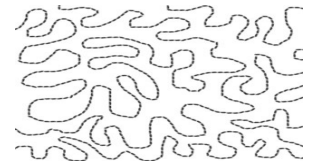


EVENING STAR QUILTERS' GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



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A Note From the ESQG President

Holiday Greetings!

Without a doubt, I am guilty of procrastination as much as the next person, but I do find that I work better under pressure than when I am at leisure. In my profession as an accountant, I cannot afford to procrastinate too much during tax season. However, during the rest of the year I find myself putting things off until I can put it off no longer!

In my quilting "career," I find that there are some things that I tend to delay, but as I'm aging, I find that I am searching for patterns for wedding quilts a year in advance and gathering supplies to complete them as soon as I know their color schemes. On the other hand...I find that I put off making baby quilts now until the babe is born, because most parents swaddle their newborns in soft blankets and don't use the quilts for a few months until the baby is holding his/her head up, sitting, and playing on the floor or in the port-a-crib. (Do you remember playpens!) Sometimes, it's not procrastination at all, but which project inspires me at the moment! I don't believe that delayed gratification is involved in our quilting. Every step of the way is gratifying to me. I think it's more of the "*I still have time to do that*" syndrome that delays my work until I can no longer put it off.

Traditionally, procrastination has been associated with perfectionism, or fear of the ability to do what you planned initially. Angela Walters discusses this and has a great plan to pursue: Do one thing that is challenging in a quilt, but use what you know and what you are good at to do the rest. This way you can grow, you can complete a task/quilt, and you can receive that gratification in doing your best work, even if it is not perfect. An interesting concept I found to be true is that procrastinators tend to have a *lower* stress level initially than non-procrastinators, until the point is reached where the task needs to be completed. Then the tables turn and stress levels in procrastinators now far outreaches stress levels of non-procrastinators who have already completed the task and are ready for the deadline. Procrastinators also tend to play the blame game, where they may claim to have to do other "more important" things to get done, such as cleaning their house instead of sewing and quilting, but that, for certain, is not something you will *ever* hear me say! Denial, avoidance, distraction (the puppies need my attention!)...these are terms I could use for my procrastination. Acknowledgement is the first step to a healthy outlook. But I am not ready for that yet. Maybe later...

What are you still working on this holiday season? We hope to see you on Tuesday, December 10, at 5:30 pm! Happy Holidays!!

Cynthia A Smith, President, ESQG

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REMEMBER

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING:

Name Tag
Cookies
Pillowcases
RAFFLE TICKETS and money
\$5 for Ways & Means tickets
Round Robin bin
Show & Tell - *Nothing is Last Minute*

SHOW & TELL - *Nothing is Last Minute*

Many of us are adding those labels and bindings this time of year to get those quilts finished in time for the holidays. What are you gifting this year? Bring it for Show & Tell on Tuesday!

Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025

December 10	6:00 pm* - PARTY!
January & February	no Guild meetings
March 11	2:30 pm
April 8	no Guild meeting**
May 13	2:30 pm
June 10	6:00 pm
July 8	2:30 pm
August 12	6:00 pm

***Holiday Party** - no business meeting

****Note:** No meeting on April 8 due to the **combined meeting and "African Quilts" presentation** with American Sewing Guild at the Chrin Center, 4100 Green Pond Rd, Palmer Township, PA 18045 **on Thursday, April 10.**

ESQG Board Meetings

will be held at Belvidere American Legion on the following Tuesdays at 2:15 pm :

February 4, 2025
May 6, 2025
July 1, 2025

Cheers to the Holiday Season!

The guild's Holiday Party will begin at **5:30 pm** on **Tuesday, December 10**, at the Belvidere American Legion hall. Dinner will be served upon arrival, so please plan accordingly. The committee has asked everyone to please bring a tray of cookies to share. If you bring gluten free or dairy free goodies, please label them appropriately. Bonnie promises quite an array of prizes available to members throughout the celebration. Tickets for Ways and Means will be \$5 per sheet. We will also enjoy show and tell, and the 2024 raffle quilt drawing will take place at 8 pm.

