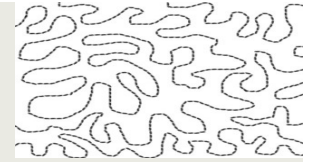


EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



September, 2018 - Volume 7

A Note From the ESQG President

Warm greetings from the end of August! I hope this finds everyone looking forward to our new guild year! Please pour yourself a cup of coffee or enjoy a cool wine cooler, relax and peruse our latest edition of *The Stitchline*!

Have you ever looked back on your life to find one small choice or moment that somehow defined who you became or determined where you are now? I did it several years ago and discovered that had I not decided to join Girl Scouts in 2nd grade, I might never have ended up in Blairstown, NJ. The series of events that stemmed from that moment created who I am, who I would meet, where I went to school, and where I ended up. It's interesting to ride that idea and realize how one tiny event created my life as I know it.

More recently, our family shared a Celebration of Life event when my father-in-law passed away. As we sat around the table, the thought occurred to me: Who knew that a baby born in Norway over 72 years ago would have such a major impact on my life? Had this man not been born, had his parents not moved to the United States, had he not married Ruth, had he not had a son, had they never moved to Blairstown - I would not have my wonderful husband! It is just amazing how one little event can create a series of events and impact the lives of so many people.

Look at your own life and see who has had an impact on you. What choices have you made that put you where you are today?... and realize that little things that you do also have an impact on others. Be a little kinder, a little gentler with your friends and family. We are all in this together!

In closing, let me leave you with this: There is another person and event that has impacted and changed my life. 22 years ago I walked into the Village Barn in Bangor, PA and met Sharon Rehrig... and the rest, as they say, is history!

See you on Tuesday, September 11th!

Cynthia A Smith
President, ESQG

REMEMBER

THINGS TO BRING TO THE SEPT. MEETING:

Membership form
\$25 check or cash for dues
UFO list of nine projects
Show & Tell - Memory Quilts

Show & Tell for September

Our theme for Show & Tell at the September meeting is Memory Quilts. Since our meeting falls on that fateful date of September 11, it's a good time to remember those we have lost. If you have a memory quilt you've created over the years, please bring it in for Show & Tell. Many of us have used hankies, t-shirts, baby clothes, ties, pins, and buttons to create beautiful quilts commemorating the life of someone special to us. Please share your stories and share your quilts!

Community Outreach and Assistance

Pillowcases and a donated quilt rounded out our charity projects for the year. Pillowcases were collected and donated to the Veterans' home in Oxford, NJ; while a quilt made by the guild was donated to *Happiness Is Camping* for their annual fundraising event. We thank **Theresa Schoonover** for coordinating our charities this year and thank all the members who participated. Throughout the year, Theresa entered a ticket for each charity item made/donated by each guild member. Over 300 tickets were in the bucket by year's end. What a great tribute to all our members who participated in creating items for so many charitable projects this year! A winner was drawn randomly from the collection of tickets at the June meeting, and the winner is....Audrey Planer! Congratulations!

Stunning Row Quilts Completed

During our June meeting, the balance of the row quilts were displayed across the tables in the back of the room. Beautiful work was done in color, biblical, chicken, beach, and several other themes. Looks like several people in that group enjoyed paper-piecing. Such awesome creations! (See last page of this issue.) We are all looking forward to seeing these quilts completed in the next year or so. Hopefully we will have enough to do a special display at our next show in 2019! Challenge presented folks!!

Speaking of a Challenge... Time to De-Stash!

Solvai Sanchez is spear-heading another UFO challenge for the group this year. In quilting, UFO does not represent Unidentified Flying Objects; it has become the notation commonly referring to Un-Finished Objects. So here is your chance to force yourself to complete one project or one portion of a project each month beginning in October.

Each participating member will give a list of nine (9) objects from his/her studio that he/she wishes to complete during the new guild year. Projects to be considered must have already been started prior to September 2018, and must be listed on the paper given to Solvai at the September meeting. Be sure to keep a copy for yourself, because... Solvai doesn't do this in numerical order... she will choose a number between 1 and 9 each month, and you must complete the project which corresponds to the number she chooses by the following monthly guild meeting. For example, she may select #3 on the list to be completed by October regardless of what project is listed for #1 or #2. If you have a continuing project, please contact Solvai for assistance in how to list the various steps on your project list. Projects may include: add a border to my blue and white quilt, or make the bias binding for the mystery quilt, or make the backing for my Quilt of Valor, or make 9 blocks for my son's wedding quilt, or finish my 2018 row-quilt top! Be specific on your list. Items do not necessarily have to be "finish a quilt." If you have a specific project to finish for Christmas, do NOT include it on your list as projects will be chosen at random.

Now is a good time to de-stash! Some things to keep in mind: know what you have. Is this a project I already despise? Do I love this design? What was I thinking? What is that color anyway? After you have studied your UFO's, choose the nine projects that you really want to finish and put them on your list. If you really aren't feeling any love towards a certain project, put it away for another time, gift it, swap it, or give it away.

