

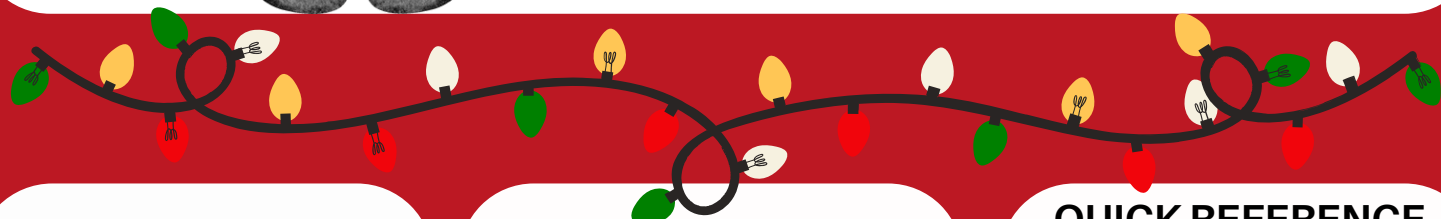
APPLESEEDS

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DECEMBER MEETING

The Holiday party is
TUESDAY, December 2, 2025
Mizpah Shrine Center
1015 Memorial Way,
Fort Wayne, IN 46805
NO APPLE ORCHARD
SOCIAL TIME 6:30pm
MEETING 7:00pm



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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 9, 2025
Location: TBD
6:00pm

CANCELLATIONS

Guild meetings are cancelled for inclement weather when Ft Wayne community Schools closes for in-school classes (e-learning days) on our meeting date. Also check local news stations, social media, and our website for meeting cancellations

QUICK REFERENCE DATES

Dec. 2, 2025: Holiday Party
Jan. 6, 2026: Vera Bradley Foundation speaker
Jan. 18, 2026: First One Block Wonder Class
Feb. 3, 2025: Garage Sale
March 27-29, 2026: Sweet Stitches Retreat

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, Appleseed Quilters!

With this newsletter arriving at the end of November, I find myself still in a Thanksgiving state of mind. Our guild has so much to be grateful for—and at the top of that list is all of **you**. Together, we've shown incredible caring and sharing throughout the years through our many philanthropy projects.

One of our longest-running efforts has been our annual donation of quilts to **Camp Watcha-Wanna-Do**, a tradition that has continued for more than 30 years. For members who may be new to Appleseed, this camp serves children up to age 18 who have been diagnosed with cancer. Whether they are in treatment or post-treatment, each of these young campers has faced more than any child should. Every June, at a camp just north of Fort Wayne, they are given a week filled with fun—made a little brighter by the quilts **we provide**. Each camper chooses a quilt, keeps it with them all week, and then takes it home. This project is truly close to our hearts, and I am proud that we have supported these kids for over three decades.

In addition to the generosity shown through making and donating "Kids Quilts," I am continually thankful for the strong volunteer spirit within our guild. At any given meeting, I see the many faces of members who help our guild run smoothly. When I look at the "Non Board Positions," we routinely have 15 to 20 members stepping up to serve—and that doesn't count the countless others who help in quieter ways.

I know there are even more of you who love quilting and enjoy being involved. If that's you, please let me or any board member know! You can find the list of Board of Directors and Non Board Positions toward the end of this newsletter.

Looking ahead, in January I will be seeking volunteers to help plan an **off-year fundraiser**. Since Quilt Fest is held every two years, the board would like to explore an additional event during the off year. If there is interest, we will need about five or six volunteers to help lead the effort. We already have ideas—now we just need the willing hands to bring them to life. More information will be coming soon.

As we wrap up this season of gratitude, let's carry that same spirit forward and begin celebrating the rest of the holidays with joy, warmth, and creativity.

Warmly,
Laura Jackson
president@appleseedquiltersguild.com



PROGRAMS

WATCH! for the next newsletter with information on upcoming workshops, lectures and trunk shows. 2026 is going to be a great year for AQG!

December 2, 2025

Celebrate the Holidays with your Appleseed friends.

We will be socializing, playing a couple of games and doing the "Last Chance Drawing". If desired, please bring a dish of finger foods. (no silverware!) Please bring one fat quarter to participate in one of the games.

Lots of fun, games, treats and surprises! No show and tell.

January 6, 2026

Appleseed will be welcoming a representative from the Vera Bradley Foundation. She will be sharing the Foundation's mission and introducing a joint project with the AQG.

Sign-ups for the garage sale start January 6. You are welcome to sell quilting and non-quilting related items. Tables cost \$10.

Tammy Miller's One Block Wonder class is full!

February 3, 2026

Our annual garage sale! Have something you would like to donate? Bring it to the guild table. The guild table will price it and sell it and all proceeds go back to the guild. If you would like to host a table and sell your items, the cost is \$10 per table.

