Schulman's hard work, we can rummage through them once again in her garage! Bargains, bargains, bargains!

Lastly, though you may not be aware of this, as guild president I also look forward to e-mail from quilters seeking advice. While I am certainly no expert, I try to inspire new quilters with kind, encouraging words. Here's one such letter I'd like to share with you.

Dear Ann,

I want to quilt a lot more than I do but I can't get organized enough to get much done. My quilting space is little more than a kitchen table. I have tons of fabric, yet I am always buying more because the fabric I bought earlier is still wadded up in the bag I brought it home in-wherever that is. I love shopping

for fat quarters because they look so cute and tidy when cleverly displayed in old steamer trunks and vintage hatboxes. I want my fat quarters to be cleverly displayed, too, but there's no way I can stuff a steamer trunk into my tiny pantry. So, I took all my fat quarters and lined them up in rainbow order inside the crisper drawer of my refrigerator. Pros: They are handy to my kitchen/cutting table and look colorful next to the marinara sauce I should have tossed three weeks ago. Cons: They are a tad damp and smell of garlic. Also, I haven't been able to fit a fresh vegetable in my fridge for months. I have to admit I am getting tired of eating canned peas every night. Can you help me?

Signed,
Frustrated in Fishers

Dear Frustrated,

No, of course I can't help you! Your problem is way above my pay grade, for heaven's sake. You need to get this whole unseemly situation under control ASAP!

Wait a minute, I do have one suggestion for you. On Monday, February 8, Lilo Bowman will be the speaker at The Mudsock Quilters Guild. Her new book is called [A Visual Guide to Creating an Inspiring & Organized Studio Without Breaking the Bank](#). Lilo will have fantastic ideas to whip your little quilting kitchen into shape. Now go get your batting out of the cat food bag, or the dishwasher, or wherever you stashed it and register for the meeting by clicking this link. P.S. I'm blocking your e-mail.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uc-GrpzkpGtUXmA6vvdXwA3ir8DksT3SK>

Ann Ricciardelli



February Birthdays and New Members

Happy Birthday to:

02	Joanne Fishburn	12	Carolyn Howell	22	Tina Jennings
05	Karen Clauser	12	Sarah Potts	23	Donna Leonard
06	Sharon Mitchell	11	Kathy Gies	26	Bev Hendricks
04	Barbara Kennedy	13	Kristin Alfano	26	Lorraine Rush

A Big Welcome to our New Members who joined last month:

Denise Dodd
Kerrie Gallaga

February 8th -- Mudsock Quilters Guild Meeting (9:30–12:00)

Zoom Meeting

Our Zoom presenter will be Lilo Bowman, Author of "Love Your Creative Space" and Editor-in-Chief of TheQuiltShow.com

Lilo will present a lecture titled "Love Where You Create: It's Not a One Size Fits All Solution." Learn to build a creative place that works for you, your space, your budget and where you are right now.

Lilo's presentation will run from 9:45 - 10:45. Be sure to register for the meeting and sign on by 9:30 so you don't miss this lecture!

Programs and Workshops (Lydia Lander and Elizabeth Sampson)

Upcoming programs:

March 8, 2021

Our Zoom presenter will be Amy Friend of DuringQuietTime.com
Amy will present a lecture titled "Intentional Piecing, Using Fussy Cutting in Quilt Designs."

April 12, 2021

Gudrun Erla, of GE Quilt Designs, will join us to present her "Stripology Mixology" lecture.

Call for Help:

We are looking for a member who is **well-versed in the use of Zoom** and its various features. They would assist during meetings to make sure the technical aspect goes smoothly. If individual members need assistance, it would be great if this person could also assist. Please contact Ann Riccardelli at aarich58@yahoo.com or Susan Juffer sejuffer@gmail.com if you can help out.

Lydia and Elizabeth are recruiting for the programs committee. The guild needs a **Programs Coordinator(s)** to start planning for 2022. Could be one person or a group. Choosing programs for the guild is a really fun way to get involved in the guild and learn more about the larger quilting community.

Mudsock Guild Retreat (Susan Juffer)

SAVE THE DATE

Our retreat will be held in Shipshewana at the Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, September 16 thru 19. Mark your calendars! More details in the coming months.

Mudsock Website Committee (Chris Behme)

For any events you need added to our Calendar just drop me a note and I will be happy to add them to our schedule.

Looking for a Tech-savvy member who wants to join the cause! Let me know if you might be interested in helping with the website. It's light duty and can be done from the comfort of your sofa.

