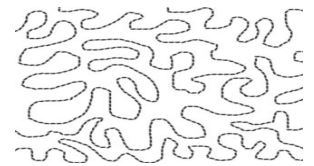


# EVENING STAR QUILTERS' GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



SEPTEMBER 2024 - VOLUME 1

## *A Note From the ESQG President*

I recently read a book where the story took place in Chicago in 1972. Women were fighting for their rights, Roe v. Wade had not yet been settled, and there was so much unrest in the country. (Sound familiar?) Then 1976 came and brought with it the country's bicentennial celebration, complete with recovering "grass roots" and encouraged women to make quilts, men to grow beards, and people to create with their hands again. Embroidery was popular and quilt-making had renewed interest. Quilters used polyester fabrics because that was what was available and the colors would not fade as they did in the old quilts. There were no rules or directions on how to make quilts. Cotton fabric was hard to come by, so the crazy quilt technique rose from the dead, and people could combine their embroidery stitches with the rich textures of any fabric available. Quilting embodied a spirit of creativity never before seen, as feminism grew and Euell Gibbons encouraged us all to return to nature (and eat Grape Nuts cereal). Art quilts became a thing when quilters such as Nancy Crow and Marsha McCloskey modernized quilt-making and created quilts based on emotions and civil rights, rather than traditional quilt blocks. Quilts began to contain optical illusions and bold colors of the decade. They were no longer bed coverings, but hung on walls and in museums, like paintings, and became known as textile art as they protested the latest political or human rights issue. The term "art quilt" was born.

Remember also, this was a time before rotary cutters and cutting mats; before longarm machines and YouTube videos. Women (and some men) had to make templates from cardboard and cut fabric with scissors (Oh, the horror!). In retrospect, this was not all that long ago. It's part of *my* lifetime and most likely part of many of your lives, too. The 1970s, when Nixon was President and girls still wore dresses to school. When you did not talk back to your parents, and Mom still ironed your Dad's shirts. That was my childhood. Quilts imitate life. The quilts of the 1970s were modern, bold and beautiful. They made a statement. So, where are those quilts now? An interesting comment by quilt historian, Bill Volckening is: "There are many people who collect antique quilts, Depression-era quilts, or Victorian era crazy quilts. But quilts from the 1970s? Not so much." Why? Something to think about...

Be bold and beautiful, like a '70's quilt! See you on September 10th!

*Cynthia A Smith, President, ESQG*

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## REMEMBER

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING:**

Your Nametag!  
Dues: \$25  
Show & Tell: Finish Line →  
Tricky Tray Charity Proposals  
Snacks to share  
\$5 for Mystery Quilt sign-up  
\$60 for Barn Quilt sign-up  
Smiles & helping hands

### **SHOW & TELL: *Crossing the Finish Line***

We often challenge ourselves to complete old projects before buying or beginning new ones. Which quilt project captured your imagination this summer? Was it a new pattern you couldn't wait to start and then raced through to the finish? Or, was it an old pattern that you had to dust off wondering why you ever stopped working on it? Let's see what you accomplished within your quilt studio this summer.

Remember, both the tortoise and the hare crossed the finish line!

***Dues are Due!***

As we begin our new fiscal year, please remember to complete a membership form and turn in your dues of \$25 *before the October meeting*.

Forms will be available at the September meeting or can be downloaded from our website at [esqg.com](http://esqg.com) under Membership/Membership Application.

Darlene Kerr will collect membership forms and cash/checks. Be sure to note any updates to your name, address, and cell phone numbers!

Thank you, Darlene, for assisting our Treasurer and updating the membership list on the website!

***Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025***

September 10	2:30 pm
October 8	6:00 pm
November 12	2:30 pm
December 10	6:00 pm*
January & February	no meetings
March 11	2:30 pm
April 8	no meeting**
May 13	2:30 pm
June 10	6:00 pm
July 8	2:30 pm
August 12	6:00 pm

\***Holiday Party** - no business meeting

\*\***Note:** No meeting on April 8 due to the **combined meeting and "African Quilts" presentation** with American Sewing Guild at the Chrin Center, 4100 Green Pond Rd, Palmer Township, PA 18045 **on Thursday, April 10.**

***Hip Hip Hurray for Tuesday Sew-Day!***

~Judy Zeitler

Jane Myers has graciously offered to teach a free motion class for the next Sew-Day, Tuesday, September 3, from 10 am to 2 pm. It's always fun to venture into something new and/or enjoy something you'd like to get better at.

Here is what to bring:

Sewing machine with normal supplies

(optional- old needle to practice on paper if desired)

Open toe or round presser foot (those used for darning)

Five sandwiched blocks - top, batting, back about 14" square - Solid colors with contrasting thread is best so you can see the design

Helpful not absolutely necessary: quilting gloves or cheap garden gloves from Dollar Tree - the kind with rubber to help you grip

Marking pens

Extension cords

Lunch and beverages.

