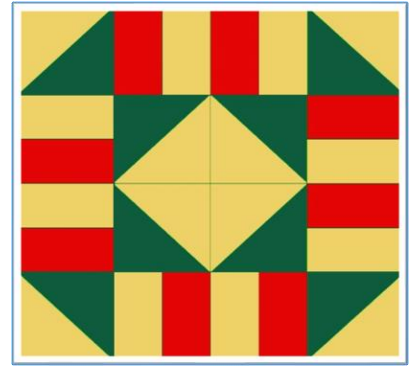


# Mudsock Messenger



**Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month**  
**Cornerstone Lutheran Church**  
**13450 E 116th St, Fishers IN 46037**  
**[Website] [mudsockquiltersguild.org](http://mudsockquiltersguild.org)**

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## President's Letter

March definitely blew in and blew out and April is certainly coming in with the showers and storms. I'm always hesitant to sew during storms, do you worry about power surges and your machines? We had difficulties in a prior house, funny though the only thing I'm concerned about are my sewing machines. Have my priorities!

Mudsock kept me busy in March. I was pleasantly surprised by all the shoppers and workers at the Charity Shopping Days. It is the place for fabric for your charity projects. A charity project is a great way to try a new technique, attempt free motion quilting on a domestic, play with color... It might even be your quilt challenge project!

We had fun cutting fabric for 2 upcoming charity events, the Succulent Garden and Jelly Roll Race. We did not make a dent in the fabric in the storeroom. After that I traveled to the Mudsock Quilts of Valor presentation. What a lovely event. Thank you, ladies, for organizing. It was very meaningful to each of the vets. Remember to nominate your family and friends that have served for a quilt.

Have you started your challenge yet? I am challenged settling in to get started, I do have a few ideas. Your challenge can be an entry for the Wisconsin Quilt show too, the guild is reimbursing for one entry/ quilter since we are traveling there this fall.

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

The 1st All Indiana Shop Hop is coming up May1- June 30. Visit their website, <https://allindianashophop.com/> or your local quilt shop for all the details. They have a whole line of fabric portraying our state too. Grab a friend or two and plan some day trips throughout Indiana. I'll be looking for some friends to travel around the state to see shops new to me.

April has a host of events to offer! Check the calendar on the website for all the details and fun. The best way to get to know someone is to attend any of the monthly events. Looking forward to the April meeting to learn about panels, see you there in your seat at 9:30.

### 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
- Place your show and tell on the chairs to display
- 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)

### Mudsock April Events

April 7- Succulent Garden Quilt class

April 10- Skill builders Classy Colossal Carryall

April 14- Mudsock Quilt Guild Monthly Meeting- Fabric Panels in Quilt Designs

April 15- Fabric Panels in Quilt Design Workshop

April 23- Delaware Sewing Bee

April 24- Charity Sew-In and Charity Storeroom Shopping

### Cheri Wenger

## April 14<sup>th</sup> (9:30–11:30) Cornerstone Lutheran Church

In April, **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 - 12:30pm Shannon will be conducting a half-day workshop on the use of fabric panels in quilt designs. This workshop is currently full and there is a waiting list.

## Welcome New Members

Beth Oburn  
Frieda Howell  
Pat Kingma  
Dianne Zorka  
Michelle Utterback  
Judy Reed

142 members, 5 new and 3 guests attended the March Meeting.



## April Birthdays

Barbara Broadlick 4/1  
Donna Nielsen 4/4  
Pamela Zajicek 4/4  
Wanda Black 4/5  
Ilene Cohen 4/7

Kimberly Williams 4/9  
Lela McKinney 4/9  
Joan Hiner 4/12  
Joan Pfrommer 4/14  
Stephanie Schweitzer 4/14

Lissa Shanahan 4/16  
Olga Kacmar 4/16  
Pam Bender 4/16  
Linda Richey 4/19  
Melissa Schulman 4/19

Amy Anderson 4/20  
Debra Lloyd 4/21  
Dawn Holcombe 4/24  
Kathy Zook 4/25  
Tiffany Turcotte 4/27

## Upcoming Mudsock Events

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

**April 7: Succulent Garden Quilt class. Sold out**

**April 10: Skill Builders: Classy Colossal Carryall. Sold put**

**April 14: Mudsock Guild Meeting, 9:30-11:30, Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 13450 E 116th St., Fishers IN. 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.