And... if that's not enough excitement for you... we'll reveal the 2025 raffle quilt!

So, bring your holiday cheer, wear a festive sweater (and/or socks!) and come ready for an evening of celebrating the joys of the season! Ho! Ho! Ho!

No Snoozing on the Pillowcases

Susan Adler reminds all of you that she will still be collecting pillowcases at the December meeting, so please make as many as you can for one more donation this year.

It is amazing what a bit of color and whimsy will do for a child's wellbeing, especially during the holiday season.

Thank you Susan for volunteering to chair this part of our community outreach.

Tuesday Sew Day News

The December Sew Day brought 13 members together for a bit of charity work and a bit of design. Cyndy Ponczek led several members in creating heart pillows and chemo hats. Kits were handed out to other members so they could make these items, as well as the port pillows, at home.

Cindy Smith coached members participating in the One Block Wonder workshop on how to design their quilts using the hexagons created in the November workshop. Beautiful creations developed throughout the morning and into the early afternoon.

The January Tuesday Sew Day will be held from 10 am to 2 pm on January 7, 2025. Cindy Smith will continue with the One Block Wonder workshop and instruct the final stage of attaching the hexagons to the center panel. Members should have their hexagons sewn together into four sections: top and bottom sections should both be the same width AND be the approximate width of the panel; the side sections should run from top of the quilt to the bottom of the quilt and be the same length. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Smith 908-310-2466 or numbers3.cs@gmail.com.

Tuesday Sew Days are held the first Tuesday of every month (including January and February!) from 10 am to 2 pm (or later by announcement) at the Belvidere American Legion Hall in Belvidere. Members are encouraged to attend, work on their own projects, or participate in member-provided workshops, as scheduled. Please bring your own lunch, and drinks. Join us for a chance to socialize!

See you on the 7th! Please notify Judy Zeitler if you plan to attend so that tables can be set up in advance.

These Shoes Were Made for Walkin'

Joan Radell of Bucklebee Bags will show us how to make our own pair of "Happy Feet" sneakers on Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 9 am to 5 pm at the Belvidere American Legion. Your cost for the workshop is \$90, which covers the cost of the materials supplied by Bucklebees. The additional cost for instruction will be paid by the guild. Non-members are welcome, but are obligated to pay the full \$120 fee.

Participants will need to choose and bring their own two fat-quarters which will serve as the body of their sneakers. Participants can choose either high-top or classic sneaker style.

Joan will bring the soles, eyelets, etc. Sole orders must be submitted to Joan by December 27 without exception. Please see Sharon Kubich by December 10 to sign up, to select your sole size, and to receive the supply list. Checks for \$90 should be made payable to *ESQG*. Make your feet happy and sign up today!



2024 Raffle Quilt

"Our Hearts Will Go On" by Fabric Addict is the pattern for the 2024 Evening Star Quilters' Raffle Quilt. The quilt is a lovely variation of the Storm at Sea pattern in gray, black, and cranberry red. It measures approximately 90" x 103" and will fit a queen size bed. 5,000 tickets were printed and some have been sold at our previous events, namely Quilts in the Vineyard, the Warren County Fair, and Belvidere Heritage Day. At the September meeting, members were each given 30 tickets to sell and asked to do their best to either sell or purchase the 30 tickets. More tickets are available if you run out! All ticket money and stubs must be turned in to Judy Zeitler by the guild meeting on December 10.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Proceeds from the sales are used to benefit future *ESQG* projects, education, and charities.

Thank you to Solvai Sanchez and Rosemarie Greg for making such a gorgeous raffle quilt!





