

# APPLESEEDS

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Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

## FEBRUARY MEETING

**TUESDAY, February 3, 2026**  
**Mizpah Shrine Center**  
**1015 Memorial Way,**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46805**

**NO MEETING -**  
**ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**  
**6:30pm-8:30pm**

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### BOARD MEETING

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026**  
**Alan McMahan Room, ACPL**  
**Downtown**  
**6:00pm**

### QUICK DATES

- Feb. 3, 2025:** Garage Sale
- March 3, 2025:** Patchwork Playground
- March 6, 2025:** Fabric Painting zoom workshop
- March 27-29, 2026:** Sweet Stitches Retreat
- April 7, 2026:** Robert Lovell



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, Appleseeders!

Brrrr—it's cold outside! Perfect weather to stay indoors and sew. I've been working on my Kid's Quilt and am happy to say it's almost finished. I'm looking forward to sharing it at the March guild meeting during Show and Tell.

February also brings our Guild Garage Sale. We have 18 tables booked, so there will be plenty of bargains to discover—including the Appleseed Board of Directors' table. If you're doing a little stash purging, feel free to donate priced items to that table.

I was so encouraged by the number of members who volunteered to help with the Quilters Bingo fundraiser—thank you to everyone who stepped up! The group met this past weekend and, after careful consideration, decided to shelve the Quilters Bingo event. The Indiana Gaming Commission requirements involve an overwhelming amount of paperwork both before and after a bingo event. Instead, the volunteers are now focusing on other ways to benefit the guild. Watch for exciting new opportunities coming soon.

And while I don't want to belabor the volunteer topic, our Board is still in need of a Quilt Fest Liaison. As mentioned at the last meeting, this role does not mean running Quilt Fest. We already have a Quilt Fest Chair, who is a board member. This position serves as a liaison between the board and the Quilt Fest Chair. The board meets once a month, we stay on agenda, and it's a truly fulfilling way to support the guild.

So, if you must venture outside,  
bundle up and stay warm,  
safe, and healthy!

In Quilty Cheer,  
Laura Jackson  
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# GUILD CHALLENGE

## The 2026 Ombré Challenge - The new Guild Challenge has begun!

Quilt tops (or finished quilts) are due at the **June 2nd** Appleseed Quilters Guild meeting. There will be a big Ombré Challenge show and tell, and a drawing for prizes. This is a members only challenge.

The quilts can be any size. Any style or pattern can be used. The Ombré fabric should be the focus of the quilt. Regular fabric can be used along side the Ombré fabric.

The Ombré Quilts must be recent, and made during the January-June 2026 Ombré Challenge. A quilt made in the past cannot be used.

### What is Ombré?

Ombre fabric is a type of fabric that has a gradient color effect, where the color fades gradually from light to dark or vice versa. Ombré fabric can be made from one color or several. It can be a solid or a print. It can be hand dyed.

Questions? Tammy Miller, Challenge Coordinator, can be contacted at  
[challenge@appleseedquiltersguild.com](mailto:challenge@appleseedquiltersguild.com)



# PROGRAMS

## February 3, 2026

**Our annual garage sale!** No formal meeting, just come shop until you drop! Please bring cash and invite your friends!

Set up: 5:30-6:30

Garage Sale: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Clean up/out: 9pm

If you are donating to the guild table, be sure to have your items priced in advance. The Guild will have two garage sale tables marked by a balloon. Profits from donated items go to the guild. Unsold donated items can be picked up by their original owner at the close of the garage sale. Unclaimed items will be used for guild fundraisers or donated to the Dove's Nest resale shop.

## March 3, 2026

Teri Fritch, from Patchwork Playground, presents a fun trunk show and pop-up vendor booth featuring modern fabric and other quilting supplies.

## March 6, 2026

Barbara De Pirro, presents online Fabric Painting in a ZOOM demonstration.

