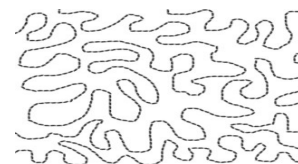


EVENING STAR QUILTERS' GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



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A Note From the ESQG President

It's May! It's National B-B-Q Month! It's time to celebrate spring, and not just the "teaser" days, but actual, honest-to-goodness spring! Flowers are blooming, birds are singing, peepers are peeping; it's a symphony of sights and sounds and it's glorious!

I look at my calendar and notice that not only do we get to celebrate Cinco de Mayo (even if we are not Latino), Mother's Day (emotional either way), and Memorial Day (salute!); there are so many more celebrations going on every day this month. For instance, (I can remember this as a child) May Day is on May 1st - and no, it is not for seeking help - it is a day to celebrate others by delivering flowers to their doorstep. May 3rd is Garden Appreciation Day, which I believe is for people like me, where plants grow, in spite of me, so that I can appreciate them each spring! Or... perhaps it's a time of contemplation, to decide what to plant or what to move for the best visual effect. If you get hungry, we have National Hamburger Day May 28th, Blueberry Cheesecake Day on May 26th, or Devils Food Day on May 19th. For you casual farmers, we have "Respect for Chickens Day," May 4th, and Chicken Dance Day on May 14th.

Within the month of May you can celebrate snails, macaroons, or being a pack rat. You can appreciate tourists, go without socks, or chase a windmill (and dream that impossible dream!). Enjoy nutty fudge one day and an apple pie the next! Have a pizza party and celebrate nylon stockings! Pull taffy while drinking a mint julep. Learn about composting or cuddle up with cellophane tape for a moment, then go to a museum and pick strawberries on the way home. May has a lot to offer and so much to celebrate. Make a scrapbook on National Scrapbooking Day... OR.. make a scrap quilt(!) this month and celebrate yourself for a change! Enjoy the memories those scraps bring back. Enjoy the process of working with your hands.

We don't need the mint julep or the nylon stockings, we have our skills and our creativity to celebrate and enjoy for a lifetime. Find your path to creativity in your scrap bin and see what you can create this month. Bring the warmth of the May sunshine into your quilting and celebrate YOU!

Hope to see you on Tuesday, May 13th, at 2:30 pm!

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REMEMBER

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE MAY MEETING:

Name Tag
Round Robin tote
Hospitality
Show & Tell
Clothing Money
Quilt Registrations for QIV
One or two singles for Ways & Means!
Helping hands and lots of smiles!

SHOW & TELL - The Scrap Bag (or Bits & Pieces)

Back in the 1800's, scrap quilts became a common element in the Midwest. War did not allow much for fabric purchases and quilts were made with whatever was on hand. Today, long-time quilters are inundated with scraps due to massive short cuts in quilt making, over purchasing, or just because. Have you made a scrap quilt lately? Bring it in for show and tell and share your ideas of things to do with a "stash" of scraps.

Meeting Schedule

May 13	2:30 pm
June 10	6:00 pm
July 8	2:30 pm
August 12	6:00 pm

ESQG Board Meeting

will be held at Belvidere American Legion on July 1, 2025 at 2:15 pm

Quilt Show Committee Meeting

The Harvest of Quilts show committee met on Tuesday, April 22nd, at the American Legion. Many guild members attended and offered their help for this year's show, slated for October 25 & 26, 2025 with set-up on Friday, October 24th, at the Belvidere High School gymnasium. If you missed the meeting and would still like to be on the committee, please contact show chairpersons Sharon Kubich and Theresa Schoonover. All members are encouraged to work during the show as it is always an "all hands on deck" production. More information will be available throughout the summer.

Grant Awarded to ESQG

Betty Parrish was kind and brave enough to offer to complete an application for a mini-grant of \$1,000 from the Warren County Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs at Shippen Manor. The grant has been awarded to ESQG and will be used to cover the costs of our guest speaker, Nancy Weston, at our Harvest of Quilts show in October - 2025. Congratulations to the guild! And thank you Betty for your hard work!

Antique Quilt Program at the Library

"100 Years of Antique and Collectible Quilts 1860-1960" is a special program sponsored by the Warren County Library in line with the celebration of the Warren County Bicentennial this year. The program will be held **on Thursday, May 8th, from 2 to 3 pm** at the Richard D Gardner (Main) branch at 2 Shotwell Rd, in Belvidere.

Jayne Bodolsky of Hope, NJ is the guest speaker and presenter. Jayne is a former member of ESQG and is well-known for her knowledge and expertise in redwork, as well as identifying and dating historical quilts from the area. If you would like to attend this program, please register with the library via their website at warrenlib.org or by calling the RDG branch directly.

Jelly Roll Race to the Finish!

