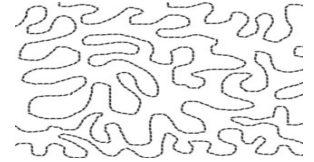


EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



JUNE, 2019 - VOLUME 6

A Note From the ESQG President

Welcome to June and to the end of my “reign of terror” as President of Evening Star Quilter's Guild. Please know that I appreciate all the support I received these past two years. The trials were minimal, the smiles were great! Thank you so much for continuing to show the strength our guild has in this community through support of one another, as well as for the people and animals in our area. Over the past two years, we have donated a heap of dog and cat beds, a pile of placemats, wonderful walker bags, quantities of quilts and quilted items, along with several Quilts of Valor; all from the warmth and generosity of our hearts. Thank you to all!!

I have a few lines from a favorite poem I would like to share with you by Bertha Adams Backus. This is something that rattles around in my head and I make every attempt to live by it, although sometimes I struggle, but I think everyone can use this mantra in their life:

*Build for yourself a strong box, fashion each part with care,
When it's strong as your hand can make it, put all your troubles there;
Hide there all thought of your failures, and each bitter cup that you quaff;
Lock all your heartaches within it,
Then sit on the lid and laugh.*

I know the Ice Cream Social at the June meeting will put a smile on your face, and the completion of nine UFO's will not only put a smile on your face, but also on those invested in your projects, whether family or friends. Let this joy carry you forward this summer as we look forward to our display at the fair, to our participation in Victorian Days, and to our biennial quilt show - the ever famous *Harvest of Quilts* in October. Support your guild and your guild members. Support other guilds and quilt shops as you travel this summer. Be kind to your fellow human beings, as you know not what they are going through themselves. Lock away your worries. Find both joy and comfort in your sewing, as we often do...and sit on the lid and laugh.

Enjoy your summer! Please watch your emails for updates for the Warren County Fair and Victorian Days.

Thanks for the memories and I'll see you on Tuesday, June 11th!

Cynthia A. Smith
President, ESQG

REMEMBER

THINGS TO BRING TO THE JUNE MEETING:

Show & Tell: Food for Thought Quilts
Ice Cream Scoops
UFO #4
Work in Progress from Leana's workshop
Donations for Family Promise
Fabric and Charm Squares for Raffle Basket
Books & magazines for Quilt Show recycle
3" and 4" fabric scraps for Victorian Days
Lots of smiles!

Food for Thought Show & Tell

As we enjoy our ice cream, let's have a little food for thought...what quilts have you made with food themes? Fruits and Veggies, Jams and Jellies, Candy Bars and Cup-cakes, Coffee and Tea?
Bring in your favorite quilts based on something yummy!

Leana's Machine Applique Workshop

On May 18th, Leana McCutcheon held a machine applique workshop for our guild members. We look forward to seeing some of the results at the June meeting!

Walker Bag Workshop Renewed

On Saturday, May 11th, eight members gathered and created 19 walker bags for various local nursing homes including Barn Hill, Bristol Glen, and Clover Rest Home. Sue DeCamp donated an additional 10 bags at the May meeting. Thank you to all who created walker bags and/or donated fabric! The bags were easy to make and the sew-cializing was enjoyable, as always. Theresa Schoonover and Lynn Kanen put kits together which helped speed the process at the workshop. Thank you to you both for the extra effort making our lives easier!

The Nominations are In!

A big thank you to our nominating committee this year for completing a sometimes difficult task. Sharon Rehrig, Kathleen Scala and Sharon Kubich presented the slate of officers for the 2019-2020 guild year as follows: President: Sharon Kubich; Vice President: Cindy Smith; Secretary: Carol Smith; Treasurer: Sue DeCamp; and Historian: Nancy Geiger. Congratulations and thank you to the ladies willing to lead our group. Elections will be held at the June meeting.

4 Square and 7 Years Ago....

Our UFO challenge seems like it started many years ago, but it has been only 9 months! In nine months, some people have completed 9 UFOs!! Number 4 is the final UFO to make the grade. Check the 4 corners of your sewing room to find that last little item and get it squared up for the final event!

Quilt of Valor Presentation

Audrey Planer and Irene Compton presented a Quilt of Valor made by Solvai Sanchez to General Ronald Blank, a Battalion Surgeon in Vietnam, during the Memorial Day services in Blairstown, NJ on Sunday, May 26. Thank you ladies for sharing our gratitude to our veterans!

2019 Harvest of Quilts Show

The Quilt Show is well under way and the committee appears to have everything under control! Leana McCutcheon offered to head the White Gloves Committee, so all the committee positions are filled. However, we need everyone to participate in the show and that means contacting Margaret Grande to sign up for work shifts. PLEASE do this as soon as possible!

Raffle Basket Bundles

Carol Smith is collecting fat quarters, charm packs, seasonal fabric, florals, and solids to fill her raffle baskets as part of our raffle table. Pocono Sew and Vac always offers a sewing machine, light, and usually a third item to be raffled in lieu of paying the vendor fee. We add the beauty of great fabrics and notions to stir the pot. Please donate only good quality fabrics so no one goes home with fabric for an ugly quilt challenge.

