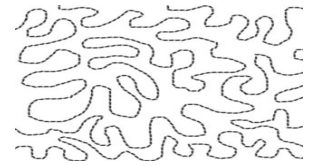


EVENING STAR QUILTERS' GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



OCTOBER 2024 - VOLUME 2

A Note From the ESQG President

The human spirit is an amazing thing! In light of the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, which absolutely destroyed parts of Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas and Tennessee, stories of unique heroism and community are beginning to emerge from the mountainous areas ravaged by the storm.

As some of you know, I have family in the Asheville area and I am aware that other members of our guild do also. I am happy to report that my brother and his family are fine and must have had a guardian angel watching over them, perhaps it was our mother (who, by the way, was also named Helen). Beginning Friday afternoon, my brother was out helping neighbors cut up felled trees, emptying out his freezer, preparing and delivering meals for people without power, and checking on his neighbors to be sure everyone was okay. On Saturday, he and his wife went to the schools where they taught and emptied the refrigerators and freezers, then cooked and delivered the food to local families devastated by the storm. He traveled to Raleigh and Charlotte to load up on gas and water to bring back to the people of Asheville who now had nothing and no way out if they did not already have a full tank of gas. He is still running today, a week later, attempting to get groceries, water, gas, and supplies to the people in his community and surrounding areas. He is our "feet on the ground" down there and others like him are doing the same.

Oddly enough, there's also a little quilt shop in Weaverville, NC called "The Five Little Monkeys Quilt Shop," whose owner had similar luck as my brother. Her house was the only one in her neighborhood unharmed. Her shop had very little damage other than loss of power and water. She is using her company van to run supplies into Asheville on a daily basis from her escape haven in Jonesboro. She describes the horrors of the storm, how it turned trees into toothpicks, and roads into rivers. We have all seen the pictures. Most of us experienced Hurricane Sandy, but it still does not compare to what Helene did to the mountains of North Carolina.

Five Little Monkeys is asking the quilting community to please shop the websites of quilt shops that were in the path of Helene. Use the website carolinashophop.com to find a list of the shops she refers to. ALL of these shops are closed indefinitely due to lack of power and water and obliterated roads, but when they are able to get back into their stores, they will ship items. This is their livelihood, so if you shop online, please buy from these shops. They are out helping their community right now, let's try to help them as well, so everyone can get back on their feet again.

Be safe out there and pray for a quick recovery for all affected by Helene.

See you on Tuesday, October 8th!

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REMEMBER

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING:

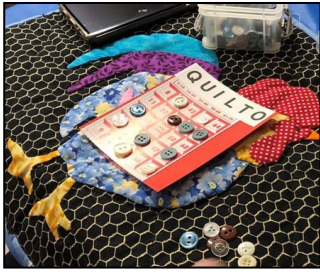
Your nametag
Dues: \$25
Buttons, pennies or chips for playing
Quilto!
Tricky Tray Charity Proposals
Snacks to share
Something to drink
Your finished or unfinished Barn Quilt
Show and Tell: Orange is the New
Black

SHOW & TELL: Orange is the New Black

Halloween is approaching and it's the ghoulish month for tricks and treats!

Do you have a favorite Orange or Black quilt to share?

Dare to show it at our next meeting for a howling good time or be haunted by the spirits you left behind!! Mwa-haha!



Shout out to Quilto!

For a little fun and laughter, we will be playing Quilto! at the meeting on Tuesday, October 8th. Doors will open at 5:30 pm for our 6 pm meeting.

Carole Hall prepared some nifty prizes for the winners. So, "Come on Down!" and bring your own buttons, pennies, or poker chips to cover your game boards. Sit a spell and play a few games on us!

Following the games, we will enjoy some hospitality and then have our business meeting. Thank you, Carole, for providing our prizes!

Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025

October 8	6:00 pm
November 12	2:30 pm
December 10	6:00 pm*
January & February	no meetings
March 11	2:30 pm
April 8	no 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.**

Another Tuesday Sew-Day in the Bag

Sharon Kubich led the workshop on Tuesday, October 1, which produced a project bag with a netted front and zipper enclosure. Twelve members enjoyed the workshop and social nature of the day. Cindy Smith also offered instruction for basic "quilt-as-you-go" placemats for one of our current charity projects.

The next Tuesday Sew-Day will be held on November 5. If anyone is interested in trying the 7-panel One Block Wonder quilt, Cindy Smith will be available to lead a small group with that project beginning with the November 5th workshop date. Please let her know via email (numbers3.cs@gmail.com) or text (908-310-2466) ahead of time so she can bring samples and instructions.

Tuesday Sew Days are held the first Tuesday of each month from 10 am to 2 pm at the Belvidere American Legion. Members should bring their own lunch. Workshops may or may not be scheduled, but you are always welcome to bring your own project(s) to work on while socializing with other members of the guild. Judy Zeitler will stay late for the working folks, but please contact her at jzeitler@gmail.com ahead of time to make those arrangements.



Warren County to Celebrate 200 Years!