On Saturday, April 26th, the Quilts of Valor committee hosted a jelly roll race workshop at the American Legion. 14 members attended, four tops were completed, and others were brought home to be completed, prizes were awarded, lunch was provided and fun was had by all! If you weren't able to attend but want to participate, please see Irene Compton for a race "kit" of 30 jelly roll strips (2 1/2" strips) so that you can complete your own creative Quilt of Valor quilt top for the cause.

Remember, if you make the top, you are not obligated to quilt or bind it (although you may!). We have members available to do those tasks as well.

Thank you Irene for a fun-filled day!



Tuesday Sew Day Zips it Up!

On Tuesday, April 1st, Cyndy Ponczek instructed members in creating “Dollar Store Zipper Bags.” Cyndy provided kits and handed out a list of supplies to all interested members. Several ladies enjoyed the little workshop and are “zipping” up many more little bags! Thank you Cyndy for a great workshop!

The next Tuesday Sew Day will be held **Tuesday, June 3rd, from 10 am to 2 pm**. Bring your own project to work on and bring your own lunch!

Joyce Hughes Presented Dimensional Thread Painting

Joyce Hughes spun her sweet yarn with confessions and tales of surprise at our March meeting regarding her unexpected entry into the world of quilting. She then continued to wind her way through the evening with countless samples of gorgeous renditions of her thread painting skills and techniques. She is a gifted artist in what can be seen as “hand” embroidery which is done by “machine!” Members in attendance were in awe of her work and anxious to participate in the workshop held the following Saturday. Many guild members participated in the workshop and produced beautiful results under her fine tutelage. Thank you Joyce!

Andy Wiginton Brings Enlightenment to Quilting

Our guest lecturer at the May meeting will be Andy Wiginton. He will speak on “Enlightened Quilting,” which he promises will help each of us bring our quilting to the next level. Through simple ideas, suggestions, and procedures, “Dr. Andy,” as he is known, will teach us how to strengthen our skills and enhance our quilts. A workshop will be held the following Saturday, May 17th. We look forward to his lecture and workshop!

Sneaker Workshop Steps Up in August

Joan Radell from Bucklebee’s Bags will be running another sneaker workshop on **Saturday, August 16, from 9 am to 5 pm**, at the American Legion in Belvidere. For those of you who missed the January workshop, here’s your chance to jump on the bandwagon and create your own pair of unique sneakers. If interested in participating in the workshop, please contact Sharon Kubich to sign up.



Nominating Committee to Name Names

Per our by-laws, the Nominating Committee will be presenting a slate of officers for 2025-2026 at the May meeting. Irene Compton, Bonnie Eamigh, and Margaret Grande volunteered to be on the committee this year. If they contact you, please be kind and consider their proposals. None of the jobs are difficult, but some do require some time commitments. Make the guild what you want it to be and become an officer!

Elections (run by the Nominating Committee) will be held at the June meeting. New officers assume their duties beginning August 1, 2025.



Round and Round We Go!

The Quilter's Round Robin project is due for another exchange! Are you ready? If you are participating in this project, please bring your bin and completed (so far) quilt top to the May meeting. You will give your bin to the same person (always). The next round is a 6" finished (6 1/2" unfinished) pieced border. You have one month to complete this step as the next exchange will take place in June. Keep up the good work! This is always an exciting, challenging, and rewarding experience. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Schoonover.

Pillow Cases are Put to Bed

Susan Adler reports that 158 pillow cases were delivered to Newton Memorial Hospital in Newton, NJ recently. They were thrilled to receive such colorful and thoughtful bundles for the children's ward. Additionally, another 75 pillow cases were delivered to the Smiles Organization. The staff there will wash, iron, and place the cases in plastic bags to deliver to various children's hospitals in the area that they are connected with. Audrey Planer supplied a large number of the Smiles' cases which were made by the Columbus Grange. Thank you members for your numerous and kind donations. Thank you Susan for heading up this project and making the deliveries, and thank you Audrey for influencing others to help our cause!

Calling You on the Carpet

In case some of you are not aware of this idiom, it basically means that we need to clear up a few things. Our website (esqg.com) is available to ALL of our members and portions of it are also visible to the outside world. Items such as our minutes, the treasurer's reports, and our membership list are protected and available only to members. These items require a login and password which is given to each of you when you join the guild. The blank stares at each meeting indicate that many of you do not read the minutes online, nor do you look over the treasurer's report. A lot of work goes into both of those reports, and I (as president, former Treasurer, former VP, and stand-in Secretary on several occasions) feel it's a common courtesy to at least take a few minutes to review them prior to the general meeting. Whispers at the meetings of people needing to see a physical copy of the treasurer's report or the minutes at our meetings not only wastes paper, but seems redundant when the report is already online, usually at least a week ahead of time and available to all members. Also, when there are questions or "demands" regarding the financials, our treasurer does not have the information available at the time to be able to properly respond to last minute queries. Read the financials *before* you arrive and email the treasurer *before* the meeting with your questions or requests so she has time to prepare. As a former guild Treasurer myself for 13 years, I am well aware of the frustrations of last minute questions and demands.