Round Robin - Round #1 Begins

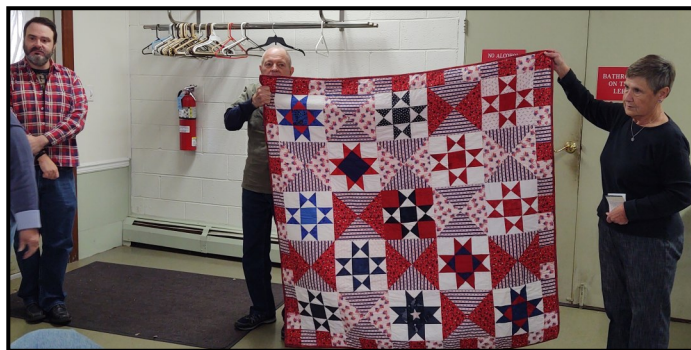
Members participating in the Round Robin this year need to have their 16" center blocks completed. The first trade of the Round Robin will take place at the December meeting, **so DON'T FORGET to bring your bin** complete with your center block, fabric, and journal. Be sure to have your name on your bin and the list of participants taped to the top of the bin. Here we go folks!

Wrap It Up!

The Children's Home of Easton will be wrapping gifts for the children from 6 pm to 9 pm on Tuesday, December 17th, at the facility in Easton. The home is located at 25th and Lehigh Streets in Easton, PA.

You do not need to bring anything but holiday cheer, smiles, and helping hands! If you plan to participate, please notify Judy Zeitler via cell phone (908-319-1793) or email her at jzeitler@gmail.com.

In case of inclement weather, wrapping will be on December 18th and 19th as well. Thanks for your support!



Above are pics of a few of the Quilt of Valor Presentations.



It's a Mystery!

Sharon Kubich will run this year's Mystery Quilt. Sharon handed out fabric requirements at the September meeting. She is encouraging everyone participating to fill in the sample page with your coordinating fabrics. This year's mystery requires six different colors and four fabrics within each color family. Staying organized is key! This is a 12-month mystery project where you will be working on each step at home (or at Tuesday Sew-Day!) until the final step, when the guild will host a workshop so we can assemble our quilt tops and finally reveal the mystery.

Currently 28 members signed up for this intriguing mystery. If you have not yet signed up and wish to join the fun, please contact Sharon at sharon.kubich@gmail.com.

There is a \$5 fee to offset printing costs and the luncheon at the assembly workshop next year.

Guild to Support Belvidere Ambulance Corps at Biennial Tricky Tray

The members in attendance at the November meeting voted on the recipient of the proceeds of the 2025 Harvest of Quilts Tricky Tray. The Belvidere Ambulance Corps received the largest number of votes. The Corps will receive the proceeds from the fundraiser, plus a \$500 matching gift from the guild.

Thank you to all members who made presentations. All three alternate nominees, Common Sense for Animals, Food Pantry of Finesville, and Sarge's Discipline Foundation, will receive \$250 each, as voted on by the guild members present.



Above are two of the One Block Wonders "in progress."

<i>CELEBRATING DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS :</i>	
12	Nellie Rinehart
22	Carol Boscia
27	Jane Myers

Upcoming Events

December 10 - Guild Holiday Party and Raffle Quilt Drawing	6:00 pm
January 7 - Tuesday Sew Day - OBW workshop – Part 3 - Finish!	10 am to 2 pm
January 18 - Sneaker Workshop with Joan Radell	9 am to 5 pm
February 4 - Tuesday Sew Day	10 am to 2 pm
March 4 - Tuesday Sew Day	10 am to 2 pm
March 11 - Speaker: Joyce Hughes “Thread Painting”	
March 15 - Workshop with Joyce Hughes “Thread Painting”	
April 1 - Tuesday Sew Day	10 am to 2 pm
April 10 - Combined meeting with ASG - Nancy Weston “African Quilts”	
May 6 - Tuesday Sew Day	10 am to 2 pm
May 13 - Speaker: Andy Wiginton “Enlightened Quilting”	
Date TBD Tool Tote Workshop	
May 31 & June 1 - Quilts in the Vineyard	
Date TBD November 2025 Harvest of Quilts Quilt Show	



**Guild Officers
2024/2024 Guild Year**

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