

## A Note From the ESQG President

Greetings! Do you remember your first quilt? I think I still have mine, although technically it would be my second quilt. It was a rail fence quilt about three feet square made with turquoise and purple fat quarters I bought at the Village Barn in Bangor, PA. I tied it since I knew nothing about hand quilting or machine quilting at the time. I think the pattern came as a "freebie" with a Better Homes and Gardens craft mailing. I was excited about using my fancy new rotary cutter, ruler, and cutting mat that a friend of mine encouraged me to buy. I used 2 1/2" strips and went to town...well as far as I could go with only four fat quarters. But my first quilt....

I started sewing when I was about 7 years old making Barbie doll clothes and outfits for my Crissy doll, the one where her hair could be made short or long by pushing her belly button. After many years of sewing through 4-H and my mom's tutelage, my best friend and I made a baby quilt in high school for one of our teachers who was expecting their first child. We both embroidered several blocks, no rhyme or reason, but we never finished the quilt because neither one of us knew how to do the quilting. Google and YouTube did not exist at the time. Years later, I came across that quilt and finished it for my best friend when she was having her first child. We had a good laugh over that quilt. There was a classic block with a set of baby blocks embroidered in yarn, a frog on a lily pad, bunnies, and cutesy things, but one of the blocks was a huge mouth from Rolling Stones fame, that read, "Smile-and everyone will smile with you!" It was the most outrageous looking block for a baby quilt, but we kept it in (as a sign of the times, I guess). I cannot remember too many of the other blocks, but I remember it made me smile when I sent it to her. She is still one of my best friends even after more than 50 years, and oddly enough, we both became quilters!

My dear friend recently became a grandmother and her son, who I gifted the quilt to, has now passed the quilt on to his son. It's endearing to know that our little project, once with very different prospects, stood the test of time and endurance despite our limited knowledge of quilting. Perhaps her grandson will be able to pass the quilt on to his son and so on it will go. Each generation will cherish this wonderful gift, or perhaps just keep passing it on never understanding the tribute to the Rolling Stones of the 1970s or ever even think about those two young teens, best friends for many years, who ventured out to try something new to them with a craft that is older than the hills. We all start somewhere. Where did you begin?


See you on Tuesday, March 11th at 2:30 pm and let's begin again!

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## Things to Remember for the March Meeting:



- Round Robin bin
- Hospitality 
- \$8 fee for Joyce Hughes workshop
- Your Name Tag
- Your choice of beverage
- Books/Magazines to donate
- Show & Tell: This Ol' Rag?
- Helping hands and lots of smiles! 😊



## Show & Tell: **This Ol' Rag?**

It's National Quilting Month! Do you still have your first quilt? What inspired you? Bring it in and share it with the guild. We'd love to see your beginnings! We all started somewhere.





## Trading Up!

It's time to trade the Round Robin projects again! This first round, which included setting the block on point and adding applique, should be completed by March 11th. The next round is a 4" (4-1/2" unfinished) pieced border which will be due at the May meeting. Remember to bring your completed (so far) top, the bin of fabric, and the owner's journal to the March meeting for the next exchange. If you cannot attend the March meeting, try to get the bin to the next person before the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Schoonover 570.994.4376 or [schoonover1958@yahoo.com](mailto:schoonover1958@yahoo.com).

## Meeting Schedule for 2025

<b>March 11</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>no meeting**</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>July 8</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>
<b>August 12</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>

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



## Joyce Hughes to Lecture in March!

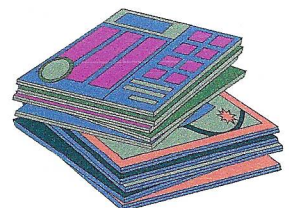
Joyce is an award winning self-taught quilter, fiber artist and author. Joyce will lecture at our March 2025 meeting, so please be on time. She will share stories about her quilting journey, from t-shirt quilts to art quilts, focusing on her methods of thread painting and working with fabric panels. Joyce enjoys teaching and sharing trade secrets, which we can all enjoy at her workshop which will be held on March 15th at the Belvidere American Legion. Sharon Kubich released information previously regarding the workshop and the supplies necessary to complete the project. Please let Sharon know prior to March 7th that you plan to attend the March 15th workshop. The panel Joyce will be using at the workshop is only \$8, and that is the only cost to the members (unless you choose to buy her thread kit).

We look forward to hearing Joyce lecture on **Tuesday, March 11th at 2:30pm** and to participating in her workshop on Saturday, March 15th at 9:30 am.

## Upcycle Those Books & Magazines!

Lisa Laird has graciously agreed to gather and hold your old quilting books and discarded quilting magazines until the show where we will put them out for sale to our attendees. If you bring in old magazines, please sort them by publisher (e.g. McCalls Quilting, American Patchwork, etc.). It will help with sorting them at the show in case someone is looking for a specific edition. If you can hold them until the show, please do so, if not, Lisa will take them off your hands. Take a moment to notify her ahead of time if you plan to bring a box or bag to the meeting so she is not overwhelmed by excess donations.

