

Piece Talk

*Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild
Lafayette-West Lafayette, Indiana*

March 2023

SCHEDULE OF GUILD PROGRAMS

In April, we are back together again at Fresh Thyme Market!

April 4 (Tuesday) **UFO's (UnFinished Objects)**

Location: Fresh Thyme Market Community Room 7:00 pm

Members are responsible for this meeting. Bring the UFO you (hopefully) have completed since September. Or bring a UFO that you would like to complete but just don't know how – or might want to pass along to someone else who'd like to finish it. Your UFO does not have to be a quilt top. You can bring knitting or cross stitch – or whatever else needs finishing. Andrea Schmidt will present a program on completing your UFOs.

May 2 (Tuesday) **Labeling your Quilts**

Location: Fresh Thyme Market 7:00 pm meeting

Every quilt you make needs a label! You are the artist, and an artist must sign their work. Your label also preserves your quilt's heritage. Several members will show their method of labeling. If you have a labelling method that you would like to share, let Vicki Schmidt know, and she will add you to the program.

June 6 ... (Tuesday) **Schmetz Needles**

Location: Fresh Market Community Room 7:00 pm meeting

By request, this lesson will explain what all the numbers on our sewing machine needles mean. Which ones should we be using for heavy fabrics, thin fabrics, or just regular sewing? What is the "point" of all the different sizes? This will be a YouTube video, and the representative speaking to us will be Rhonda Piece, a Schmetz representative.

June 23-24 6 - Joint Quilt Guild/TCHA Event

This is a different date than reported in the February newsletter. More information to come!

July 4...We will not be meeting. Happy Independence Day! How about joining the Wednesday morning group for their morning sew in?

If you have a program idea, please notify Vicki Schmidt (765-491-2150 or vicki.schmidt50@gmail.com).



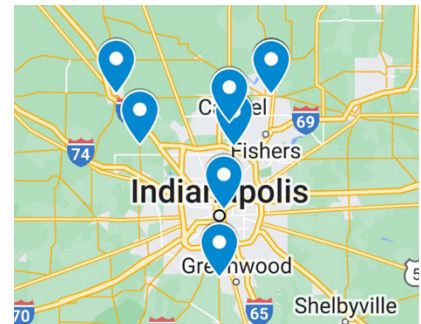
Quilters Trail Shop Hop 2023

Road trip! The 2023 Indiana Quilters Trail Shop Hop is a movable feast of quilting. Seven Indianapolis-area shops are offering four days of fun hopping from shop to shop **March 22-25**. Each shop will be open 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM and ready to welcome a merry crew of Midwest quilters. There will be a specially designed project, door prizes, and a grand prize drawing. **Get your passport** at any of the seven participating shops for \$9.99 or at:

<https://www.alwaysinstitches1.com/module/class/486525/a-indiana-quilters-trail-passport-2023>

Participating shops:

Crimson Tate - 845 Massachusetts Ave, Indianapolis
Quilts Plus - 212 W. Main, Lebanon
Not Your Average Quilter - 7615 S State Rd. 267, Brownsburg
Always In Stitches - 1808 Conner St, Noblesville
Quilt Quarters - 9504 Haver Way, Indianapolis
True Cotton Co. - 330 N. Rangeline Rd, Carmel
Back Door Quilts - 2503 Fairview Place, Suite W, Greenwood



The featured quilt this year is designed by Amanda Castor of Material Girl Quilts. The 72" square quilt named "Circle City Sampler" includes fun solid fabrics in shades of aqua, peach and honeydew set in a white background. **Each shop will offer a portion of the pattern and a kit that contributes to the complete quilt top.** The pattern alone will be available for purchase after June 1, 2023.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/474348384094208/>



When you purchase the passport, it allows you to **enter to win gift certificates** from each of the shops. This year they are including a super cute **souvenir mug** with your purchase. Supplies of the mug are limited, so it's best to register soon. After the shop hop ends, you will have a **coupon from each shop** to use on your next visit.

A Google map of the location of the shops is here:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1s_AhmBcPaR8E1DG_KS0sMWrrvS5hLYQ&usp=sharing

Wednesday Morning Meetings

Wednesday quilters are meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am at The Arts Federation (formerly TAF) at 638 North Street.

Looking Ahead to April 4 “UFO” Meeting



How are your UFOs (Un-Finished Objects) coming along? Several pictures of finished projects have been posted on our Facebook page by members and by guests. Take a look!!!

(<https://www.facebook.com/OldTippecanoeQuiltGuild/>).

Remember that our April meeting will be a sharing of those UFOs – bring yours to share! Or, if you’ve given it away, send Vicki a picture to share! This is your meeting. Andrea Schmidt will offer up ways to help diminish those unfinished projects."

