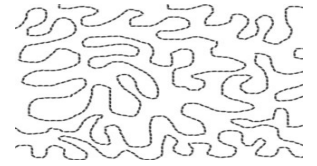


EVENING STAR QUILTERS' GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



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A Note From the ESQG Vice-President

Welcome to National Women's History Month 2020! This month is the time we focus on the contributions women made to historical events as well as to our modern society. The idea of dedicating an entire month to celebrating women began back in 1911, when the first International Women's "Day" was celebrated in California. From there it took many years before the day turned into a week under President Jimmy Carter. In February 1980, President Carter was the man to issue the proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. President Carter recognized the fact that women throughout history worked along side the men to bring peace with the Native Americans, supported and fought in Civil and World Wars, and continually battled for Civil Rights. He knew that the contributions women made to our history were going unnoticed. Women such as Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone, Harriet Tubman all became household names under his term as President of these United States. It was not until 1987 that Congress finally passed a statute declaring the entire month of March National Women's History **Month**, and the proclamation has continued each year since. Currently the Women's Progress Commission continues to promote interest in preserving areas that are relevant in American women's history.

As we are aware, it is always important to remember where we came from. The Evening Star Quilters' history began nearly 33 years ago in a living room in Belvidere, New Jersey. Jane Schreffler and her mother began quilting together. They invited friends over to quilt with them, who invited their friends over to quilt. The group grew each week until it was too big to meet in anyone's living room. In September 1987, Jane, her mom, and nearly 30 women decided it was time to form a guild, and the Evening Star Quilters Guild was born. Almost 33 years later, just look around you and see what they created. See all the good we have done, all the skills that have grown, all the smiles we have shared. Thank you, Jane!

Celebrate the women in your life this month. It is time to appreciate all of them!
See you Tuesday... in the high school library!

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REMEMBER

THINGS TO BRING TO THE MARCH MEETING:

QOV blocks
Antique Show and Tell
Green Goodies to Share!
Water, coffee, or soda for yourself
Smiles and helping hands!

Show and Tell: Antique Quilts

March is Women's History Month and what better way to honor our fore-mothers than by sharing some of our favorite antique quilts? If you have one with a story, or without, please bring it to share with the guild this month. Perhaps your grandmother made it, or great-grandmother, or the maker is unknown. Share those signatures and fine stitches with the fine folks of ESQG!

Not Your Ordinary Bed Cover

Our March program will feature guest speaker Nancy Weston who will share her program, "Not Your Ordinary Bed Cover: Quilts of Protest." This should be an interesting topic and may generate some discussion among the members. Nancy comes to us from the Colonial Quilters' Guild in Bethlehem, PA and is an experienced quilter and instructor. Since March is Women's History Month, you can look forward to an intriguing presentation from Nancy!

Change of Venue March 10th!

We will be meeting in the **Belvidere High School Library**/Media Room on **Tuesday, March 10th**. Nancy needed some technical support for her presentation and the school needed the auditorium, so when you don't see us in the cafeteria, you will find us in the Library!! Same Bat time. Same Bat Channel.

Red and White Blocks Awarded

A "seam"ingly fitting conclusion to our months of making and collecting the beautiful red and white blocks: one set of blocks was awarded to Sharon Rehrig, our pattern creator and organizer for this one-time event. Our second winner was one of our new members, Bev Anderson. Congratulations to both winners!! We look forward to seeing the finished quilts! ...and just in case you really did not want to win, there are a few members who would gladly take those UFO potentials off your hands in a New York minute! Thank you again to Sharon for taking charge and planning, designing, cutting, and organizing the Red and White block program. Another guild success!

