



The Stitch Line

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Evening Star Quilter's

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Note from the President

We were so sorry that George Siciliano had pneumonia and was not able to attend our meeting. If all goes well he and Virginia will be attending our February meeting. The 'Make, Bake and Create' is still on for February as well. February is going to be another packed full of fun meeting.

Due to the program cancellation in January, we took the time to have a relaxed meeting. The time was spent discussing committees and up coming events in a more detail than usual. We have a busy couple of months ahead. All involves quilting and being with friends, so what else could be better? So check out the entire newsletter. It is filled with dates and times of some very exciting happenings with in the guild.

Financial Report

Beginning Balance: December 11, 2007 - \$10,363.88

Ending Balance: January 8, 2008 - \$10,370.82

If you are unable to attend meetings and would like to see a more detailed financial report than that presented in the newsletter, please contact Cindy Smith at 908-362-8598 or cascpa@nac.net.

Guests and New Members

We did not have any new members nor guests at the January meeting, but we did have 43 members with bells on attend the meeting.

Happy Birthday

Meg	Ferry	2/16
Kitty	Zaccaro	2/17

List of Committees

APQ Workshop – Sharon Kubich and Sharon Rehrig

BOM – Margaret Grande and Debbie Symonds

Challenge – Cindy Smith, Susan Duryea and Theresa Schoonover

Charity Quilts – Rosemarie Greg, Judy Tharp, Solvai Sanchez, Trudy Frey,
Susan Duryea, Peggy Schaedel, Miriam Dilts

Fat Quarter Exchange – Carolyn Smith, Alberta Bellis, Judy Tharp,
Denise Willever

Hospitality – Sharon Roehrig, Trina Hobbie, Joanne Davie

Mystery Quilt – Lucy Kise

New Member Liaison – Patty Kristoff

Newsletter – Sharon Kubich and Sharon Rehrig

Programs/Workshops – Judy Zeitler

Raffle Quilt – Theresa Schoonover

Saturday Stitchers – Patty Kristoff

Sunshine Girl – Sharon Roehrig
Victorian Days – Sharon Kubich
Victorian Tea – Fran Visicaro, Carol Smith and Marlene Marlow
Warren County Fair – Sharon Kubich
Ways and Means – Tammy Grover
Thank you, ladies, for serving on these committees.

At Piece Quiltery Workshop

Sharon Kubich and Sharon Rehrig are organizing a Christmas in April workshop for our members. The date is April 18th, from 6:00 to 9:30 PM. The cost is \$15.00 per person. There is a minimum number of 5 members needed to hold the workshop. The Sharon's will have the project and patterns available at the February meeting. You should be able to complete the project that night, but if you don't you will have plenty of time between April and Santa's arrival to complete it. Sharon Kubich will be baking Christmas cookies for us to eat and hopefully get you in the mood to work on a Christmas project in April and door prizes. Sign up sheet will be available at the February meeting.

Block of the Month

Congratulations to Solvai Sanchez for winning the set of blocks at the January meeting.

February- Batik and ow/ow
March - Civil War and ow/ow
April- Polka Dot and w/w
May - Floral and w/w
June- Pastels and w/w

Remember: make whichever block you chose from the packet. Just be sure to use the correct fabric theme from the list below.

Remembering Patty Burke

Don't forget to bring some extra dollars to the February meeting.

Solvai Sanchez won 4 completed beautiful autumn basket blocks and enough fabric to help complete a quilt.

Chances for Patty's blocks are \$1 and they can be purchased thru either Theresa or Cindy. Direct donations are welcome anytime if you do not wish to win the "kits".

All of the money collected will be donated to the ARC of Lehigh County in Patty's name.

Bus Trip to Lancaster Quilt Show

Tell every quilter you know! The Evening Star Quilter's Guild will be running a bus trip to the **Quilters' Heritage Celebration in Lancaster, Saturday, March 29, 2008.**

Price includes bus, ticket to the quilt show and dinner at Plain and Fancy Farms.

