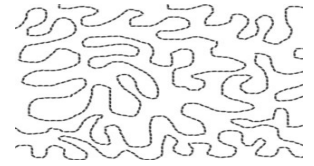


EVENING STAR QUILTERS' GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



FEBRUARY 2021

A Note From the ESQG Vice-President

Greetings! While sitting in my big comfy chair hand quilting my Beggar's Quilt the other night, a commercial came on the TV which started with a man claiming he was "sitting on the sofa with nothing to do!" I thought to myself, how do you have nothing to do? How do you not have a hobby? What is it like to have nothing to do?

I grew up in a family where my mother, sister and I all sewed and did needlework, both of my brothers built models, and my dad carved wood; so we always had *something* to do. All of us had hobbies. It was part of our natural life. What kind of person does not have something to do? I cannot imagine what people do with no hobby. Yet here was this poor guy sitting on his sofa with "literally nothing to do." If we *ever* said that to our parents, there was always a quick response "I can give you something to do!" and we would quickly find something to do on our own.

I admit there are days when I wonder what I might be doing if I did not make quilts. Surely, I would have a lot more money in the bank, but there is a part of me that needs to create things with my hands and try new ideas. Honestly, I cannot just sit anywhere and do nothing. There are always things to do in quilting: handwork, piecing, cutting, coordinating fabric, designing new quilt prospects, finishing up old projects, or even just browsing *Pinterest* or the latest quilt magazine! There are so many wonderful aspects to quilting that it consumes my day, and obviously my evenings as well.

Even when I am doing housework or walking the dogs, my thoughts are consumed with quilting. Color variations approach me in nature, in my chili or beef stew, in handmade soaps, anywhere that the human eye can focus. Creativity is part of our spirit. How many of us find inspiration from our flower beds? From the autumn leaves? From the creatures in the woods? From our son's favorite football team? From the books we read? From our friends with whom we share our passion for quilting?

Go create something young man! Get off your sofa and pick up a paintbrush, a needle and thread, a hammer and chisel; and go create something! Choose a hobby to fill your days and never have nothing to do again!

See you on Tuesday, February 9th!
Be safe and stay well!

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REMEMBER

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR FEBRUARY ZOOM MEETING:

Log on before 7 pm to enjoy our speaker
Bring a warm beverage
Block of the Month
Show & Tell
Wear a Smile!

SHOW & TELL ~ *Disappearing (What?!) Patch*

If you have made a disappearing 9-patch, 4-patch, or hour-glass quilt, keep it handy for Show & Tell! These ideas have been around for a few years. Some of you may have already tried your hand with them, or played with your blocks just out of curiosity. "What happens if I do this?" is the mantra of the Questioning Quilter. We want to see what you have done!

BRITA NELSON~THE QUESTIONING QUILTER

Brita Nelson is our featured speaker at our February meeting this year. Brita started quilting in the 1980's after she gave a bag of scraps to a friend and her friend in turn assembled those scraps into a quilt and returned it as a gift. Brita was hooked! In 2017, Brita retired and moved back to Pennsylvania where she now resides and began creating her own business and lecture series. Brita will be presenting her lecture "Now You See It, Now You Don't!" at February's Zoom meeting. This lecture will show how you can use basic 4-patch, pinwheel, Shoo Fly and several other ordinary blocks and turn them into something magical! She will also discuss how using different colored fabrics can enhance your quilts created with her magical blocks! So please join us and learn exciting ways to make old blocks new again!

BRITA NELSON~MAKING MAGIC WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 13TH

Following Brita's presentation at Tuesday's meeting, we will host a **Saturday** workshop on **February 13th** via Zoom using Brita's pattern: *Making Magic, A Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt*. The workshop is from **9 am to 3:30 pm** with a half hour lunch break. If you plan to take this workshop, please notify Cindy Smith (email: numbers3.cs@gmail.com or text 908.310.2466). Purchase of the pdf pattern is required which is a \$9.00 cost to each participant. The access is found on the shopping page of her website: <https://questioningquilter.com/shop/>.

