

APPLESEEDS

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MARCH MEETING

The next meeting is
TUESDAY, March 3, 2026
Mizpah Shrine Center
1015 Memorial Way,
Fort Wayne, IN 46805
DEMONSTRATION 6:00pm
SOCIAL TIME 6:30pm
MEETING 7:00pm

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BOARD MEETING

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



QUICK DATES

March 3, 2025: Patchwork
Playground
March 5, 2025: Fabric Painting
zoom workshop
March 27-29, 2026: Sweet
Stitches Retreat
April 7, 2026: Robert Lovell

Newsletter suggestions? Send them my way!
-Stacey Cripe, Newsletter Editor
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, Appleseeders!

March brings so many changes to the world around us. It is truly a month of transition. Will it come in like a lion and go out like a lamb... or vice versa? One thing, however, remains constant—our ongoing quilting projects.

I recently had the privilege of working on the Vera Bradley quilt that Stephanie from the Vera Bradley Foundation spoke about at our January meeting. While attending a sewing day at Vera Bradley headquarters, I noticed words displayed on a wall, formed from continuous strands of thread. The phrase read, “a common thread.” It immediately resonated with me and led me to reflect on the many types of sewing and quilting represented in our Guild.

What truly is our common thread? Is it:

- The love of creating something that will bring a smile to a loved one’s face?
- The challenge of tackling a design that stretches our skills and creativity?
- The joy we feel when we surround ourselves with colors and textures that inspire us?
- The satisfaction of contributing to meaningful charitable causes?

I could list many more reasons, but when I think about what connects us all, I believe our common thread is simply the **act of making**. We are makers through and through—makers of beauty, makers of smiles, makers of achievement, and makers of personal fulfillment. We are bound together by our shared love of quilting.

Speaking of the Vera Bradley quilt, I am hopeful we will be invited to collaborate again in the future. If that opportunity arises, I would love to give more members the chance to participate in this special experience.

Enjoy the month of March!

Laura Jackson
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PROGRAMS

March 3, 2026

Please welcome Terri Fritch from the Patchwork Playground!

She will present a fun trunk show and pop-up vendor booth featuring modern fabric and other quilting supplies. Teri got her quilting start in the 1980's with a tied quilt. Then life got busy. In 2000 her local library offered a quilt class. She took it and was hooked, soon she was teaching classes herself. In 2005 Teri got her longarm. And now has a small but mighty quilt shop at her home. Patchwork Playground is a beautiful, well lit, cheery shop specializing in modern fabric. There is a complete line of blenders, 2500+ bolts, fat quarters, patterns, quilt notions, kits, and precuts. It is open by appointment. Teri, with her Patchwork Playground pop up booth, is featured at regional quilt shows, retreats, and quilt guilds.

Thursday, March 5, 2026

6:30pm - Zoom Meeting - Fabric Painting

Barbara De Pirro presents an online Fabric Painting in a ZOOM online demonstration. Once registered, you may attend the workshop individually or at one of two **ZOOM WORKSHOP PARTIES**. There is a north side of town gathering or a southwest side of town gathering. Please see the member's only email that was sent on February 9th for the link to register and to RSVP for a viewing party. **Fee: \$50**

April 7, 2026

7:00pm - We welcome Robert Lovell, local modern quilter

He is a fabulous local modern quilter influenced by math, architecture, art, and photographs, and will share his incredible quilts with us.



PROGRAMS

Workshop Registration Opens Soon!

Registration for **four exciting workshops** opens at 6:00 PM on March 3, 2026, during the monthly meeting. These workshops are open to **members only** and are filled on a **first come, first served** basis. Check them out on the next page! We hope you'll join us!

How Registration Works

- Doors open at 6:00 PM., Check in at the Membership Table.
- You will receive a ticket.
- There will be **four lines** — one for each workshop.
- Sign up for workshops one at a time.
- Each workshop has a maximum number of participants (listed in the descriptions).
- You must show your ticket when registering.
- Payment is required at registration - One separate check per workshop, cash, or card

Waitlist System

Because workshops may fill quickly:

- A **waitlist** will start as soon as a class fills.
- If you can't attend, you must notify the Programs Committee.
- Spots are not transferable between members.
- All transfers are handled by the Guild.