**April 15: Fabric Panels Workshop, 9:00-12:30pm** Shannon will be conducting a half-day workshop on use of fabric panels in quilt designs. This workshop is currently full and there is a waiting list.

**April 15: 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](mailto:ssandilands@yahoo.com) or 317-219-7767.

**April 23: 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](mailto:chrisknitssews@gmail.com)

**April 24: 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.

## Programs Committee

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. Might be a great way to get some ideas for 'Being your own designer!'

In June, Cathy Franks will be presenting in our guild meeting with the topic being 'Lets go Shopping' but not at the quilt store. She will focus on tools from the hardware store to assist with quilting. Cathy will be conducting a full day workshop on Tuesday, June 10, 8am - 2:30pm at the Community Health

Pavilion (9669 E. 146th St. Noblesville). The workshop will focus on quilting with your domestic machine using your walking foot and free motion quilting technique. The cost of the workshop is \$40. If you would like to sign up for this workshop, please email Jayne Gates at [jayne.gates@gmail.com](mailto:jayne.gates@gmail.com) or sign up at the April guild meeting.

Our final workshop for this year will be held in November (date and time TBD) with Mary Strinka as the instructor. The topic will be One Block Wonder quilt. Sign ups will not start for this workshop until the fall (once we know the date/time).

Future Meetings are as follows:

July - Challenge Quilt Reveal

August - TBD

September - Maureen Wheflan - Antique Quilt Show

October - Barbara Triscari - Art Quilt artist trunk show

November - Mary Strinka (with workshop) One Block Wonder

December - Holiday Party

**Jayne Gates and Peg Bertelli**

## Quilts of Valor

On March 6th we held our QOV sew day. We had 11 quilts tops worked on. There were quilt kits available that used the blocks that had been created and donated by the group during either the retreat or block of the month.

Please note that we welcome blocks from members anytime throughout the year.

Did you know that the Quilts of Valor organization has presented over 400,000 quilts to veterans and active military members since 2003.

On 3/26 at the Fisher library the Mussock Quilts of Valor group awarded three veterans their quilts.

Sergeant 1st class Delores A. who served from 1991 to 2011.

Master Sergeant Pamela B. served from 1981 to 2003.

And Sergeant John H. who served from 1971 to 1975.

If you have never attended one of these presentations please watch for upcoming dates.

**Mel Bartrom**

## Jelly Roll Race

The storeroom staff will be hosting this year's Jelly Roll Race on our regular May sewing day, May 22nd, at the Community Pavillion, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. There will be Prizes and Snacks! Sign-up will be at our April meeting. Jelly Rolls will be provided, and Jelly Roll quilts will be donated to charity.

**Laurie Farthing**

## **Guild Challenge Quilt**

In March we introduced the theme for our Guild Challenge Quilt - 'Be your own designer!' 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! More details about the challenge theme can be found on the website homepage.

In addition, the guild is encouraging members to enter their challenge quilt (or another quilt of their choosing) to the Wisconsin Quilt Show. Our guild will be taking a bus trip to see this show in September and would love to see some of our members' quilts displayed. To further encourage this participation, the guild will reimburse the \$10 entry fee to each member who makes an entry. If you are interested in joining a support group focused on preparing an entry application, please email Jayne Gates at [jayne.gates@gmail.com](mailto:jayne.gates@gmail.com).

## **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](mailto:chrisknitssews@gmail.com) We need help with snacks, sign-ups and logistics.

**Chris Behme**

## **Heart Pillows for Cancer Patients**

I will be collecting again this month at the back of the Sanctuary. We are well on our way to meeting our goals for the year...so far 59/390, so keep on sewing and thank you in advance for your time and effort!!

**Julie Putman**

## **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](mailto: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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The April Block of the Month is the **9-Patch Rail Fence Block**. Think spring for colors. Florals are nice! You may also fussy cut spring themed fabric for the center, such as butterflies or flowers. Have fun with your fabric selection and be creative! Instructions are available at [www.mudsockquiltersguild.org](http://www.mudsockquiltersguild.org) under the Block of the Month ta

For detailed information about the April BOM, go to the Mudsock website at [www.mudsockquiltersguild.org](http://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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