Brita created a coupon code for us to receive 10% off your order, so the \$10 pattern is only \$9. Please use coupon code: **eveningstar** at check out. (Editor's note: there is very little to purchase on her site and the "view cart" button is at the bottom of the page right next to her 3D Lattice Quilt pattern, which I also purchased! LOL!!) The coupon will be good until February 20th, if you want to download the pattern on your own after the workshop. Brita Nelson received great reviews from fellow quilters in the area. Join us Saturday, February 13th, via Zoom and make some magic!

March Through History

Terri Sontra, of Purple Moose Designs, will be with us in March for her presentation on *The History of the Sewing Machine, A Tale of Intrigue and Espionage*. Terri will take a light-hearted look at the history of... you guessed it... the sewing machine! Stay tuned!!

More Loopy History from Baltimore

In May, Jaimie Davis, of Loopy Tulip Designs, will present her lecture on *The History and Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts*. Ever deemed as some of the most intriguing and beautiful quilts from our nation's history, Jaimie will lead us through the trials and tribulations of this awe-inspiring pattern.

Celebrating their birthdays in February:

2/9 Janet Keymetian
2/16 Kim Edelheiser
2/17 Rich Danner





SPAM ALERT FROM ESQG

About every three months or so, someone in the guild has received a request from "Sharon Kubich" either from our own web-email account or "owner@woossrevor.org" requesting them to purchase gift cards or gift vouchers for

veterans. The email claims she is out of town and needs your assistance. PLEASE KNOW this is NOT from anyone in the guild. Delete the email and disregard the request. Sharon has asked our web manager to temporarily delete the email option on our website in order to curb the Spam. Please be cautious!

2021 HARVEST OF QUILTS SHOW

Charity Raffle ~ Bonnie Eamigh



Barring any knowledge to the contrary, we are attempting to move forward with our Harvest of Quilts show this fall. At the January meeting, we voted to support the Warren County Domestic Abuse & Rape Crisis Center as our charity organization for the show. Bonnie Eamigh will coordinate the raffle



table at the show for this organization.

In the past we have made purses and totes, small quilts, and various other small handmade items for this event. This year, Bonnie is requesting everyone make sets that include a table runner, 4 to 6 placemats, and possibly cloth napkins to coordinate. Having all the items similar in nature creates an easier display process, so please stay within the guidelines and start creating your sets! These items will be raffled in a tricky-tray setting, so that items can be won by anyone attending or working the show. The guild will match the proceeds up to \$500 and donate the money to the Domestic Abuse program here in Warren County.

At the meeting, there were questions regarding donations of clothing to this organization. Warren County's program is called *Wardrobe for Hope*. Clothes can be taken to a facility on Broad Street in Washington NJ by appointment. Perhaps we can work this into our show somehow as a discount for admission, but that can be determined at a later date.

Fat Quarter Basket Raffle ~ Marlene Marlowe

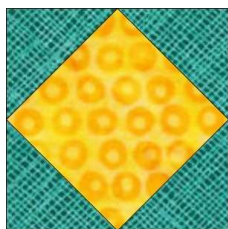
Marlene Marlowe and Carol Smith will be running the small raffle table again this fall, so please start collecting fat quarters to donate to our basket. This basket is in addition to the sewing machine and light/thread that POCO Sew and Vac offers up in place of their vendor fee.

Magazines and Books ~ Solvia Sanchez

Solvai Sanchez will be collecting your unwanted quilt magazines and quilt books for our book sale table. Please separate your magazines by publisher and date if possible. For example, American Patchwork & Quilting, McCall's Quilting, Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting, etc., can be sorted into three separate shopping bags. Be sure to remove any labels from your books or magazines that would include your name and address.

MYSTERY QUILT GROWS!

The next step for the Mystery Quilt will be issued shortly. It's starting to take shape as we create blocks from the squares and HSTs! Please contact Leana McCutcheon mlmoonspinner@yahoo.com or Marlene Marlowe if you have any questions regarding the directions.



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Winner
is...

