

APPLESEEDS

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JULY MEETING

The next meeting is
TUESDAY, July 7, 2026
Mizpah Shrine Center
1015 Memorial Way,
Fort Wayne, IN 46805
NO DEMONSTRATION
SOCIAL TIME 6:30pm
MEETING 7:00pm

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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 2026
Alan McMahan Room, ACPL
Downtown
6:00pm

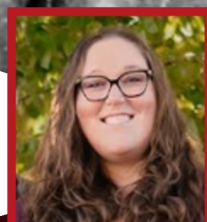
QUICK DATES

July 7, 2026
10-4 Class: Hunter's Star
Program: Quilt Maven Dave

July 16-18: 2026: Hometown
Retreat

August 4, 2026
10-4 Class: Wonky Log Cabin
Program: Rob Appell

Newsletter suggestions? Send them my way!
-Stacey Cripe, Newsletter Editor
newsletter@appleseedquiltersguild.com



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, Appleseeders!

I'm looking forward to our July Guild meeting! It's always exciting when we get to enjoy one of the many benefits made possible by the success of our 2025 QuiltFest.

Our featured speaker, Dave Sirota, is a quilting educator and YouTube personality who has also appeared on The Quilt Show. He'll be joining us from Manchester, New Hampshire, for a full day of Appleseed activities. Thanks to the hard work of our Programs Chair and committee, members will have the opportunity to participate in an all-day workshop and then enjoy Dave's entertaining 90-minute lecture during our evening meeting. Be sure to check out all the details later in this newsletter.

Speaking of Dave's workshop, I want you to know that Appleseed is charging only our standard full-day workshop fee. The remaining cost is being subsidized by QuiltFest proceeds that were designated to support our Programs budget. One of the goals of QuiltFest is to bring nationally recognized quilting educators to our guild while keeping workshops affordable for our members, and Dave's visit is a perfect example of that investment paying off.

Since our July Guild meeting isn't until July 7, I also want to wish each of you a memorable and fun-filled Fourth of July! This year marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence—a milestone well worth celebrating. I hope you have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends, enjoy a picnic or parade, and take in an amazing fireworks display (from a safe distance, of course!). Happy Independence Day!

Happy stitching,
Laura Jackson
President, Appleseed Quilters Guild
president@appleseedquiltersguild.com



PROGRAMS

July 7, 2026

10:00am - 4:00pm workshop: Quilt Maven Dave

Workshop: Hunter's Star the easy way

7:00pm - Quilt Maven Dave, Nationally acclaimed instructor

Quilt Maven Dave will present "What makes a quilter tick?" A Fun-Filled Look in the Mirror - Join us for a 90 minute, laugh-out-loud, interactive look at ourselves as quilters. We'll examine the little quirks, passions, idiosyncrasies, and obsessions we all share. We'll hold a mirror up to ourselves to help us see what others see when they look at us. Bring your friends and family along and maybe "What Makes a Quilter Tick?" will help explain why they look at us the way they do.



This special speaker event will charge an admission for non-members at the door.

August 4, 2026

10:00am - 4:00pm workshop: Rob Appell

Workshop: Wonky Log Cabin Quilt

7:00pm - Rob Appell

Quilts from the sea and Beyond is a popular, dynamic trunk show and lecture by acclaimed quilter and designer Rob Appell. Known for his high-energy tutorials and fusible applique techniques, Appell uses this program to showcase his unique seascape quilts inspired by the coastal beauty of Morro Bay, California.

This special speaker event will charge an admission for non-members at the door.

PROGRAMS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR JULY AND AUGUST MEETINGS

We are super excited for Quilt Maven Dave July 7 and Rob Appell August 4, it promises to be two great quilt inspiration nights. Both presentations will be 90 minutes. Remember, for both July and August AQG Members are free, doors open at 6:00pm. Non-members are \$15 and may enter at 6:30.

