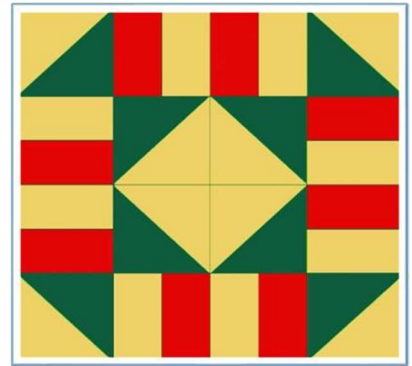


Mudsock Messenger

Guild Meeting: 2nd Monday of each month at
Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 13450 East 116th
Street, Fishers IN. www.mudsockquiltersguild.org



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President's Letter

Do you keep your pumpkins and fall décor up for Thanksgiving, or are you an early Christmas decorator? We've always been early. Our tradition has been to put up the tree and lights for my daughter's mid-November birthday because she loves them so much. We've continued that tradition as empty nesters. My quilting tends to slow down this time of year with all the holiday activities.

We've been enjoying the beauty of fall and have seen some gorgeous sunrises and sunsets. I've been mindful of one of our previous speakers who encouraged us to look to nature for color inspiration—some great ideas for future quilts! And yes, my husband even went inside a fabric store with me!

The next few weeks will be busy ones for the Guild as we wind down the year.

- Friday, November 7th: Board Meeting – all members are welcome to attend.
- Saturday, November 8th: Annual Quilt Show – come see the beautiful charity quilts for Community.
- Monday, November 10th: Guild Meeting – we'll introduce some exciting new activities planned for 2026.
- Tuesday, November 11th (Veterans Day): Quilts of Valor presentation – a meaningful way to wrap up a wonderful week. See QOV article.

Happy Quilting!
Cheri

Member Spotlight – Carolyn Quinn

This month we shine the spotlight on Carolyn Quinn, who at 94 years young continues to inspire us all, especially as quilters! Carolyn has been a Mudsock member for many years and may very well be our most mature—and still active—quilter.



Sandy, Carolyn, Janet & Jamie



Carolyn & Sandy



Jeff, Janet, Jamie, Carolyn & Sandy



Carolyn & Sandy

Carolyn's quilting journey began in the 1980s, when she and her daughter Sandy Burton (also a Mudsock member) took their first quilting classes together. Since then, Carolyn has lovingly made at least two quilts for each of her three grandchildren—Jamie, Hannah, and Quinn—and for her great-granddaughter Lilah.

For years, Carolyn and Sandy were regulars at the Guild storeroom, picking up kits or selecting fabrics to make charity quilts. Together, they have contributed more than 40 charity quilts to our Community Christmas quilt project. In fact, last month (October) marked the first time Carolyn was able to attend a Mudsock meeting in person!

Before quilting, Carolyn was a seamstress, sewing clothes for her daughters Sandy and Janet back in the early 1960s, along with countless other garments, wall hangings and gifts for her family. She still uses the same Singer sewing machine today that she used all those years ago!

Carolyn and her husband, Dan, were married for almost 67 years before he passed away in 2020. Her career was equally inspiring—she graduated from the Methodist School of Nursing and worked as a labor and delivery nurse at Methodist Hospital for 40 years. Her passion for nursing became a family legacy: Sandy is a surgical nurse, and two of Sandy's children followed in their footsteps—Jamie, a nurse at Community, and Hannah, a nurse in North Carolina.

Not only did Carolyn pass along her love for nursing, but also her love for quilting. Sandy and Jamie have both caught the quilting bug, and you will most likely spot all three—Carolyn, Sandy, and Jamie—at the Mudsock Quilt Show.

What a beautiful legacy of care and quilting. Thank you, Carolyn, for inspiring us all! ❤️

💡 Do you know a Guild member who deserves to be in the spotlight? Please let us know. We'd love to feature them in Member Spotlight in an upcoming issue.

In Memory of Connie Moser



We are saddened to share that Mudsock member Connie Moser passed away on October 19th.

In lieu of flowers, Connie's family has requested that donations be made to the Mudsock Quilters Guild in her memory. Contributions will support our efforts to provide pillows for breast cancer patients. Monetary donations will be used for supplies needed to make the pillows we donate to area breast cancer treatment centers.