Lisa Laird 908.763.2843 or [lisahewittlaird@gmail.com](mailto:lisahewittlaird@gmail.com). Thank you, Lisa!



## Drapes Workshop

March 4th



This month our Tuesday Sew Day will be a workshop to complete the new drapes for the quilt show. Many hands make light work. We need people to iron, pin, sew, and fold; so even if you can't carry your machine, we have a job for you on Tuesday. Please join us! As an added incentive, Sharon has planned a hot lunch of vegetarian chili and salad, so all you have to bring is your drink.



Those of you who can bring your machines, please do so along with black thread, pins, and perhaps a seam ripper just in case. Irons and ironing boards will be supplied.

Come on down! The more the merrier!

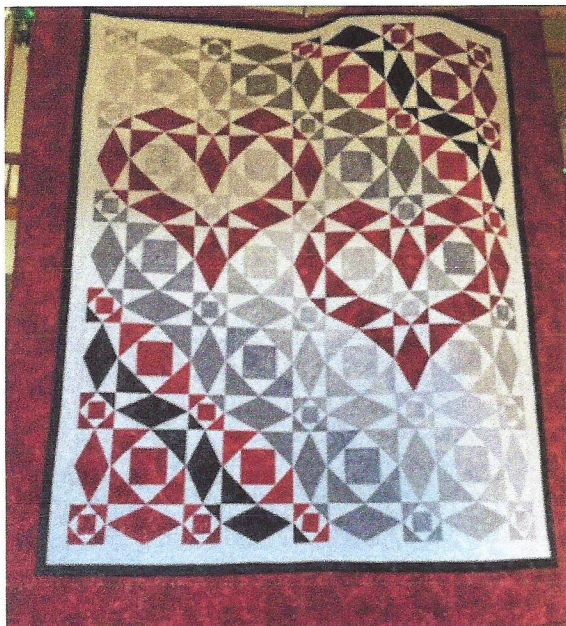
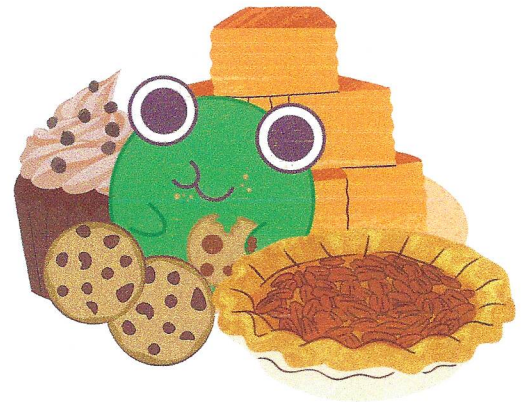
**See you at 9 am and bring your energy!!**

## Hungry for Hospitality?

By Crissy Hoff

It's time for the first ESQG meeting of 2025! We are so excited that we are having a special guest lecturer for the meeting. Sue Adler and I are looking for volunteers to bring snacks for the meeting.

If you are interested, please email me, Crissy Hoff, at [hoff106@comcast.net](mailto:hoff106@comcast.net) to let me know. Thank you ahead of time for everyone's help. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting!



## 2024 Raffle Quilt Winner



**Congratulations to Karen Perl!**

Karen was this year's winner of the beautiful queen size quilt, "Our Hearts Will Go On" pattern by Fabric Addict. Nearly 4000 tickets were sold and raised approximately \$3300 for the guild.



## ESQG and ASG to Combine Meetings in April



Our April meeting will NOT be held on Tuesday, April 8th! However, **we will be joining the local American Sewing Guild at the Chrin Center in Easton at 10 am on Thursday, April 10th** for a joint meeting with speaker Nancy Weston. Nancy is a local quilter from the Bethlehem Colonial Quilters guild. She will present a lecture entitled "HERstory Through Quilting: African-American Quilts" which will introduce us to exhibits from the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY; including a "Tribute to the Civil Rights Movement: Quilted Swing Coats" and "Say Your Piece - Black Women: Mothers, Martyrs, and Misunderstood". The presentation also highlights the work of Gee's Bend quilters from Alabama, and several other unique quilters of color.

Nancy has been sewing since age 9 and remembers learning on her grandmother's treadle machine. As a former teacher, she is passionate about education and enjoys sharing her stories of social justice and her fondness for Cajun music. Nancy loves reproduction patterns and fabrics, and spends many hours making "something out of nothing" when she gathers discarded fabrics and creates beautiful quilts which she donates to Project Linus and various other charities. Please join us for a unique day of learning and socializing!