Registration not yet open

## April 7, 2026

Robert Lovell, fabulous local modern quilter influenced by math, architecture, art, and photographs, shares his incredible quilts.

Questions? Our programs team can be contacted at  
[programs@appleseedquiltersguild.com](mailto:programs@appleseedquiltersguild.com).

# MEMBERSHIP

## MEMBERSHIP LORE DROP

POV: you're part of a guild with **159+ creative icons** and **6 brand-new members** just unlocked in January. Yeah. That's us. We're built different.

If you have not yet secured the holy trinity, please do so ASAP:

- **2025-2026 membership card**
- **new directory**
- **nametag** (if you ordered one, don't panic)

Still nametag-less? Forgotten? Ghosted me? It's okay. I can still make one this month. Redemption arc incoming.

## FEBRUARY = GARAGE SALE SEASON

I'll be stationed at the **membership table**, accepting:

- new members
- friends you "just brought to look"
- vibes

Bring people. Send them to me. I will explain the guild. Enthusiastically. Repeatedly. With facts. You can also pick up any of your items while you're there. Two birds. One rotary cutter.

## ADMIN BUT MAKE IT ONLINE

Membership forms are no longer hiding in this newsletter. They have moved to the internet (as they should). Go to [www.appleseedquiltersguild.com](http://www.appleseedquiltersguild.com) Hover over **ABOUT** → click **Become a Member** → **Download the New Member Form** → success. Paper forms also exist IRL at the **check-in table** because we respect all learning styles.

Need a nametag? Have a question? Feeling confused but in a chill way?

Find me.



xoxo,  
Vanessa Spencer  
Membership Chair  
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(chronically online edition)



# COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

If you haven't been out to our website lately, go check it out!

**AQG Website - <https://www.appleseedquiltersguild.com>**

On the public side of the guild website, there are fun resources:

**AQG News** - guild newsletters

**Workshops** - upcoming workshops

**Quilt Shows** - area quilt shows

**Embroidery** - embroidery resources

**Contact** - guild mailing address and email

**Meetings** - upcoming guild meeting topics

**Giving** - guild philanthropy projects

**Longarmers** - resources for quilting

**About** - guild history

On the member side of the Appleseed website, there are helpful guild resources:

**Documents** - Board Meeting Minutes, Treasurers Reports, Bylaws

**Directory** - full online directory of guild members, updated October of each year.

**Accuquilt** - die cut machine available for loan.

**Open Bees** - full information on all the guild's quilting bee groups

**Classifieds** - internal guild positions needing volunteers or other needs

**Quilt Show** - updates on Appleseed Quilters Guild biennial quilt show

To request access to the member side of the guild website, you have to be an active guild member. When you first access the Members Only section, you will see a "Sign Up" page. Choose to "Sign up with email" or "Sign up with Google". You will use your personal email address or personal google log in to sign in. You will receive an email response once access is granted.

Questions? Vickie Sitz, Communications Chairperson can be reached at [communications@appleseedquiltersguild.com](mailto:communications@appleseedquiltersguild.com).



## IN OTHER NEWS ...

Looking for an opportunity to give back? Our very own Appleseed member, Liza Anglin, facilitates a charity sewing group called, Sew Let's Be Friends.

**They focus on making quilt tops for children ages infant to teenagers, that will be finished and donated to:**

- Fort Wayne Police Victims Assistance
- Dr. Bill Lewis Center for Children
- The Northeast Indiana Forensic Center
- The Sexual Assault Treatment Center of Fort Wayne
- The YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter

Bring your machine and join the fun! Eight foot tables with electrical outlets are provided, with ironing and cutting stations available. No sewing experience is required. Fabric is available to use or take home as long as a finished quilt top is returned. Don't have time to join, but want to help? They accept fabric, monetary donations, and completed quilts or quilt tops in clean, like new condition.



### **Contact Info:**

sewletsbefriends@  
gmail.com

or

join the Facebook group:  
Sew Day at Arise.