COST: \$65.00 per person

At this time we have **28** people signed up to go. We have a 54 passenger bus reserved. We would like to fill the bus. The more the merrier! With the price of gas these days, this is a steal!

Challenge

There is only one fat quarter left. Therefore, if you think you want to do the challenge, see Theresa. She reminded everyone who purchased a fat quarter to try really hard to complete and bring their challenge piece to the June meeting. There will be four first place prizes awarded: one for each season.

Charity Quilts

As previously announced, the charity quilts this year will be donated to our military veterans. The committee has decided on the "3-6-9" pattern. Thanks to all of you, the committee has all the dark, medium and light fat quarters they need to complete the packets. The committee will be handing out packets at the February meeting.

Directory of members

If you have a change in any of the information posted in the directory be sure to send your new information to Sharon Kubich at Sharon.kubich@eds.com or phone 908-859-1629

Fat Quarter Exchange

January theme is **Civil War Prints** – Winner at the January meeting was Jayne Bodolsky.

The fat quarter exchange coincides with the BOM.

Hospitality

The schedule for the year seems to be working really well. Thanks to all the volunteers for bringing in refreshments.

February volunteers for food is Darlene Kerr, Irene Compton and Miriam Dilts. Bringing drinks are Gayle Sauselein and Barbara Seppa.

Remember, if you would like to post your recipe on our web site, email it to Bill Roehrig at webmaster@esqg.com. We are starting to collect guild member's recipes and who knows, maybe someday we will print a cookbook.

Mystery Quilt

Are you ready to unveil the *Mystery*?

Mystery Quilt Workshop will be held on February 16, 2008 at St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. There will be coffee, tea, water, treats, bagels and lunch provided. If you would like soda, you need to provide it yourself. The cost for the workshop is \$20.00

Programs and Workshops

February - George and Virginia Siciliano: "**This Guy Must Be Nuts**". George designs and makes the most fascinating paper pieced projects you have ever laid your eyes on. You haven't seen miniatures until you've seen these!

Don't forget - Valentine exchange: "**Make, Bake, and Create**" *February is not just for lovers, it is for*  *guild members too!* We are asking members to make, bake, or create a gift for giving to another guild member. Things like cakes, cookies, loaves of fresh bread, potholders, small wall hangings, sachets, ornaments, etc. The main purpose is to give something of yourself and your creativity. The item **cannot be purchased!** Please bag or wrap your item. We will be organizing an exchange. This should be fun so please try and participate.

March - Mary Anne Ciccottelli lecture: "**Folded Hexagon**"

The following **Saturday, March 15th**, Mary Ann will be doing a workshop for us entitled **Color Wheel Magic**. See Judy Zeitler to signup. Price for the workshop is \$20.00, if you wish to purchase a kit for the class that is an additional \$25.00.

April - Victorian Tea

May - Bonnie Turner Lecture: "**Things Remembered**" This is a lecture on how to preserve all those memories. One of Bonnie's specialties includes designing quilts for families using a person's clothes and photos are to personalize the quilt

June - End of Year Bash & Challenge Quilt

****Big News****

Pat Knoechel, Eleanor Burns's sister, has agreed to come and give a presentation at our guild on June 20th. Although there are many details to work out still, I can tell you that Audrey Planer has agreed to head up a committee to make this happen for our guild. We will be inviting other guilds to purchase tickets and be a part of the presentation. For now start spreading the word that Pat is coming definitely on June 20th. More information to follow.

This is very exciting news for our guild. Thank you to Audrey for stepping up to the plate and taking on this project for us.

Quilt Show 2009

The 2009 quilt show was discussed. At this time, we have five members contacting five different venues. The members will be getting the price and the dimensions of the venues. As president, I will then organize a separate meeting in the library at the Belvidere High School for any member interested in being on the quilt show committee. We will then do a thorough comparison of the venues and make a choice. Following that meeting we will move forward with choosing a chairperson(s), date and developing the other committees. Our February meeting is going to be busy and we will not have time to discuss the quilt show. This is why a separate meeting will be set-up to discuss the findings from our members. Please start to think of the committee(s) you would like to work on for the 2009 show.

