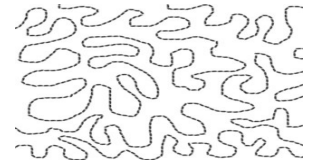


EVENING STAR QUILTERS' GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



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A Note From the ESQG Vice-President

Greetings! When we were young we played a lot of eenie meenie miney mo, whether to choose teams, or to solve problems, or to decide what to wear to school that day. Sometimes when I feel I need to sew, but I cannot decide what to work on, I play eenie meenie miney mo with my projects. Sometimes the method works, sometimes... well, not so much.

When I travel, I always bring along two or three quilt magazines "just in case." That "just in case" means I found a new quilt shop and also found some fabric "I absolutely have to have!" My solution for that, since I promise myself not to buy anything that is not needed for a project, is to pull out said magazines, find a suitable pattern within and purchase said "gotta have" fabric. It's the little things.

Needless to say, recently these two games I play with myself came together in a rather unusual project for me. Hey, it's 2020 where nothing is normal, so let's see where this goes.

Unfortunately, having already purchased all of the fabric last summer, I neglected to read through the pattern first, and found myself cutting blocks to the 1/8", 3/8", 5/8", 1/4", and 3/4", etc., for a BIG block quilt. (The photo was quite deceiving.) All of my favorite "go to" rulers had to be set aside and I found myself using my cutting mat and longest ruler to make most of the cuts. Some of the cuts are 15" squares, the center is a 22" square, and the pattern was designed NOT to be trimmed. The pattern included flying geese and bias squares, but the "trim to" size had to be determined later as I attached them to other oddball-sized pieces, and some of those blocks could only be trimmed using my cutting mat for measurement. Trust me, after several years of using the Bloc-Loc and Wing Clipper rulers, trying to square up a block using the cutting mat lines just does not work well, especially on 15" bias squares and flying geese that measure 22" x 11".

Lessons learned in this project? Do not buy fabric for a pattern you have not read through completely. Do not make quilts with blocks larger than your rulers. When you play eenie meenie miney mo with your projects, go with the best out of three.

Hope to see you virtually on Tuesday, October 13th!

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REMEMBER

THINGS TO BRING TO THE OCTOBER ZOOM MEETING:

Coffee, tea, or water

Show & Tell

Questions for our Speaker

Smiles and helping hands!

SHOW AND TELL: CURVACEOUS CURVES

Have you done any curved piecing on your own? Please share it with the guild! Show us your Drunkard's Path quilts, your Fan quilts, and Dresden Plates. Many of us fear curved piecing, but it produces such gorgeous results. Circle your home and pull out those rare finds.

Let's see if your π is round or squared.

IT WAS "SEW" WONDERFUL TO SEE EVERYONE!

Our first meeting via Zoom went pretty well! We had 26 members attend our first Zoom meeting last month. Hopefully more of you will be able to join us in October! With the virtual capabilities we now have, we have been able to book quilt presenters from Norway, Colorado Springs, Pennsylvania, and California so far.

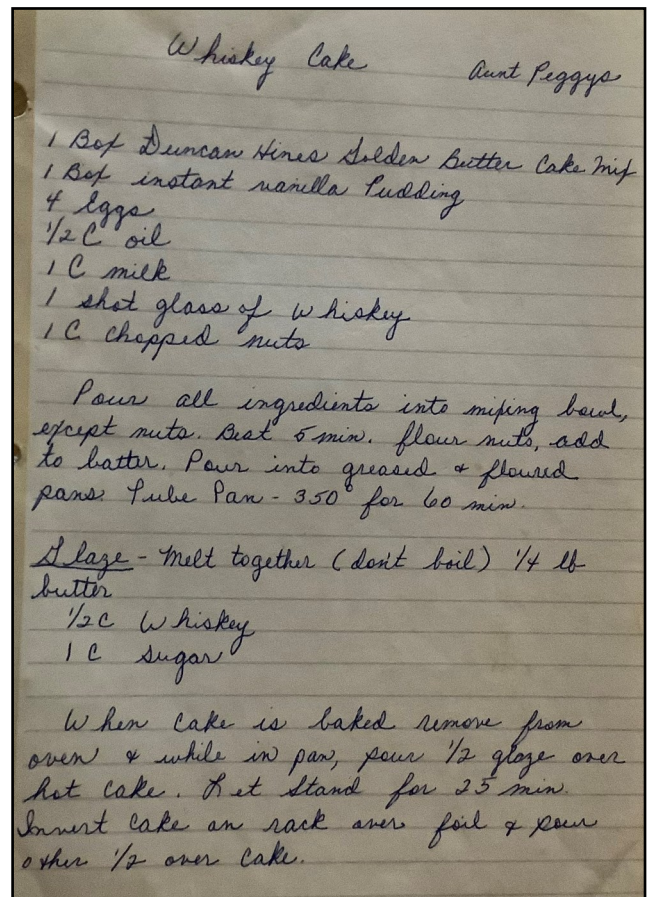
So stay tuned for some interesting meetings! As we move forward, we will become more comfortable with our new technology. Keep in mind, this virtual world is also new to most of our presenters as well. Please keep your patience in check as we explore new venues.