Donations may be made by check, mailed to: Susan Juffer, 8151 Hunters Place, Indianapolis, IN 46236

Or you may donate electronically via PayPal to Chris Behme (@chrisknitssews). Chris's profile photo shows her standing next to her challenge quilt.

Our hearts and prayers are with Connie's family and friends during this difficult time.

Guild Meeting, November 10, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Fishers IN

Our November program will feature member and Education Committee Chair Debi Bucciarelli, who will share insights on:

- Why a new committee?
- What is our mission?
- Dates and topics for 2026

Debi Bucciarelli began quilting in 2012 as a form of occupational therapy during her stroke recovery—a journey that quickly blossomed into a lifelong passion. Creating 10–12 quilts each year, she eventually retired from her “real world” career and purchased Wooden Gate Quilts in Danville, California.

As a shop owner, Debi immersed herself in every corner of the quilting world, exploring and teaching techniques from wool appliqué and English paper piecing to organic appliqué. A certified Laura Heine collage instructor and a not-so-secret stasher of Liberty and Tilda fabrics, Debi brings both creativity and heart to her work.

After relocating to Fishers IN in 2024, Debi joined the Mudsock Quilt Guild and now serves as Education Committee Chair, sharing her enthusiasm for quilting and lifelong learning with all of us.

Guild 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 name tag.
- Sit next to someone new or that you do not know and invite them to lunch.
- Bring \$1 cash donation to Cornerstone and cash for Steals & Deals shopping.

Holiday Elves Needed



The year has flown by so fast, and it's coming up on Christmas! We're looking for *Holiday Elves* to visit Community North Hospital to distribute quilts to patients on Christmas morning and collect empty bins afterwards. The visit takes only about an hour and a half, and it is a very rewarding experience. You must have a valid ID badge.

We also need volunteer drivers to pick up quilts at the Community Health Pavilion and deliver them to Community North Hospital before Christmas. Specific dates will be shared soon.

If you can help, please contact Laurie Farthing, Sally Sandilands, or Diane Dimpfl.

Charity Quilts – Please hold your Charity Quilts

Please hold on to any charity quilts that you finish in November and December as we prepare our charity quilt plans for 2026. We're currently evaluating the direction of our charity quilt efforts, but rest assured that we will continue making and donating quilts to worthy charities in 2026. More information will be shared soon.

Thank you to all our Mudsock members for your generosity, creativity, and continued support!

Calendar of Events

2025

Nov 7	Mudsock Board Meeting, Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Fishers
Oct 30-Nov 9	Sacred Threads Exhibit, Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ, Indianapolis
Nov 7-10	Sacred Threads Experience Weekend, Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ, Indianapolis
Nov 8	Mudsock Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Fishers
Nov 10	Monthly Mudsock Guild Meeting, Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Fishers
Nov 11	One Block Wonder Workshop, Community North Health Pavilion, Noblesville
Nov 11	Veterans Day QOV Quilt Award Ceremony, East Room, Fishers Library
Nov 20	Charity Sew-in/Sew Day, Community Health Pavilion, Noblesville
Dec 8	Monthly Mudsock Guild Meeting and Christmas Party (see below)
Current-Dec 13	Kim Diehl Exhibit at The Quilters Hall of Fame, Marion IN

2026

Jan 12	Monthly Mudsock Guild Meeting, Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Fishers
Jan 19	Charity Sew-in/Sew Day at Community North Health Pavilion, Noblesville
Jan 28	Delaware Sew Bee, Delaware Township Trustee's Office, Fishers

Reminder: There will be no Delaware sew days in November or December due to the holiday season. We will resume Delaware sew days in January.

Christmas Party



You are invited to our exclusive, members only, “Warm and Quilty Holiday Party” on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 9:30 am. The location has changed from previous years to: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 777 Sunblest Boulevard, Fishers.

Please bring a wrapped “warm and quilty” item for our gift exchange. This can be a homeade quilty gift or a purchsed gift. We’ll provide a snack (not a meal), hot chocolate, and water. If you’d like another beverage, feel free to bring it along.

We can’t wait to get “warm and quilty” with you!

Secret Santa Sister



Remember to bring a gift for your sister to the November 10th meeting with her name clearly written on it, and leave it on the table in the back.

If you can’t attend the November meeting, please let Amanda know by text (317-409-1386) or email (aspurlin75@yahoo.com) so she can tell your sister to expect two gifts in December.

