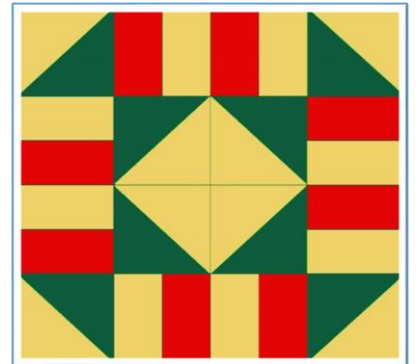


Mudsock Messenger

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month
Cornerstone Lutheran Church
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President's Letter

The winter is flying by, I see signs of spring- My daffodils and crocuses are peeking out through the remaining snow last weekend. The cold kept me in, I had so much fun piecing and quilting instead of going places. I have been inspired by pictures and posts in my social media feeds from Quilt Con and AQS to continue trying new ideas.

If you have not made a charity quilt for 2025- I encourage you to get started. I did an online quilt along with GE Quilt Designs and finished a simple but cool design in a week, quilted and bound. I learned to look at the finished measurements before I start, not the name of the finished size- the crib size was large enough for a charity quilt. Charity quilts are an excellent quilt to try/ practice new techniques, new quilting methods, practice your skills. I also learned I can walk into the storeroom with my pattern and say I want to make this quilt. The fantastic volunteers picked out my fabric for me and home I went ready to sew!

We will continue the "new show and tell" it has been fun to see the quilts and chat about them. Start a conversation with someone you don't know about the quilt. Our March meeting will include audience participation as we learn more about each other in addition to the program.

Check out submitting a quilt to the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show- we will all oh and ah over it when we are there and take pictures of you with it. ☐☐

<https://quiltshow.com/quilt-contest/>

Meeting reminders

- ☐ Park on the side of the church if able (the back door is a shorter walk to get inside)
 - ☐ Arrive early to visit and be in a seat at 9:30
 - ☐ Wear your nametag
 - ☐ Sit next to someone new or that you don't know
 - ☐ Bring cash for \$1 Donation to Cornerstone and Steals and Deals shopping
 - ☐ Bring your dues if you have not paid for 2025 (PayPal is not working on the website)
- Remember to check the calendar on the website for all events, details, and contact information.
The website and newsletter are our primary communication sources.

See you March 10th at our monthly meeting!

Cheri Wenger

March 10th (9:30–11:30) Cornerstone Lutheran Church

We will introduce the theme for our Guild Challenge Quilt. For those new to the guild, each year we have a challenge quilt program, open to all, with participation by all encouraged. This year the challenge will run from its introduction in March, to the reveal (basically a show and tell) of each challenge quilt creation in our July guild meeting. The goal of having a challenge is to encourage creativity and it's fun to see how the theme is interpreted by each of our members! There is no right or wrong in this - so please plan to participate! If you can't make it to the March meeting, please look for this year's challenge theme on the website following the March meeting. Also, at our March meeting we will have some fun 'getting to know you' activities so please come prepared to meet new friends!



March Birthdays

Jayne Hill 3/1
Ann Houchin 3/1
Paul Rost 3/2
Cindy Kajder 3/3
Annie Gianaris 3/4
Melody Bartrom 3/5
Donnell Bradley 3/7
Mary Ann Yedinak 3/7
Laura Kosar 3/7
Teresa Iler 3/8
Dorothy Bradford 3/12

Pat Jones 3/13
Becky Mathison 3/14
Val Bruemmer 3/15
Julie Sell 3/15
Meri Mahlstedt 3/18
Carolynn Marriott 3/18
Phyllis Budarz 3/26
Marlene Dabels 3/27
Kay Fisher 3/27
Michelle Vega 3/30
Bobbi Dunne 3/31

Welcome New Members

Debi Bucciarelli
Michelle Vega

There were 157 members, 3 guests and 2 new members at the February meeting.
197 people have paid dues for 2025.

Upcoming Mudsock Events

(For more details go to: www.mudsockquiltersguild.org/calendar)

Mar. 6: Quilts of Valor Sewing Day, 9:30-2:20, Community North Health Pavilion, 9669 E 146th Street, Noblesville. Contact Sharon Jones (317) 753-8163 if you're planning to attend.

Mar. 7: Mudsock Board Meeting, 9:30-11:30, Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 13450 E 116th St., Fishers IN. All members are invited to attend.

Mar. 10: Mudsock Guild Meeting, 9:30-11:30, Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 13450 E 116th St., Fishers IN. Our program will include the introduction of this year's Challenge Quilt Theme, as well as some fun 'get to know you activities'. The Challenge Quilt Reveal (when you show your work) will be in July, so there is lots of time this year!

Mar. 11: Community Charity Bee Shopping and dropping off finished quilts, 12:00-3:30, Community Health Pavilion, 9669 E 146th Street, Noblesville, IN. Please note: you need to sign in when entering the storage room. Contact: Sally Sandilands, ssandilands@yahoo.com or 317-219-7767.

Mar. 20: Community Charity Bee Sewing, 9:30-3:00, Community Health Pavilion, 9669 E 146th Street, Noblesville, IN. Shopping in the storeroom will also be available.