WANTED!!! We are looking for members who would like to teach a workshop. If you are interested, please email programs@appleseedquiltersguild.com.

RETREAT NEWS

As of 11/23, there are only 4 spots left for the Sweet Stitches guild retreat in Shipshewana, IN, March 27-29, 2026. If you haven't secured your spot, please contact Georgi Schneider or find her at the December meeting. If the remaining spots are full, a wait list will be started. Don't delay!

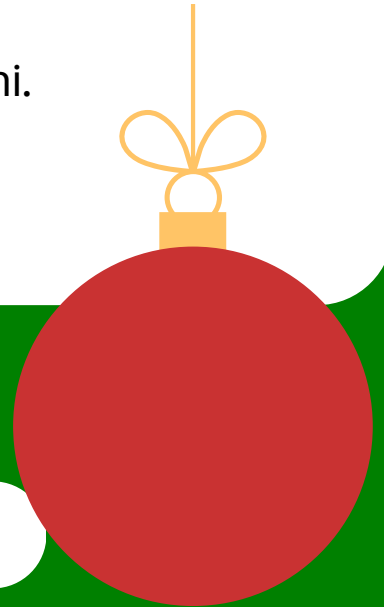
POTPOURRI POTLUCK!

Hello Appleseeders,

The December meeting will be the last chance drawing! All the non-winning tickets bought throughout the year will be put into a drawing for a prize! Good luck!

Thank you for your continued support. Stop and say hi.

Sincerely,
Michael Voiles



GUILD CHALLENGE

Let's welcome 2026 with a burst of creativity! We're making fabric fortune cookies so every member and visitor at the January guild meeting can take one home. We need 100+ cookies, but only 20 are in - so please make a few to help us reach our goal!

Turn in your cookies at the December guild meeting or anytime you see me at a bee. Need assistance? I'll be at the December meeting to help.

Let's fill the basket and celebrate the New Year- Appleseed Quilters Guild style!