This challenge can be as aggressive as you wish based on your lifestyle and time constraints. Each month, beginning with the October meeting, you must bring in the assigned completed project so that Solvai or Rosemarie can mark it off your list. So, join the fun and get things done! Let's see how much we can accomplish. Any questions, please contact Solvai Sanchez directly.

2017-2018 Block of the Month Quilt Top Competition

Quilt tops made from the 30's reproduction fabrics during our anniversary year were displayed at the June meeting in Belvidere. Several tops were completed using the various blocks made and/or won throughout the year. Winners of a Free 2018-19 Guild Year Membership are: 1st Place - Audrey Planer; 2nd Place - Cindy Smith; and 3rd Place - Judy Zeitler. Congratulations to the winners! Winners are required to complete the membership form for the new guild year in order to verify contact information, and write "winner, winner, chicken dinner" in place of the fee.

2018 Guild Scholarships

Two \$500 scholarships sponsored by the Evening Star Quilters' Guild were awarded at the Belvidere High School senior awards night in June, 2018. Winners of the scholarships were Nicole Rosano of Belvidere, NJ and Marietta McCray of Harmony, NJ. Congratulations to our high school seniors! Thank you to **Audrey Planer** and her committee for their time and effort in the decision-making process.

Victorian Days in Belvidere

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Belvidere Victorian Days Return! An email was sent out recently regarding Victorian Days being held September 8 - 9, 2018. We continue to seek volunteers to work the weekend on the square in Belvidere. We are located near the corner of Third and Hardwick Streets, Lot #29, on Third Street. Set-up will be from 7 to 8 am on Saturday, and the event will run until 6 pm that day. On Sunday, set-up will be from 9 to 10 am, and the event will run through 5 pm. We will be removing the entire display both evenings prior to departure. Please email, call or text Cindy Smith if you are able to help during the weekend. This is great public visibility and is a wonderful day spent outside. We have a tent and some quilt stands to display the period quilts. If you have a Victorian era quilt, crazy quilt, broderie perse quilt, or whole-cloth quilt you are willing to display, please contact Cindy. The space allowed is 12 feet square; quite different from prior years when we had room to spread out in the middle of the park. Anyone wishing to join us should bring a chair and some handwork to do, if possible. Our raffle quilt will be on display and we will be selling raffle tickets throughout the weekend. Also, all vendors are required to wear period dress, or at the minimum a white blouse and black pants or skirt. Please refer to the email for suggestions. Come join the fun!

Quilts of Valor

The quilts of valor quilts are in limbo at the moment. Rich Danner is chairing this project, but has had a rather busy summer. Several members are available now to assist with this project to get it back on track. We are anticipating a Saturday workshop on September 15, if all goes well. More information to follow. The quilts are slated for completion by November (Veterans' Day). Audrey Planer is accepting names of recipients, so if there is a special veteran in your life to whom you would like to present a quilt, please submit that person's name to Audrey for consideration. Rich anticipates four finished quilts for this November. If we have more than four names submitted, the committee will decide on a fair distribution.

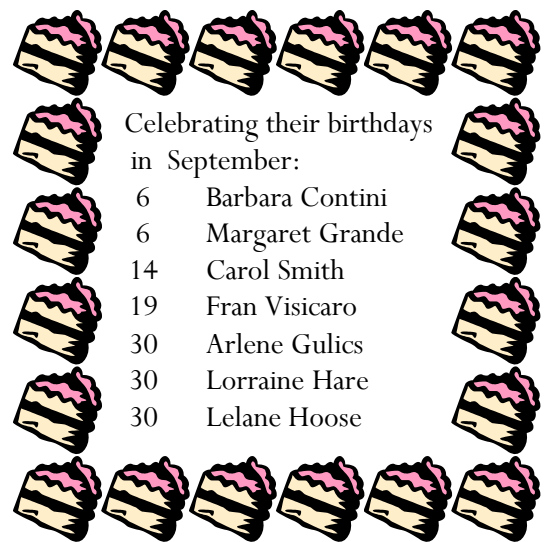
Warren County Fair

We had a very wet end to the fair again this year which prompted an early closing on Saturday, August 4. Due to heavy rains in the area creating flooding of fair buildings and muddy parking areas, the fair board opted to close this year's fair early. Luckily the quilts were unharmed and removed efficiently by the ladies present on Saturday. Prior to that, Irene and her committee did a wonderful job setting up and running the Folk Arts Barn and Boutique. 23 quilts hung in the show and viewers chose the winners as: First Place - Margaret Grande (ESQG); Second Place- Lorraine Hare (ESQG); and Third Place - Marlene Marlowe (ESQG)! Congratulations to the winners! The boutique gleaned about \$2,100 overall, and we made approximately \$800 in raffle ticket sales. 21 members helped with set-up, take-down, and manning the display and boutique throughout the week. Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in this worthy event. It is a lot of work, but it is one way of getting us out there in the public's eye. People love to visit our displays. We often hear their stories of quilts remembered and those that gave them comfort. Thank you again **Irene Compton** for chairing the committee this year...and a huge thank you for agreeing to do it again in 2019!