Nominating Committee Needed

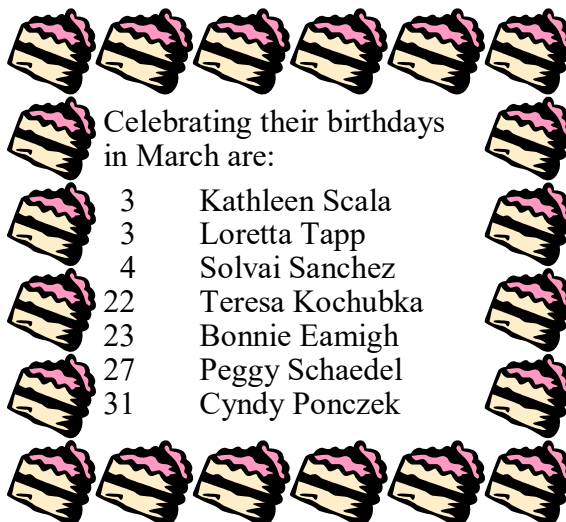
Just a heads up for April: According to our by-laws we must have a nominating committee in place as of the April meeting. The committee's task is to contact all members of the guild to receive either nominations or volunteers for the five elected positions within the guild: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian. In even years such as this, you must also find two Quilt Show Chairpersons to add to the ballot. The President's position is the only position with a term limit of two years. All other offices can be perpetual, provided the officer is willing to continue. Three members must form the committee as of the April meeting. This is the only committee in which the President cannot serve. The nominating committee must provide a slate of nominations at the May meeting and conduct the elections at the June meeting. Please give this some thought and consider volunteering to serve on this committee.

Board Meetings Slated

Upcoming board meeting dates:

- April 7 - at Sue DeCamp's home
- June 2 - at Sharon Kubich's home

All members are welcome to attend. Committee Chairpersons are encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars.



2020 Mystery Quilt Revealed!!

On Saturday, February 8th, about 16 members gathered at St. John's Church in Hope, NJ and began to unveil this year's mystery quilt. Most of the women completed the quilt top by 2 pm and everyone was pleased with the results. The quilts were displayed at the February meeting. It is always fun to see the different colors and different layouts of the same block pattern. Thank you to Marlene and Leana for hosting our Mystery again this year. Lunch was fabulous and filling! If you did not attend, you missed out on a great day of sewing and "sew"cializing!

***Marble A-mazing Quilts***

Despite the lost workshop in January, guild members stepped up to take on the Marble Maze quilts! ALL of the kits for the quilts were claimed at the February meeting. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to make these little quilts. Judy would like to have them returned by the April meeting, so you still have some time to work on them. If you have any concerns, please contact Judy Zeitler.

Stand-by Name Tags Available

Although we encourage everyone to create their own quilted nametag, there are many who forget to wear it or bring it to our monthly meetings. In light of this, Sharon Kubich created nametags for all of our members and will bring them to meetings each month. If you forget your self-created tag, please take a moment to find your nametag in the box at the sign-in table. It is important that we get to know our new members and our new members get to know us! Please remember to replace your tag at the end of the meeting.

Heartfelt Hospitality

Thank you to the ladies who brought in Red, Pink, and White heartfelt hospitality last month! Everything looked so yummy and produced quite the buffet of giggles and chatter. This month, let's Go Green! Since we have another paid speaker, it's nice to have a small spread. Please, please, please! Do not mix up the hospitality theme with the Show and Tell theme this month.

Quilts of Valor Workshop

We asked for Ohio Star blocks. We got Ohio Star blocks... nearly 150 blocks! Thank you to everyone who turned in blocks, but now we need you again. Saturday, March 14th, is assembly day. Not the state assembly, not the general assembly - but we do need you to generally assemble in order to assemble our Quilts of Valor from all the blocks we've, well... assembled! Theresa Schoonover will lead the assembly of blocks and already has donated fabrics from our former guild member and Quilt of Valor representative, Trudy Frey. So, bring your sewing machine and basic supplies to St. John's United Methodist Church in Hope, NJ on **Saturday, March 14th, from 9 am to 3 pm**, and let's get these quilts assembled! Whew! Lunch will be provided.

