

## “Unspoken Messages”

### 2022 Indianapolis Quilt Show Challenge

Have you stopped to think about the ways you can send a message without using the written word, texting or speaking?

- A. Our facial expressions, body language, mannerisms or gestures can convey any number of thoughts or feelings to others.
- B. For those of you old enough to remember, Morse Code was invented by Samuel Morse for use over telegraph lines in 1835. The code uses a series of dashes and dots to represent letters of the alphabet. Morse code can also be sent using flashlights, whistles, horns, the tapping of stone on stone, a laser light reflected on an object or even by flags. A flag swung to the right represents a dot, to the left a dash.
- C. Messages are also conveyed using flowers (800florals.com). For example, it is generally believed that giving someone red roses sends the message “I love you”. A yellow tulip can mean “There’s sunshine in your smile.”
- D. Many of us use emojis on our cell phone to send a message to our friends (emojipedia.org). Did you know the World Emoji Day is July 17 each year? ;o)
- E. Another way to send a message is using shorthand -- an older way of “encrypting” your message. The Ford Improved Shorthand ([www.FordShorthand.com](http://www.FordShorthand.com)) simplified the older Gregg Shorthand Method.
- F. You could also use Sign Language (chart below)
- G. US Road Signs (without words) at [mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov)
- H. How about the International Signal Flags at [en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org)
- I. Other means of conveying a message without written words (your choice).



### THE CHALLENGE

Create a quilt (measuring 18 "wide by 30 "long) that conveys a message you want to send to your fellow quilters, a family member or other relative, an elected official, your significant other, our first responders to the pandemic, to highlight a cause/movement you support (climate change, criminal justice, breast cancer awareness, etc.) or to celebrate an important event in life (marriage, birthday, graduation, first job, new puppy, etc.). You get the idea. Then convey

that message in your quilt using one or more of the methods listed above. **Your message should not contain any written words.** We want the show visitors to look at your quilt and attempt to decipher the message you are sending. We will reveal the message on the registration card that is posted by your quilt.

Attached is a chart of the alphabet in Morse Code, the meanings of flowers, sign language chart, and the Ford Shorthand alphabet. Use the emoji website noted above for 44 pages of emojis! Use the websites noted above for examples of road signs and flags that can be used to convey your message. Use your imagination in using facial expressions, body language or gestures (nothing rude please). \_If you chose Morse Code you could use rectangles (dashes) and squares (dots) or use buttons for the dots, ribbon or long beads for the dashes, etc. You can also choose to embroider your message on the quilt, hide your message under a flower petal, be creative. **And have fun!**

Questions? Members can contact Maureen Weflen via email (in the Members section of the website). Non-members may send an email to Maureen by clicking on Contact at the top of the website page.

## Learn Morse Code

You can write Morse code, or send it via sounds or lights.  
Dots represent a short sound or light, and dashes a long sound or light.

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G --.-	H ....	I ..	J -.--	K -.-	L .-...
M --	N -.	O ---	P -.-.-	Q --.-	R .-.
S ...	T -	U ...-	V ...-	W -.-	X -.-.-
Y -.-.-	Z --.-	0 -----	1 -----	2 -----	3 -----
4 ....-	5 .....	6 -.....	7 --.....	8 ---.....	9 ----.....

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## Ford Improved Shorthand Alphabet

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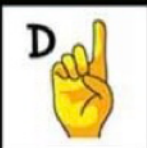
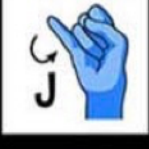




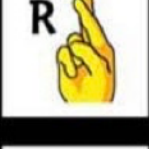



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As every flower lover knows, flowers have a language of their own. Every sentiment is expressed in one form or another by these delicate blooms. Of course, even the experts disagree on the "true meaning" of many flowers and most have different meanings to different people. So, while all flowers convey thoughtfulness and love, here are some of the more traditional flower meanings, according to one source. See, if you agree. And, remember, a gift of flowers for a special someone will always create its own personal meaning, too.