- **There will be no technique demonstrations, show & tell, monthly mini drawing, or free table** at the July and August meetings.
- UFO Challenge turn in will be digital in July. Post photos of your finished items on the Private AQG Facebook page or text a photo to Sybil, her number is in the directory. (If you are not able to go digital, bring your item to the July meeting and show Sybil.)
- At the July and August meetings there will be a table set up for Tammy's July - December Buy-in Challenge fabric (cash or check), but she will not make announcements.
- In July there will be a table set up to register for the July 16-18 Home Town Retreat, but no announcement.
- In July and August there will be a registration table for the September 1st Alice Ridge workshop and the September 26th bus trip. But there will be no announcements for these sign-ups.
- The October 10th Fall Festival will be announced at the July meeting, and then there will be a Fall Festival sign-up table at the August and September meetings. Members must have paid their \$35 2026-27 dues to sign up for the Fall Festival.
- Block of the Month instructions and turn-ins will happen as usual in both July and August, but the winner drawings will not be until September.
- Please save your wheelchair pads, VA quilts, kids quilts, and dog beds until the September meeting, there will NO collection tables at the July and August meetings for philanthropy items.

GUILD CHALLENGE

Ombre Challenge Reveal & Our Next Big Challenge!

Join us as we kick off our next guild adventure — the **Buy-In Challenge!** This challenge runs from July 7 through December 1, with the final reveal taking place at our Christmas party.

To participate, simply purchase at least ½ yard of the official challenge fabric for \$4. That purchase gets you into the challenge! Additional coordinating fat quarters from the same fabric collection will be for sale for \$2 each.

Challenge Rules

1. Make anything you'd like
2. The challenge fabric must be used in an obvious way
3. Use as many coordinating fat quarters as you want
4. You may also add fabrics from your own stash



To give everyone a fair chance to participate, limited amounts of the challenge fabric will be available during the first three months of the challenge. Beginning in October, participants may purchase as much remaining fabric as they'd like.

Important Notice

Please note that only cash or checks will be accepted for challenge fabric purchases. Credit cards cannot be accepted for this challenge.

We're looking forward to another season of creativity, inspiration, and amazing quilts!

Tammy Miller, Challenge@appleseedquiltersguild.com



MEMBERSHIP

Great news—we've surpassed 175 members and currently have 177! Can we reach 200 by the end of the year? Invite your friends, especially to our next two months of great programs.

A special thank-you to the 90 members who submitted their new membership forms. If you haven't turned yours in yet, please print the form from the website, complete it, and bring it to the next meeting. I'll also have extra copies available in the lobby for the next two months.

Please note that 2026-2027 dues must be paid before you can register for any fall event. Summer dues are \$20 and cover the July, August, and September meetings. Dues for 2026-2027 are \$35. We accept cash, checks made payable to Appleseed Quilters Guild, and credit cards.

For the next two months, we will have two check-in lines at the doors on the right. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m., and you may enter through either line. Becky and Staci will be there to check you in quickly. Please wear your name tag to help speed up the process. Andy or I will be next to them to collect membership forms, and we will process them as quickly as possible. Additional volunteers will be available to hand out name tags, membership cards, and provide assistance as needed.

Reminders for July and August meetings:

- Members can turn in their 2026-27 membership forms and \$35 at either the July or August meetings. Forms will be available in the lobby and are also in the June newsletter.
- Membership will have two lines set up for non-members at 6:30pm, one for cash/check and a second for cash/check/credit cards.
- Non-members can join in July or August at the \$20 discounted 2025-26 rate which will be valid thru September 2026. This will allow them to attend for free as members.

See you at the tables, Vanessa Spencer, Membership Chair
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HOMETOWN RETREAT



Last call!

The Hometown Retreat is fast approaching! You don't want to miss the fun! What a great way to get to know your fellow guild members while sharing a love for sewing and quilting. There will be some exciting door prizes too!

It is taking place **Thursday, July 16, through Saturday, July 18, in Fort Wayne.** The cost is \$40 cash/check or \$42 CC for 3 days of sewing.

