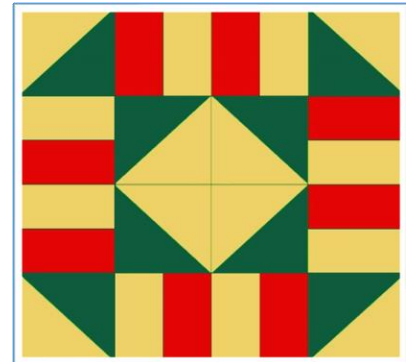


MUDSOCK MESSENGER

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month
Cornerstone Lutheran Church
13450 E 116th St, Fishers IN 46037
[Website] mudsockquiltersguild.org



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President's Letter

Our January meeting was lots of fun – we learned about the different committees and had a chance to sign up for one – or more. That fun never stops – the best way to get to know fellow members is to work together on the committees or at the sew-ins and workshops.

The Program Committee came up with a very fun activity – learning about each other's favorite sewing/quilting notions. This month they will help us learn about binding our quilts with a great teacher – Connie Lancaster from Quilts Plus. They have a fun year planned for us including great workshops.

Did you pick up a mystery kit from the Strippers? I showed off a fun quilt top I made for Community Donation that came in a brown paper bag. I've got another one at home still in the bag. What a fun challenge – in addition to that, I went shopping in the "Candy Store" and found some fabric that coordinates with some leftovers in my stash. More fun for me – and another quilt for Community!

Are you sensing a theme? Yes – Fun in February is my motto. Please come a few minutes early so that you can be in your seat right at 9:30 when the fun begins.

- Wear your name tag and bring a \$1 donation and/or food pantry item for Cornerstone Lutheran Church (they don't charge us to use the space for our meetings).
- Cornerstone Lutheran will be welcoming a Comfort Dog in late February. If you want to contribute, please go to this link: <https://cornerstonelutheran.church/stories/donations-needed-for-our-comfort-dog/>

I have sew much fun quilting – I have the fun of sewing, then unsewing and sewing again!

Hope to see you on February 13th for more FUN!

Mary

February 13th -- Mudsock Quilters Guild Meeting (9:30–11:30) Cornerstone Lutheran Church

Connie Lancaster, owner of **Quilts Plus.** , a fabulous shop in Lebanon, IN, made her first quilt in 1978, with the help of her mom. It was a giant LeMoyne Star quilt using forest green, rust, and cream calico prints. (You know those colors!) Since then, Connie has gone on to become a teacher and lecturer, workshop leader, pattern designer, longarm machine quilter and teacher, and shop owner. Her over 40 years of experience in all types of quilting have led her to becoming a modern quilt lover.

Her presentation, titled **Blue Ribbon Binding**, is the result of that experience. Having assisted with quilt judging and interviewed many quilt judges, she has learned what makes a ribbon winning binding and will show you how! From calculating, to cutting, to sewing, to hand finishing, you will learn the best techniques of proper binding. Becky and I had a sneak peek while at her shop and both agreed we had improvements to make in our quilt bindings. You may want to take some notes

She will be bringing a sampling of her shop to the guild meeting so you may shop during break and after the meeting. (Hint- Bring money, check, credit card... and buy your own Valentine's present).



February Birthdays

Sharon Mitchell 2/6
Susann Moulden 2/22
Linda Duncan 2/24

Rosa Clark 2/26
Bev Hendricks 2/26
Lorraine Rush 2/26

Welcome to New Members!

Peg Bertelli
Renee Dickman
Susie Walden
Ellen Sharp

There were 3 new members, 2 guests and 104 members at the January meeting.

Upcoming Mudsock Events

Feb. 10 & 17: Quilting 101, 9:30-1:00, Community Health Pavilion, 9669 E 146th Street, Noblesville, IN. Contact Diane Dimpfl (317) 550-9080 or ddimpfl1@comcast.net. **Masks are required outside of the sewing room.**

Feb. 14: Community North Bee Shopping and dropping off finished quilts, 12:00-3:00, Community Health Pavilion, 9669 E 146th Street, Noblesville, IN. Please Note: Masks are required and you will sign in when entering the storage room. Contact: Sally Sandilands, ssandilands@yahoo.com or 317-219-7767.

Feb. 20: Charity Bee Sewing, 9:30-3:00, Community Health Pavilion, 9669 E 146th Street, Noblesville, IN. Please bring your sewing and cutting supplies. If you are turning in receipts for reimbursement, please include a completed form for Mudsock reimbursement along with your receipts. **Masks are required outside of the sewing room.**

Feb. 22: Delaware Sew Bee, 9:30-3:00, Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st Street, Fishers. February 22nd, 9:30-3:00. In February we are going to expand on what we learned from Connie Lancaster of Quilts Plus. Bring your binding jobs to Delaware for hands on help. Chris will also be showing how to bind odd angles and curves. Class will start at 11:00. Don't want to bind? No problem, bring your personal sewing. Delaware Township Trustees have requested that we bring a non-perishable item each month for their Food Pantry. Please honor this request as a way of saying Thank You for the use of their room.