Celebrating their birthdays
in July & August:

- 7/9 Jane Schreffler
- 7/16 Patty Kristoff
- 8/3 Jane Kafarski
- 8/6 Karen Anderson
- 8/11 Ana Rivera
- 8/14 Pat Howlin
- 8/27 Sandy Behsman



Celebrating their birthdays
in September:

- 6 Barbara Contini
- 6 Margaret Grande
- 14 Carol Smith
- 19 Fran Visicaro
- 30 Arlene Gulics
- 30 Lorraine Hare
- 30 Lelane Hoose

Officers Elected for 2018-2019

The election of officers was held at the June meeting. 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**. Congratulations to the newly elected officers! Thank you to the nominating committee: **Judy Zeitler, Rosemarie Greg, and Lelane Hoose**. Great job ladies!

Board Member Transition Meeting was Plum Good!

On August 14, President Cindy Smith hosted the Board Member Transition Meeting and Pie Social in her home. Members were invited to participate in planning the new year. Eight members attended, including the old and new board, and several pies were shared. The hostess served her own Fresh Peach Pie, and Pecan Pie; Theresa shared a Peanut Butter Pie; and Karen Anderson brought her Plum Pie. Kathleen Scala joined in with some vanilla ice cream (of course!) and everyone enjoyed the goodies. Kathleen noted that all the pies began with the letter "P" and were very much 'preciated!

Ways and Means News

A big thank you to **Darlene Kerr** for chairing our Ways and Means Committee this past year! Darlene did a great job running our monthly program. Congratulations to **Becky Calzola** for winning a free 2018-2019 Guild Membership at the June meeting! **Bonnie Eamigh** will chair the committee in 2018-19. Look for some changes to the program this year.

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*.

Checks will be collected at the September 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!

Kutztown Quilt Quilters Continue

Due to a lack of hand-quilters, the 2018 hopeful did not get finished in time for the Kutztown Folk Festival in July. Theresa continues to host hand-quilters every Tuesday in her home in Mt. Bethel. It's always a delightful time around the quilt frame. Please text or call Theresa if you are able to hand quilt any Tuesday. The quilters have reached the final two borders of this amazing blue and white quilt, and it's coming out beautifully! Please join us for a couple of hours on a Tuesday afternoon or evening for some quilting and socializing.



We All Cheered for Ice Cream!

June's meeting started off with an ice cream social to toast the closing of our 30-year anniversary celebration. Our members and guests enjoyed ice cream sundaes with brownies, syrups, and sprinkles of friendship tossed on top. Smiles decorated the room and laughter filled our hearts. Thank you to everyone who supplied the extra goodies!



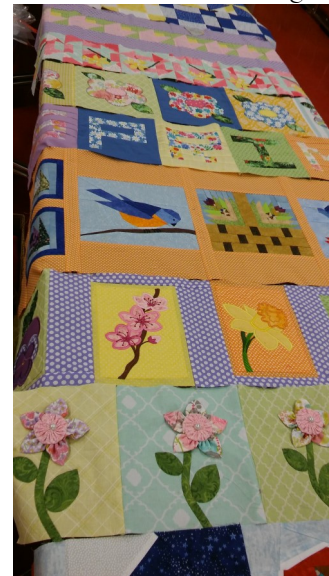
A Ray of Sunshine

Nancy Murphy continues her treatments in New Jersey, however she has moved to her new home in Virginia. Nancy has opened her home to visitors and welcomes her northern friends! Nancy's new mailing address is available to travelers headed her direction. Please email Cindy if you would like Nancy's contact information. Nancy remains confident that everything will continue to move in the right direction regarding her treatment and thanks everyone for their ongoing prayers and well-wishes. Cheer her on as she battles her demons.

Happiness is Camping Dash & Splash 5K Run

Three of our guild members entered HIC's Dash & Splash on Saturday, August 11. **Karen Anderson, Theresa Schoonover, and Cindy Smith** joined in the fun at *Happiness is Camping* on a rainy Saturday morning. 112 participants came from all over and enjoyed a walk in the woods of Hardwick Township, NJ. Despite the rains, these women enjoyed good clean fun, and wonderful food. It was a great adventure and new experience for some. There was little to no running involved with our three members...they were happy to bring up the rear and actually encouraged several people to continue on in spite of the weather, in spite of their weight, in spite of their age. No one turned back, and our ladies promised to be last so that no one else had to admit to that position. The event was well managed and well attended. Please consider joining the ESQG team next year for another Wet and Wild Dash and Splash!





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