Use the website! There is a wealth of information on the website. All members are listed and you can find their addresses and phone numbers in the protected membership list (you can even print out a hard copy if you so desire!). Pictures of prior events are there. Historical newsletters, minutes, and financials are there. Our meeting schedule and times are posted. The by-laws are accessible. The raffle quilt photo and current event information is available. Again, people put a lot of work into maintaining our website and you should all be using it. The information is there folks. Please use it!

~ Editorial by Cindy Smith



Mystery Quilt Update

According to Sharon Kubich, all of the piecing directions have been handed out to those members participating in this year's mystery quilt project. The top assembly will take place at the end of June, so if you are not caught up, you better get busy! Sharon will bring us up to date on the final plans at the May guild meeting.



Marlene Marlow needed a little sunshine recently due to an impromptu hospital stay, but we are happy to report she is home and feeling much better. She always has to gain the spotlight right around her birthday, but we all agree with her granddaughters when they say, "Stop doing that!" Glad you are feeling better, Marlene!

Big hugs to Peggy Schaedel and her family on the sudden loss of her grandson, Michael, on April 24th. There are no words that can convey the sadness in losing a child or grandchild, regardless of their age. We hope you find comfort in the memories of happier times, Peggy.

Also, hugs to Loraine Hare for the frustrations she is dealing with in her husband's health and recent surgery. Brighter days are coming, Lorraine!

Warm thoughts of good health and continued healing for Judy Zeitler's husband, Bob. His is a constant battle. Strength and healing wishes to Susan Adler as she continues her treatment regimen.

Quilts in the Vineyard May 31 & June 1

We are gearing up for another lovely weekend in the vineyard! Our guild will be hosting *Quilts in the Vineyard* on **Saturday, May 31st, and Sunday, June 1st, noon - 6 pm**, at the Brook Hollow Winery on Stark Rd, Columbia, NJ. **Set-up for the event is Friday, May 30th, 3 pm.**

All members are encouraged to sell tickets at \$30 per person for wine tasting and charcuterie board; \$15 of that fee comes directly back to the guild!

Tickets can be purchased online - <https://www.brookhollowwinery.com> or directly through members.

Quilt registration forms are available on our website at esgg.com. Please forward them to Cindy Smith (numbers3.cs@gmail.com) or in person by the guild meeting on May 13th. If you are interested in submitting items for sale in the boutique, please notify Rosemarie Greg to receive your number.

There's no limit to the number of quilts you can enter. We will review the details at the May guild meeting. The ticket price for guild members is \$15 and includes the wine tasting (or slushy) and a charcuterie board. All ticket monies, names and email addresses should be turned in to Rosemarie Greg at the May guild meeting.



CELEBRATING MAY BIRTHDAYS:

8 Pat Petty
10 Carol Marks
14 Debbie Burns
16 May Dudding
20 Bern Yates
21 Darlene Kerr

Upcoming Guild Events

May 8 - Antique Quilt Program - Warren Cty. Library, 2 Shotwell Rd, Belvidere - 2 - 3 pm
 May 13 - Speaker: Andy Wiginton "Enlightened Quilting"
 May 17 - "Enlightened Quilting" workshop - time TBD
 Date TBD Tool Tote Workshop
 May 31 & Quilts in the Vineyard - Brook Hollow Vineyard, Columbia, NJ - noon - 6 pm
 June 1 -
 July 1 - ESQG Board Meeting - Belvidere American Legion - 2:15 pm
 Aug 16 - Sneaker Workshop - Belvidere American Legion - 9 - 5 pm
 Oct. 25 & 26 - 2025 Harvest of Quilts Quilt Show

Save the Dates

Jennifer Chiaverini has a new book available as of April 1st: *The World's Fair Quilt: an Elm Creek Quilt novel*. Available wherever books are sold.

The Quilters - May 16 - Netflix - In this award winning short documentary, men in a Missouri maximum security prison design and sew beautiful, personalized quilts for foster children.

June 28 - Warren County Bicentennial Celebration; Warren County Community College, (rain date Sunday June 29th); 12-6 pm for vendors, grounds open till 9:15 pm; Fireworks follow.

September 11-14 - Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza: Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks PA; 10 am to 5 pm; Admission \$18

October 4 - Crazy About Quilting Celebration: Calvary Baptist Church, Allentown PA; 9am to 4 pm; Admission \$10 (www.CrazyQuilters.org)

October 18-19 - Garden State Quilters Guild Biennial Quilt Show: Chatham Municipal Building,



Look at all the friends Kathleen Scala ran into at the 2nd Annual Airing of the Quilts in Palmerton, PA on May 3rd!

**Guild Officers
2024/2025 Guild Year**

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Vice President Sharon Kubich	Bylaws/Historian Kathleen Daniels
Secretary Lisa Laird	

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