Recycle your Magazines & Books!

Here's a chance to clean house and pass on some great patterns! Solvai Sanchez is collecting old quilt magazines and quilting books to sell at the show. Please sort your magazines by maker and date in order to help customers find issues they need. Books should be in good shape and usable. Bring them in now and avoid the rush!!

Our Promise to Family Promise

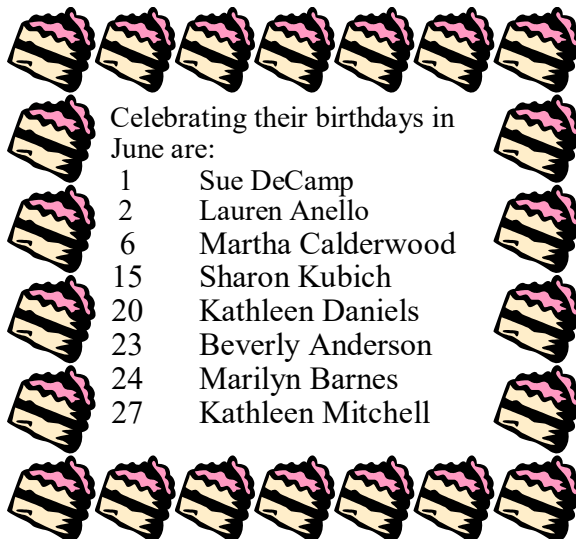
Please continue to make and bring in items for the tricky tray tables at our biennial quilt show! Family Promise is counting on us to help our local families get back on their feet. All items must be handmade. Items may include: table runners, placemats, microwave bowls, pot holders, lap quilts, crib quilts, wine bags, totes, etc. Items brought in early can be given to Bonnie Eamigh or Margaret Grande. The guild will match donated funds made through the tricky tray up to \$500.

Tapestry New England

Rosemary McGuinness and Kathy Daniels are hosting a trip to New England from **Thursday, October 3, to Sunday October 6**. The tour includes round trip bus transportation, three nights accommodations, seven meals, admission and docent tour of the New England Quilt Museum and a visit to Keepsake Quilting. Anyone interested in further details, please contact Rosemary or Kathy.

Ice Cream, You Scream...

Join us at our June meeting for our annual ice cream social! We'll have several varieties of ice cream available, complete with sprinkles, sauces, toppings, and whipped cream!! This was such a hit last year, the board elected to continue the event each June to celebrate the end of another guild year. Anyone with ice cream scoops to share, please bring them to the June meeting, so the line can move a little quicker. That would just be the cherry on top!



Celebrating their birthdays in June are:

1	Sue DeCamp
2	Lauren Anello
6	Martha Calderwood
15	Sharon Kubich
20	Kathleen Daniels
23	Beverly Anderson
24	Marilyn Barnes
27	Kathleen Mitchell

Levie's Levity

Our May meeting was so much fun with Eleanor Levie! Thank you to all who participated in her zany fashion show of wearable art and fancy hats. Eleanor, or Ellie to her friends, was such a delight, her vests and jackets were inspiring, and her totes artistic and fun. The hats and glasses made the outfits come to life, and we appreciated the dazzle the models added to the overall outfits. We will certainly look for some workshops with her in the future so we can bring her back to Belvidere.



Victorian Days

Victorian Days will be held **September 7th and 8th** this year on the square in Belvidere. We are entered again as an educational display, but will also be permitted to sell raffle tickets for our annual raffle quilt.

The Victorian Day committee holds a silent auction and is looking for items to include in this auction in order to raise funds for Belvidere Senior scholarships. Last year they were able to raise \$1500 and gave three scholarships to the students graduating. If you are interested in donating a quilt or other item to the auction, please contact Cindy Smith for a registration/contribution form.

Also, the committee is looking for 3 and 4-inch scraps for the children to create glue quilts during the weekend. All donations can be given to Cindy who will turn them over to the Belvidere Heritage commission in charge of the Victorian Days events.

Please watch for emails over the summer requesting volunteers to work during the weekend on the square. The event runs 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, and 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday. If anyone has quilts from the 1860s to 1880's, please consider displaying it at our venue.

Harvest of Quilts Quilt Show

Our biennial quilt show will be here again before you know it! The dates are **October 19 and 20**. All guild members are asked to sign up on the master volunteer schedule sheet with Margaret Grande. Many slots are still wide open and need to be filled. Our show is an "all hands on deck" event. We need everyone there and everyone helping. Quilt registration forms are available online at <http://www.esqg.com/> for download, or at the meetings on the front table. The forms can be copied and you may enter up to 10 quilts.

If you enter more than ten quilts, you must number your entries (1 through xx) in case some have to be eliminated. This has not happened in the past, but we need to make you aware that it could happen.

Registration forms, complete with photos showing colors accurately, are due no later than September 10, 2019. No late entries will be accepted.

