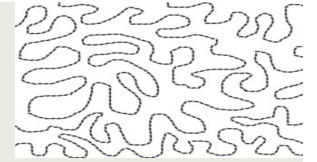


EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



March, 2018 - Volume 3

A Note From the ESQG President

Dear Evening Star Quilt Guild members,

Greetings! You know you're getting older when someone asks if you're "getting enough"... and you think they're talking about sleep. As most of you know, I am an accountant by trade; so sleep is definitely a luxury this time of year. Early mornings and late nights rattle the soul, but I enjoy what I do. "Rest not from duty, but find rest in it." I love the challenge placed before me and the sense of satisfaction I receive when things fall into place and the project is complete! Maybe this is the same reason I enjoy quilting so much. I put a plan in motion as I choose a pattern, choose my colors, choose my fabrics, then cut and sew and cut and sew, and sew, and sew, and sew; until the quilt top is complete! Isn't it a wonderful feeling to complete a project? We recently had a mystery quilt workshop where nearly everyone finished their quilt top by the next meeting; then again a workshop with Bucklebee Bags where nearly everyone finished their bag by the end of the workshop (wait till you see them!). As a guild, we presented a huge challenge for each of you with all the charity projects we entertained this year, yet each one is getting completed. We have accomplished so much in such a short time! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Here it is March already! Spring is just around the corner. March always brings to mind my favorite color - green: whether it be springtime, the Irish of St. Patrick's day, envy (of everyone else's free-time), or cash (because this is my busy season); I have always loved green. Since some of our members have been having some trying times with health issues, let's bring in a bit of luck for Show and Tell this month with green quilts and/or Irish Chain quilts. I hear there's always a little Irish in all of us come St. Patty's day. Think Green! Think Spring! See you at the meeting!

Cynthia A. Smith
President, ESQG

Show and Tell for March

REMEMBER

THINGS TO BRING TO THE MARCH MEETING:

- Placemats for Easter or spring (Natalie D'Aiello)
- Pillowcases for the Veterans (Natalie D'Aiello)
- Block of the Month - North Wind (Irene Compton)
- Bucklebee Bags from the workshop (to show off)
- Row Quilt box for exchange if you are participating Show & Tell
- Helping hands and happy smiles!

Share a bit o' luck this month with your rendition of the beloved Irish Chain quilt. Have you done the Double Irish Chain? the Single Irish Chain? the Triple Irish Chain? or incorporated the Irish Chain block with another block to create an interesting twist? This block was first documented in the early 1800's, though it is unclear as to whether or not it has an Irish heritage, but most historian's tend to lean in that direction. Funny thing though, in Ireland a similar block was known as the American Chain! It is a great block to use for complimenting beautiful handwork or applique work, and is often used in album quilts. Let's see how you used your bit of Irish! As always, bring in your latest finished projects too! We want to see what you've been up to!!

Quilt of Valor Blocks

Rich Danner will be looking for people to help assemble the quilt tops for the Quilts of Valor program over the next couple of months, as time permits. All of the blocks we created so far this year need to grow up to be big beautiful quilts! Please let Rich know if you would be willing to do some assembly work. His schedule has been daunting recently, and since there is no deadline on these quilts; there may be some delay. Nonetheless, the work needs to be done and if nothing else, we can use the May Saturday Stitchers in Hope to put some quilts together, so keep your schedule open!

Block of the Month

The North Wind was certainly blowing in January, and that's the name of the block due at our next meeting. Irene handed out three block patterns at the February meeting in case anyone wanted to start working on their quilt top due in June. We will have a contest for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place designs. Winners will get some prize \$\$\$\$. So let's get movin' and have fun! If you're missing any patterns from past months, see Irene Compton. For the Block of the Month exchange, you are welcome to bring in any or all three blocks, but the only one due is the North Wind. No background fabric is needed for this block. Just use two of your 30s reproduction fabrics to breeze through the North Wind and bring it to the March meeting!

Inch by Inch, Row by Row

The Row quilts are making their rounds. If you're participating, don't forget to exchange your box at the meeting.

Community Projects

Theresa collected and corrected several blocks for the Happiness is Camping quilt. The quilt is assembled and will be quilted shortly. Thank you to everyone who participated! It is beautiful!

Kutztown Quilt

The famous (or should we say *infamous*) Kutztown Quilt is on the rack at Theresa's house. Hand-quilters are needed! Stay for an hour or stay all day. Theresa has hours posted and asks that you please contact her in advance if you are able to come and quilt. Upcoming dates include March 7, 10, and 12. Contact Theresa for times. Most days you can begin at 10 am, but some do include evening hours.

Charity Projects

Natalie D'Aiello will be collecting placemats for the Meals on Wheels program and other shut-ins. Please bring your placemats to the March meeting as Easter will be hopping in April 1st, so we need to get these items collected so they can be distributed.

Victorian Days Return!