### **When & Where:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month  
9:00am- 4:00pm

### **Arise Church**

12220 Lower  
Huntington Rd  
Roanoke, IN

Sew Let's Be Friends  
was established by

Liza Anglin, a homicide detective  
with 25 years of service in the Fort  
Wayne, Indiana, Police Department.

Over the course of her career, the  
detective has responded to countless calls,  
witnessing firsthand the  
trauma experienced by children  
and families in difficult situations.



# JOIN THE ACTION!

We are glad you are here! Check out this page for how to get involved. Team work makes the dream work, and it takes all of us to make our guild the best it can be!

## Philanthropy Opportunities

### **Camp Watcha-Wanna-Do**

- Quilts due by May of each year
- Quilts should be 45"x60" or larger
- This year's theme: Under the Sea, but all quilts accepted
- Turn in at Kids Quilts table @ meeting

### **Dog beds**

- You can pick up a cover at the dog bed table @ meeting
- Fill with fabric and batting scraps, close, and return
- Donated to Humane Fort Wayne

### **Touch Quilts**

- Available Kits: TBD
- Donated to the Alzheimer's Association and various assisted living locations

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **QuiltFest Committee**

- The QuiltFest committee will be forming soon, watch for updates

### **Guild Positions Available**

- Webmaster
- Fundraising /QuiltFest Liaison
- Meeting Greeter
- Grant Writing Advisor

Please send an email to [president@appleseedquiltersguild.com](mailto:president@appleseedquiltersguild.com) if interested

## Optional Guild Events

### **Ombré Quilt Challenge**

- Make a quilt using Ombre fabric
- Jan-June : Due at June meeting

### **UFO Challenge (Closed)**

- Sign up January 2026
- Turn in UFO's Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov

### **One Block Wonder Class (Full)**

- Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr TBD

## Ongoing Activities

### **Sewing Bee Groups**

- Small sewing groups
- See website for meeting details

### **Techniques Demonstration**

- Monthly meeting @ 6pm, various hands-on technique demonstrations

### **Block of the Month**

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

## Support the Guild

### **Raise Right**

- Buy gift cards and the guild gets money back
- See table @ meeting

### **Potluck Potpourri**

- Buy \$1 raffle tickets to win a prize
- See table @ meeting

# BLOCK OF THE MONTH

## Summer Soiree

### Block 1 – Twinkle Lights

Hosted by Pat Sloan At [ilovetomakequilts.com](http://ilovetomakequilts.com)

Twinkle lights make any event, night or day, magical!

My favorite moment in the series 'Bridgerton' was when the whole outdoors began to twinkle at an evening Soiree! See my video for a photo



Block 12.5" x 12.5"

Finished size 12" x 12"

Our first block for Summer Soiree is Twinkle Lights to set the scene for the whole party.

Tell me if you love to add lights to a party

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

## Cutting & Sewing

White

### Light Fabric - you could use multiple Fabrics

- Cut 2 squares 5" x 5" for HST (Half square Triangles)
- Cut 8 squares 2.5" x 2.5"

Green

### Medium Fabric

- Cut 2 squares 5" x 5" for HST (Half square Triangles)

Green

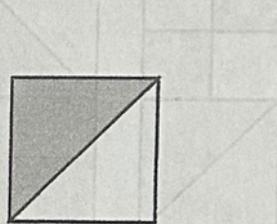
### Dark Fabric

- Cut 1 square 4.5" x 4.5"
- Cut 8 squares 2.5" x 2.5"

### Directions

- 1) Sew a light 5" square and a medium 5" Square using the HST method on last page.

trim to 4.5" square  
Make 4 units



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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*I Love to Make*

This BOM due at  
the March  
Meeting!