New Members on March 3

If you join AQG at the March 3 meeting:

- Complete your membership paperwork.
- Pay your membership dues.
- Then you may register for workshops.

After March 3

If any spots remain open after the meeting:

- AQG will email members with instructions for **online registration**.
- The full updated AQG Registration Policy is available on the Guild website.

These changes are designed to make registration fair and equal for all members for workshops, retreats, bus trips, and special events.

If You Can't Attend the Meeting

- A friend may register for you.
- A member may register for only one friend.
- No advance registrations or holds.
- No PO Box registrations

Updated Refund Policy

- If AQG cancels a workshop → Full refund.
- If you cancel and your spot is filled → Full refund.
- If you cancel and your spot is not filled → No refund (due to increased instructor fees).

May 5

Dawn Wolf, Certified Laura Heine Instructor, teaches "The Basics of Collage Quilting" using Laura Heine's patterns called "Whatever's!"

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026
Time: 10am to 4pm

Cost: Members: \$50
Non-Members: \$55
Credit cards, add \$3

Maximum: 16 attendees



Learn the Laura Heine method of Collage Quilting, including how to use Steam-A-Seam and the Underlay Technique to handle multiple layers of fabric. This workshop is the beginning level for the Laura Heine Method. Each participant will choose their own "Whatever's!" pattern, there are 59 available, prior to class. So each participant will be doing a slightly different project, but the technique is the same. Each "Whatever's!" can be used to make runners, potholders, tiny quilts.

August 4

Rob Appell, Nationally Acclaimed instructor, teaches "Wonky Log Cabin Quilt"

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Time: 10am to 4pm

Cost: Members: \$65
Non-Members: \$75
Credit cards, add \$3

Maximum: 25 attendees



"This will be a fun and fluid workshop building log cabin blocks that are intentionally less than perfect, aka Wonky Blocks. This workshop is a great way to work through your scraps or is perfect for that 2 1/2" pre-cut strip bundle. I suggest using prints that are not so busy and read more as solids so that the strips stand out. There is no required finished size, or set amount of blocks, it can be sewers choice. I will complete the workshop by teaching how to fit the random blocks together."

For more information about this project please check out the YouTube video - Wonky Log Cabin 2.0 with Rob Appell - Start to Finish Quilt Tutorial

July 7

Quilt Maven Dave, Nationally Acclaimed instructor, teaches "Hunter's Star. . . The Easy Way"

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2026
Time: 10am to 4pm

Cost: Members: \$65
Non-Members: \$75
Credit cards, add \$3

Maximum: 25 attendees



"The Hunter's Star is a classic pattern that has endured because of how graphic it is, how complicated it looks, and not to mention, how beautiful it is. After all, who doesn't love stars? I like to paper piece Hunter's Star because, well, that's what I teach. Paper Piecing produces a precision that's hard to achieve with other methods. Paper piecing can also eliminate extra seams. My 'No More Tears' © method accomplishes the same accuracy in less time, with less stress, and much more fun!"

September 1

Alice Ridge teaches "Celtic Knotwork"

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Time: 10am to 4pm

Cost: Members: \$50
Non-Members: \$55
Credit cards, add \$3

Maximum: 20 attendees



"An Adventure with the Artistry and Elegance of Celtic Knots, we will look at traditional knots, from simple to mind-blowingly complex! We will peruse the elaborate (and sometimes weird) illustrations from the Book of Kells. Using Bias Tape, Embroidery, and Felt made of a Bamboo/Rayon blend, we will make a unique and relaxing project. Many different designs are available!"

***This class is designed for Handwork stitching! Many different options for projects for this class. So each participant may be doing a slightly different project, but the technique is the same. ***

A kit is required for this class. It will available from the instructor on the class day. Kit fee: \$30

GUILD CHALLENGE



Ombré Challenge — Let Your Creativity Shine!

Our newest guild challenge is here, and it's bursting with color! This time, we're celebrating the beauty of ombré fabrics — whether you use yardage or pre-cuts. The possibilities are endless!

Make **whatever you want** — any size, any pattern, any style. Want to get creative? Try using ombré fabric as a striking background or feature it in parts of your blocks for a stunning effect. However you use it, let the color transitions inspire you!