BATTING

Did you know that the Guild sells batting? We can order single packages of Quilter’s Dream Batting if you would like to purchase some for personal use through the guild. Call Andrea Schmidt at 765-449-4123 or email the guild address (oldtippecanoequiltguild@gmail.com) for purchase! **If you are making a quilt for the Women’s Shelter, NICU, or Quilts of Valor, low loft batting is free!**

QUILT GUILD MEMBERS WITH LONG ARM QUILTING BUSINESSES

Amy Martin, peacefulquilts@gmail.com, 765-205-2746

Ruthie Wasmuth, www.ruthiesquilting.com, 765-714-4292, 1000 Sagamore Pkwy.
North, Ste. 202

Sleep in Your Own Bed Retreats

March 17-18

June 9-10

October 27-28

The next retreat will be **Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18** at **First United Methodist Church** in West Lafayette-at the northeast corner of 231 and State Street (SR26). Enter the church parking lot and drive along the side of the church to the back-you will see some recycling and garbage cans on your left- that is our entrance! You can park there and unload and then move your car to the back lot.

You can **arrive after 1 pm** (unless you want to come at 12:30 and help set up!). We will be staying till about 8:30 on Friday. Saturday you can come after 9 am and stay until 6. Your stuff will be safe overnight at the church.

You can bring a snack to share. There is a kitchen with ice available, a microwave and a refrigerator. You can bring your meals or order out. We have ordered as a group, but you are free to do whatever you want!

It can be cool in the room so dress in layers!

You can work on whatever projects you wish. There will be high tables for cutting and several irons and ironing boards available. If you use the guild irons, please use the spray bottles of water. No water in the irons please!

There will be 2 more retreats this year-June 9-10 and October 27-28. Save the Dates!

Limit of 21 people-so sign up soon. The link will be emailed to you in early March. Any questions? Email Andrea at andrea_schmidt_220@comcast.net.

<https://www.neqm.org/>. Photo by David Stansbury

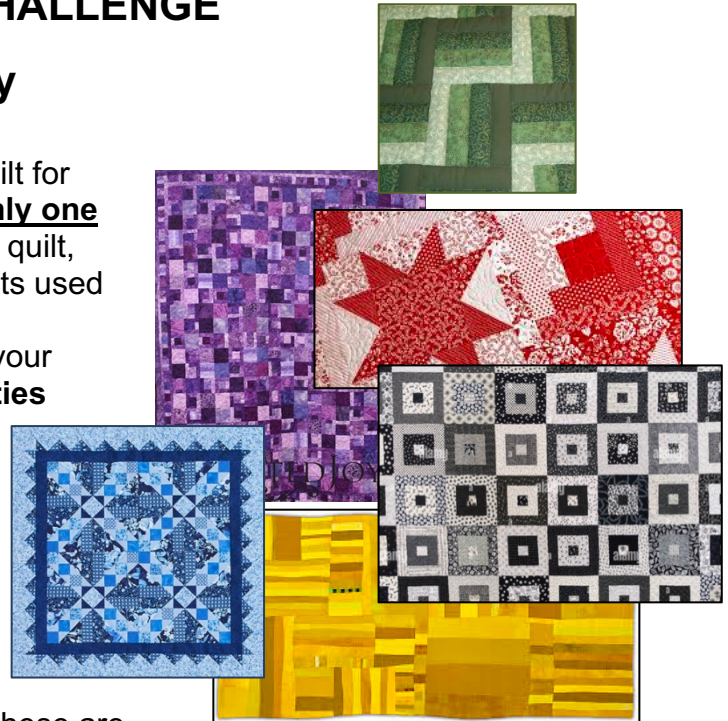
SPRING 2023 QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE

Monochrome Quilts for Charity

Our first challenge of 2023 is to create a quilt for charity that uses a **variety of shades of only one color**. No other colors may be used in your quilt, including your background fabrics. Any prints used must read as your chosen color.

Quilts should be the proper size for your chosen charity (**see descriptions of charities below**): QOV (60x72”), NICU (30x30 or 36x360), QFK (40x50”), Quilters United (baby size to twin-size), or YWCA women's shelter (50x60). You may use any pattern you would like. **ALL fabrics must be shades of the same color – no whites** (see examples).

Finished quilts or quilt tops should be brought to the **May meeting**. Because these are charity quilts, if all you can finish is the quilt top, the guild will take care of everything else.



SERVICE PROJECTS

Quilts of Valor (QOV)

This is a national program. Quilters make quilts in patriotic colors to be given to military veterans in recognition of their service.

What you can do: Make a quilt using red, white, and blue fabrics in any pattern and style. No florals, please. Preferred size is 60x72”, but smaller quilts are considered. Give the quilt to the guild for distribution or donate it yourself to a friend or family member. If you donate it yourself, please let the QOV coordinator know. The guild donates batting for these quilts. Contact person: Vicki Schmidt, 765-491-2150. vicki.schmidt50@gmail.com.

