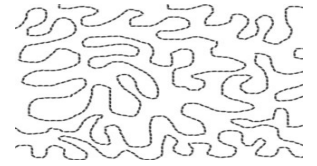


EVENING STAR QUILTERS' GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



MAY 2021

A Note From the ESQG Vice-President

Spring is a time for cleaning. We hear terms like “spring cleaning” and “airing of the quilts.” We clean out our winter clothes and replace the space with our summer clothes. We open windows, rake up the dead leaves, clean up the yard... but what do we do in our quilt studio? I read an article in *AARP* magazine recently that indicated that clutter has been linked to stress and anxiety. *Oh no!* Clutter can even be linked to overeating and procrastination. *Oh my!* Apparently, clutter does more than take up space. *Uh oh!* According to minimalists (that is actually a term now) purchasing many items costs money, which can lead to financial stress and the need to work harder to acquire more... but what about our quilt supplies? Items require space and storage, but organizing it now is “well-planned hoarding”... but what about our fabric? The husband of a friend of mine refers to Missouri Star Quilt Company as “Misery,” due to the number of shipments she receives from their online store. Clearly he read the same article and understands little about quilting and our God-given right to buy fabric, patterns, and supplies. Little makes me happier than walking into my quilting room and playing in my bins of fabric searching for yet another project to create from my stash. No sir! We are not hoarders of cloth. We are not obsessive about our machines and scissors.

Clutter is also the sign of a creative mind! Did you know that? *Yes!* Einstein once said, “A cluttered desk is a reflection of what is in your head. If a cluttered desk is the sign of a cluttered mind, then what are we to think of an empty desk?”

I must admit, I do clear off my sewing table when I begin a new project, and I am looking forward to moving into my new studio eventually and I am hoping to be more organized... but stress? No way! Not in my sewing room. Messy or not, I am coming in and I am sewing to my heart's content. It's my happy place! Stress be banned. Clutter is our friend. Bring it on!

See you Tuesday, May 11th! Bring your clutter!

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REMEMBER

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE MAY ZOOM MEETING:

Favorite beverage
Log in before 7 pm
Baltimore Album Show & Tell
Wear a smile!

SHOW & TELL: Baltimore Album Quilts

Since our speaker is giving us the goods on the Baltimore Album quilt design, let's see how many of our members already have a Baltimore Album quilt! Even if it's just a block, a wall hanging, or a beautifully intended UFO; we want to see what you have made in the Baltimore Album style!



EVENING STAR'S *HARVEST OF QUILTS* QUILT SHOW POSTPONED TO 2022

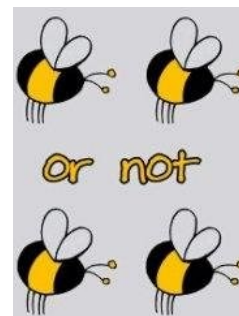
By unanimous vote, members of the Evening Star Quilters' Guild elected to postpone the *Harvest of Quilts* quilt show to 2022. Originally slated for October 2021, the event showcases quilts made by the members of Evening Star Quilters and offers demonstrations, food, and vendors to the public. This show is held specifically to educate the public in the art of quilt-making. Although it was not originally designed to be a major fundraiser for the guild, the popularity of the show has allowed the guild to host several well known quilt artists and instructors throughout the guild year. Please continue to make table runners and placemats for the charity tables, and collect books and magazines for the book sale table.

CALLING IN ALL COMMUNITY PROJECTS!

The May meeting is the deadline for collection of this year's community projects. It is time to finish up your pile of port pillows and pillow-cases for this season and turn them in to Judy Zeitler for distribution.

Feel free to continue to work on these projects as another collection will be made this fall. In addition, we are still collecting 3-yard cuts of fleece fabric for the blanket-bags for the Easton Children's Home this Christmas. Keep an eye out for sales on fleece!

The Board of Directors of the Warren County Fair is still hopeful and the fair is still slated to open July 31, 2021. At a recent meeting, the board announced it will wait until July 1st to decide whether it will actually open the gates to the public this summer. Rutgers Cooperative manages the local 4-H organizations and as of now, Rutgers continues to suspend all 4-H activity in NJ. Since the 4-H is a large portion of the fair, this greatly reduces the amount of activities normally held during fair week. Irene Compton is our liaison with the fair committee and feels we need to again make a decision (and prior to July 1) as to our participation in the Traditional Arts Building this year. Her concern is supported by the ESQG board. Please join us at the May guild meeting for further updates.



IS STILL ON THE FENCE

There is no update on the website for Victorian Days in Belvidere this September. If they do go ahead with this year's celebration, it will be held September 11 - 12, 2021. To date, we have no news, but please keep the weekend open. It is a wonderful day in the park. As vaccines progress, so too, will the outdoor gatherings.

SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED

Only one scholarship will be awarded this spring to a Belvidere High School student. The selected student is attending East Stroudsburg University to study Fashion Design. Congratulations!

GUILD TO ENTER SEMI-HIATUS

Due to the pandemic and continued issues with group gatherings and the low level of funds in our treasury, Evening Star Quilters may be taking a low- level hiatus starting in September. The board is working on plans to continue the Zoom meetings, but taking them in a different direction. Rather than hiring outside speakers this fall, we are considering a group project and using our Zoom meeting time to gather socially and sew together on a more involved, year-long quilt project. One suggestion was creating a One Block Wonder quilt, another suggestion includes an intricate block of the month project, or a series of smaller workshops directed by our guild members. Rest assured, we are not giving up the ship and we welcome any ideas from the membership. Stay tuned!