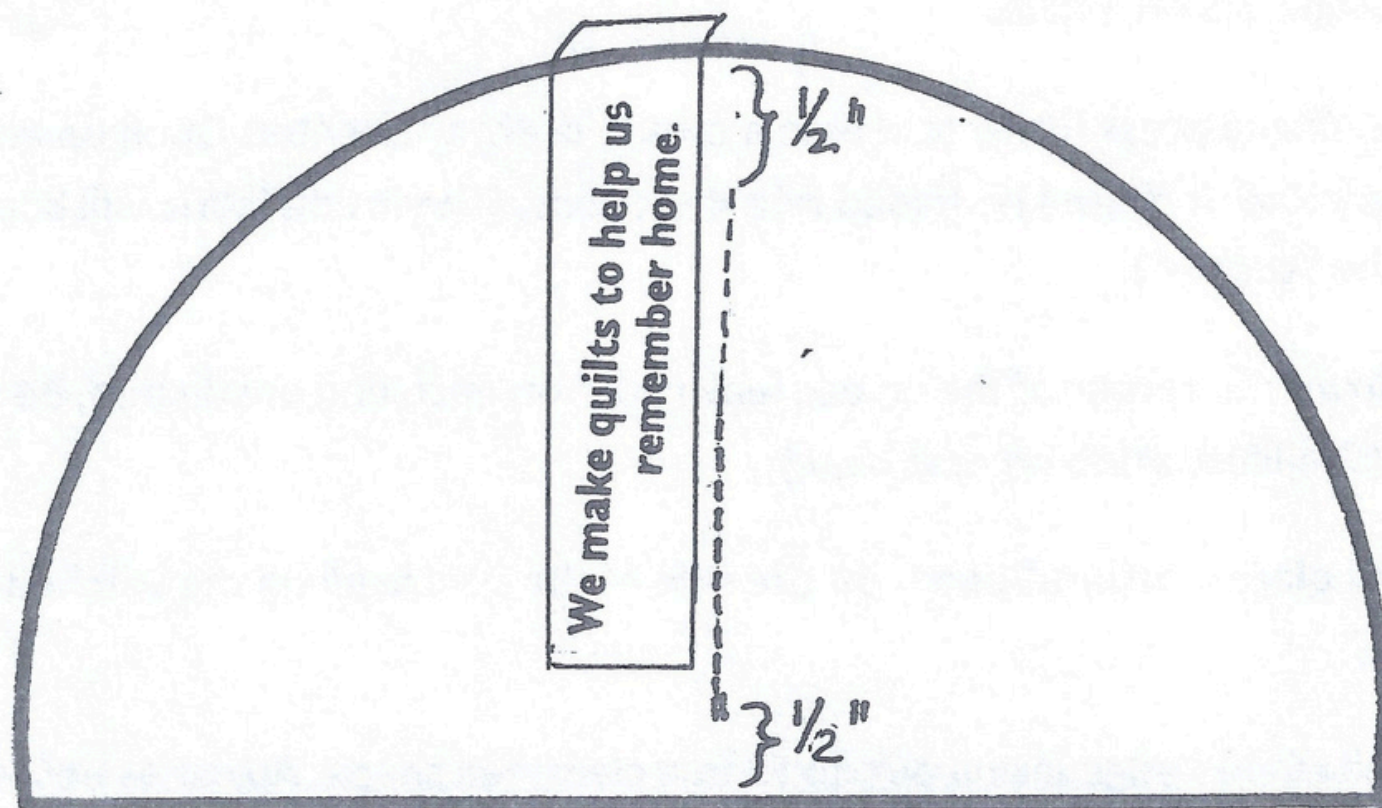
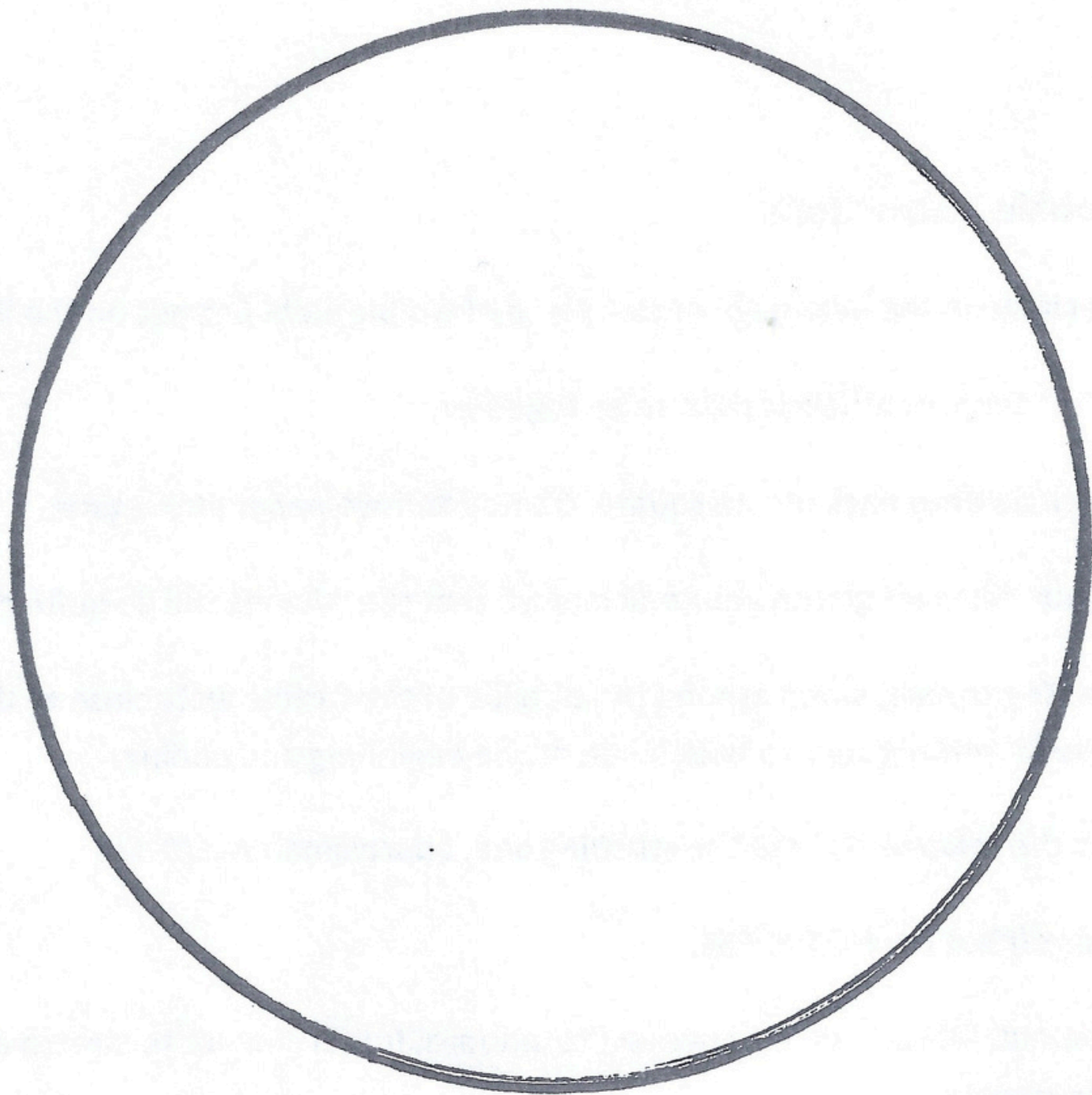
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Fortune Cookie Instructions

