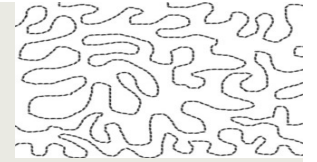


# EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



October, 2018 - Volume 8

## *A Note From the ESQG President*

Welcome to October and autumn weather! It is such a pleasant change from the hot temperatures we endured in August and September. Today is absolutely gorgeous weather: sunshine, crisp and clear...and still green, so autumn has not settled in yet. It will be here soon enough with promises of Halloween and Thanksgiving hot on its heels.

I placed an online order recently for a little pick-me-up order of fabric and notions, and I received a sweet little book free of charge that consisted of letters written by quilters for quilters. The letters are full of quilt memories, family tragedies, celebrations, but mostly just stories of comfort surrounding our quilts. Typical stories heard throughout the years of any quilter. Let's face it, quilts are therapeutic. One story in particular caught my attention...it was a story about a woman who had so much fabric that she attempted to hide it from her husband by storing it in the trunk of her car. When she and her husband finally decided to buy a new car, she claimed she had to think it over and promptly took her car to a friend's house, emptied the trunk of all the fabric, drove back to the dealership and sealed the deal on the car. On her way home, she dropped off her husband, went back to her friend's house and reclaimed her stash only to discover she now had an even larger trunk within which to hide her fabric! This made me chuckle as I had a similar recollection. Years ago we had very little money, so when I bought fabric, I would come into the house and immediately hide the bag in the washing machine just inside the back door so my husband wouldn't see it, then later take it upstairs with a load of clean laundry. I suppose we are all guilty of glossing over our purchases from time to time, but it does indeed make us happy and is quite therapeutic. The lady in the story had a husband who was very forgiving, as was mine... but then he thought fabric was, "What, like only a couple a bucks a yard?" "Yeah... sure! Absolutely!" What he doesn't know won't hurt him. So yes, quilts are therapeutic, and making quilts is extremely so.

So keep smiling...it's free therapy! See you on Tuesday!

Cynthia A Smith  
President, ESQG

# REMEMBER

### **THINGS TO BRING TO THE OCTOBER MEETING:**

QOV Ohio Star block(s)  
UFO project #5  
Membership form and dues  
Hocus Pocus Show & Tell  
Halloween goodies

### *Show & Tell for October*

#### *Hocus Pocus Show and Tell*

Our theme for this month's Show and Tell is Hocus Pocus! Bring in some of your favorite Halloween quilts of pumpkins and goblins, spiders and snakes, bats and belfries, and monsters under the bed, oh my! Orange is the new black this month. Come on and strut your stuff!

***Hospitality is Goulishly Good!***

Do you have a flare for Halloween goodies? Finger cookies perhaps, or thumb prints, or your favorite kitty litter cake or dirt pudding? Put on your fun-cap and see what you can make and bring it on over to the October guild meeting! We all love to snack on devil's food (cake)...just sayin!

***Raffle Quilt 2018***

After a strong start selling raffle tickets for this year's blue and white log cabin quilt at the fair and at Victorian Days, the time has come to divide the remaining tickets among Guild members. This is an easy sell. Be sure to show the picture to family and friends in order to sell as many as you can. The tickets are being sold for one/\$1 or six/\$5. We ask that you either purchase or sell all of the tickets in your packet. If you need extra tickets, please be sure to contact Lelane Hoose or notify Cindy Smith in order to locate any unsold tickets. Ticket stubs must be returned no later than the December meeting as the drawing takes place at 8 pm on Tuesday, December 11th during our holiday party. Christmas tip: Put the name of your friends and families on the tickets - for \$1 each, what a great Christmas gift if they win!

***Raffle Quilt 2019***

Karen Anderson will be heading the committee creating the 2019 Raffle Quilt. If you are interested in being on the committee and helping with the new raffle quilt, please contact Karen directly.

***UFO Challenge Dances to Mambo #5!***

This year's challenge is to de-stash and clean up those unfinished objects. Each participating member turned in a list of nine projects he/she hopes to complete during this guild year. The projects are listed one through nine and are chosen at random. Do a little dance as you complete UFO #5 this month and present it to Solvai or Rosemarie at the October meeting. Allemande left and promenade to find out which number will be selected for November! Swing your projects timely each month to be included in the drawing in June for the grand prize! It's not too late to sign up! Join the fun and hand in your list in October with a completed project for #5.