Website Log In/Zoom Meeting Links

I made 2 videos that show the screen capture of the above subjects. We hope these videos will help those of you who are having issues. Please click on the links to watch these videos. If you have any questions just email me at chrisknitssews@gmail.com I am happy to help you gain access to the website by updating your password.

Video #1 Accessing the Website Members Only Pages

<https://share.getcloudapp.com/L1uN5KPW>

Video #2 Accessing the Zoom Meeting Link Page

<https://share.getcloudapp.com/RBu4Nyn2>

Be aware that your computer might have a different look to it, especially if you are accessing the website via a tablet or phone. If you are seeing a different set up look for the term "Menu" to find the sub-headings.

Steals and Deals (Melissa Schulman)

Who wants to come to a Garage Sale!!! Mark your calendars for February 11-13th, 10:00-2:00 each day.

It has been a long time since we have all seen the Steals N Deals items. We have been busy sorting and organizing all the fabric, books, magazines, craft items and more. There are items that have not been out of storage for quite some time. SO everything is new again!

We will open my garage for three days in February. We will have items by category and will be spread out in the garage. Garage doors will be open, so dress accordingly. Let's all be safe and wear mask and distance when possible.

Due to it being February we are also hoping for decent weather for these three days. If by chance the weather does not look promising I will update everyone on Facebook and through email, if we need to cancel or change dates.

My address is 11081 Yosemite Court. It is in the Sandstone Knoll neighborhood. Closest intersection is 116th & Brooks School Road. Any questions, please contact me at mkdpm@yahoo.com or (317) 507-8386.

Let's find some new items and enjoy seeing each other at a distance.

Other Upcoming Quilting Events

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

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival – Online

Feb. 24 (9:00 am) –Feb. 27 (11:55 pm), Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival: The 32nd annual show features competition quilts from around the world, Merchant Mall vendors online, and virtual, interactive workshops. Quilters may enter the “Visuals #3 Quilt Competition – Online.”

The International Quilt Show in Houston is still planned for October 28, 2021.

Block of the Month

BOM Committee would like to encourage everyone to continue making your blocks. The Canning Jar Blocks were very successful. We had 45 blocks submitted for the drawing. Congratulations to all the winners: Ellen Hansen, June Koeske, Ann Ricciardelli each won 12 blocks and Sandy Metzger won 9.

We will have a Live Drawing for the CANDY HEART BLOCKS at the MQG Zoom Meeting on February 8, 2021.

ATTENTION: Please follow these instructions if you have **CANDY HEART BLOCKS** and want to participate in the drawing.

1. E-mail Sally Sandilands: ssandilands@yahoo.com indicating **your name, how many blocks you will have in the drawing, drop-off location**, and if possible **attach pictures**. Your name will be added into the drawing.
VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU E-MAIL ME NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021, to ensure that you will be in the drawing.
2. **NOTE: DROP OFF LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN UPDATED.**

**Sally Sandilands, 13702 Elmberry Lane, Fishers.
Route 37 & 141st St., located in (Woods of Britton, Bldg 31)**

**Cindy Lazar at TRUE COTTON CO. 330 N. Rangeline Rd., Carmel.
for hours call 317 660 6333. (West Side)**

**Bonnie Dannenberg, 16201 Haywood St., Fishers.
(East Side located in Britton Falls)**

**Melissa Schulman (South Side - New Location)
11081 Yosemite Ct., Fishers
Brook School Rd. & 116th Street
(South on 116th St. to Sand Stone Knoll Subdivision)**

DROP OFF DEADLINE: No later than Monday, February 8, 2021, which is the day of the Guild's Zoom Meeting.

3. We will pick up blocks and contact winners to make arrangements for delivery. In some cases they may be delivered to their original Drop off location.

*****Remember to e-mail Sally no later than Saturday, February 6th to get in the drawing.*****

Thank you,
Sally Sandilands, BOM Chair 2021

“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!

January Block



For detailed information about the January BOM, **Candy Hearts**, go to the Mudsock website at www.mudsockquiltersguild.org .

Block Size: 8 inches Finished (No bordering fabric or sashing – this will be left up to the recipient)

Fabrics: A happy, bright pastel solid or print reminiscent of a candy heart. Please note: no sayings are to be added – just let the fabric speak for itself.

Background - A white fabric, either solid white or Tone-On-Tone monochromatic.

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