1. Trace the circle on the next page onto a piece of fusible web. Cut out on the line.
2. Place two 6" squares of fabric right sides together.
3. Fuse web circle onto back of one square. Do not remove paper at the time.
4. Shorten your stitch length on your machine so that the stitches will be quite close together.
5. With matching thread, stitch around the outside of the fusible web, close to the web. Leave a 1 ½" opening, making sure to back stitch at the beginning and ending.
6. Trim away the selvage close to the stitching line, approximately 1/8-1/4".
7. Take paper off but DO NOT PRESS.
8. Turn inside out, lifting fusible as needed to smooth. Be careful not to stretch it out of shape, especially the opening.
9. Turn the selvage inside along the opening, making sure the curve looks smooth. DO NOT PRESS.
10. Machine topstitch around the edge of the "cookie" 1/8" from edge, making sure to catch opening selvages inside. PRESS.
11. Fold in half and press firmly to create a crease down the center. Open up and fold in half the other way also. It should be folded into 4 sections. (The inside fabric will become the outside of the "cookie").
12. Stitch down the center of the crease leaving ½" on each end unstitched. Be sure to backstitch. (See illustration on next page).
13. Fold and place "fortune" paper on the side of the cookie along the stitched seam. (See illustration).
14. Flip each curved edge inside out, to form a clamshell shape. Adjust as necessary to make it look like a fortune cookie.



MEMBERSHIP

Our November meeting was great with our speaker, Sally Terry. Who knew there were so many things to learn about needles and threads. We had 91 members with 5 new members in attendance with a new member joining the next day. Our current membership stands at 153. The new name tags were a great hit. Please email me if you would like one and I'm more than happy to make them for you. I will have the nametags on the table for our December meeting.

****A warm welcome to our newest members—We're so happy you're here! ****

Brenda Gensic Jan Penner Carolyn Miller Rachel Vinson Joni Gaines
Ginny Fisher

We're thrilled to have you with us and look forward to your involvement in upcoming activities and events. Members, please be on the lookout for our new members each month—they'll be wearing an apple sticker so you can easily spot and welcome them!

****Directory Update****

Hopefully if all goes well, we will have the new directories at the December meeting

****Membership Cards****

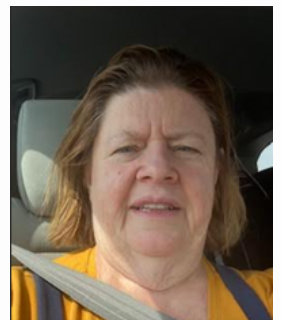
Membership cards are still available at the check-in desk. If I missed you, please reach out to me and I'll have it ready for you at the December meeting.

With so many new members, we'd love to welcome one or two more volunteers to our membership team to help greet and guide our new members. If you're interested in helping new members, please let us know!

Looking forward to celebrating with all of you in December!



Best regards,
Vanessa Spencer
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COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Don't forget to follow our facebook pages for the most up to date guild information. Please interact with our posts so more people can see them!



APPLESEED QUILTERS GUILD (MEMBERS ONLY)

Private Page for Guild Members Only. Members can post to ask questions, make announcements, and ask for advice.



APPLESEED QUILTERS GUILD OF FORT WAYNE

Public page where we make announcements. If you know someone that it is interested in the guild, send them to this page.

FW QUILT FEST

Page focused on Fort Wayne Quilt Fest.



Caring Cards

Linda Mulpagano sends encouraging cards on behalf of the Guild to members. This might be a death in the family, a difficult situation, or something happy like a new baby or marriage. Linda's number is in the Guild Directory, please call or text her directly. Or send an email to communications@appleseedquiltersguild.com



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GENERAL GUILD INFORMATION

- Please sign in when you arrive at the monthly guild meeting!
- Our membership year begins October 1st annually with your membership card good through September 31st of the following year. Dues are \$35 per year; if a non-member joins between April 1st and September 31st, dues are reduced to \$20
- Checks for dues can be mailed to: Appleseed Quilters Guild – PO BOX 10484 – Fort Wayne, IN 46852-0484
- ADVERTISEMENTS TO SELL ITEMS IN THE NEWSLETTER are to be sent to the Newsletter Editor at newsletter@appleseedquiltersguild.com or mailed to: PO Box 10484, Fort Wayne, IN 46852-0484. The cost for any size ad is \$10 for a one-month listing. The cost is currently waived for members. A check payment should be made out to AQG, and mailed to AQG, PO Box 10484, Ft Wayne, IN 46852-0484 by the third Tuesday of the month to appear in the next newsletter. The size of the ad is at the discretion of the editor.
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