Warren County will be celebrating its 200 year anniversary in 2025 and plans are underway to make this a spectacular event. The Warren County Library has asked the Evening Star Quilters' Guild to provide some type of presentation to honor the past through quilting. We have a few known items available to us through Audrey Planer (the Grange "found" quilts) and Marilyn Barnes' (Andy's ancestor's quilt). If anyone else has historical items to share, please notify Cindy Smith. Depending on who is willing to share, and what we have to share will determine whether or not we can share! This is a great opportunity to give back to Warren County and be a part of this grand anniversary. The presentation (if we decide to participate) will be at the Richard D. Gardner branch of the Warren County Library system, located at 2 Shotwell Dr, Belvidere, NJ 07823

Not a Complete Wash-Out

Belvidere Heritage Day started out a little misty, cleared, and ended with a splash! Six members attended and sold raffle tickets from 9 am until about 1:30 pm, when the rains came down. The Belvidere Heritage committee pulled the plug at 2 pm and sent everyone home.

The day was not a complete wash-out however as the small group of the guild's "town criers" sold \$240 worth of raffle tickets and enjoyed the time spent at the park.

Thank you ladies for your participation! Hopefully next year will be sunny and clear all day.



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!





Deb Burns, is still having health issues. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers for continued healing and relief.

SUNSHINE

Community Service Projects

Blanket-Bags (Judy Zeitler): The August Tuesday Sew-Day produced 54 blanket bags which added to other bags donated since last December to achieve our donation of 60 blanket-bags to the Children's Home of Easton. Way to go ladies! Please continue to contribute, as we never know how many children will be housed or fostered each Christmas. The bags require 1-1/2 yards of fleece or 3 yards to make two bags. There is no sewing involved - simply cut and tie. Directions are available from Judy Zeitler if you are interested in creating additional bags. The Children's Home of Easton was established in 1885 and continues to provide guidance and support to children in need throughout the Lehigh Valley. The bags are used to gather and present gifts for each child during the holiday season. This is something that will be theirs to keep forever.

Pillowcases (Susan Adler): Members present at the May Tuesday Sew-Day created 94 pillow cases which were donated to the children's ward at Newton Hospital. Please continue to make pillowcases using novelty prints and child-friendly fabrics. The hospital is very grateful for the contributions!

Chemo Hats & Heart Pillows (Cyndy Ponczek): Cyndy will lead the Tuesday Sew Day workshop on December 3rd and guide us in making chemo hats and heart pillows. If you wish to make some prior to the workshop, please contact Cyndy Ponczek for patterns and directions.

Love Quilt Project (Lisa Laird): Lisa Laird handed over a dozen Love Quilt tops to the organization in July and received a gracious thank you from Kathy Wesley of the Love Quilt Project group. Kathy was touched by their beauty and combinations of fabrics. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Placemats (Sharon Kubich): Sharon will be accepting placemat donations between now and Thanksgiving for the Warren County Meals at Home organization {formerly Meals on Wheels}. The organization has requested 150 placemats this year. Please consider making dual purpose placemats when creating mats for the holidays. Finished placemats should finish approximately 13" x 18" but can be any size desired.

Rockin' the Round Robin

We had 15 members sign up for this year's Round Robin project, which means a few slight changes to the original plan. There will be three groups of five members each and there will be four borders to your center medallion instead of only three. The final project will be approximately 53" to 54" square.

Participants will receive their group list and instructions at the October meeting. Please attach your group list to the top of your bin. Your center medallion (16-1/2" square unfinished) must be completed by the December meeting.

The exchange schedule has been changed slightly to accommodate the fourth border and will be as follows:

1st exchange - December meeting

2nd exchange - March 2025 meeting

3rd exchange - May meeting

4th exchange - June meeting

5th & final exchange (and big reveal!) - August 2025 meeting.

You may exchange early, but please do not exchange late! Have fun with this project and do your best work! Thank you to Theresa Schoonover for spear-heading this project, and thank you to members who jumped in to participate.

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.

Purses & Totes/2025 Quilt Show Charity

For the next *Harvest of Quilts* Quilt Show in November 2025, members are asked to make and donate a purse or tote for the Tricky Tray raffle held during the show. These items can be made anytime and given to Bonnie Eamigh prior to the show.

Proceeds support a local charity which is voted on at the November 2024 meeting. Anyone wishing to nominate a charity **MUST** make a plea/presentation at the September or October meeting.

It is customary for the guild to match up to \$500 in proceeds prior to the release of the funds after each biennial *Harvest of Quilts* show.

The 2023 recipient was the Belvidere American Legion Post 133, which received \$1,600 from the Evening Star Quilters' Guild.

Hospitality Highlights

Susan Adler and Chrissy Hoff have graciously volunteered to run hospitality this year.

Please watch for sign-up sheets at the upcoming meetings. We all love our sweets and our savorys! For now, we ask that members continue to bring their own beverage, as desired.