- **Deadline:** June 2 guild meeting
- **What's required:** Only your **quilt top** needs to be finished to qualify for the drawing prizes.

We'll enjoy a special reveal show-and-tell that night, followed by our prize drawing!

A few important details:

- Your quilt must be started after **January 1, 2026**.
- If you plan to gift your quilt or donate it to **Camp Whatcha Wanna Do**, you may show it early and still be entered into the drawing.

This is a wonderful opportunity to experiment, stretch your creativity, and share something uniquely you. We can't wait to see the beautiful range of ombré creations our talented members dream up!

Let's make June 2 a colorful celebration!

Questions? Tammy Miller, Challenge Coordinator, can be contacted at challenge@appleseedquiltersguild.com



EDUCATION / OUTREACH

We have a lot of great technique demonstrations heading your way! Make sure to get to the meeting early and check them out. Anyone can come and learn something new.

March 3, 2026

6:00pm -Technique Demonstration with Becky Fenton

ONCE AROUND BINDING -If you enjoy hand stitching your binding or want show quilt quality binding, this is not for you. If you machine stitch your binding and get inconsistent results or you have lots of quilts waiting for binding because it takes so long, this is for you. Come and see how Becky Fenton cuts her binding time in half and gets more consistent results with her Once Around binding method.

April 7, 2026

6:00pm - Technique Demonstration with Vickie Sitz

Demonstration on Flange Binding

Questions? Ideas for a demonstration? Please email Nancy Geiling, Education / Outreach Chairperson, at education@appleseedquiltersguild.com.



MEMBERSHIP

Hello! We are pleased to report that the recent garage sale was well attended, with over 135 participants. Both visitors and members expressed their enjoyment of the event.

Please remember to collect your nametag, membership card, and directory during this month's meetings.

We are currently at 159 Appleseed members. I'm hoping by end of summer we get to 175! Additionally, members who bring guests to the March meeting will receive a **complimentary gift** at the membership table.

Vanessa Spencer

Membership Chair , membership@appleseedquiltersguild.com



RAISE RIGHT FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Are you familiar with the SCRIP program? Maybe you have heard of it through a school or church. Well, the correct name of the program is RaiseRight, and it is an easy way for the guild to raise money. All you need to do is register on the RaiseRight website using the guild's ID and order E-cards (gift cards) that can be used for purchases at restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations and department stores.

When you do this, the guild receives a percentage back and that money goes into the treasury to use for our operating costs. So, how can participation in this program make a difference? Last year one member brought in over \$200 just by thinking ahead and paying for purchases in a different way! If we had 10 people doing that, we would make \$2000 that could be used for programs or in other ways to benefit our members.

If you haven't used the RaiseRight program and would like to sign up or if you have questions, send me an email at raiseright@appleseedquiltersguild.com or see me at the meeting.

Susan Benesh



COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Greetings!

This year's garage sale was posted on our two Facebook pages, The Quilters Grapevine Northern Indiana Facebook page, and the community calendars at 21-Alive and the Journal Gazette. It was also included in Glo and Whatzup and Senior Magazines. Local sewing and quilt groups received email notices, and it was posted on Garage Sale Finder.

If anyone has ideas for other free places to advertise next year's garage sale, or our regular monthly meetings, please let me know.

I happened to be the volunteer who took the leftover garage sale items to The Doves Nest on Stellhorn. My SUV was loaded, they were very appreciative. The Doves Nest has a dedicated sewing/craft area and relies on donations.

And please remember, the Guild's Caring Cards. Linda Mulpagano sends cards on behalf of the Guild for both difficult and joyful life events. If you know someone who should receive a card, please send an email to communications@appleseedquiltersguild.com.



Questions? Vickie Sitz, Communications Chairperson can be reached at communications@appleseedquiltersguild.com.

GUILD NEWS

Guild Vote!

The executive board will be bringing the following proposal for a guild vote at the March meeting. The executive board of Appleseed Quilters Guild is requesting to establish a contingency budget line item for unanticipated expenses incurred throughout the fiscal year.

