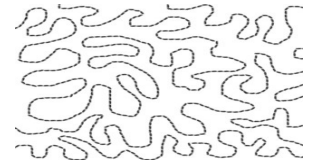


# EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



NOVEMBER, 2019 - VOLUME 9

## *A Note From the ESQG Vice-President*

November is a time of giving and forgiving. The year is nearing its end. It is a time to be grateful for what we have, or don't have, as the case may be. Be grateful for your good friendships and loving families. Be grateful for the good times you spent with those who are no longer here. If you are healthy, be grateful you are not sick; if you are sick, be grateful for those who support you and love you, and for the time available to you, which allows you to heal.

We all experience some rough days through which we struggle on our own. We want to scream or cry out, stomp our feet, or throw something against the wall. We want to be left alone just to have time to re-group, to enjoy silence for a few minutes... the young mom with strong-willed children, or the tired neighbor who tries to calm an elderly parent with dementia. Life provides experiences for each one of us to handle, sometimes on our own, but often with supportive friends and or family nearby. It's good to stand strong, but it's also good to lean on someone if needed.

Quilting has always been my comfort zone. Sometimes it's just the peacefulness of hand-quilting in front of the TV watching an old movie. Sometimes it's the repetition of piecing that allows my brain to work through the other issues in my cluttered life. Sometimes it's the sight or *feel* of new fabric that alerts my sense of happiness or hopefulness for the opportunity to create something new. No one quite understands us quilters... but we get it. Making these quilts bring us comfort as much as they bring comfort to those who receive them.

As I mentioned in a previous note, we quilters create quilts for various reasons. To celebrate, to support, to warm, to love, and above all, to comfort. We all have our challenges to face throughout our lives. While quilting, remember someone or something in your life that has helped you through yours. Be thankful, be giving, and be forgiving.

See you Tuesday, November 12th! \*\*

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### **\*\*P.S. - Location Change for November 12 Meeting!**

Our regular meeting on Tuesday, November 12, will be held in the Belvidere High School Library. Please use the gym entrance (same as for the quilt show). The BHS Field Hockey team needs the cafeteria for their awards banquet. Please be respectful of the students and drive around to the other side of the school.

# REMEMBER

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

Water/soda/coffee for yourself  
Quilt Show yard signs  
1 yard of Ugly Fabric  
QOV Ohio Star Block(s)  
Block-of-the-Month Show and Tell  
Baked goods or snack trays to share  
Support and respect for our Speaker  
Smiles & helping hands!

### **Block-of-the-Month Quilts for Show & Tell**

Since Block-of-the-Month quilts are sometimes tough to make due to the various skills and the 'seam'ingly different widths a 1/4 inch can be from one person's machine to the next, let's combine our Orphan Block lecture with the beginning of our Ugly Fabric challenge and see what people have created with various wins from our Block-of-the-Month program! Do you have a favorite Block-of-the-Month quilt? Bring it to our November meeting and share your quilt with the guild!

***Ugly Fabric Challenge***

The guild is hosting an Ugly Fabric Challenge this year beginning in November. Please bring in one yard of ugly fabric from your stash **to the November meeting**. Cindy Smith will have paper bags available at the meeting to hide that *hideous thang!* Sign up and turn in your fabric before the meeting begins. Say a little prayer and pick up your challenge fabric later during the meeting. The fabric you “win” in November must be used in a completed quilt no smaller than 36” square, or in a useful product such as a tote, purse, or apron. The finished project is due back at the June guild meeting. The ugly challenge fabric must be an integral part of your finished product. Please keep a 5” square of the challenge fabric and display it with your completed project so that others can see what you had to work with and can identify it in your project. Are you up for the challenge? Join us for the fun!!

***Adopt an Orphan or Two***

November's meeting brings us Laura Lyman from Pocono Lake, PA. Laura will do a lecture and trunk show demonstrating the use of Orphan Blocks in quilts and other projects. Orphan blocks are those odd-man-out, leftover Block-of-the-Month blocks, those “Oops, I made too many blocks,” and those “changed my mind and went another direction” blocks that we find floating around our sewing rooms. Quilters hate to throw things away, so there is a good chance you have some of these blocks hanging around! Laura is a familiar face in the Pocono area, and is well-known for her scrap quilts and precise sewing skills. We will all learn something from Laura Lyman this month. We hope you will be inspired to give your orphan blocks a home during the workshop on Saturday following Laura's lecture. Cindy Smith will lead the workshop during Saturday Stitchers in Hope on **November 16th from 9 am to 3 pm** at St. John's United Methodist Church in Hope NJ. Please adopt your orphans into their new quilt home!

