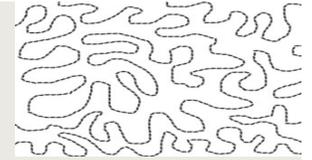


EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



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This is what we're all about...

After emailing the pattern for the eye glass case to Guild members, I received an email from Rosemarie Greg that I just had to share with you:

I have to testify that the eyeglass cases are easy. My granddaughters are really enjoying sewing. Averi, who's 7, made four in less than an hour. Cecilia decided to make one for her teacher a half hour before she had to catch the bus for school. She is 6.

Since the girls are Girl Scouts we have been talking about making them for the nursing home. They have bingo once a week and give out prizes. As soon as they make some for Mother's Day and Father's Day we are going to get started on it!

See you soon,
Rosemarie

Rosemarie and her granddaughters are demonstrating what we as quilters promote every day.
GOOD JOB GIRLS!

The Nominating Committee members, Judy Zeitler, Lelane Hoose, and Kathleen Scala, are in the process of seeing that each and every member is contacted, via phone or in person, and asked if they are interested in holding an office within the Guild - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. After the slate is full, at our May Guild meeting, the Nominating Committee will announce the names of members who are interested in holding office. The committee is responsible to hold the voting at the June Guild meeting.

Quilt of Valor Blocks

Please continue to make the QOV annual blocks from last month. (see pg. 3). If you get these blocks to me by May 10, I will send them to Karen Demaree. You can also send them directly to Karen, her address is included in the block directions. Be sure to get them to her by June 1 so she can distribute them at the annual conference. I will have a new block for you next month!

So far we have awarded two completed quilts, the second one to the husband of a QOV BOM participant from the Mountain Laurel Guild.

Two more quilts are ready to go out for long-arm quilting and a third is getting appliquéd borders. Great work! Thanks to all of you who help, these quilts are greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Laura Lyman

Step of the Month

Carol Smith has emailed out May's Step of the Month. If you signed up but didn't receive it, be sure to see Carol at the next Guild meeting or email her at zp13smith@yahoo.com. If you don't have an email, Carol will hand out paper copies at the next Guild meeting.

Mystery Quilt

It's not too late to bring in your mystery quilt for show and tell. We'd all love to see how yours turned out!

Quilt Show Raffle Prize donations request...

A nice basket has been donated as well as a few things to put in it for the raffle table. Members are asked to donate quilting/sewing items or fat quarters to make the basket up for the raffle table at the Quilt Show in October. You can contact Sandy at denbo@embarqmail.com if you have any questions.

Sandy Behsman
2017 Quilt Show Raffle Committee

Sometimes it is difficult to see through a very thick fabric such as felted wool or a quilt that has already been sandwiched with the batting and backing. This makes tracing a quilting pattern onto the quilt very difficult. Using Press'n Seal (which is available in the grocery) simplifies this process.



First trace the quilting pattern onto the Press'n Seal with a fine tip permanent marker such as Pigma Pen size .05 and let the ink dry.



Then place this traced pattern onto the quilt in the desired location and finger press in place. Lower the feed dogs on your machine and use a darning foot to free motion quilt along all the lines of the quilting pattern.



After all the stitching has been finished; tear away the Press'n Seal leaving only the stitched quilting. In this photo I have started to remove some of the Press'n Seal. I use my fingernail to scratch at the Press'n Seal or sometimes I use tweezers to help pull off the pieces of the Press'n Seal.

- from Quilts by Rosemary;
donated by Nancy Murphy, ESQG

2017 Program Calendar

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| May 9 | Guild/Business Meeting |
| May 13 | Stitches in Hope – Kutztown Raffle Quilt 2018 |
| May 23 | ESQG Board Meeting – Belvidere High School Library |
| June 13 | Guild/Business Meeting |
| November | Guild Meeting & Speaker: Gyleen Fitzgerald - <i>The Art of Color Blending</i> |
| November | Workshop: Trash to Treasure Pineapples (Wed. event – St. John's, Hope) |



Quilts of Valor® 2017 Block Drive

The 2017 Quilts of Valor block drive features not one, but two blocks that play well together. You may make one or both. Once completed, bring your blocks to the May Quilt Guild meeting or if you can't make the meeting, mail to: Block Drive Coordinator, Karen Demaree, PO Box 628, Platteville, WI 53818 They will be distributed nationwide to be made into Quilts of Valor.

The purpose of the national block drive is to give individuals or groups who wish to make just a few blocks but not assemble a quilt to have their block(s) in quilts across the nation. These blocks can be assembled many ways into a QOV. Blocks received by June 1, 2017 will be distributed at National Conference. After that, they will be distributed to new Group Leaders to help them get started.

Guidelines:

1. Use any combination of traditional QOV colors. The Snowball block provides a great place for those larger patriotic prints. Use the best quality fabric you can afford. 2. Use a ¼" seam allowance and press carefully. 3. Block should measure 12 ½" as sewn and will be 12" in the quilt.
2. Bring blocks to May guild meeting so they can all be mailed out together. (Or mail to Block Drive Coordinator listed above.)



Snowball Block

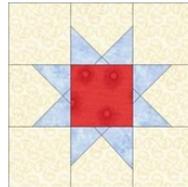
1 – 12½" square print

4 – 4" squares for corners

On the wrong side of the 4" squares draw a diagonal line. Place right sides together on the corner of the large square, carefully aligning the edges. Sew a thread width away from the drawn line towards the corner.