Update! Can you only make it one of those days? We are offering a **1 day price of \$20.** Come for the day and spend it sewing with friends! (Cash or check)

How it works:

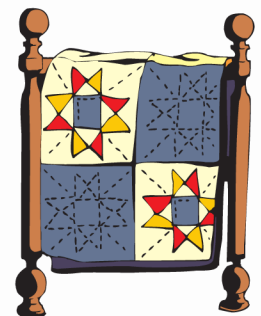
- Bring your own sewing machine and projects
- Come in the morning, and leave your stuff there to go home at night
- Doors open at 10am Thursday, and 9am Friday and Saturday
- Doors close at 8pm Thursday and Friday, 3:00pm Saturday
- Each person gets a 8 foot table, with iron and cutting stations provided
- Bring snacks to share, and a dish for potluck dinner Friday

We still have spots available, so take advantage of the opportunity to sign up at the July guild meeting,

Questions? Or can't make it to the July meeting but still want to sign up? Contact me at guildservices@appleseedquiltersguild.com, or call or text or email me directly - my information is in the directory.

I look forward to seeing you at retreat!

Thanks,
Patty Davis



BUS TRIP

Let's fill the bus! We have room for 50!

Saturday, September 26, 2026, A Quilter's Destination Quilt Show in Richmond, Indiana.

Whether you're hunting for new fabric treasures, gathering ideas for future projects, or simply enjoying a fun day with quilting friends, this promises to be a wonderful day away.

Cost:

Members: \$75 Non-Members: \$80 Credit card +\$3
Minimum: 30 Maximum: 50



Saturday, September 26

Departure: a public parking lot on Lima Road

Boarding Time: 7:30am Bus Departs: 8am sharp

Return: bus loads at 3pm, arrive back in Fort Wayne approximately 5pm

Show: We'll have approximately 10am-3pm to enjoy the show, shop, browse, learn, and soak in all the quilt-y inspiration.

The show features:

- Free admission
- More than 48 vendors and exhibitors
- Over 200 quilts on display
- Free lectures throughout the day, pre-registration required
- Look up the website: www.aquiltersdestination.com/richmond-in

At the July 7 guild meeting, members can register themselves and their non-member friends for the bus trip (cash, check, credit card). July 8, online registration will go live for members and non-members on our public media pages.

Questions? Find me at the meeting or send an email to vicepresident@appleseedquiltersguild.com.



Mickie Heath

APPLESEED QUILT FEST

Come join a great team, and help us plan the **2027 Appleseed Quilt Fest** at the Hangar at Kruse Plaza, Auburn on October 8 and 9, 2027.

Quilt Show Open positions: These are chairperson positions - you don't need to do all the work yourself - a team works great to achieve our goals!

- Entries - Intake (acceptance of the quilts on drop-off day)
 - Works with Entries calculation tech.
- Hanging
 - Strategy binder with step-by-step instructions available
 - Coordinate team of hanging volunteers
 - Work with Entries
- Social Media
 - Post content to Quilt Show Facebook page with information provided by the show committee members
 - Work with Publicity Chair

Next 2 meetings: June 30th & July 21st - please contact fwqfchair@appleseedquiltersguild.com for location and time

Contact Sue Traxler, at FWQFchair@appleseedquiltersguild.com, for any questions

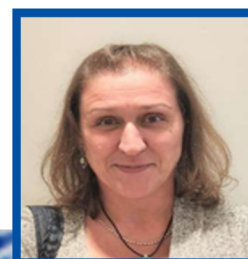


PHILANTHROPY

Hello my Quilting Friends!

Thank you for all the support with philanthropy this month, we are doing great things to support our community. We are going to pause turning in all philanthropy projects for the next two months while we have our special speakers. Take a break and enjoy your summer. We will come back strong in the fall with all the projects you saved from the summer.

Sybil Magrill



'Summer Soiree

Block 5 – Add Some Style!

Hosted by Pat Sloan At

ilovetomakequilts.com

The definition of summer soiree is more formal and fancy, but you don't have to go that direction. It is immensely fun to have a party with a theme! Maybe it will be a 50's rock and roll, or a Great Gatsby party! How about a hoedown with your friends so everyone can wear their best cowboy boots! (I wonder if mine still fit?)