***Kutztown Quilt is Complete!!***

On Tuesday October 2nd, Cindy Smith and Theresa Schoonover put the final stitches in the quilting on the Kutztown quilt. Later that day, Kathleen Scala, Karen Anderson, Marlene Marlowe, and Theresa gathered to sew on the binding. The quilt was completed that night!! It's been a long process, admittedly longer than anticipated, but it is a beautiful quilt. Thank you to everyone who participated in this new project and process, and a special thank you to Theresa and Karen for co-chairing the project and keeping the momentum going! A job well done!!

***A Quilt is Born***

**November, 2016** – suggestion made for ESQG to make a quilt

to be entered into the Kutztown Folk Festival in July, 2018

**January, 2016** – met to discuss pattern, colors, theme

**December 2017** – final appliques attached to quilt top

**January 2018** – all applique completed, borders added and quilt was basted

**February, 2018** – quilt put on rack and hand quilting began

**June, 2018** – deadline for entering quilt – quilt still being hand-quilted

**October 2, 2018** – quilting finished and binding attached!!



### *2019 Mystery Quilt Teams Up!*

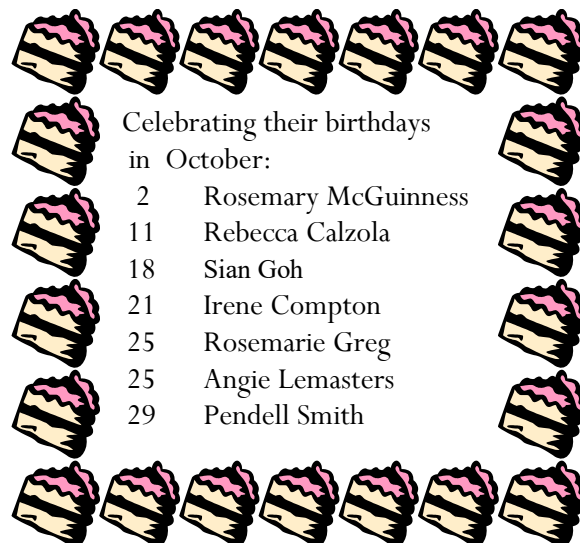
Marlene Marlowe and Leana McCutcheon will be hosting the mystery quilt again this year. The event will be held from 9 am to 3 pm Saturday, February 2, 2019 at St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ. Marlene is collecting \$20 from members who wish to participate. Once you sign up and pay for the day, you will receive a list of supplies and the initial cutting directions to prepare for the class. This year's mystery is somewhat scrappy. You'll need two colorways and a background fabric, but each can be scrappy within the color family. As an incentive or a twist on this year's project, you can team up with another member and do your quilt in red, white, and blue to create a Quilt of Valor which you can donate on your own or through the guild. What a great opportunity to participate in the Mystery Quilt, work with other guild members and give back to the community!

### *Quilts of Valor*

Rich Danner and Judy Zeitler were able to complete the last two quilt tops prior to the September meeting, and they are gorgeous! No need for a Saturday workshop to complete those tops. Karen Anderson and Sharon Kubich each took one of the quilt tops home to machine quilt and bind. They will return the quilts prior to the November 11th presentation to the veterans. Audrey will announce the recipients at the October meeting. Some will be presented in Belvidere at the Veterans' Celebration; some will be presented at our November meeting. Please plan to attend one or both of these presentations. We owe our freedom to these brave men and women. Theresa Schoonover will be standing in for Rich Danner this year until his work schedule becomes more quilter-friendly. Theresa handed out patterns for an Ohio Star block at the September meeting which is to be done in red and white OR blue and white fabrics. Theresa will be collecting your blocks at the October meeting.

### *Community Outreach and Assistance - Nightmare Before Christmas*

Yes, it's only October, but all crafters are well aware, we need to work in advance of the holidays. At the October meeting we will be working on Christmas ornaments for the Hope Christmas Market to raise money for St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ. (This is the host church for our Saturday *Stitches in Hope*.) Bonnie Eamigh will collect the completed ornaments after the meeting and at the November meeting. Supplies to make the ornaments will be provided, but if you would like to donate your own fabric, you'll need to bring 40 2-inch squares in three colors: 16 each of two colors and 8 of one color. Please keep your fabrics coordinating such as: red, green, white/off-white; blues and whites; purples and golds; silver and gold.