1. **ACACIA** - Concealed Love, Beauty in Retirement, Chaste Love
2. **AMBROSIA** - Your Love is Reciprocated
3. **AMARYLLIS** - Pride, Pastoral Poetry
4. **ANEMONE** - Forsaken
5. **ARBUTUS** - Thee Only Do I Love
6. **ASTER** - Symbol of Love, Daintiness
7. **AZALEA** - Take Care of Yourself for Me, Temperance, Fragile Passion, Chinese Symbol of Womanhood
8. **BACHELOR BUTTON** - Single Blessedness
9. **BEGONIA** - Beware
10. **BELLS OF IRELAND** - Good Luck
11. **BITTERSWEET** - Truth
12. **BLUEBELL** - Humility
13. **CACTUS** - Endurance
14. **CAMELLIA (PINK)** - Longing for you
15. **CAMELLIA (RED)** - You're a Flame in My Heart
16. **CAMELLIA (WHITE)** - You're Adorable
17. **CARNATION (GENERAL)** - Fascination, Woman Love
18. **CARNATION (PINK)** - I'll Never Forget You
19. **CARNATION (RED)** - My Heart Aches For You, Admiration
20. **CARNATION (PURPLE)** - Capriciousness
21. **CARNATION (SOLID COLOR)** - Yes
22. **CARNATION (STRIPED)** - No, Refusal, Sorry I Can't Be With You, Wish I Could Be With You
23. **CARNATION (WHITE)** - Sweet and Lovely, Innocence, Pure Love, Woman's Good Luck Gift
24. **CARNATION (YELLOW)** - You Have Disappointed Me, Rejection
25. **CATTAIL** - Peace, Prosperity
26. **CHRYSANTHEMUM (GENERAL)** - You're a Wonderful Friend, Cheerfulness and Rest.
27. **CHRYSANTHEMUM (WHITE)** - Truth
28. **CHRYSANTHEMUM (YELLOW)** - Slighted Love
29. **CROCUS** - Cheerfulness
30. **CYCLAMEN** - Resignation and Good-bye
31. **DAFFODIL** - Regard, Unrequited Love, You're the Only One, The Sun is Always Shining when I'm with You
32. **DAISY** - Innocence, Loyal Love, I'll Never Tell, Purity
33. **DANDELION** - Faithfulness, Happiness
34. **FERN** - Magic, Fascination, Confidence and Shelter
35. **FIR** - Time
36. **FLAX** - Domestic Symbol
37. **FORGET-ME-NOT** - True Love, Memories
38. **FORSYTHIA** - Anticipation
39. **GARDENIA** - You're Lovely, Secret Love
40. **GERANIUM** - Stupidity, Folly
41. **GLADIOLI** - Give Me a Break, I'm Really Sincere, Flower of the Gladiators
42. **GLOXINIA** - Love at First Sight
43. **HEATHER (LAVENDER)** - Admiration, Solitude
44. **HEATHER (WHITE)** - Protection, Wishes Will Come True
45. **HOLLY** - Defense, Domestic Happiness
46. **HYACINTH (GENERAL)** - Games and Sports, Rashness, Flower Dedicated to Apollo
47. **HYACINTH (BLUE)** - Constancy
48. **HYACINTH (PURPLE)** - I am Sorry, Please Forgive Me, Sorrow
49. **HYACINTH (RED OR PINK)** - Play
50. **HYACINTH (WHITE)** - Loveliness, I'll Pray for You
51. **HYACINTH (YELLOW)** - Jealousy
52. **HYDRANGEA** - Thank You for Understanding, Frigidity, Heartlessness
53. **IRIS** - Fleur-de-lis, Emblem of France, Your Friendship Means so Much to Me, Faith, Hope, Wisdom and Valor, My Compliments
54. **IVY** - Wedded Love, Fidelity, Friendship, Affection
55. **JONQUIL** - Love Me, Affection Returned, Desire, Sympathy, Desire for Affection Returned
56. **LARKSPUR (PINK)** - Fickleness
57. **LILY (WHITE)** - Virginity, Purity, Majesty, It's Heavenly to be with You
58. **LILY (YELLOW)** - I'm Walking on Air, False and Gay
59. **LILY (CALLA)** - Beauty