Southwest Bee Update

We have arranged for a great location for a Southwest Bee

A church on the Southwest side of town

See the Membership table for details

or

Visit the Members Only tab on the Website:

AppleseedQuiltersGuild.com

Third Thursday of the month

Bring Sewing machines and a project to work on. (we will meet in the basement of the church, which is accessed from the back of the church - there is a ramp). We will sew the first day from 9 - 11 am and then break for lunch nearby and make plans for our Bee. We will determine a focus for our group as well as picking a name. Any great name ideas?

If you can't make it to our first meeting, let me know and I'll keep you on our list to get updates. Fyi...you don't need to live in the SW section of Fort Wayne to join us, everyone is welcome.

Please RSVP to Vanessa at beekeeper@appleseedquiltersguild.com or sign up at the membership table to join our bee and we will keep everyone updated.

JOIN THE ACTION!

Ways to participate, volunteer, and create!

PHILANTHROPY

Camp Watcha-Wanna-Do:

- Quilts due in May
- Minimum size 45" x 60"
- Theme: Under the Sea
- 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 Quilts:

- Kits TBD
- Donated to Alzheimer's Association and assisted living locations

VOLUNTEER

QuiltFest Committee

- Forming soon

Positions Available

- Fundraising/QuiltFest Liaison
- Meeting Greeter

Thank you to Stephanie Datwyler for volunteering for webmaster and grant writing! We appreciate you!

**Contact: [president@
appleseedquiltersguild.com](mailto:president@appleseedquiltersguild.com)**

GUILD EVENTS

Ombré Quilt Challenge:

- January–June
- Due at June meeting

UFO Challenge (Closed):

- Sign up January 2026
- Turn-ins 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 or membership table

Technique Demonstrations:

- Monthly @ 6:00 PM

Block of the Month:

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

SUPPORT THE GUILD

Raise Right:

- Gift card program

Potluck Potpourri:

- \$1 raffle tickets
- March: \$50 Edwards gift certificate

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Summer Soiree

Block 1 – Twinkle Lights

Hosted by Pat Sloan At lovetomakequilts.com



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

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

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

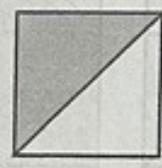
Dark Fabric

- 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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Summer Soiree *I Love to Make Quilts.com*

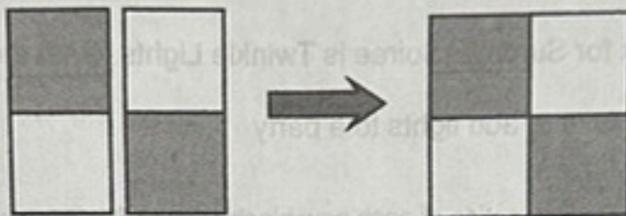
A site for Passionate Quilters
Hosted by Pat Sloan

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"

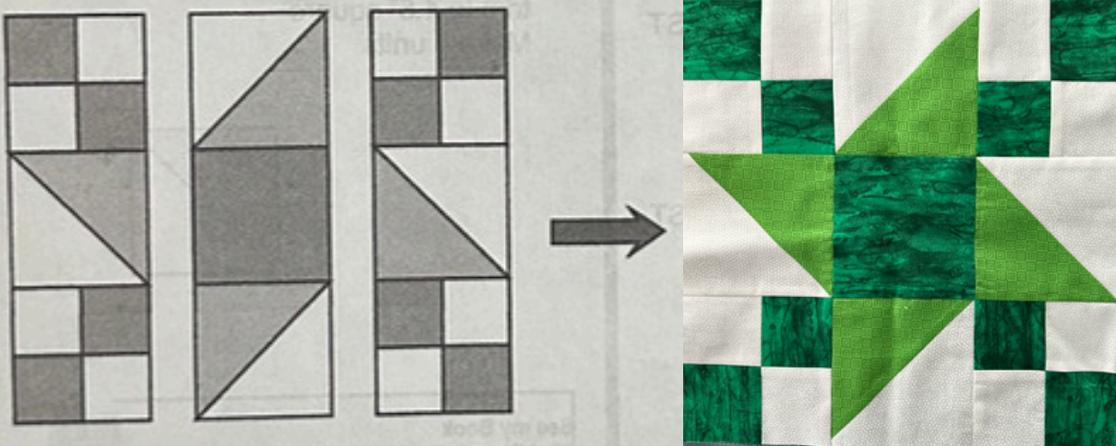
Make 4



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 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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