Block 12.5" x 12.5"
Finished size 12"x12"

Having a little fun makes your event last in your guests' minds for years to come.

Enter your email for my notice of each new block release & join my online group to share with everyone!

Cutting & Sewing

White **Background Fabric**

- 4 squares 2.5" x 2.5"
- 8 rectangles 2.5" x 4.5"

Pink **Light Fabric**

- Cut 8 squares 2.5" x 2.5"

Rose **Medium Fabrics**

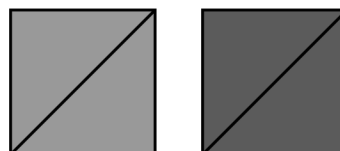
- Cut 1 squares 4.5" x 4.5"
- Cut 4 squares 2.5" x 2.5"

Dark Fabric

- Raspberry 8 squares 2.5" x 2.5"
- 4 rectangles 2.5" x 4.5"

Directions

- 1) Draw a diagonal line on the back of all the –
2.5" x 2.5" Light squares
– 2.5" x 2.5" Dark squares



See my Book
"Pat Sloan's Teach Me to Sew Triangles"
For Step by Step photos for all kinds of
Triangle units



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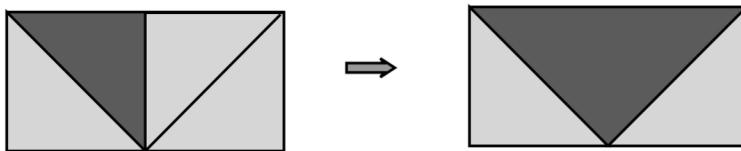
Step 2 Directions

- 1) Following the diagram, Place a 2.5" light square on the 2.5" x 4.5" dark rectangle
- 2) Sew on the line.
- 3) Flip over and press, check the back to be sure it matches up to the rectangle
- 4) Trim away the excess corner fabric behind the triangle. Leave a 1/4" seam.
- 3) Make 4 Measures 2.5" x 4.5"



Step 3 Directions

- 1) Following the diagram, repeat step 2 for the second square to make the flying geese
- 2) Make 4



Step 4 Directions

- 1) Following the diagram, Place a 2.5" dark square on the 2.5" x 4.5" background rectangle
- 2) Sew on the line.
- 3) Flip over and press, check the back to be sure it matches up to the rectangle
- 4) Trim away the excess corner fabric behind the triangle. Leave a 1/4" seam.
- 3) Make 4 Measures 2.5" x 4.5"



Step 5 Directions

- 1) Following the diagram, repeat step 2 for the second square to make the flying geese
- 2) Make 4



Block 5 – Add Some Style!

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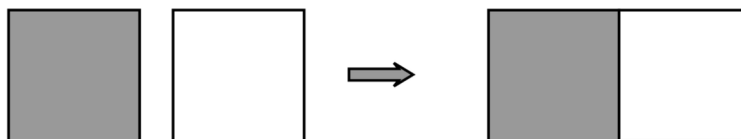
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Directions

6) Following the diagram Sew a 2.5" medium square to a 2.5" background square

Measures 2.5" x 4.5"

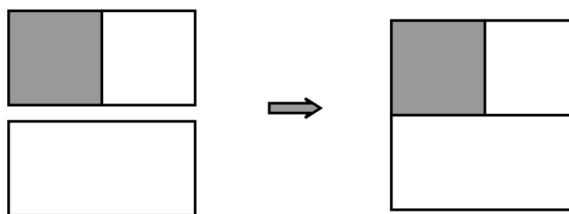
Make 4



7) Following the diagram Sew a 2.5" x 4.5" background rectangle and a unit from above.