60. **LILY (DAY)** - Coquetry, Chinese Emblem for Mother
61. **LILY (EUCCHARIS)** - Maiden Charms
62. **LILY (TIGER)** - Wealth, Pride
63. **LILY OF THE VALLEY** - Sweetness, Tears of the Virgin Mary, Return to Happiness, Humility, You've Made My Life Complete
64. **MAGNOLIA** - Nobility
65. **MARIGOLD** - Cruelty, Grief, Jealousy
66. **MISTLETOE** - Kiss me, Affection, To Surmount Difficulties, Sacred Plant of India
67. **MONKSHOOD** - Beware, A Deadly Foe is Near
68. **MOSS** - Maternal Love, Charity
69. **MYRTLE** - Love, Hebrew Emblem of Marriage
70. **NARCISSUS** - Egotism, Formality, Stay as Sweet as You Are
71. **NASTURTIUM** - Conquest, Victory in Battle
72. **OLEANDER** - Caution
73. **ORANGE BLOSSOM** - Innocence, Eternal Love, Marriage and Fruitfulness
74. **ORANGE MOCK** - Deceit
75. **ORCHID** - Love, Beauty, Refinement, Beautiful Lady, Chinese Symbol for Many Children
76. **ORCHID (CATTLEYA)** - Mature Charm
77. **PALM LEAVES** - Victory and Success
78. **PEONY** - Shame, Happy Life, Happy Marriage
79. **PETUNIA** - Resentment, Anger, Your Presence Soothes Me
80. **PINE** - Hope, Pity
81. **POPPY (GENERAL)** - Eternal Sleep, Oblivion, Imagination
82. **POPPY (RED)** - **POPPY (WHITE)** - Consolation
83. **POPPY (YELLOW)** - Wealth, Success
84. **PRIMROSE** - I Can't Live Without You
85. **PRIMROSE (EVENING)** - Inconstancy
86. **ROSE (BRIDAL)** - Happy Love
87. **ROSE (DARK CRIMSON)** - Mourning
88. **ROSE (HIBISCUS)** - Delicate Beauty
89. **ROSE (LEAF)** - You May Hope
90. **ROSE (PINK)** - Perfect Happiness, Please Believe Me
91. **ROSE (RED)** - Love, I Love You
92. **ROSE (TEA)** - I'll Remember Always
93. **ROSE (THORNLESS)** - Love at First Sight
94. **ROSE (WHITE)** - Innocence and Purity, I am Worthy of You, You're Heavenly, Secrecy and Silence
95. **ROSE (WHITE AND RED MIXED)** - Unity, Flower Emblem of England
96. **ROSE (WHITE-DRIED)** - Death is Preferable to Loss of Virtue
97. **ROSE (YELLOW)** - Decrease of Love, Jealousy, Try to Care
98. **ROSEBUD** - Beauty and Youth, A Heart Innocent of Love
99. **ROSEBUD (RED)** - Pure and Lovely
100. **ROSEBUD (WHITE)** - Girlhood
101. **ROSEBUD (MOSS)** - Confessions of Love
102. **ROSES (Bouquet of Mature Blooms)** - Gratitude
103. **ROSES (Single Full Bloom)** - I Love You, I Still Love You
104. **SMILAX** - Loveliness
105. **SNAPDRAGON** - Deception, Gracious Lady
106. **SPIDER FLOWER** - Elope with Me
107. **STEPHANOTIS** - Happiness in Marriage, Desire to Travel
108. **STOCK** - Bonds of Affection, Promptness, You'll Always Be Beautiful to Me
109. **SWEETPEA** - Good-bye, Departure, Blissful Pleasure, Thank You for a Lovely Time
110. **TULIP (GENERAL)** - Perfect Lover, Frame, Flower Emblem of Holland
111. **TULIP (RED)** - Believe Me, Declaration of Love
112. **TULIP (VARIEGATED)** - Beautiful Eyes
113. **TULIP (YELLOW)** - There's Sunshine in Your Smile
114. **VIOLET** - Modesty
115. **VIOLET (BLUE)** - Watchfulness, Faithfulness, I'll Always Be True
116. **VIOLET (WHITE)** - Let's Take a Chance
117. **ZINNIA (MAGENTA)** - Lasting Affection
118. **ZINNIA (MIXED)** - Thinking (or In Memory) of an Absent Friend
119. **ZINNIA (SCARLET)** - Constancy
120. **ZINNIA (WHITE)** - Goodness
121. **ZINNIA (YELLOW)** - Daily Remembrance

Source: AFS, Teleflora, and 1-800-FLORALS

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