Color Play with Laura Lyman

Laura will be returning in April for her presentation and workshop on *Color Play*. We often hear those quiet whispers, "I love her colors!" or "How *does* she choose her colors?" or "I would *never* have *thought* of using that color..." when describing someone else's quilt. Laura will show us how it's done! Join us for her lecture in April and sign up for her workshop the following **Saturday, April 18th**. There is no charge for the workshop, but we need to know if you are coming so we can order lunch. Sign up with Cindy Smith as soon as possible.

Mia Whang to Speak on Textiles, Colors, and Production

Our May speaker comes to us from Centenary University in Hackettsown, NJ. Mia is the Associate Professor of Fashion in the Fine Arts Department at Centenary. She has been teaching there since 2011. Mia earned her PhD in Apparel & Textiles at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. Since March 1985, Ms. Whang worked for various companies in Seoul, Korea as a designer and merchandiser until she moved to the United States in 1995. Mia's area of interest includes flat pattern making, wearable art, and sustainable fashion utilizing the "up-cycling" idea. Her instruction at Centenary includes classes in apparel construction, fashion sketching, and the history of costume in addition to sustainable fashion design and fashion graphics. We look forward to her presentation on textiles, colors, and production as she shares her wealth of knowledge with us in May! Please join us on **Tuesday, May 12th**, to welcome Mia to an area of textile management she is unfamiliar with: quilting!

Luke Haynes to Present at BHS May 14th

Luke Haynes will be our special guest on **Thursday, May 14th**, at the Belvidere High School auditorium. Luke comes to us from Kansas City, MO and will be available for a **meet and greet from 6 pm to 7 pm** that evening, just prior to his presentation and trunk show at 7 pm. Bonnie Eamigh will be organizing a Tricky-Tray event for the evening, so please forward any quilt notions, or quilted items her way. If you are interested in putting together a basket on your own, please notify Bonnie of your theme. Kathleen Scala is in charge of hospitality for the evening. Kathleen will let us know what she needs as the time draws near. Kathleen Daniels provided a flyer for us, which has been approved by Luke, and was emailed to members February 22nd. Please look for the email, print out some flyers and hand them out to your friends and neighbors. Luke has a great personality and is full of energy. People will enjoy the show. Sheila Handy is designing the tickets, which are available online by contacting Sharon Kubich. General admission is only \$10. ESQG members attend for free. Please talk up the show and bring lots of guests!



Ugly Ducklings turning into Beautiful Swans

The Ugly Fabric challenge is underway! We are starting to get sneak peaks at a few of those *ugly ducklings* and let me tell you, we are seeing some *beautiful swans* emerging from those fabrics. Keep working on those quilts and other items using your "ugly" fabric. Remember your project can be a quilt (no smaller than 36" square), a purse, an apron, or other item deemed appropriate for your fabric. It must be completed. The ugly fabric must be an integral part of your project and recognizable in the finished item. You must supply a 5" square of the ugly fabric to be displayed with your challenge. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder... and keep an eye on that ugly duckling, for it will be a beautiful swan by June!

Evening Star Quilters Guild Calendar of Events 2019 - 2020

Date	Event	Speaker	Time	Location
March 10, 2020	Regular Meeting-	Protest Quilts by Nancy Weston	7PM	Belvidere High School Library
March 14, 2020	Stiches in Hope	Quilts of Valor Workshop	9AM - 3PM	St. John's Methodist Church, Hope, NJ
April 7, 2020	Board Meeting	NA	6PM	Sue DeCamp's Home
April 14, 2020	Regular Meeting	Color Play by Laura Lyman	7PM	Belvidere High School
April 18, 2020	Stitches in Hope	Color Play workshop w/ Laura Lyman	9AM - 3PM	St. John's Methodist Church, Hope, NJ
May 12, 2020	Regular Meeting	Mia Whang Fabric and Color History	7PM	Belvidere High School
May 14, 2020	Special Event	Luke Haynes	6 PM	Belvidere High Sch. Auditorium
May 16, 2020	Stitches in Hope	TBD	9AM - 3PM	St. John's Methodist Church, Hope, NJ
June 2, 2020	Board Meeting	NA	6PM	Sharon Kubich's Home
June 9, 2020	Regular Meeting	Ice Cream Social	7PM	Belvidere High School
July/August	Warren County Fair			Harmony Fair Grounds



Most people think the blade of the seam ripper is the most important part, but that's wrong. After we see how to use the little red ball we realize how incredibly fast it can work. Click on the link below to see a little two-minute video how-to.