"SEW-CIALLY" DISTANCING AT SUE'S

New to us, but not new to the guild, Sharon Kubich offered a "sew-cial" distance outing last month. Years ago, members would offer their homes for a monthly sit and sew. The ladies of the guild were invited to member's homes for picnics, brunches, Christmas parties, etc. This year, since we have been kept away from each other, Sharon felt the need to bring us back together through outdoor venues compatible to social-distancing measures. The first event was held at Sue DeCamp's home on a beautiful day, so no tents were required! 19 members attended and enjoyed chatting, sharing ideas, showing projects, and eating the great lunch hosted by the guild and provided by Sharon Kubich and Judy Zeitler. Sue DeCamp's cake was an apparent hit with the afternoon crowd, and her recipe has already been shared with the guild. (To the right, in case you didn't receive it.)

The next "sew-cially" distanced event will be held at Lopatcong Veteran's Rally Point on **Saturday, October 10th** from **11 am to 2 pm**. If using your GPS, it is Lopatcong Park Pavilion, Upper Field Path, Phillipsburg NJ 08865. If you are coming from the north and heading down Rt. 519, instead of turning left on Rt. 519 to the fairgrounds, continue straight onto Belvidere Rd. and make a right on to Amy St. and into the park. Please bring your mask, a chair, and some baked goods, if you're up to it. We hope you can join us!

To the right are a few "party favors" from the get-together at Sue DeCamp's house last month.



NO WAY SHE'S FROM NORWAY!

Daisy Aschehoug is our virtual presenter for the October meeting. "Daisy makes quilts with patterns and colors that compliment a modern aesthetic and keep you cozy throughout the year. Her quilt designs are published in several magazines and books, and she teaches and lectures internationally on modern quilting and *sewing curves*! Her studio is located in Nesoddparken Kunst, south of Oslo, Norway." Daisy will be offering a trunk show of her quilts and will hopefully inspire us to do more curved piecing!

Daisy will also offer *a workshop on Thursday, October 15 from 10 am to 3 pm* (our time) via Zoom. Please notify Cindy Smith as soon as possible if you are interested in participating in the workshop. Daisy will offer the Zoom link, and Cindy will forward it to the guild members. You will be working from home on your own machine, with your own supplies, at your own rate. Daisy will be assisting and instructing us via Zoom.

The workshop will allow you to complete a 45" square design of straight lines and curved piecing called "Spinoff." This workshop is perfect for quilters new to piecing curves or just plain afraid to attempt them. The class will provide instruction on precise quarter circle squares (drunkard's path) and will discuss how to achieve an accurate circle for the center of your quilt design. Daisy will discuss strategies for selecting fabrics, tips and tricks of curved piecing, and alternate arrangements to create different effects. The class includes a digital pattern download. Please sign up and support our international quilting community!!

You may want to visit her website at WarmFolk.com.



JODY'S JEMS QUILTING IN NOVEMBER

Jody Beck comes to us from Pennsylvania. Jody is a designer and instructor of her own quilting designs. "Quilting brings great joy to those who create them; and comfort, peace, and love to those who receive them."

Jody's Jems use mostly the stack and slash technique, but true to form, she puts her own spin on the outcome. Jody began writing patterns in 2003 in order to teach others to make the quilts she created. Jody will be speaking on the "Art of Quilt Design" through a virtual trunk show during our November meeting. There will be a workshop following her lecture on either Thursday or Saturday. We are still in negotiations on the workshop.

Please consider joining us via Zoom for the meeting and workshops in November! You may visit her website at Jodysjemsquilting.com.