***Saturday Stitchers in Hope***

**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a workshop from **9 am to 3 pm** at the Methodist Church in Hope, NJ, using our own orphan blocks. Open sewing is also available if you would like to attend, but do not wish to participate in the workshop. There is no fee for this workshop. The idea is to give those blocks a new forever home and share ideas with other members in the guild. Join us for some fun and *sewcializing*. Lunch will be provided. Please note: there will not be a Saturday Stitching event in December this year.

***Marble Maze Quilts***

One of our charity projects this year will be creating marble maze quilts. These quilts are approximately 8” x 10”, made of minky fabric or soft polar fleece, and include a flat marble. Similar to the fidget quilts, an autistic child or Alzheimer's patient can fiddle with the quilt to keep their minds active. Judy Zeitler will be hosting the workshop in January to complete these quilts and find homes for these little guys. Please plan to attend on **Saturday, January 18** in Hope, NJ!

***Red and White Quilt Block***

Sharon Rehrig will coordinate a red and white quilt Block-of-the-Month for February this year. If you would like to participate, please sign up by the November meeting. The fee is \$5, but will be refunded when you return your block. The guild will supply the fabric kits at the December meeting for all who signed up. Return your completed block by February and receive your \$5 refund, and a chance to win all of the blocks or enough to make a quilt, depending on how many blocks are returned! The drawing for the winner(s) will be held at the February, 2020 meeting. See Sharon Rehrig for sign ups.

***Mystery Quilt Workshop***

The date for this year's mystery quilt workshop is **Saturday February 8, 2020**. Marlene Marlowe and Leana McCutcheon are already handing out fabric requirements. The fee is \$20 per person and includes the workshop, instructions, and lunch. Sign up with Marlene at any meeting prior to the February date. This year's mystery is the Bedford Mystery #4 and is 48" square without borders. The pattern promises to be a great scrap buster!

***Quilts of Valor Blocks***

Theresa Schoonover will continue collecting red and white **OR** blue and white Ohio Star blocks through the winter up to the March meeting. You can make as many as you like, one per month, or all at the same time. In March, we will gather at the Methodist Church in Hope during our Saturday Stitchers in Hope session to make the coordinating log cabin blocks and assemble the quilts. The pattern for the Ohio Star is the same one we used last year. If you need a copy, Theresa will have them available at the meetings.

***2019 Raffle Quilt Tickets***

This year's raffle quilt - the red, white, and blue stars quilt - has just a short life span left for ticket sales. Sales have been great so far as the community steps up to support our guild and dream for a win! The balance of the raffle tickets will be handed out to members at the November meeting, so please plan to attend to pick up your tickets. All tickets, sold or unsold, **MUST** be returned by the December meeting since the drawing takes place at 7 pm on Tuesday, December 10, 2020 (as stated on the ticket). Please do everything you can to sell your pack of tickets. If you are unable to sell tickets, or purchase them yourself (great holiday gift for someone on your list!), *PLEASE* contact Lelane Hoose or one of the board members so we can quickly re-direct your tickets to someone looking for extras. The profit from our raffle ticket sales pays for speakers and workshops for our guild.

### Harvest of Quilts

Talk about bringing in the harvest! Ladies and gentleman, we certainly had a great crop of quilts! Over one hundred and twenty quilts were on display this year at our Harvest of Quilts show in October. The gym looked amazing with all the quilts on display, vendors supporting our show, and attendees catching their breath at the beauties before them.

There is so much amazing talent in our guild! Congratulations go to Viewers' Choice 1st place: Margaret Grande (Baltimore Album); 2nd place: Leana McCutcheon (Celebration); 3rd place: Carol Smith (In the Woods); and Honorable Mentions to: Theresa Schoonover (Mason's Wedding) and Karen Alonge (Isabella). (see pics on Pg. 5)

Also, congratulations to Sharon Kubich and Theresa Schoonover and their Quilt Show Committee for another amazing and well managed quilt show in the books. Thank you to everyone who worked, volunteered, and donated items for the show - rest up for the next one in 2021!!