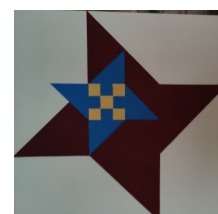
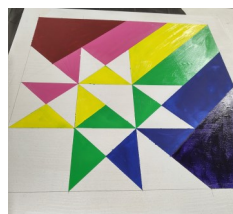
Thank you Susan and Chrissy for stepping up to fill this long-standing vacancy!



CELEBRATING OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS :	
10/18	Joyce Roedel
10/21	Irene Compton
10/22	Lucie Cohn
10/25	Rosemarie Greg Janice Capano Angie Lemasters
10/29	Pendell Smith
10/30	Eileen Schwartz

Barn Quilts Abound!

On Saturday, September 28, members of the guild gathered for a fun-filled workshop led by Heather Blokzyl of Flying Fox Barn Quilts. 26 members created 2-foot square panels of various designs, some offered by Heather and others self-designed. The room was alive with chatter and laughter as we all literally stood around and watched paint dry throughout the morning and into the early afternoon. The guild provided a light brunch for those in attendance, which was well received. Thank you Sharon, Heather and Molly for a fun experience.



Veteran's Quilt Presentations - October 2024

The Evening Star Quilters will be presenting two quilts on Monday, October 14, at 7 pm at the American Legion Post 258 Givens-Belet on Route 521 in Blairstown, NJ. (The building is located on Route 521 near Route 94.)

The Blairstown Post has hosted the annual Blairstown Memorial Parade since 1945. The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans' organization. Please join us to honor these veterans and give support to Audrey Planer as she makes the presentations on behalf of our guild.

A Sneak Peek at Upcoming Programs

Our Vice President and Program Chairperson, Sharon Kubich has lined up some great programs this coming year, including: March 2025: Joyce Hughes (lecture and workshop on Thread Painting); April 2025: Off-site meeting with Nancy Weston on African Quilts; and May 2025: Andy Wiginton (lecture and workshop TBD). We are also in negotiations with Bethanne Nemash, Rachel Rossi, Debbie Kalenty, and Sharon Rehrig for additional lectures and/or workshops. Stay tuned for updates and more information! If you have someone you would like to see, please forward the name, contact information (website, email, etc.) to Sharon for consideration.



Dues are Due!

As we begin our new fiscal year, please remember to complete a membership form and turn in your dues of \$25 ***by the October meeting.***

Forms can be downloaded from the ESQG website at esqg.com under Membership/Membership Application.

Darlene Kerr will collect membership forms and cash/checks. Be sure to note any updates to your name, address, and cell phone numbers!

Thank you, Darlene, for assisting our Treasurer and updating the membership list on the website!

ESQG Board Meetings

will be held at Belvidere American Legion on Tuesdays at 2:15 pm as follows:

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

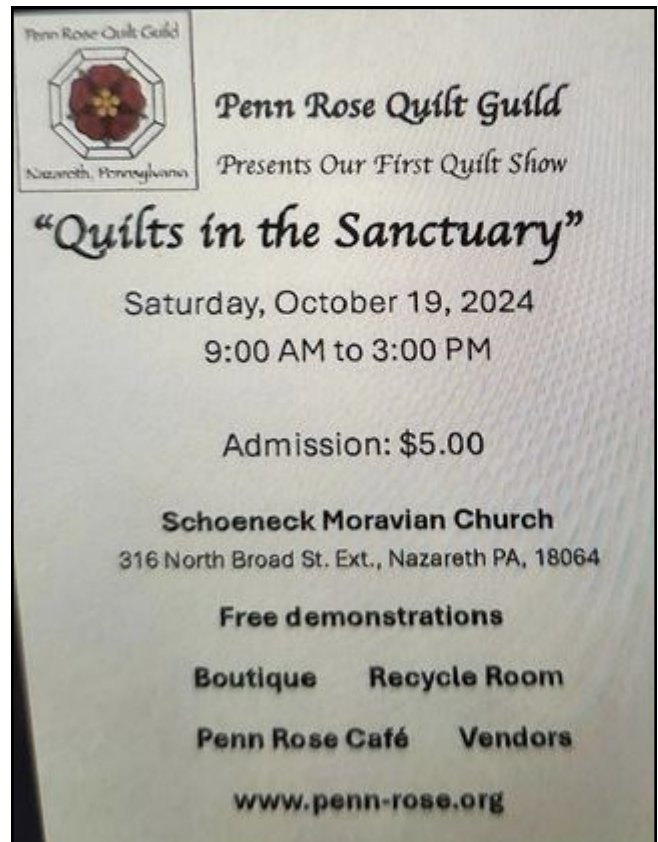
Welcome and Thank You to our new Secretary

Due to health issues, Deb Burns has resigned as our Secretary in September. We all wish her well and hope she finds some relief soon and ask our members to continue to keep Deb in their thoughts and prayers. We thank Deb for accepting the position initially.

Moving forward and in accordance with our by-laws, Lisa Laird was asked to step in and she has graciously accepted the position. The officers unanimously accepted Lisa as our Secretary at the recent board meeting. Thank you, Lisa!

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. 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.



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2024/2024 Guild Year**

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