Repeat for all corners. Press toward the corner. It should line up. If not, check your stitch for straightness and placement. Cut away the print and one triangle leaving a ¼ inch seam allowance.

Must measure 12 ½".



Floating Star

1 – 4½" square center of star

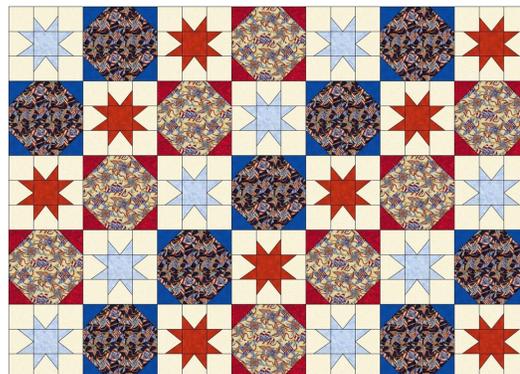
8 – 4½" squares background

8 – 2½" squares star points

On the wrong side of the 2½" star point squares draw a diagonal line. Place right sides together on the corner of a background square, carefully aligning the edges. Sew a thread width away from the drawn line towards the corner.

Repeat on the opposite corner of the block as shown in the diagram. Repeat for a total of 4 squares. Cut away the background and one triangle leaving a ¼" seam allowance.

This is what the finished quilt will look like.



Sun-Bonnet Sue / Overall Sam Challenge

Calling All Quilters, Embroiderers and Needle Artists:

To celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Warren County Farmer's Fair, the Evening Star Quilter's Guild and the Tapestry Fiber Arts Group of Warren County, New Jersey, are co-sponsoring a Free Style Sun-Bonnet Sue Open Block Challenge. This challenge will consist of a 10.5 inch square block featuring Sun-Bonnet Sue (or Overall Sam for any Man Quilter so inclined).

The block can be designed in the traditional appliqué format, or in red-work, embroidered, be-dazzled, beaded, wool felted, chenille, or in any combination of techniques. Be creative!

Each block must be a 10.5 inch square on a neutral background with Sun-Bonnet Sue as the main feature. Please sign your block. An historical record of all participants will be included.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three block entries.

Our goal is to have as many blocks as possible in order to piece a quilt during the Fair. The quilt will then be archived locally.

Please send all completed blocks to the Challenge Coordinator:

Rich Danner
434 US Highway 46
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Questions for Rich regarding the challenge can be sent to splendorofsolomon@gmail.com or by phone at 850-619-0227.

Thanks and Happy Sewing to All!

Piece and Goodness,

Man Quilter Rich



Quilt entry forms and sign-up sheets for the Warren County Fair are posted on our website.

ESQG Fundraiser in support of



Dear Evening Star Members,

The charity that was chosen by the Guild this year is “Haven of Hope for Kids,” located in the town of Hope, NJ. Since its inception in 2005, “Haven of Hope” has been hosting cost-free vacations for families with children who have life threatening illnesses. To date, they have hosted more than 250 families in their cottage that is located in the heart of historic Hope.

The cottage is fully furnished and can accommodate 8 people for a 6 day stay. Families arrive on Wednesday and are greeted by the summer co-coordinator who will accompany them throughout their week’s stay. During this time they will visit two area working farms, enjoy a day at Land of Make-Believe and swimming at the Belvidere Pool. Fishing is also available.

Upon their arrival on Wednesday, they are provided funds to purchase a week’s worth of food at the Acme. Pizza is provided the family their first evening in the cottage. A home-cooked meal is provided by a volunteer on Friday evening, and a BBQ is held on Saturday by a local sponsor.

A shuttle service is provided Monday for those that do not have a car.

“Haven of Hope” is funded by individual donations and grants. There is no government subsidy. There are no costs incurred by the family.

With this very important purpose in mind, we are determined to make this the most successful charitable fundraise ever. Our goal this year is to seek handmade items from members in the following areas:

- Seasonal Octagons
- Sets of Lace Christmas Ornaments
- Baby Quilts
- Lap Quilts
- Sets of Placemats (4)
- Small Wall Hangings
- Table Runners
- Wool Art

We look forward to working with our members and appreciate all that you do for the Guild and this event.

Thank you,

Audrey Planer and
Rosemary McGuinness

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**Hopewell Valley Quilters'
Pennington Day Quilt Show**

Saturday, May 20, from 10 am - 4 pm
Toll Gate Grammar School cafeteria
275 S Main St, Pennington, NJ 08534
(about 20 minutes beyond of New Hope, PA)

Admission: \$1.00
Proceeds benefit Pennington Day 2017

Houses challenge quilts, quilts paying tribute to those who serve our country and baby quilts are a few of the special exhibits.

Viewers' Choice Prize donated by Pennington Quilt Works.

Toll Gate Grammar School is located on the corner of S. Main Street and E. Curlis Avenue. Entry on the north side of the school building.

For more info contact quilt show Chairperson Nancy Breland - nbreland@tcnj.edu / 609-737-2527

Quilt Shows Galore!!



Jane Merkel is organizing a trip to the **Paducah Quilt Show** and has asked us to share this info: The trip is **September 11 - 17, 2017**. Cost is approximately \$1,200. This is not firm and she's waiting on hotel and bus costs. For more information, contact Jane at sjanemerkel@rcn.com or call her at 610-797-7935.

We'd love to have your guild come for all the fun, classes, many vendors, too. Please contact Pat Widener for bus/discount information. Quilters Unlimited 571-477-5503 patwidener571@gmail.com



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