Measures 4.5" x 4.5"

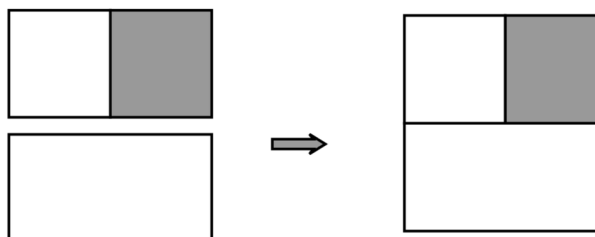
Make 2



8) Following the diagram Sew a 2.5" x 4.5" background rectangle and a unit from above.

Measures 4.5" x 4.5"

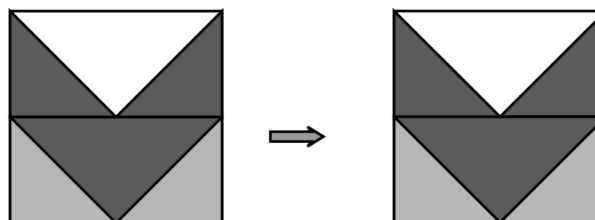
Make 2



9) Following the diagram Sew a background 2.5" x 4.5" unit and a dark background unit from earlier steps together

Measures 4.5" x 4.5"

Make 4



Block 5 – Add Some Style!

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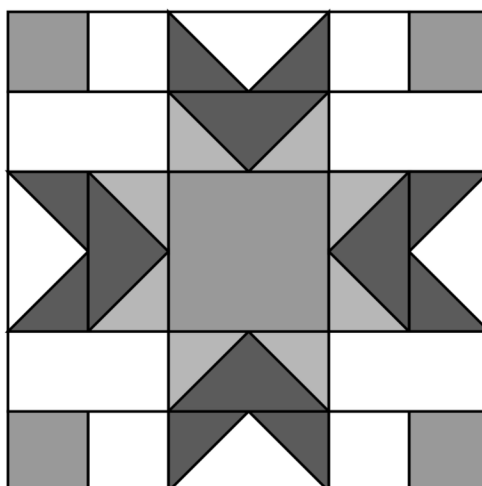
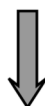
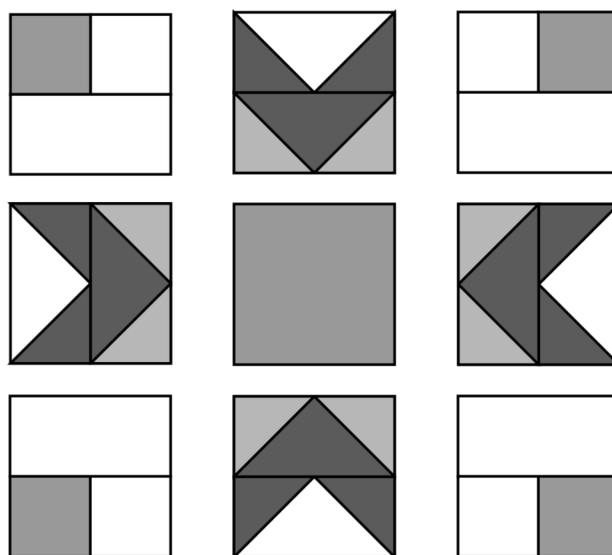
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Directions

10) Following the diagram sew the block together

Measures 12.5" x 12.5"

Make 1



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JOIN THE ACTION!

Ways to participate, volunteer, and create!

PHILANTHROPY

Camp Watcha-Wanna-Do:

- Quilts due in May 2027
- Minimum size 45" x 60"
- Drop off at Kids Quilts table

Dog Beds:

- Pick up cover at Dog Beds table
- Fill with scraps; return
- Donated to Humane Fort Wayne

Touch & Agape Quilts:

- Touch Kits Available
- Agape (Wheel chair) kits Available

Veterans Quilts:

- Can help with quilting or binding of donated quilt tops
- Will take any sizes / designs
- Donated to the VA

VOLUNTEER

QuiltFest Committee

- We need volunteers!