# Summer Soiree

I Love to Make Quilts.com

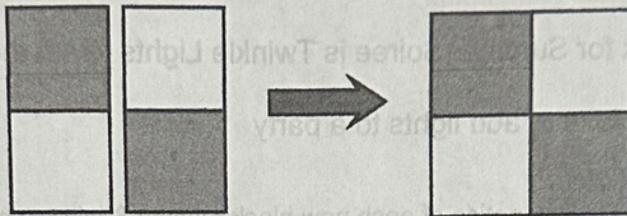
A site for Passionate Quilters  
Hosted by Pat Sloan

## Directions

2) Following the diagram sew the 4-patch block using 2 of the dark 2.5" squares and 2 of the light 2.5" squares

Measures 4.5" x 4.5"

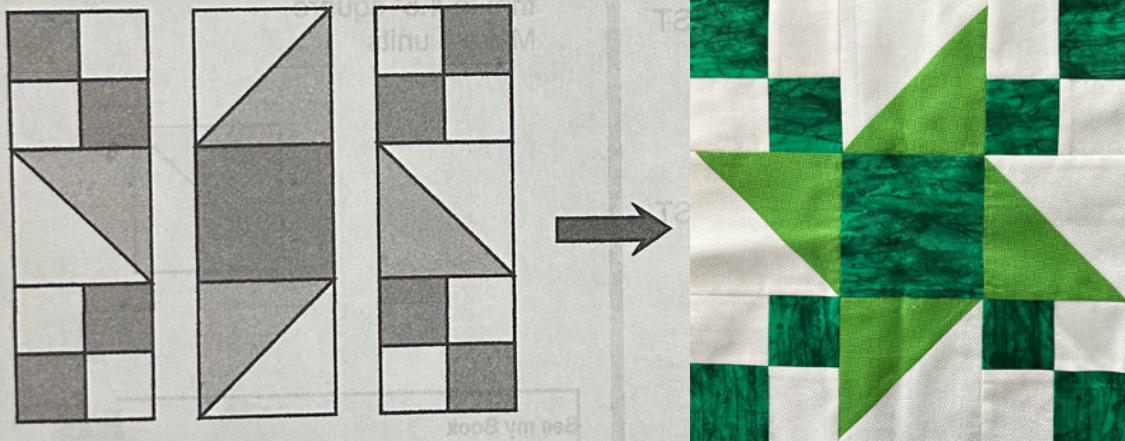
Make 4



3) Following the diagram, sew the block using the all the HST, all the 4-patch units from above, and the 4.5" x 4.5" dark square

Measures to 12.5" x 12.5"

Make 1



## Block 1 – Twinkle Lights

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# GENERAL GUILD INFORMATION

- Appleseed Quilters Guild 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 demonstrations start at 6pm. Social time starts at 6:30pm. Meetings start 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.
- Our membership year is October 1st through September 31st. Dues are \$35 per year, due October 1st. There is a midyear dues discount, starting April 1st. Checks for dues can be paid at any meeting or mailed to the PO Box.
- A variety of the Appleseed Quilt Guild workshops and retreats are available to non-members. There are fees for these extra events for members and non-members.
- Appleseed Quilters Guild offers education, inspiration, and community. The Quilt Bees, block of the month, challenges, and philanthropic projects are very popular. Appleseed Quilters Guild also hosts the biennial Fort Wayne Quilt Fest.
- Located in Fort Wayne, IN, Appleseed Quilters Guild began in 1993 as a small, quilting group, and has grown to 150+ members. Appleseed Quilters Guild includes all ages. In 1996, Appleseed Quilters Guild was recognized as a 501(c) (3) organization.
- Appleseed Quilters Guild strives to create an interest in the making, collecting, and preserving of quilts. Appleseed Quilters Guild also seeks to establish and promote educational and philanthropic endeavors through quilting.
- 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 our events.
- Information published in the Appleseed Guild 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 Newsletter Editor at [newsletter@appleseedquiltersguild.com](mailto:newsletter@appleseedquiltersguild.com) or mailed to the PO Box. The cost is waived for members. The non-member fee is \$10 for a one-month listing. Checks should be made payable to AQG 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.

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