Raffle Quilt

On February 12th, from 9 AM until 6:00 PM (the same day as our February meeting) we will be working at Theresa Schoonover's house on our 2008 raffle quilt. It is a two color Pineapple Pattern. This pattern is a paper-pieced project. Please contact Theresa 570-897-5636 if you will be able to join us. Theresa's suggestion is that we come and sew all day, leave her house and head for our meeting. We will look into ordering pizza or take out for dinner.

WOW, it will be a very full day for us, but we can do it! Bring your own lunch, sewing machine and be ready to watch our beautiful 2008 raffle quilt develop

Once again, a big thank you to Theresa for organizing our raffle quilt projects.

Saturday Stitches

Patty Kristoff will be offering "Saturday Stitches" events on **February 2 and April 5th, 2008**, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the St. John's Methodist Church, Hope, NJ. Bring your own project to work on.

The cost is \$15.00 per person which covers the cost of coffee/tea and bagels for breakfast and sandwiches for lunch. What a deal! Sign up to attend at our meetings or by calling Patty at 908-637-4122.

Thank you to Patty for organizing these Saturday Stitches events for the guild. Patty welcomes non-guild members to attend. This is one way we get new members for the guild.

Sunshine

Sharon Roehrig needs your help. If you know of a member that needs a little sunshine from the guild, please inform Sharon at 908-454-5804 or katznquiltz@earthlink.net, so she can send a card.

Victorian Tea

Fran Visicaro, Carol Smith and Marlene Marlowe have chosen the April 8th meeting to hold our Victorian Day Tea. At the tea there will be a pin cushion exchange. Get those creative juices flowing and create a pincushion to exchange. I would also suggest you start working on your fancy hat and dress now as well. If hats and fancy dresses are not your thing, please consider bringing a special tea cup and maybe some scones or tea sandwiches to share. Whatever you decide, we are looking forward to an enjoyable evening. If you have any questions, call Fran Visicaro at (570)897-5558. Fran answers the phone quicker than email.

Ways and Means

Audrey Planer and Trina Hobbie were our January winners for Ways and Means. Congratulations!

Warren County Fair & Victorian Days

The dates for the fair are **July 27 ~ August 2, 2008.**

America the Beautiful is the fair's theme for 2008. Wouldn't the building look great if we all were able to display a quilt made of red, white and blue or a quilt depicting the theme to celebrate this great country we live in? Fair and building will be open:

Monday through Friday: 12 noon and until 10 PM.

Saturday and Sunday: 8 AM until 10 PM with buildings opening at 11 AM and until 10 PM.

Our guild booth closes at 9 PM.

Newsletter

This is your newsletter. If there is something you want published, please let Sharon Kubich know. Deadline for submissions will be February 18, 2008.

Web Site

Starting soon, if there is something you would like to post on our web site, you are welcome to contact Bill directly at webmaster@esqg.com.

www.esqg.com is where you can find all the information you need about our guild. Take a minute and check it out. Look for newsletters, BOM, coming events and lots more.

Thank you to Bill for giving of his time to keep us so well informed on guild activities.

Donate to a family in need

Patty Kristoff is making up a laundry basket full of household items for a neighboring family whose house burned to the ground on December 23rd. Patty is asking our members to help fill the laundry basket with items needed around the house such as laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dishwashing liquid, soap, etc. The family has sufficient clothing right now, but they have none of the household essentials. If you would like to help, bring your items to the February meeting and give them to Patty.

Donate your Fabric to "Critter Quilts"

Priscilla Harvey is part of a group call "Critter Quilts". Cotton fabrics are needed. They make quilts for animal shelters in both NJ and PA. If you have fabric that you would like to donate, call Priscilla 610-250-5658. She will be happy to pick it up.

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Watch our website, www.esqg.com for changes in meeting location and meeting cancellations.