Mar. 26: Delaware Sew Bee, 9:30-3:00, Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st Street, Fishers. Delaware Sew Bee-March 26th, 9:30-3:00. Come join your fellow Mudsock members at Delaware Township Offices for personal sewing. Bring your sewing supplies and tools and enjoy the camaraderie of quilters. Pack a lunch or visit one of the area restaurants. To thank Delaware for the use of their Kirkendall room we ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for their pantry. Any questions, contact Chris Behme chrisknitssews@gmail.com

Mudsock Guild Dues are Due

Dues of \$25 for 2025 are due by the March meeting. Bring them in an envelope with your sock number.

Wanda Feder

Programs Committee

In our April 14 meeting, Shannon Arnstein from Muncie, will be joining us and sharing her designs. Shannon is an author, designer, and a quilt sample maker for RJR Fabrics. On April 15 (Tuesday) from 9am - 2pm Shannon will be conducting a half day workshop on the use of fabric panels in quilt designs. The cost of this workshop will be \$30. There are still a few spots open for this workshop and you can sign up **by contacting Jayne Gates at jayne.gates@gmail.com**. Sign-ups will be available at the March meeting, so please bring cash or a check to sign up at that time. There are panels available in our storeroom that can be used for the workshop BUT ONLY IF if the end result will be a quilt made for charity. Also, there will be some panels available for sale (\$5) at the Steals and Deals table, for use if you'd like to make a quilt that you may keep (not donate).

In May we will welcome Lisa Dodson, from Martinsville. Lisa is a talented artist who utilizes various materials and methods, such as pigments, dyes, paints and papers in her art quilts. Lisa will be providing a trunk show of her art quilts.

Jayne Gates and Peg Bertelli

Quilts of Valor

Quilts of valor committee is sponsoring a sewing day on March 6. We have 10 quilt kits assembled for Mudsock/Quilts of Valor members to sew. The quilt kits feature the block of the month blocks from January that Mudsock members made for Quilts of Valor. We received over 100 blocks! We are all looking forward to seeing the finished quilts with the beautiful blocks that were donated.

We are going to try to schedule Quilts of Valor award ceremonies quarterly this year. Our first ceremony will be Wednesday, March 26 at the Fishers Library at 2:30 PM in the East conference room. Please contact one of the committee chairs if you are planning to attend.

Thank you all for your support of our veterans!
Sandy Metzger

Mudsock Guild Bus Trip

Bus Trip: Mark your calendars for September 3rd-5th. We will be motoring to Madison, Wisconsin for The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show. More information will be available in the months ahead. Sign-ups will start in May, 2025. If you would like to lend a hand with the behind the scenes for the trip just contact Chris Behme, chrisknitssews@gmail.com We need help with snacks, sign-ups and logistics.

Chris Behme

News From the Storeroom

In preparation for Shannon Arnstein, our April Presenter on “How to Work with Panels”, the Storeroom will have Fabric Panels for sale for \$5.00 at the March Guild meeting. Funds will go to Steals and Deals. remaining panels will be available in the Storeroom during our usual hours, March 11, from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm, and on Charity Sew Day, Thursday, March 20 from 9:30 am -3:00 pm. (Please note the date as it is, a departure from our usual Monday after the Guild meeting).

Panels obtained in the storeroom must be used for charity quilts, purchased panels can be used for personal use, or charity quilts.

Thanks,
Laurie Farthing

Heart Pillows for Cancer Patients

We will be collecting pillows this month as always! So far we have donated 39...what a great start toward our yearly goal of 390 for Community North and Schwarz Cancer Center.
Thank you to everyone for your support.

Julie Putman

Scarves for Magdalene



Magdalene is the Comfort Dog of the Cornerstone Lutheran Church. We have been making scarves that attach to her collar for the six days a week she is working to comfort in our community and elsewhere.

Please pick up a kit at the monthly meeting or make one (or several) on your own. Instructions are on our website under “Patterns” and printed copies are available with the kits. Please note, the pattern was updated when Magdalene turned 2. You need 2 fat quarters, a few inches of elastic and a couple of buttons.

They prefer that her name or name and verse be embroidered on the scarf. If you want to just embroider, let me know and I'll finish the scarf

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Thanks!
Mary Boyden

Steals N Deals

Every month we have a table in the back corner of our meeting room. Members can bring in items that they no longer need or want and other members can shop and find great deals. Please price any items that you bring in. Remember prices should be “great deals”. As a guide we suggest pricing fabric at \$4/yard.

If you are shopping and don't see a price on something just pay what you think is fair. There will be a bucket on the table for your payments (cash only). All proceeds from Steals and Deals go back to the guild. If your items don't sell and you want them back, please feel free to pick them up immediately at the close of our meeting. Anything left after the meeting will be donated that day to local charity. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at aspurlin75@yahoo.com Have a great day!

Amanda Simmons and **Laura Anderson**

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 winners,



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Think “Vintage” when selecting fabrics for this block! Off-white or soft white background, small/soft flowers. Fabric requirements are for one 12-inch (finished) block. Block will measure 12-1/2

For detailed information about the February BOM, go to the Mudsock website at www.mudsockquiltersguild.org or ctrl + click on FILE above.

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.

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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