JAIMIE DAVIS REVEALS THE HISTORY AND MYSTERY OF BALTIMORE ALBUM QUILTS

Like most of us, Jaimie Davis is passionate about making quilts. Though she never considered herself an artist, Jaimie often doodled in the margins of her math and science notes in school. It wasn't until she started quilting, that she learned of her inner creativity. Her love of math and science also gave her the skills to pick apart every project to learn not only how to make it, but why it had to be done a certain way. This curiosity brought her to where she is now. **Jaimie will join us via Zoom at our May 11th meeting** to share her delights in digging into the creation of the beautiful Baltimore Album quilts we know and love today.



MYSTERY QUILT REVEALED!

The final steps were emailed to members participating in the Mystery quilt project this year as the spring equinox came into play! It is time to assemble all of those blocks into a beautiful quilt top and *get-er-done!* Thank you to Leana and Marlene for taking on the leadership rolls again this year. It was well organized and spot on every time! It will be wonderful to see all the finished products. Here are a few more...

On the top is Cindy Smith's Mystery Quilt and the bottom one is Kathleen Scala's "Oops Variation on the 2021 Mystery Quilt." Can you tell what she did differently to get this design??

When you finish your quilt, please send a picture to Cindy Smith so we can post it in the next newsletter.

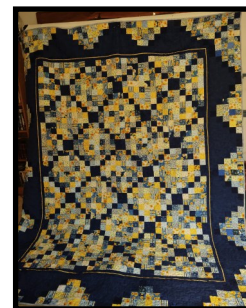


SIGNATURE BLOCKS WINNER

✧ Congratulations to Sharon Rehrig, the winner of last month's Block of the Month, the Signature Block. As it turns out, April was Sharon's birthday month, so this was a sweet celebration for her. The block included monochromatic colors, the Evening Star logo, and signatures from participating members which will create a lovely memento of the guild. Sharon should receive at least 12 blocks based on "the list". Once again, Congratulations Sharon Rehrig

RAFFLE QUILT 2021 AT A CROSSROAD

The guild decided to go ahead with the sale of raffle tickets for the Crossroads Raffle quilt this year. We will not be adding the location of the final drawing on the tickets, since we do not know where the guild will be in December. Tickets will be printed and attempts will be made to sell tickets at various fairs and permitted gatherings, via Facebook, Zoom meetings, etc. Each member may be receiving up to 50 tickets each. We can only request you do your best to sell as many as possible in order to build up the treasury for 2021/2022.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH - SPRING TULIP

Of course we all know the verse, "April showers bring May flowers," so what better way to celebrate May than by creating Spring Tulips! These cute flower blocks are only 6 x 12 finished, so please be sure to make two! Everyone needs a brightly colored spring quilt for their bed or sofa this time of year. Have fun with the block this month and be sure to notify Cindy Smith at numbers3.cs@gmail.com or text 908-310-2466 when you complete your blocks and wish to be added to the list for the drawing in May. If you have any questions about the directions, please contact Sharon Rehrig at timelystitches1947@gmail.com. Thank you for participating and good luck!!

**Left top - Sharon Kubich's tulips;
bottom - Cindy Smith's tulips**

SUNSHINE



Please continue to keep Marlene Marlowe in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to bounce back and forth between home and the hospital.

Marlene is dealing with several ongoing issues with the pacemaker as well as bursitis, etc.

Also, send healing thoughts and prayers to Cyndy Ponczek. Cyndy battled breast cancer several years ago and unfortunately has learned that it has returned. Cyndy is approaching this with a positive attitude, but your continued encouragement will certainly help.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN MAY:

- 5/16 May Dudding**
- 5/21 Darlene Kerr**
- 5/14 Donna Koenig**



FUSION OF FEEDBACK, PLEASE

Our Vice-President attended *three* sessions of the Global Quit Connection roundtables recently and has numerous ideas for speakers and workshops for the upcoming guild year. We are currently looking at the following presenters:

Meg Cox: International Quilt Museum (Nebraska) (lecture)

Tina Craig: English Paper Piecing vs Foundation Paper Piecing (lecture & workshop)

Mel Beach: Free Motion Quilting on your domestic machine (workshop)

Karen Combs: Quilts of Illusion (lecture & workshop)

Candy Grisham: Dresden Quilts Re-imagined (lecture & workshop)

Lisa Sheppard Stewart: African fabric string quilts (lecture & workshop ~ includes jelly roll of African prints)

Julie Silber (Appraiser & Collector): Antique Quilts (lecture)

Ann Shaw: Photos to Quilts (lecture & workshop)

Provided we have the funds to continue to bring in speakers and/or offer workshops, what interests you? What would you like to learn? Please review our list of possibilities and send your selections or ideas to Cindy Smith at numbers3.cs@gmail.com

QUILT LOVERS



Saturday, July 31st, 2021

All prizes are quilts or quilted items!

Hosted by the Pocono Mt. Quilters' Guild at:



**The Moose Lodge
705 Stokes Road
East Stroudsburg, PA**

Tickets \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door
(includes admission and cards for every game)

Additional cards, raffles, food, etc., will be available

For tickets and/or information, please call:

Kathy Parrish (570) 242-8954

AnnMarie Kizer (570)269-5256

Doors / Kitchen open at 12pm

~ Games begin at 1:00pm

Tickets are limited! You must have a ticket to enter!

**Guild Officers
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BOARD MEETINGS SLATED

Upcoming board meeting dates:
June 1

All meetings are at 6:30 pm and currently planned as Zoom meetings.

All members are welcome to attend.

Committee Chairpersons are encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars.

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