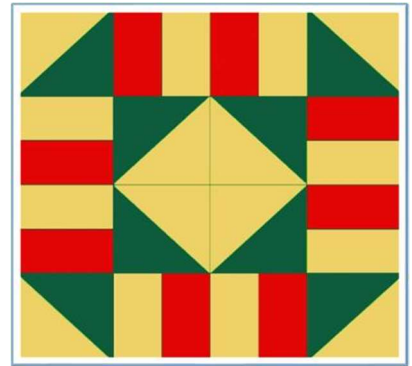


Mudsock Messenger

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



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Martha Ross
Newsletter Editor

President's Letter

I'm happy to see November winds blow the month away. It has been a trying month for me. Holidays with lifting and diet restrictions are interesting.

Reflecting to 2025 – we've had a fabulous year! We started the year with high attendance and have continued to grow throughout the year. We updated our bylaws and our insurance policies to account for the growth. We had fabulous programs and workshops, found a venue quickly when Delaware Township experienced a fire, replaced a speaker with our own when there was a cancellation. We switched our bus trip to a car trip and had quilts displayed in quilt shows by our members. We hosted our charity quilt show, donated generously to Community Hospitals North, DaySpring, Fishers, and other charities. We met our goals for Community Christmas Day donations, and heart pillow donations for breast cancer.

We pivoted quickly with the closing of our storeroom due to Community leasing the space and assisted other charities with fabric donations. We continue to donate generously to Cornerstone Lutheran and Delaware Township. We enjoyed good times together at sewing bees and cultivating new friendships. We have much to be thankful for and to celebrate!

I hope to see each of you at the Warm and Cozy gathering on December 8th. Look for the info in the newsletter (below) and on our website.

Just a reminder since it is the gift card season ... do not purchase gift cards if you receive "a request, email, text supposedly from Mudsock, a Mudsock member or on behalf of the guild." These are scams that we have had in the past. We will never request gift card purchases. If you receive one of these emails, please forward to our email so we can inform everyone. Thanks!

May each of you enjoy, celebrate, and remember the reason for the season as we experience the holidays.

Cheri

Member Spotlight



This month the Spotlight shines on ... *drum roll please* ...

ALL Mudsock Members for an absolutely fantastic 2025 Quilt Show!

Thank you to all members who supported, volunteered, worked during the show, and/or attended the show. It was amazing to see everyone come together – moving quilts, assisting vendors, greeting guests, keeping everything running smoothly, and pausing to *ooh* and *aah* 😊 over the beautiful quilts. **Thank you all!**

Show Highlights & Recap

- Donations at the door: \$1,365
- Attendance: 261 adults and children
- Silent Auction: \$200 raised
- Steals and Deals: \$1,500 raised
- Better Edges scissor sharpening: \$100 donated from their sales

Viewer's Choice

Members and guests voted for their three favorite quilts. Congratulations to these quilters who made the top three favorite quilts – Beth Billheimer, Sandy Metzger, and Beverly Vancil. Beautiful work by all!



Beth Billheimer



Sandy Metzger



Beverly Vancil

💡 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. Contact Martha Ross.

Guild Meeting, December 8th, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 777 Sunblest Boulevard, Fishers



The December meeting is our Warm and Quilty Christmas Party. Please bring a wrapped "warm and quilty" item for our gift exchange. This can be a homemade quilty gift or a purchased 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.

Bring your beautiful quilts for Show 'n Tell! Please do not bring quilts to the Christmas Party to turn as donations as we will **NOT** be collecting donation quilts.

Secret Santa Sister



Just a reminder to bring a gift for your Secret Santa Sister to the December 8th meeting. This month, you will personally find your sister and hand her your gift!

If you did not bring your sister's gift in October or November, please bring both gifts in December. Let Amanda know if you are missing any gifts. If you missed the November meeting, Amanda has your gift and will bring it to you in December.

We hope you've had fun with our Secret Santa Sister program.