*ESQG Officers for 2018-2019*

The officers for the new year are: President - **Cindy Smith**; Vice President - **Irene Compton**; Secretary - **Carol Smith**; Treasurer - **Sue DeCamp**; Historian - **Rich Danner**; and Quilt Committee Co-Chairs - **Sharon Kubich** and **Theresa Schoonover**.

*Quilt Show 2019 Committee Meeting Set*

The 2019 Harvest of Quilts Quilt Show committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 16**, at **6 pm** in the Belvidere High School library. Anyone interested in serving on the committee to help plan and prepare for our next show, please plan to attend. Sub-committee heads who plan to continue with their position, please notify Sharon Kubich or Theresa Schoonover prior to the meeting. The show is scheduled for October 19 & 20, 2019 at Belvidere High School.

*Membership Forms Available*

2018-19 membership forms are available online at ESQG.com and will also be attached to a guild distribution email. Please complete the form *even if you do not have any changes to your contact information*.

Dues and forms are due and will be collected at the October Guild Meeting or you can mail to the guild's P.O. box in Belvidere. **Darlene Kerr** will be managing guild membership and roster again this year.

Thank you, Darlene for keeping us up to date!



From September Show and Tell -

Lynne Kanen's t-shirt quilt (zoom, zoom!) and Lelane Hoose's family tree quilt.





***Make New Friends, But Keep the Old...***

Welcome to our new members: Bev, Sharon, Joanne, and Martha! Ladies, please feel free to ask questions of any guild members, or talk to Bonnie Eamigh, our New Member liason. We hope you will jump in with both feet and join some of our many committees! We are always looking for new ideas and helping hands. Returning guild members, please extend a smile, a handshake, and a hello to our newest members. Also, guild memberships are now due for the new year. Please remember to fill out the annual guild membership form even if you won your membership dues in one of last year's contests. Dues are \$25 and should be paid by the October meeting to be included in the guild roster.

***A Ray of Sunshine***

The guild is asking for continued prayers for Bob and Judy Zeitler. Bob is suffering from an immune deficiency disorder most likely a result of his prior chemotherapy treatments. Judy has to wrap him up like a mummy twice a day. On the bright side, if he can endure the horrific pain, he could win a costume contest this month! Seriously though, these two have had some rough times with his health, but they always take it in stride and develop "a new routine." The Zeitlers are one of the strongest couples one will ever meet, and so full of faith that this too, shall pass. We all hope so. Be strong!

***Stitches in Hope***

The next Saturday *Stitches in Hope* will be **October 13th**. Join fellow guild members and make placemats for Meals on Wheels... or bring your own projects to work on. There's always room for open sewing. The session runs from 9 am to 3 pm at St. John's Methodist Church in Hope NJ. Bonnie will be holding a drawing at the end of the year for members who participate in Stitching in Hope. Come and be "sew"cial!

***Here's Pie in Your Eye!***

We will be holding a **Pumpkin Pie Contest** at *Stitches in Hope* in November! Join us on **November 17th** for a workshop and bring a pumpkin pie using your favorite recipe or try something new in time for the holidays. Please include copies of your recipe if you are willing to share. The guild will provide cutlery, plates, napkins etc. in order to taste-test each pie. Members present will choose the winner. Come join the fun!

**Hunterdon County Quilting Guild** will hold their **Annual Open House** meeting on **October 26, 2018** at the Readington Reformed Church, 124 Readington Rd., Readington, NJ 08889. The meeting begins promptly at **9:30 am**. We are delighted to have as our guest speaker for this meeting Suzi Parron, who will present her American Barn Quilts Lecture “Following the Barn Quilt Trail.” We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to host this very popular speaker who travels the country speaking and teaching about Barn Quilt Trails across the country. Please check out Suzi’s website for information on her adventures across the country: <http://www.barnquiltinfo.com/suzi.htm>. We invite those interested to join us for this Open House Lecture and to meet the members of our Guild. There is no fee for Guests at this Open House Meeting and Lecture. Please join us! (The workshop is full, however, so is not available to the public at this time.)



Theresa Schoonover gets some hand quilting done; quilts from the Victorian era and some old quilt block instructions; Cindy Smith working the raffle quilt booth at Victorian Days back in September in Belvidere.

**Guild Officers**

**2018/2019 Guild Year**

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