### Quilts in the Vineyard Brochures Available!



Our **Quilts in the Vineyard** event will be **May 31 and June 1 this year at Brook Hollow Winery in Columbia, NJ**. This event is enjoyed by all who attend and allows us to show the community what we do. Quilts of all ages are displayed and stories are shared, all while enjoying a bit of wine and cheese.

See Sharon Kubich for the new brochures so we can get them out into the public eye for people to buy tickets and join us at this wonderful event in the vineyards of northern New Jersey!

### 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](mailto:sharon.kubich@gmail.com).

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



## In Search of . . . .

Kathleen Daniels, Guild Historian, is in search of old records of the Evening Star Quilters' Guild. If you have photos, news articles, or stories, please contact Kathleen at [kathleen.b.daniels@comcast.net](mailto:kathleen.b.daniels@comcast.net).

Kathleen hopes to update the website with collections of scrapbook-type items in order to preserve our history of 37 years! Also, as an aside, if you dare to read our by-laws, note our humble beginnings were right here at the American Legion Post in Belvidere on September 13, 1987.



### ESQG Board Meetings

Held at the Belvidere American Legion on the following Tuesdays  
at 2:15pm :  
May 6, 2025  
July 1, 2025

## Thank You Notes Received

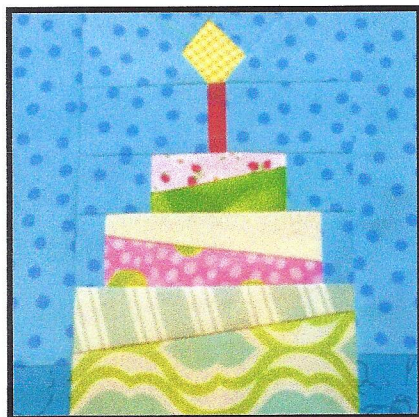
Hunterdon Medical Center Oncology sent us a lovely thank you note for the port pillows and comfort pillows we made and donated recently. Please continue to make these items as they do bring comfort for so many oncology patients in our area.

A representative from the Unity of the Blue Ridge sent a nice thank you for the many (over 100!) tubes of toothpaste and toothbrushes sent by our guild to help the people of western North Carolina following Hurricane Helene in September. Thank you to Sharon Kubich for coordinating this collection and to all the guild members who participated.

Bill Gooley of the American Legion Post 131 sent a gracious thank you for our donation of \$1500 to their Veteran's organization. Our donation allows them to continue serving their community and supporting our local veterans.



## Celebrating March Birthdays!

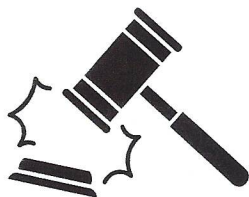


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3/8 Wendy Oskam  
3/13 Sue Anlas  
3/18 Karen Perl  
3/18 Shirley Sickles  
3/23 Bonnie Eamigh  
3/27 Peggy Schaedel  
3/31 Cindy Ponczek



## Updating the Bylaws

Prior to the November 2024 meeting, we sent out a proposed update to our bylaws. Members present at the meeting agreed to the changes without any corrections. Voting to accept the new bylaws will take place at the March 2025 meeting!



## Tricky Tray Charity for 2025

Following a vote by members present at the November meeting, the Tricky Tray charity for this year's quilt show is the Belvidere Ambulance Corps. In order to "fund" the tricky tray event, each member is asked to make and donate a purse, handbag, or zipper tote/duffel to be bid on during the show.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Eamigh at [bleamigh@centurylink.net](mailto:bleamigh@centurylink.net).



## Harvest of Quilts Slated for October 25-26, 2025



Never say never. After the highschool claimed we could no longer hold our show in October, this year they gave us the weekend of October 25 & 26th. Mark your calendars and start thinking about the quilts you need to finish so you can enter them into this year's show! Set up will be October 24th from 3 pm to about 9 pm and that is all hands on deck! Sharon Kubich and Theresa Schoonover are co-chairpersons this year, and will be setting up an organizational meeting soon. In the meantime, if you served on the committee in 2023, please notify Sharon Kubich if you plan to continue with the same duties this time around or if you wish to step away. Also if any new members would like to be on the committee, feel free to contact Sharon at [sharon.kubich@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.kubich@gmail.com) to find out how you can help!

## Upcoming Events

**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

**Oct 25-26** - Harvest of Quilts Quilt Show

### Editor's Note

Because no one can edit this once I'm done muahahaha

Hi! Howdy! It's me, Amy! Your friendly neighborhood Cindy's daughter. (The younger funny one, not the one that's like a real adult. I'm the library one with the very awesome short hair.) It was a wild ride editing this newsletter together for all of you. Y'all are so busy! Anyway, if you find any typos, or weird stuff, it's totally my bad! Line editing is not my forte no matter how much people like to throw things at me to "look over." Seriously, you get a couple writing degrees and you're marked for life. Hope you create something cool this month!!

Happy March!

-Amy

### Guild Officers

2024/2025 Guild Year

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