If you didn’t bring your sister’s gift in October, please bring both gifts in November. Likewise, if you did not receive a gift from your sister in October, let Amanda know and she’ll remind your secret sister before the next meeting.

If you missed the October meeting, Amanda has your gift and will bring it to you in November. One gift was left on the table last month without a name—a red bag with black and red plaid tissue paper. If this is yours, please contact Amanda so she can label it for your sister.

Thank you, Amanda Simmons

Mudsock Quilt Guild Quilt Show – November 8th



Our Mudsock Quilt Show is Saturday, November 8th, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Fishers.

We’ll have over 300 beautiful quilts on display, all made by our members. Each quilt will be gifted on Christmas Day to patients at Community North and Heart Vascular Hospitals.

In addition to enjoying all the beautiful quilts, you’ll enjoy shopping with these wonderful vendors.

Knife/Scissor Sharpening by Better Edges
Christmas Ornaments by Jamie Gaetano
Embroidery and Craft by Janet’s Embroidery & Crafts
Greeting Cards by Handmade Cards by Karrie

Quilt Show Continued ...

Toffee and Crafts by Sue's Quilting and Crafts
Vintage Linens by Patches
Jewelry by Soozie's Crafted Jewelry
Lla Lla Designs/LLD Tees by Mudsock Merch and Gifts
Fabrics by Mudsock Steals & Deals

Unfortunately, we will **not** be holding the quilt raffle at the quilt show on Saturday. The raffle has been canceled because we did not complete the proper application with the State of IN to hold a raffle. Thank you for your understanding, and we hope to see you at the show to enjoy all the beautiful quilts on display!

Please help us spread the word — invite your friends, family, and the quilting community to join us for this Mudsock Quilt Guild show!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with the quilt show! Please contact Linda Burdett with questions by text at 317-770-9242.

November Birthdays



Rhonda Peterson 11/01	Lisa Knowles 11/16
Sherry Pruden 11/1	Linda Burdett 11/19
Brandy Banks 11/05	Robin Carr 11/19
Mary Boyden 11/06	Mary Power 11/19
Beth Oburn 11/06	Ruth Ann Loser 11/22
Amanda Simmons 11/06	Peggy Fowley 11/23
Elaine Parker 11/07	Annette Yamamoto 11/23
Sharon Tate 11/08	Carol Dean 11/24
Maureen Hancock 11/09	Donna Lauinger 11/24
Gayle Schlueter 11/10	Leanne Heinzler 11/25
Sandy Metzger 11/11	Carol Jansen 11/27
Cheryl Wohlmuth 11/12	Lore Weas 11/28
Susan Mourouzis 11/15	Sue Ream 11/29

Membership and 2026 Dues

We currently have 255 Mudsock members. There were 149 members and four guests in attendance at the October meeting. We welcomed new member Dolores McNabb.

We will begin collecting dues for 2026 at the November meeting.

- Dues: \$25.00
- Payment deadline: March meeting
- Payment method: Cash or check, placed in an envelope marked with your name and sock number. Membership cards will be ready by the next meeting, or before the end of the November meeting.

Mudsock Charity Donations

Scarves for Magdalene	15	Children's Charities	280
Heart Pillows	320	Community & Other	338
Quilts of Valor	22	Blocks of the Month	293

Programs Committee

November 10 – Debi Bucciarelli, Mudsock Education Committee.

November 11 – Peg Bertelli will lead our final workshop of the year, One Block Wonder, also called Stack-n-Whack, on November 11th at Community Health Pavilion North in Noblesville. The workshop will be held from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

December 8th – Guild Meeting/Christmas Party

Children's Charities



Marsha Coleman recently took on the leadership role for Children's Charities and is pleased to report that we had 21 finished kids' quilts turned in last month (October).

We now have 57 kids quilts ready to hand off to Quilts for Kids, along with 107 pillowcases. Some quilts are also going to Tummy Time. Kits will be available at the November meeting, so please pick up one or two!

Quilts for Kids is a nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming fabrics into patchwork quilts to comfort children facing serious illness, trauma, abuse or natural disasters.

Thank you, Marsha Coleman

Quilts of Valor Chapter

Members of the Quilts of Valor committee have attended several events to inform people in the community about the mission of Quilts of Valor. Flyers with QOV information were available and many questions were answered. Also, several sewing days were held at Always in Stitches where fabric was available to work on quilts for future presentations. Thank you to all who attended these events to help fulfill our mission of wrapping our veterans in comforting and healing quilts.