Quilts for Kids

This group makes quilts for children in need. In 2021, Quilts for Kids delivered 1690 quilts, 748 pillowcases, 110 burp cloths, 93 fleece throws, 12 bibs, and 9 stockings to children in hospitals, child services, disaster situations, and children in need.

What you can do: Quilts can be baby size to twin-size. Pillowcases are also accepted. They prefer that the quilts are finished. Machine quilting and machine binding are required. Contact person: Barbara Tourney, 765-414-1432, Btourney1@gmail.com, www.quiltsforkids.org. Meets second Saturdays at Christ United Methodist Church, 3610 S. 18th Street.

YWCA Domestic Abuse Shelter

We make quilts of varying sizes for the shelter to give to families when they leave.

What you can do: donate tops we can finish, donate finished quilts, donate batting or fabric, or come help on workdays to layer, turn, tie, or machine quilt, bind, and label the quilts. The guild donates batting for these quilts. Size: at least 35x50 inches. Tops, quilts, and donated supplies can be dropped off to Andrea. Contact person: Andrea Schmidt, 765-449-4123. andrea_schmidt_220@comcast.net.

NICU Quilts

We make 30-36" square quilts for babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at both area hospitals. These quilts are any pattern and backed with flannel. We also make yarn hats for preemies.

What you can do: donate finished quilts or tops, donate flannel, or come to help make the quilts. The guild donates batting for these quilts.

Size: 30" square to 36" square. Flannel backing. No invisible thread. Binding must be machine stitched down; no handwork.

Workdays: First and third Mondays at Immanuel United Church of Christ, 1526 S. 18th Street, Lafayette, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Contact person: Carol Baker, 765-413-8954

Cat Beds

We make pillowcase-sized bags to hold scraps of fabric and batting that make cozy beds for cats. We give them to various cat rescue organizations to use in their cat cages. They also give to the beds to the new owners when the cats are adopted.

What you can do: Make a bag out of any non-double-knit fabric, 18-20" wide to 24-28" long. Fill it with scraps until it is about three quarters full, then sew it shut. Bring it to any meeting, and it will be donated, or take it to the shelter or vet's office and report to the guild. Contact person: Andrea Schmidt, 765-449-4123.

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Quilters United

Makes quilts for children in need.

What you can do: Quilts can be baby size to twin-size. Pillowcases are also accepted. They prefer that the quilts are finished. Machine quilting and machine binding are required. Contact person: Cathy Case, 765-337-6454. Meets second Saturdays at Bethany Presbyterian Church.

OFFICERS and COORDINATORS

Co-presidents: Amy Martin and Ruthie Wasmuth

Vice President: Barbara Tourney

Secretary: Betty Lee

Treasurer: Diane Stott

Program Coordinator: Vicki Schmidt

Newsletter Editor: Marianne Blickenstaff

SHOPS JUST A HOP, STITCH, AND JUMP AWAY

Always in Stitches

1808 E. Conner St.
Noblesville, IN 46060
317-776-4227

Back Door

2503 Fairview Pl. W.
Greenwood, IN 46142
317-882-2120

Black Sheep Yarn and Fiber

1355 South 8th St
Noblesville, IN 46060
317-900-7117

Chicks Who Quilt

3130 Patricia Dr.
Carmel, IN 46033
317-514-9076

Crimson Tate

845 Massachusetts Ave., Ste. A
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 426-3300

French Seam

9335 Castlegate Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46256
317-841-1810

Love It Sew (NEW!)

7270 US 36, Ste 104
Avon, IN 46123
463-202-6750

Not Your Average Quilter

7615 IN-267
Brownsburg, IN 46112
(317) 769-4301

Quilt Quarters

9840 N. Michigan Rd.
Carmel, IN 46032
317-757-8340

Quilted Bee (NEW!)

620 N Main St.
Monticello, IN 47960
765-714-1369

Quilts Plus

212 W. Main St.
Lebanon, IN 46052
317-506-7527

Rossville Quilts

356 W. Main St.
Rossville, IN
765-379-2900

Sisters Too

405 Sagamore Pkwy South
Lafayette, IN
765-463-6550

Tabby Tree Weaver

9832 N by NE Blvd.
Fishers, IN 46037
317-984-5475

True Cotton Co.

330 N Rangeline Rd.
Carmel, IN 46032
(317) 660-6333

Village Yarn Company

209 S. Main St.
Zionsville, IN 46077
317-873-0004

Yellow Door Quilt Store

175 South Jefferson Street
Nashville, Indiana 47448
812-720-7060

Zig-Zag Corner Quilts

7872 N. Troy Rd.
Greenfield, IN 46140
317-326-3115