Celebrating their birthdays in October:

- 10/11 Rebecca Calzola
- 10/21 Irene Compton
- 10/25 Rosemarie Greg
- Angie Lemasters
- Christine McDonald



COMMUNITY PROJECTS ON THE MOVE!

Thank you to those who donated quilts and pillowcases to be sent to Bear Creek Quilting for victims of the Oregon Wildfire. The stories coming out of California and Oregon are just heartbreaking. Missouri Star is another company trying to help victims of the hurricanes and wildfires restock their sewing rooms, so please stay tuned as more requests come forward.

The Easton Childrens' Home will be looking for 40 fleece bag/blankets for Christmas. The guild has enough fleece for 21 blankets. **We are looking for 1.5 yd cuts of 60 inch wide fleece fabric suitable for children.**

If anyone has fleece they are willing to donate, please contact Judy Zeitler at 908.319.1793 or jzeitler@gmail.com.



Cases for Kids: Newton Hospital in New Jersey and St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, PA are both looking for children's pillowcases for the pediatric units. Members are asked to make themed pillowcases appropriate for children. This will be an ongoing project throughout the guild year. Please contact Judy Zeitler for pick-up and delivery.

Port Pillows are an easy project to do quickly at home. These little pillows are used by cancer patients, or any patient with a port, to relieve the stress of seat belts, and other clothing straps near the port site.

Please use 4" x 7" soft fuzzy fabric or flannel for the front and back. Attach a 4" strip of velcro to the middle, and stuff the pillow with fiberfill. These can be made anytime throughout the year. Contact Judy Zeitler for pick-up or questions.



Marble Mazes were part of our community projects last year for autistic and Alzheimer patients. If anyone has some at home that still need to be donated, please contact Judy.

A big heart-felt thank you to all of you who continue to donate supplies, masks, plus any and all of our current community projects. The love of our quilting community knows no bounds when it comes to giving. Let's keep Judy busy by getting these items in her hands to distribute throughout our community!!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - HALLOWEEN

A big thank you to Sharon Rehrig who stepped up and volunteered to run the Block-of-the-Month program virtually this year!

Our first block pattern was emailed to all guild members a couple of weeks ago. The first one is a 12" block using light yellow background, rusty orange, gold, black and a Halloween fabric square for the center. If you made a block *AND* wish to participate in the drawing, **please contact Cindy Smith** at numbers3.cs@gmail.com; text or call 908.310.2466 to let her know you want to be included.

The drawing will be held after the October 13th meeting and all members will be notified with the name and address of the winner. Each participant will be expected to snail mail their block to the winner shortly thereafter. Do your best work! Good luck to all!

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Are you a great party planner? Has it been a while since you planned one? Want to get back in the swing of it?

Since we do not have a raffle quilt tying us to the school this December, the board thought this would be a good time to take the guild out to dinner. If anyone would like to plan our holiday celebration for our December meeting, please find a restaurant, etc., and then contact Sharon Kubich or any Board Member.

Social distancing and group meeting limitations must be considered when looking at possible venues. Bear in mind these restrictions may be different in PA and NJ. Let's party like it's 1999!

FOOTHILLS MYSTERY REDEFINED

This year's mystery quilt was originally created for the Foothills Quilt Guild, but the Evening Star Quilters are taking over! Call it whatever you like, but the mystery is afoot. The fabric requirements and cutting directions have now been posted. Leana & Marlene have created their own distribution list of participants, so only those signed up for the mystery will be receiving each step. If you planned on doing the Mystery and did not receive the cutting directions, please notify Leana McCutcheon at mlmoonspinner@yahoo.com. Do not fall behind this time! There are surprises to be discovered along the way for those who keep up!!

WAYS & MEANS SIDE-LINED... ALMOST

Since we are not meeting in person this year, our Ways & Means program has been side-lined for the current guild year. However... as a trickle-over from last year, Bonnie Eamigh held a drawing for all the people who attended the monthly Saturday Stitching in Hope workshops and presented the winner, Sue DeCamp, with a FREE Membership for the 2020-2021 guild year. Congratulations Sue!!

Their UGLY FABRIC turned into BEAUTIFUL CREATIONS!!



Sharon Kubich and her granddaughter's Ugly Fabric Aprons.

Board Meetings Slated

Upcoming board meeting dates:

December 1

March 2

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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