Mar. 13: Mudsock Guild Meeting, 9:30-11:30, Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 13450 E 116th St, Fishers IN. **Lisa Ruble**, of Quilty Zest, will present her Trunk Show, Hooked on Improv.

Mar. 14: Workshop, Introduction to Improv Piecing by Lisa Rube. (see below)

Other Upcoming Quilting Events

Mar. 2-4, 9:00-5:00, The Indiana Heritage Quilt Show, Monroe Convention Center, 203 South College Ave., Bloomington, IN. Registration is open for **quilt entry** and **workshops**. 2023 marks the 30th anniversary for our quilt show. To celebrate, our challenge quilt is **30" x 30"** with the theme **Send Us Some Flowers!**

Membership Committee

We are collecting dues for 2023. Bring your check or cash in an envelope with your name and sock number. Dues are \$25 and are due by the March meeting.

We could use a few more committee members. Committee members check in members, sign in guests and register new members. If interested contact Wanda Feder.

Wanda Feder

Programs

Thanks everyone for contributing to the January program with your favorite notion. Lots of chatter on Facebook since and we all have our new favorites to try.

March Program- Join us on March 13 for Lisa Ruble's trunk show "Hooked on Improv." In this trunk show, she will share the quilts that illustrate her journey from traditional to modern quilting. Each of the quilts comes with a story about the artists who inspired her work (Victoria Findlay Wolfe and Gwen Marston, for starters!), as well as plenty of close-up looks.

She will walk us through the process of sewing a wonky log cabin block, her personal favorite! If you're interested in exploring the no-rules world of improv piecing and the design doors it can open, this is the lecture for you.

We have 2 spots remaining for her workshop on Tuesday, March 14, Intro to Improv Piecing. If interested, bring payment to the meeting Monday February 13th.

Cheri Wenger

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee will be having a new member get together at Julie Putnam's home on February 20th, from 9:30 - 11:30am. Her address is 12623 Broadmoor Court S, Fishers IN 46037, and her email is aputman@comcast.net should you need to contact her. There will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting. Please sign up or contact Julie if you plan on coming. Thanks!

Laurie Farthing

Website News

Seeking quilters who want to join our band of ~~merry men~~ lovely ladies. Be sure to "audition" for your spot in our cast of "Current Members". For your audition you must submit a Thumbnail Photo. Don't have one?, we've got you covered. Just see Chris Behme at the meeting during the intermission of the "show" and we will get your photo!

If you need help with logging in to the website please contact June Koeske at jkesky@yahoo.com or Chris Behme chrisknitssews@gmail.com. Please let us know of any changes in your personal info so we can keep the Current Members area up to date.

Have an event you think the guild members should know about? Give us the details!

Chris Behme

Community North Bee

There are some changes to our Community administration for 2023. Diane Dimpfl will be Chairman or Bee Administrator and Dianne David is Co-chair. Pat Jones will continue as Accounting Manager. Please turn in your receipts to her for reimbursement for your backs or batting (no sales tax), complete the standard form located on our web site for reimbursement, give or mail to Pat Jones. She will process them for reimbursement. Please refer to the Guidelines under Charity on our website.

While we do have some funds from the Hospital Auxiliary, remember to shop in the storeroom for your backs and batting. Our batting costs us \$4.99 per yard by purchasing in bulk from Accomplish Quilting, which is far cheaper than buying a small package at \$10 or \$12 per yard. Just see Sally in the storeroom and she will measure what you need. Any questions, please contact Diane Dimpfl.

Diane Dimpfl

Steals N Deals

We offer a table at each meeting to bring your items in that you no longer need or want. Everything should have a price, so you can find a "great deal". If there is no price, just pay what you think is a "steal of a price"! There will be a bucket to place your money. All proceeds from Steals N Deals go back into the guild.

If your item does not sell, please feel free to take it back home. If not, then I take everything and hold onto them for a later meeting or donate them to various organizations to help others.

When you bring in your items, we just ask that you have each item marked with a price. Fabric should be priced using the scale of \$4.00 per yard. Baggies work well for fabric pieces or scraps. If you are unsure of the pricing, please give it to me and I can price it or take it home and bring it back at the next meeting. It can be overwhelming sometimes.

We will continue with Steals N Deals at the monthly meetings. I will wait until I get a surplus of items or a big donation before I have a garage sale. I will always give you plenty of notice.

As always, please ask me any questions, anytime. My email is mkdpm@yahoo.com.

Happy Shopping!

Melissa Schulman

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 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.



For detailed information about the February BOM, **Split Heart Block**, go to the Mudsock website at www.mudsockquiltersguild.org

Sharon Jones

Reminders

Cornerstone Lutheran Church graciously hosts our Guild meetings at no charge. Please show your gratitude by bringing food pantry contributions or make a small **suggested \$1.00 donation** from your piggy bank.

If you need help navigating our **website**, please Contact **Chris Behme** at chrisknitssews@gmail.com

Bad Weather Policy: If Hamilton Southeastern Schools are CLOSED due to weather, then there will be NO MQG Meeting. If Hamilton Southeastern Schools are on a 2 Hour Delay, then we will hold our meeting as scheduled.

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