JANUARY'S POSTAGE STAMP BLOCK WINNER

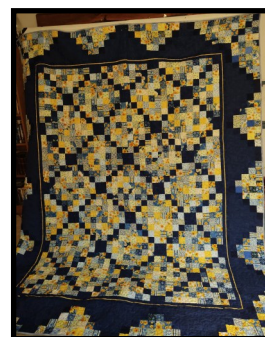
Congratulations to Cindy Smith, winner of the January Block of the Month! Cindy received 18 blocks from the members who participated last month in the Postage Stamp block. An interesting item to note was the various envelopes used from 9x12s to a tiny 4x5 and postage ranging from 55 cents to \$3.85! Four people were able to push their block through with only one stamp, most people used two stamps or \$1.20 if metered. One block went to the winner via another Smith, but all arrived safe and sound ready to be assembled into a quilt top. Cindy says "thank you!" to all who participated and is already planning her quilt!

COMMUNITY QUILTING PROJECTS

Judy Zeitler made deliveries in December of many of our guild community projects for this year. Please continue to make pillowcases for the children and port pillows for the cancer treatment centers at Newton Memorial Hospital and Bethlehem's St. Luke's Hospital. We hope to have another round of deliveries near Easter (April 4th) or perhaps in May. Also, we plan to continue to make the bag/blankets for the Easton Childrens' Home, so please watch for sales on fleece and begin collecting 3-yard cuts of fleece for this project in the fall. Let Judy know if you are able to do the group delivery to Newton Memorial Hospital this spring as it is a long drive for her.

2021 RAFFLE QUILT

The blue and yellow Crossroads Quilt is still waiting patiently for it's chance to shine. The queen-size quilt has been completed since early 2020, but was put on hold due to COVID 19. If we can fire back up again this year, this quilt will be our raffle quilt for December 2021. Thinking back on how much trouble this quilt gave us initially and the fact that the Crossroads is typically the place where you sell your soul to the devil, this quilt should be the poster child for 2020 and 2021.



FEBRUARY BLOCK OF THE MONTH ~ HUNTERS STAR



Those of you participating in the Block of the Month will enjoy this easy rendition of the Hunters Star block! There are two corresponding pattern layouts for this block. When you received your email, the subject line indicated whether you were in Group A or Group B. Group A is responsible for the star on the first page, Group B is responsible for the star on the second page. Both stars use the same piecing. The difference is only in the layout of darks and lights in the HSTs. Everyone is to make the 4-patch in addition to the star block. The winner this month will receive a picture of the finished quilt, so you can see how it all goes together using these same three blocks. If you make your blocks and want to be part of the drawing, please contact Cindy Smith (numbers3.cs@gmail.com or text 908.310.2466) to be added to the list. If you have questions about the pattern, please contact Sharon Rehrig at timelystitches1947@gmail.com. Good luck!!

SUNSHINE NEEDED!

Please keep Beverly Rasmussen and her son in your prayers. Her oldest son who lives in Ohio was diagnosed with kidney cancer in December. Erik has been through several rough weeks battling this demon, but is doing better and looking at a long road to recovery.

Also please hold Patty Kristoff close to your heart as she manages her life after the loss of her husband. Larry passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 21st, surrounded by his family. Services were held this past week in Hacketts-town. Larry helped with our quilt shows for many years prior to his stroke. He will be missed.

Congratulations to Peggy Schaedel who became a great-grandmother recently! Jackson King Schaedel is the new member of the Schaedel family. Welcome Jackson!

The New Jersey Department of Corrections
is recruiting Sewing Instructors!!

with 2 - 3 years sewing/needle trade instruction and/or commercial experience
(NJ Civil Service Title(s): Institutional Trade Instructor 1, Clothing & Institutional Trade Instructor 2, Clothing)

for the following state correctional institutions
Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women (Clinton, NJ - 2 positions)
William H. Fauver Youth Correctional Facility (Annandale, NJ - 1 position)



Contact Veronica Tingle for application and compensation information. **TO BE CONSIDERED, RESPONSES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2021.**

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BOARD MEETINGS SLATED

Upcoming board meeting dates:

March 2

June 1

All meetings are at 6:30 pm and currently planned as Zoom meetings.
All members are welcome to attend.
Committee Chairpersons are encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars.

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2020/2021 Guild Year

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