Thank you & Happy Holidays, *Amanda Simmons*

December Birthdays



Tiffany Johnsen 12/03
Dontie Fuller 12/04
Cathy Miller 12/06
Denise Lanman 12/08
Pat Cuddington 12/12
Kris Ashpaugh 12/14
Elaine Shannon 12/18

Beverly Vancil 12/20
Kevin Deeds 12/21
Ann Hummel 12/24
Chris Logsdon 12/27
Linda Freeman 12/30
Janice Gustaferro 12/31

Calendar of Events

2025

Dec 8	Monthly Mudsock Guild Meeting and Christmas Party
Current-Dec 13	Kim Diehl Exhibit at The Quilters Hall of Fame, Marion IN
Dec 13	Hamilton County Project Linus Sew Day, 1st United Methodist Church, Noblesville
Dec 25	Gift charity quilts to Community North Hospital

2026

Jan 12	Monthly Mudsock Guild Meeting, Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Fishers
Jan 15	Mission Sew Possible Education feature by Tracey Stinger & Becky Malarski at Always in Stitches 'Joy' Classroom, Noblesville
Jan 19	Charity Sew Bee at Community North Health Pavilion, Noblesville
Jan 28	Delaware Sew Bee, Delaware Township Trustee's Office, Fishers
Feb 16	Charity Sew Bee at Community North Health Pavilion, Noblesville
Feb 19	Mission Sew Possible, Always in Stitches 'Joy' Classroom, Noblesville
Feb 25	Delaware Sew Bee, Delaware Township Trustee's Office, Fishers

Mudsock Charity Donations

Scarves for Magdalene & Eternity	46	Children's Charities	175
Heart Pillows	390	Community & Other	349
Quilts of Valor	22	Blocks of the Month	307

Charity Quilt Distribution 2025

Charity quilts will be delivered to Community North Hospital on December 16th for distribution on Christmas morning. Our Holiday Elves will be paired with Community volunteers to spread cheer and good wishes. Our beautiful quilts will be gifted to patients in Community North Hospital, Cancer Center, Rehab Center, and Heart Hospital.

Keep up the good work. We have big plans for charity quilts in 2026!

Thank you, *Laurie Farthing*

Charity Quilts 2026

The Charity Committee met in late November to finalize our 2026 charity quilt donation plan.

Next year, the Guild will support six primary charities, donating quilts every other month to:

- Community Hospital (January)
- Hope Center Indy (March)
- Hamilton County Coroner (May)
- Julian Center (July)
- Foster Success (September)
- DaySpring (November)

In addition, we will donate a small number of quilts to the Fishers Fire Department, Fishers Police Department, and Juvenile Diabetes organizations. Our Children's Charities, Heart Pillows, and Quilts of Valor programs will continue as in years past.

Detailed 2026 Charity Guidelines have been emailed to all members and posted on both the Mudsock website and our Facebook page.

Thank you to all Mudsock members for your generosity, creativity, and unwavering support of our charity quilting efforts.

Thank you, *Laurie Farthing*

Membership and 2026 Dues

We currently have 256 Mudsock members. There were 107 members and 7 guests in attendance at the November meeting. We welcomed new members Jacqueline Dall and Dolores McNabb.

Dues for 2026 will not be collected at the December meeting/Christmas party. We will collect dues at the January and February meetings.

- 2026 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 before the meeting ends or by the next meeting.

Membership, continued

The Membership Committee needs a volunteer to send notes to our guests each month, inviting them to join us. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping with this.

Thank you, *Wanda Feder*, Membership

Treasurer's Note

When writing a check to the Guild, please make it payable to Mudsock Quilters Guild. Do NOT make your check out to an individual member.

If you are requesting a reimbursement, please use the reimbursement form on the website and obtain the committee chair's signature before submitting it. You may also submit your request via email if you can scan the form; however, it must still be approved by the committee chair. Email is preferred over texting, as printed emails are much easier to maintain for accounting records.

If you have a reimbursement to submit for 2025, please turn it in to me at our December meeting if possible. I may not be able to write you a check that day, but I will mail it to you shortly thereafter. When you receive a check from the Guild, please cash it promptly.