*Wrap it Up at Easton Children's Home!*

This December we will gather to assist Easton Children's Home by wrapping presents donated for each of the resident children. Judy Zeitler will be coordinating with the home in efforts of getting us all there on one date to wrap presents. It'll be a lot of fun for us and a great help to our long time friends at Easton Children's Home. Several years ago our guild made over 60 quilts for the home, so they are never far from our radar. Please plan to join the fun!

*Let the Sun Shine In!*

Please keep Donna Gierveld and her husband in your prayers. Donna's husband had heart surgery October 18th.

*Hospitality Chairperson Needed*

Once again, we do not have anyone in charge of hospitality this year. If someone would like to take on this position, it requires setting up the coffee and tea, bringing napkins, paper plates, cups, and plasticware to the meetings, as well as signing people up to bring baked goods or snack trays to each meeting. In the absence of such a person or committee, please feel free to bring in goodies to share. Cindy Smith will continue to bring plates and napkins, etc., to the meetings. Members are encouraged to bring their own drinks to the guild meetings.

*Quilt Show Signs Need to be Returned*

Okay, folks! Now that the show is over, PLEASE return the show signs that you have in your garage, shed, basement, car trunk, or wherever. Bring them to the November meeting so that they can be returned to Audrey's barn for storage. One of the *main issues* with our show this year? People commented that we did not have enough signs out. We lose a few of these signs every year to road crews and screwballs, please do not make it worse by leaving them in your garage for the next two years (like in the picture to the right!). These signs need to be returned so they can be updated with the new dates and re-used for the next show. Without daily newspapers, this is one of our most trusted avenues of advertising.

Please, please, *please* return our quilt show signs!!



*Operation Chill-Out/Backpacks for Veterans Project*

Our December project will be gathering items for homeless veterans through Operation Chill-Out. Unfortunately, Tramontin Harley-Davidson in Hope is closing it's doors this year and will no longer host this project locally. Audrey Planer is looking for someone in the Hackettstown/Long Valley area that hosts this project as well, in order for us to connect with them to fill backpacks with items needed by the homeless veterans in our county. Audrey anticipates an approximate cost of \$60 per backpack and encourages members to team up to fill the age appropriate list of items needed per pack. Please be ready to assist with this project soon!

VIEWER'S CHOICE WINNERS  
2019 HARVEST OF QUILTS SHOW



First Place - Margaret Grande  
*Baltimore Album*



Second Place - Leana McCutcheon  
*Celebration*



Third Place - Carol Smith  
*In the Woods*

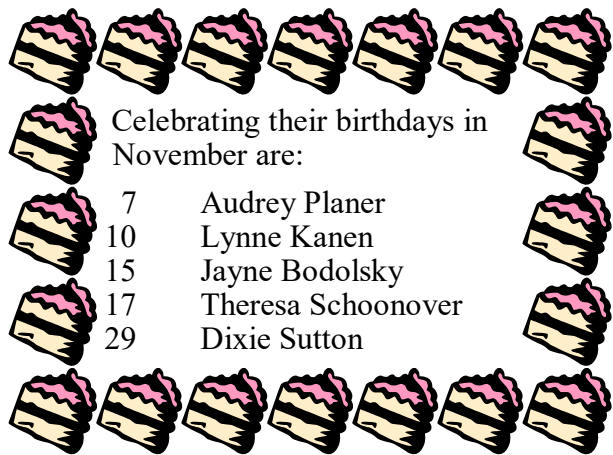
VIEWER'S CHOICE  
HONORABLE MENTION WINNERS  
2019 HARVEST OF QUILTS SHOW



Theresa Schoonover  
*Mason's Wedding*



Karen Alonge  
*Isabella*



Celebrating their birthdays in November are:

- 7 Audrey Planer
- 10 Lynne Kanen
- 15 Jayne Bodolsky
- 17 Theresa Schoonover
- 29 Dixie Sutton

***Board Meetings Slated***

Upcoming board meeting dates:

- December 3 - at Sharon Kubich's home
- February 4 - at Cindy Smith's home
- April 7 - at Sue DeCamp's home
- June 2 - at Sharon Kubich's home

All members are welcome to attend. Committee Chairpersons are encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars.

**Guild Officers**

**2019/2020 Guild Year**

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