Email: FWQFChair@

appleseedquiltersguild.com

Positions Available

- Meeting Greeter

Email: Membership@

appleseedquiltersguild.com

GUILD EVENTS

Buy-in Challenge:

- July - December
- Buy half yard of challenge fabric and use in a project
- Due at December meeting

UFO Challenge (Closed):

- Sign up January 2026
- Turn-ins Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Technique Demonstrations:

- Monthly @ 6:00 PM
- None for July or August

Block of the Month:

- Turn in at monthly meeting
- Drawing to win all blocks

Sewing Bee Groups:

- Quilting friends: 1st Saturday
- Modern Mondays: 2nd & 4th Mon
- One Block Wonder: 2nd & 4th Mon
- Cedar Creek Quilters: 2nd & 4th Tues
- Sew Bee it: 3rd Thursday
- Zoom Bee: Fridays-check Facebook

SUPPORT THE GUILD

Raise Right: Gift card program

Monthly Mini: \$1 raffle tickets

- None for July or August

General Guild Information

- Appleseed Quilters Guild (AQG)
Meetings are held at the Mizpah Shrine Center, 1015 Memorial Way, Fort Wayne, IN, 46805 on the first Tuesday of every month, except holidays.
Technique demonstration starts at 6pm.
Check-in/social time starts at 6:30pm.
Meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm.
There is usually a speaker or presentation.
The meetings conclude with Show and Tell.
- The regular monthly guild meetings are free to non-members, with a limit of three free visits. A fee may be charged to non-members attending special meetings featuring a nationally acclaimed speaker.
- Meetings will be canceled if severe weather dictates. Cancellations will be posted on our Facebook page. Follow our Facebook page, for the latest information on all AQG events.
- The AQG membership year is October 1st thru September 31st. Dues are \$35 per year, due October 1st. There is a midyear dues discount, starting April 1st. Checks can be paid at any meeting or mailed to PO Box.
- A variety of AQG workshops, retreats, and other events are available to members and non-members. There are fees for these events, and pre-registration is required.
- AQG offers education, inspiration, and community. The Quilt Bees, block of the month, challenges, and philanthropic projects are very popular. AQG also hosts a biennial Quilt Show.
- Located in Fort Wayne, IN, AQG began in 1993 as a small, quilting group, and has grown to 150+ members. AQG includes all ages. In 1996, AQG was recognized as a 501(c) (3) organization.
- AQG strives to create an interest in the making, collecting, and preserving of quilts. AQG also seeks to establish and promote educational and philanthropic endeavors through quilting.
Publicity photos may be taken at AQG events for promotional purposes. An announcement will be made in advance of any photography to be used for publicity purposes.
- Cancellation Policy, participants, who are unable to attend a workshop, or other event for which they are registered, must notify AQG and relinquish their reserved space. AQG shall offer vacated space to the next individual on the waitlist. Event registrations are non-transferable individually; all transfers will be handled by AQG.
- Refund Policy, if AQG cancels an event, all registrants will receive a full refund. If a replacement cannot be found, no refunds will be given for participant cancellations. If a replacement can be found, members will receive a full refund.
- Information published in the AQG Newsletter will comply with the latest guidelines offered by the HIPAA Privacy Rule. Primarily information published will be based on the individual's written authorization of information published.
- Newsletter advertisements are to be sent to the AQG Newsletter Editor at newsletter@appleseedquiltersguild.com or mailed to the PO Box. The non-member fee is \$10 for a one-month listing. Checks should be made payable to Appleseed Quilters Guild and mailed to the PO Box, before the third Tuesday of the month, to appear in the next month's newsletter. The size of all ads is at the discretion of the newsletter editor. The fee is waived for AQG members and also waived for regional quilt groups advertising their quilt shows.

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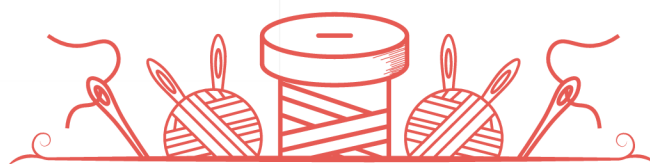
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