Thank you, *Susan Juffer*, Treasurer

Mission Sew Possible

We introduced Mission Sew Possible at the November meeting. Mission Sew Possible's mission is simple – to help you get over the “hump” with those UFOs and spark new learning along the way. Each month will kick off with a focus topic, and your ideas and feedback will shape what we explore together.

In addition, we will host quarterly “hot topic” sew days in March, June, and September. This will be the perfect time to bring those “I just can't figure this out” projects for extra help and encouragement.

Mission Sew Possible days/info:

Location: Always in Stitches 'Joy' classroom, 1808 Conner St, Noblesville

Time: 10:30 am – 3:00 pm

Dates: 3rd Thursday of each month, February through November (no meeting in December)

Bring: Sewing machine, sewing notions, a project you'd like support with

Look for: Mission Sew Possible sign-up sheet at each Guild meeting - \$5 reserves your spot for that month's session

Attendance limit: 10 participants per session

Also look for: Our “If I could learn one thing...” poster at each Guild meeting—add your ideas!

See the Programs article below for information about the first Mission Sew Possible session, a Make and Take that will be held Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Programs

December 8th – Guild Meeting/Christmas Party

January 12, 2026 – Tracey Stinger & Becky Malarski Trunk Show.



Tracey and Becky are sisters who will present a trunk show of quilts made using Deb Tucker Studio 180 Rulers. Their enterprise is called *The Great Quilting Adventure* where they take their “show on the road” offering lectures and retreats. Tracey and Becky will be our first Education Committee feature of 2026, which will take place on Thursday, January 15th. The session will be held at the Always in Stitches “Joy” classroom, 1808 Conner St, Noblesville. There will be a make and take project. For more information about The Great Quilting adventure, visit their website – <https://www.thegreatquiltingadventure.com/>

January 15, 2026 – For our first Mission Sew Possible, which is a Make and Take event, we’re offering two sessions and there are still spots available in each session.

Session 1 from 10:15 am – 1:00 pm, 5 spots open, \$5 per spot

Session 2 from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, 6 spots open, \$5 per spot

We will be making a festive patriotic “star” block using fabrics provided by the Education Committee. Please bring your sewing machine and your usual traveling notions. To register, email Debi Bucciarelli at dabucc@gmail.com.

2026 Workshop Information

We handed out an overview of the 2026 programs and workshops at the November meeting. If you missed the November meeting and didn’t get a handout, please check the Mudsock website for that information. We have a lot of exciting presenters lined up for next year!

We had a sign-up for the March workshop which is a mini LegitKit to be presented by Dana Altman. We filled the class of 20 and now have a wait list. If you are interested in being on the wait list, email April Sterling at aster6002@sbcglobal.net. We had to do the early sign-up for this workshop so that the kits could be ordered before year end. Future workshop sign-ups will start 90 days out.

Quilts of Valor – Mudsock Chapter



On November 11th, the Mudsock Chapter of the Quilts of Valor was honored to award Quilts of Valor to eleven military veterans. Many of our members gathered to recognize the sacrifice each veteran has made so that we may continue to enjoy our freedoms .

Eleven beautiful quilts—lovingly created by our devoted Guild members—were draped around our honorees as a heartfelt gesture of gratitude for their service. May each veteran feel comforted, appreciated, and deeply valued.

Thank you to everyone who contributes their time and talents to honoring our veterans through the Quilts of Valor program. For questions, ideas, or ways to get more involved, please reach out to *Melody Bartrom, Ruth Ann Gapen, or Sandy Metzger*.

Heart Pillows

We will not collect heart pillows in December or January. Collections will resume in February.

The Guild received \$600 in donations in Memory of Connie Moser. This money will be used to purchase supplies to make Heart Pillows for breast cancer patients. Thank you to everyone who continues to support this meaningful project.