Our show is held to educate the public on the art of quilting. We will have demonstrations both days, food in the cafeteria, a boutique, book/magazine recycling, vendors, and raffles, not to mention about a hundred handmade quilts! There is a lot of activity and it is our chance to shine. We have always been regarded as having a fabulous show, so let's not disappoint our adoring public! Sign up now! Get your quilts registered, and let's get hyped up for another successful show!!

Warren County Fair

The Warren County Fair will be held **July 27th - August 3rd** this year. Irene Compton is looking for volunteers to work at the fair, as well as helping the day of set-up (Friday, July 26th) and the day of take-down (Sunday, August 4th). A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting. Please check your calendars and be sure to sign up with Irene. There are a lot of days and hours to cover, so the more the merrier!

Also, if you plan to enter your quilt(s) in the fair, please complete a registration form (available on our website for download) by July 19.

Registered quilts will each receive a number and the number must be attached to your quilt for ease in setting up the display. Anyone entering items into the boutique must use their assigned color coded tags and place all items in plastic bins identified to the participant. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Compton.

2019 - 2020 Committee Heads Needed

- Evening Star Quilters has several committees
- and some will be needing new leadership next
- year. If you would like to head one of the
- standing committees, please speak to any board
- member and let them know. Positions are open
- for Community Projects Coordinator, Block of
- the Month, Challenge, and Hospitality just to
- name a few. Please consider stepping up and
- make the committee your own.

Scholarships Awarded!

To show our gratitude to Belvidere High School for providing us our monthly meeting space, we award two \$500 scholarships to qualified Belvidere High School seniors each spring. The scholarship is awarded to a student who plans to major in the arts or education. Audrey Planer and Peggy Schaedel graciously offered to comb through the applications again this year. Thank you Audrey and Peggy! At this time, we are proud to announce the winners of this year's scholarships: Conner McCrea of White Township who will major in theater, and Jason Thompson of Belvidere who will major in Music Education. Congratulations Conner and Jason!!

***Fabric Sale Flea Market Success...
and some Leftovers!***

A large fabric sale/flea market was held on Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th with an early bird showing on Friday, May 17th for ESQG members only in Bangor PA. The source of the fabric was a long time friend and former member of the guild and was beautifully bundled by her friends and family. Several members enjoyed visiting the stash Friday night and some went back for more. At the end of the weekend, though successful for the vendor, there were a few leftovers which were divided up between three guilds. The leftovers will be brought to the June meeting. Be sure to check it out!



Upcoming Guild Programs

Pokers are already in fire for next year's meetings and will include a textile arts professor from Centenary University in Hackettstown, NJ; a borders presentation for finishing your quilts, what to do with your orphan blocks, and an historical presentation about women that is sure to stir up some conversation.

Stay tuned for another great year starting in September, 2019!

Quilt Show Committee Meeting

The Quilt Show committee will meet on **Tuesday, August 27, at 6 pm** at Theresa Schoonover's home in Mt. Bethel, PA.

This is an important meeting to finalize all preparations for the Quilt Show in October! All Committee Chairs, please plan to attend!

Mystery Quilt 2020 Date Announced!

Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, February 8, 2020** for the next Mystery Quilt workshop. Stay tuned for further instructions.

Bread Lock Park - Enjoy a Day in the Park

Enjoy a day in the park - **Saturday, June 8, 11 am to 5 pm** at Bread Lock Park in Stewartsville, NJ.

Admission is free and it's being held rain or shine. There will be an author's alley, classic cars, history presentations and so much more. In the past we have taken our raffle quilt to this event to sell tickets. This year that may not be an option. If anyone is interested in demonstrating quilting and would like to represent our guild at this year's event, please contact Cindy Smith or visit www.explorewarren.org for more info.

Quilt Show Signs to be Returned

If you have a quilt show yard sign in your home or garage, please bring it to the June meeting. Letters have been ordered to update the signs with dates and times, and we need to know how many we have available to display prior to the show. PLEASE return any signs you may have!

**Evening Star Quilters Guild
Calendar of Events
2018-2019 Guild Year**

Date	Event	Place	Contact Person/Phone/Time
June 11, 2019	Regular Meeting - Elections and Ice Cream Social	Belvidere High School	Meeting begins at 7pm
July 27 - August 3, 2019	Warren County Fair	Harmony Fair Grounds	
September 7 & 8, 2019	Victorian Days	Belvidere, New Jersey	
October 19-20, 2019	Quilt show	Belvidere High School	



8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Good News Home for Women
33 Bartles Corner Road
Flemington, NJ 08822

Vendors Wanted - Tables \$45

To register contact Dawn Davidson
908-806-7913, ext, 323 dawn@goodnewshome.org

Features carnival games, face painting, live music/DJ, vendor shopping, food and more!

Admission is free all proceeds raised benefit the Good News Home

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**Guild Officers
2018/2019 Guild Year**

President Cynthia Smith	Treasurer Sue DeCamp
Vice President Irene Compton	Bylaws/Historian Rich Danner
Secretary Carol A. Smith	