Our next major event is the presentation ceremony for 10 veterans receiving quilts on November 11 (Veterans' Day). It will be held at the Fishers Library from 2:30 until 4:00 pm in the East and center conference rooms. If you have not attended an awards ceremony, consider coming to join us for this presentation to thank these men and women for their service to us and our country. It promises to be a touching celebration for our veterans on their special day.

Thank you to all who participate in honoring our veterans through Quilts of Valor. For questions, ideas, or to get more involved, please reach out to *Ruth Ann Gapen, Melody Bartrom, or Sandy Metzger.*

Heart Pillows

We will collect heart pillows at the November meeting. Please note that there will be no heart pillow collections in December or January. Collections will resume in February. Thank you to everyone who continues to support this meaningful project.

Cornerstone Lutheran Church Comfort Dogs

Magdalene and Eternity were featured in the October 24th issue of *Current in Carmel*. The article explains the Comfort Dog Ministry's deployment to help first responders in the wake of the Grand Blanc, Michigan tragedy. They also visit area police and fires stations, nursing homes, afterschool programs, hospitals, rehab facilities and shelters in our area.

You can follow Magdalene and Eternity on social media and see them sporting the scarves we lovingly made for them.

Magdalene – Instagram: lcck9magdalene; Facebook: magdalenecomfortdog
Eternity – Instagram: lcck9eternity; Facebook: EternityComfortDog

Thank you, Mary Boyden

Block of the Month

Block of the Month (BOM) is a fun and simple way to learn new piecing techniques while contributing to our members' quilts. Each month, the BOM Committee chooses a unique block pattern for participants to make at home and bring to the next meeting.

Everyone uses the same free pattern and works with fabrics in the designated color scheme. At the following meeting, all completed blocks are displayed, and a raffle determines who gets to take them home to create a quilt. With enough participation, we could have 3-4 winners!



There are two November Blocks of the Month – Christmas Cabin and Farmhouse Christmas Tree, which blocks may be combined into a quilt. Instructions can be found in the BOM section of the Mudsock website. For complete details, visit www.mudsockquiltersguild.org or click on these links: [Christmas Cabin Block](#) [Farmhouse Christmas Tree](#)

Quilt Quarters Discount

Quilt Quarters, 9504 Haver Way, Indianapolis will give Guild members a 15% discount on in-store, non-sale items with your Mudsock membership card! Here is Tiffany's social media post announcing the discount. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGAqMwfwS8k>

Sacred Threads

Barbara Triscari was with us at the October meeting to share her unique quilts and talk to us about Sacred Threads. Barbara is chair of the 2025 Sacred Threads Exhibit and Experience Weekend. The unique exhibit explores textile artists' most personal stories of healing, grief, spirituality, peace, joy, and inspiration. This biennial exhibition was established to provide a safe venue for quilters who see their work as a connection to the sacred and/or as an expression of their spiritual journey. The objective is to create a dignified exhibition of artwork that touches on both spiritual and personal levels all those who view it. The dates for the Exhibit and Experience Weekend are as follows.

Sacred Threads, continued ...

Exhibit: October 30 - November 9, 2025.

Mondays - Saturdays: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sundays: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

The Experience Weekend will take place November 7 - 10, 2025.

Location: Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ, 603 N New Jersey St, Indianapolis

For more information about Sacred Threads and the exhibit/experience weekend, please visit their website: <https://www.sacredthreadsquilts.com/>

Thank You to Cornerstone Lutheran Church

We are grateful to Cornerstone Lutheran Church for allowing us to hold our Guild meetings at their facility at no charge. Their generosity provides us with a welcoming and comfortable space to gather each month.

To show our appreciation, we kindly ask members to consider bringing non-perishable food pantry donations or making a \$1.00 contribution at each meeting. Thank you for helping us express our gratitude.

Mudsock Quilt Guild – Bad Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, our meeting schedule will follow the Hamilton Southeastern Schools closures and delays.

- If Hamilton Southeastern Schools are CLOSED due to weather, there will be NO Mudsock Quilt Guild meeting.
- If there is a 2-hour delay, the Guild meeting will proceed as scheduled.

Please use your best judgment and stay safe during winter weather conditions.