Thank you, *Julie Putman*

Note from Connie Moser's cousin (this was sent with her donation to Mudsocks)

Dear Members,

I am Connie Moser's cousin, her dad and my mom were brother and sister. I knew her all of her life. She was a sweet and kind little girl who grew up to be a wonderful and multitalented lady! I share the quilting "gene" but I am a quilt-top maker.

I am not a very good quilter. As a child I was only allowed to thread needles, never make any stitches. So, after I retired, I got serious about learning the art of quilts. The ladies I sew with think I am pretty good. Ha-ha. It is my therapy. It keeps me sane.

I am happy to make this donation in Connie's name. I loved her and had great admiration for her talent and the Godly woman she was!! God bless you all.

Keep on Quilting, *Linda Chaney*

Scarves for Magdalene and Eternity

At the December meeting, scarf kits for Magdalene and Eternity will be available and we will also be accepting completed scarves for them.

Thank you, *Mary Boyden*

Children's Charities

Children's Charities supports Quilts for Kids, Tummy Time and new in 2026, The Cooper House. We will have quilt kits available at the January meeting. Meet us in the back to hand in quilts or to pick up a kit. Thanks for your consistent support!

Marsha Coleman, Children's Charities

Delaware Sew Bee

Because of the Holiday falling so close to our sewing bee day there will be no Delaware Sewing in December.

For 2026, please mark your calendars for the 4th Wednesday of each month for Delaware Sewing. We will resume our Delaware sew day on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. The Delaware Sew Bee is a time for all guild members to come together to sew on their own projects. We welcome all levels of quilters, and if you need help there is likely someone there who can answer your questions.

We gather at the Delaware Township Trustee's Office, 9090 E 131st St, Fishers (near IN 37) from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. For lunch, bring your own or visit one of the local food establishments.

Show 'n Tell Holders

A huge thank-you to everyone who helped hold up our lovely Show 'n Tell items in 2025. I (Chris Behme) truly appreciate the crew who used their strong arms to display our creations while we shared the stories behind them.

If you would like to help with Show 'n Tell in 2026, please let Mary Ann Yedinak know so she can get her crew ready to hit the ground running in January.

Indiana Heritage Quilt Show - 2026

We hope you'll join us for the 33rd Annual Indiana Heritage Quilt Show, taking place March 5-7, 2026. The Show will be held at the Monroe Convention Center, 302 S. College Avenue, Bloomington, IN.

Quilters are invited to submit quilt entries to this non-juried show. All quilts and all skill levels are welcome! Quilts entered must have been made within the past five years. Entry deadline is February 9, 2026.

This year's challenge quilt theme is "Sing Me a Song." Create a quilt based on a favorite song – sew start singing your quilt song!

Explore half-day and full-day workshops taught by award-winning instructors. This is an opportunity to brush up on your skills or try something totally new! Register early to secure your preferred classes and instructors.

Come and be inspired – to create, to learn, or simply to enjoy the beautiful quilts! Full details are available at <https://www.ihqs.org/>.

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=hGAgMwfwS8k>

Block of the Month

There is no Block of the Month for December.

Looking ahead to 2026, Chris Behme will chair the Block of the Month program. We are excited to announce our theme: "A Year in Stars", celebrating the 250th Anniversary of our nation. Each month, members will receive a pattern for a 12" finished star block. Guild members are encouraged to make 1 to 5 blocks, which will be awarded at each meeting to 1 to 3 lucky winners, drawn from those who submit blocks that month.

This year we are adding another layer to the BOM patterns. On some months, you will be given an alternate size to use for blocks you create to keep for yourself. At the end of the year, we will provide instructions for assembling these various-sized blocks into a small quilt. If you prefer, you may instead make an extra 12" block each month to create your own sampler quilt.

The January block, which will be presented at the December Guild meeting, will be made as a donation to our Quilts of Valor Chapter. It's an easy block so we hope you make several for this worthy cause.

Be thinking about what color scheme you want to use for your 2026 Star sampler. Red, white and blue are the obvious colors, but you may want to use brights, pastels, or a monochromatic theme. The possibilities are endless. Yardage guides to be posted in December.

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.