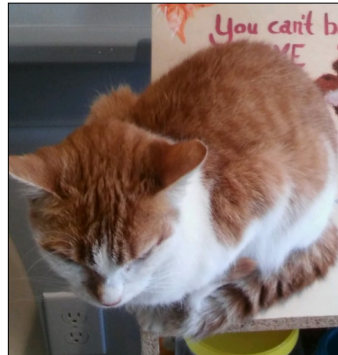
September 8th and 9th this year, Belvidere will host Victorian Days once again. Bonnie Eamigh attended the inauguration meeting in late January. The meeting attendees discussed new ideas, juried vendors, and many aspects of the event. One of the new ventures proposed was to have individual local groups choose to sponsor an event such as the teas, house tours, carriage rides, etc. The group that sponsored and ran the event would then reap the profits produced by that event. Committee meetings will be held the last Wednesday of each month leading up to the September event. The next meeting was slated for February 28th. Bonnie proposed an airing of the quilts during Victorian Days, perhaps not this year, but in the future. Anyone interested in helping with the event is encouraged to attend the meetings.

Makers Day

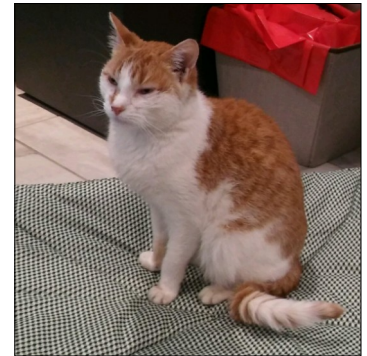
On Saturday, March 10, Solvai Sanchez and Nancy Geiger will be at the library on 519 in White Township. They will be there the whole day doing demonstrations of redwork and felting. "So everyone should stop by to see us!" says Solvai.



The display board in the lobby includes the wall of fame which highlights the dogs available and ready for adoption. Out of 24 currently on sight, these nine pooches are ready for a home. Unfortunately we were unable to meet most of them, but we did get to greet a couple while they were outside with the volunteers who walk them daily. The dogs are mostly from out-of-state and are here from Puerto Rico, Texas, and Florida as a result of the hurricanes last year. All of the dogs are neutered and chipped before they can be adopted. Below the display board are our guild's contributions which included **75 pet beds**, numerous toys, food, cleaning products and kitty litter. Thank you for your support!!



This is the shelter kitty that greeted us at the door at Father John's. She is only two years old and sits by the sign that reads, "You can't buy love." Such a sweetie!



Our guide tested the new beds and was curling up to take a nap as we were leaving. Approved!

Father John's Animal Shelter

Dixie Sutton, Theresa Schoonover, and Cindy Smith delivered the pet beds and pet donations to Farther John's Animal Shelter in Lafayette, NJ on February 27. The folks at the shelter were so grateful to receive such a large donation! 75 pet beds were delivered along with various pet toys, canned food, litter, laundry detergent, etc. The ladies received a grand tour of the facilities and were welcomed by kitty cats everywhere. The facility houses mostly cats, which are primarily from the Sussex County area. New cats are cleaned and receive a medical check-up before they are permitted in the rooms with the other cats in residence. There is a room for the "highschool" cats that are younger and more playful, which is separate from the room for the adult cats, who are more subdued. Both rooms have cat towers and beds for each of the tenants. Other rooms provide separate cages for cats that prefer to keep to themselves. A nursery is there for the kittens, a time out room for the unruly, and a quiet room for the elderly. Everything is so fresh and clean! It is amazing!!

The kennel portion of the facility is not open to the public in order to keep the animals calm. Most of the dogs come from shelters in hurricane riddled areas including Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. The dogs are brought out to prospective owners as requested once the family has completed the application process and has selected someone from the "wall of fame." The new family is given time to meet and greet, and there are areas for them to play together and form new bonds. Quite the program.

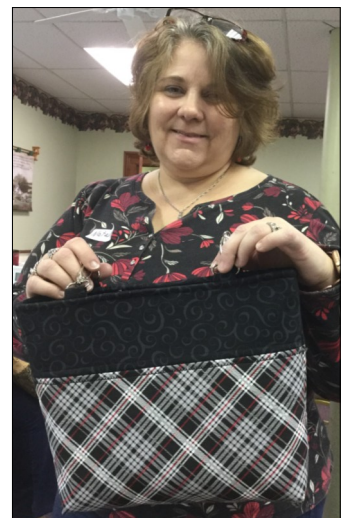
At the end of the tour, one of the volunteers was assembling new platforms for the dogs, and the "welcome kitty" decided to test it out using one of the new pet beds supplied by the guild. What a wonderful facility. It was very heartwarming to see such a loving community, and know that we did good work! Thank you again to everyone who participated by making beds and blankets, or by donating articles in need. It is truly a worthy cause! Thank you, Dixie for spear-heading this project! A job well done.

Bonnie Eamigh is looking for silk ribbon. If anyone has any they want to get rid off, please contact Bonnie or bring to the March Guild meeting.



Eight Shades of Bucklebee... bags that is!

These are just some of the beautiful bags that were created at the Bucklebee workshop on Feb. 17. Hopefully everyone who participated will bring their bags to show at the next Guild meeting on March 13.