(It will sound like it's in a foreign language at first, but it's just Australian!)

<http://www.keepnuinstitchesquilting.com/seam-rippers-little-ball-secret-exposed/2/>

Raffle License Renewed!

The 2020 blue and yellow *Crossroads to Confusion* raffle quilt is in the hands of the machine quilter. Reports from Rosemarie Greg indicate we have our license! Stay tuned!



Makers Day

New Jersey will be celebrating Makers Day on **Saturday, March 21st**. We have joined them in the past at the Belvidere/Main branch of the Warren County Library by demonstrating and instructing participants on the art of hand-quilting. We still do not have any volunteers for this year. If you are interested in doing this, it is an all-day event, but very worthwhile in promoting our craft.

You can demonstrate using the sewing machine, machine quilting, applique, hand-quilting, or just coloring pictures of quilt blocks to show various aspects of color! There are so many sides to quilting. Please notify Cindy Smith if you are interested in representing our guild at Makers Day 2020!

More information can be found at njmakersday.org.



Fantastic Scrapstashtic

Janellea Macbeth was our speaker in February and what an enjoyable meeting it was! Janellea's enthusiasm for scraps, organizing her scraps, and actually using her scraps was infectious!! Two people won premiere copies of her newest pattern which was due to be released on Amazon February 27th. Janellea was animated and engaging. She sold several copies of her book "Scrapstashtic Quilts" which were different from the norm in that she offers plans and layouts to trigger ideas, not so much pictures of finished products. Very interesting ideas and very enjoyable presentation!

Congratulations Rich Danner!

Congratulations to our "man-quilter," Rich Danner for having his quilt accepted into the 2020 Stitch Your Art Out Quilt Competition at the 31st Annual Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival in Hampton, VA. The event was held February 27 through March 1, 2020. We are so proud of our local quilter!



I saw a post regarding Carpel Tunnel from sewing and found these exercises. I have heard that using your thumb instead of finger to push needle through the fabric while hand quilting helps.

1. Hold your arms straight out in front of you. Extend your hands, fingers pointing up, in the "stop" position. Hold for a count of five.
2. Straighten your wrists and relax your fingers.
3. Make a tight fist with both hands. Bend both wrists down while keeping the fists and hold for a count of five.
4. Straighten wrists and relax fingers for a count of five.

Repeat this exercise 10 times, then let your arms hang loosely at your sides and shake them for a few minutes.



■ ***Penn Rose Quilters' Buffet 2020*** will be
 ■ held **Saturday, April 18th, from 8:30 am**
 ■ **to 2:45 pm** at the Shoeneck Moravian
 ■ Church in Nazareth PA. Six mini-series will
 ■ be presented this year with session times
 ■ increased to 75 minutes. The cost is \$45 for
 ■ three sessions and lunch. **The deadline for**
 ■ **registration is March 25, 2020.** For more
 ■ information visit Penn Rose Quilt Guild on
 ■ the web.



The Colonial Quilters Guild of
 Bethlehem, PA will be hosting their
 “QuiltFest 2020” Quilt Show at the
 Charles Chrin Community Center,
 4100 Green Pond Rd., Palmer
 Township, PA 18045 on **Saturday,**
May 2, 10 am - 4pm, and on **Sunday,**
May 3, 10 am - 3 pm. Admission to
 the show is \$8. This year a donation
 from the proceeds will be made to
 Lehigh Valley Military Affairs
 Council - Blue Star Moms.
 Also, please note that a program titled
 “American Pride” will be presented on
Saturday, May 2 at 1 pm. The
 program will be presented by Arlan
 and Pat Christ.
 If you have any questions, please email
colonialquilters@gmail.com

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