Nominating Committee Needed

By April of each guild year, we must elect a Nominating Committee, made up of at least three Guild members. These members are responsible for recommending one or more persons for each office to be elected at the June meeting. The committee is also responsible for conducting the election in June. Since this is an even year, in addition to the five Board members, we must also elect two Quilt Show co-chairs for the 2019 quilt show. The committee must be established at the April meeting. Nominations for the new slate of officers must be announced at the May meeting. Please consider serving on this committee.

Saturday Stitches in Hope at St. John's Church

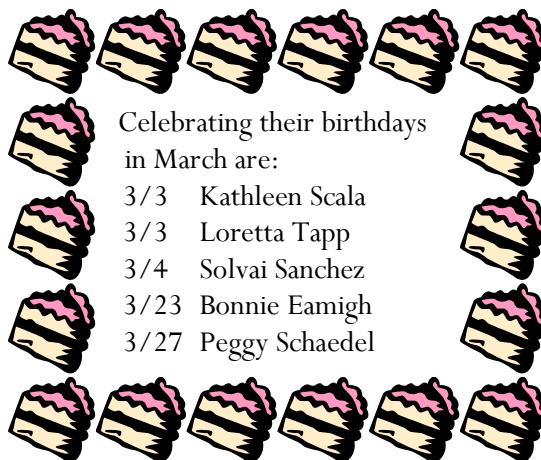
If you would like to *sit, sew, and socialize*, our Saturday *Stitches in Hope* dates are as follows:

March 17, 2018 - If you have time, please join us at Saturday Stitches on March 17th to create pillowcases for the veterans. Bring your own lunch or order in. It'll be St. Patty's day so we can throw in a little blarney along the way, too! Come join the fun!!

April 14, 2018

May 12, 2018

All members are invited to attend. These Saturdays are for open sewing, or may be used for working on guild charity projects. All of them are held at St. John's United Methodist Church in Hope, NJ from 9 am to 3 pm. Bring a lunch unless instructed otherwise. Mark your calendars, and join in the fun!



Celebrating their birthdays
in March are:

3/3 Kathleen Scala

3/3 Loretta Tapp

3/4 Solvai Sanchez

3/23 Bonnie Eamigh

3/27 Peggy Schaedel

Artists Among Us

The March 13th Guild meeting will feature four of our members: Lorraine Hare, Solvai Sanchez, Pat Howlin, and Leana McCutcheon. Come join us for an entertaining and educational evening!

Future Programs:

Victorian Stripper - You won't want to miss this presentation! Bring your friends and your dollar bills!!...well, maybe... Plans are still in the works to possibly bring in another Quirky Quilter style event for the May meeting. Stay tuned.



MARCH 21 – 24, 2018

WED. – FRI., 9 AM–6 PM,

SAT., 9 AM – 4 PM

Lancaster County Convention Ctr.
25 South Queen Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Advance admission is available up to 30 days before the show.

Daily Admission:

Member: \$10.08/Retail \$12.60

Two-day Admission:

Member: \$18/Retail \$23

Multi-day Admission:

Member: \$23/Retail \$32

Click here to see workshops available during the week:

<http://www.quiltweek.com/home/workshops/lancaster-workshops/>

Visit [https://](https://www.americanquilter.com/promos/join_aqs/)

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“Quilting Cousins Quilt Retreat” has openings at the **April 5 – 8, 2018** retreat being held at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton, PA. Please call Sharon Kubich at 908-343-9031 for pricing and availability.

A Day in New York City March 27, 2018

Sponsored by Tapestry

- Round trip transportation via DeCamp motor coach
 - Pick-up's at Audrey's Barn 3 Kostenbader RD, Hope, NJ at 8:00 am
 - Pick-up's at Rosemary's residence 695 Belvidere Rd. Phillipsburg, NJ at 8:30 am
- Visit Downton Abbey THE EXHIBITION. Experience the History - The Fashion - The House. The Exhibition, based on the beloved television show, transports you to post Edwardian England, where the characters and the iconic house come to life. You'll be immersed in the fascinating social history, culture, and some of the most memorable moments from the show's six-season run. **Deadline for signing up for the trip is February 18, 2018.**
- Shop the Garment District and enjoy an early dinner at Eataly's.

Cost Per Tapestry Member: \$35.00.00 Non-refundable
Cost Per Non-Tapestry Member: \$75.00 Non-refundable
Downton Abbey THE EXHIBITION tour ticket is included

Contact:

Rosemary McGuinness at mcguinnessrosemary@yahoo.com
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The Colonial Quilters Guild proudly presents

QUILTFEST 2018

Saturday, May 5 & Sunday, May 6
10am - 4pm

Charles Chrin Community Center
4100 Green Pond Road
Palmer Township, PA 18045

Saturday, May 5 at 1pm
“Quilting Project Runway Show”
Presented by Eleanor Levie

Vendor Mall | Book Nook | Tricky Tray
Quilt Raffle | Boutique | Quilts for Sale
Colonial Guild Café | Door Prizes

ADMISSION \$8 A DAY

www.colonialquilters.org

Questions - email: show@colonialquilters.org

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Raffle Quilt: Star of Bethlehem
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