Options... if you don't want to play with free motion, please still come and bring your handwork or another project of your choice. If you are a working gal, let Judy know and she will wait for you. Text, call or email Judy Zeitler: 908-319-1793 / [jzeitler@gmail.com](mailto:jzeitler@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

***Warren County to Celebrate 200 Years!***

Warren County will be celebrating its 200 year anniversary in 2025 and plans are underway to make this a spectacular event. The Warren County Library has asked the Evening Star Quilters' Guild to provide some type of presentation to honor the past through quilting. We have a few known items available to us through Audrey Planer (the Grange "found" quilts) and Marilyn Barnes' (Andy's ancestor's quilt). If anyone else has historical items to share, please notify Cindy Smith. Depending on who is willing to share, and what we have to share will determine whether or not we can share! This is a great opportunity to give back to Warren County and be a part of this grand anniversary. The presentation (if we decide to participate) will be at the Richard D. Gardner branch of the Warren County Library system, located at 2 Shotwell Dr, Belvidere, NJ 07823

*Vastly Victorian*

Belvidere's Victorian Day (aka Belvidere Heritage Day) is **Saturday, September 7, from 9 am to 5 pm** on the square in Belvidere. We have not yet received our assigned space, but anticipate it will again be on the far side of the park opposite the court house. Thank you to the ladies who volunteered to help. It is always a beautiful day to enjoy the many costumes and activities offered to the local residents. Crafters, antiques, music and food are always a great combination! If you did not sign up to work, please plan to visit the park, enjoy the car show, the peach cobbler, and the beautiful music of days gone by. Parking is available on the streets beyond the park area and also for a small donation near the red mill. Please plan to attend!

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Smith, Chairperson, ESQG Victorian Day Committee at 908-310-2466 or [numbers3.cs@gmail.com](mailto:numbers3.cs@gmail.com).

*Election News*

Elections were held in June and the following people accepted their positions:

- President - Cindy Smith
- Vice-President - Sharon Kubich
- Secretary - Deb Burns
- Treasurer - Dixie Sutton
- Historian/By-Laws - Kathleen Daniels
- Quilt Show Chairpersons - Sharon Kubich and Theresa Schoonover

Thank you and Congratulations to our new and returning officers!

*2024 Raffle Quilt*

“Our Hearts Will Go On” by Fabric Addict is the pattern for the 2024 Evening Star Quilters' Raffle Quilt.

The quilt is a lovely variation of the Storm at Sea pattern in gray, black, and cranberry red. It measures approximately 90” x 103” and will fit a queen size bed. 5,000 tickets were printed and some have already been sold at our previous events, namely Quilts in the Vineyard and the Warren County Fair. Next stop is Belvidere Heritage Day on September 7th! Following this event, members will each receive a bundle of tickets and are asked to do their best to sell all tickets prior to the drawing to be held during the December holiday party. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Proceeds from the sales are used to benefit future ESQG projects, education and charities.

Thank you to Solvai Sanchez and Rosemarie Greg for making such a gorgeous raffle quilt!





### SUNSHINE

Deb Burns, our new secretary, has been having a rough summer. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers for continued healing and relief.

### *Community Service Projects*

Blanket-Bags (Judy Zeitler): The August Tuesday Sew-Day produced 54 blanket bags which added to other bags donated since last December to achieve the recent donation of 60 blanket-bags to the Children's Home of Easton. Way to go ladies! Please continue to contribute, as we never know how many children will be housed or fostered each Christmas. The bags require 1-1/2 yards of fleece or 3 yards to make two bags. There is no sewing involved - simply cut and tie. Directions are available from Judy Zeitler if you are interested in creating additional bags. The Children's Home of Easton was established in 1885 and continues to provide guidance and support to children in need throughout the Lehigh Valley. The bags are used to gather and present gifts for each child during the holiday season. This is something that will be theirs to keep forever.

Pillowcases (Susan Adler): The members present at the May Tuesday Sew-Day created 94 pillow cases which were donated to the children's ward at Newton Hospital. Please continue to make pillowcases using novelty prints and child-friendly fabrics. The hospital is very grateful for the contributions!

Port Pillows & Heart Pillows (Cyndy Ponczek): Cyndy has been away this summer, but hopes to have a workshop again soon to continue making port pillows and heart pillows. This is an on-going project throughout the year. Directions can be obtained by contacting Cyndy Ponczek.

Love Quilt Project (Lisa Laird): Lisa Laird handed over a dozen *Love Quilt* tops to the organization in July and received a gracious thank you from Kathy Wesley of the *Love Quilt* Project group. Kathy was touched by their beauty and combinations of fabrics. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Placemats (Sharon Kubich): Sharon will be accepting placemat donations between now and Thanksgiving for the Meals on Wheels organization. Please consider making dual purpose placemats when creating mats for the holidays.

### *Round Robin Request*

Theresa Schoonover will be leading a Round Robin project this year. This project requires participants to provide their own fabrics, usually about 4 to 6 yards total is recommended to complete the 36" finished quilt. Participants will be randomly divided into groups of four and each person will complete one portion of four different quilt tops within that group.

The "owner" of the quilt will complete the 16" center block by the December meeting. Each participant will bring their bin of fabrics and their completed center block to the December meeting for the first exchange. The second person will put the block on point, add the four corners and applique a design on each of the four setting triangles.

At the April meeting, participants will exchange again and the next level will be to add a 4" pieced border to the quilt top. At the June meeting, you will exchange again and the last person will add a 6" "quilter's choice" border to the quilt top to complete it.

Finished quilt tops will be revealed at the August 2025 meeting. With the exchanges, each person will have the opportunity to do one part of each person's quilt top within their group with plenty of time to complete each step. There are two months between each exchange. and a four month stretch for the applique. You set the tone with your fabrics and your center block... let your fellow quilters do the rest!

Sign up by contacting Theresa Schoonover 570.994.4376 [schoonover1958@yahoo.com](mailto:schoonover1958@yahoo.com).

***It's a Mystery!***

Sharon Kubich will run this year's Mystery Quilt and will be discussing fabric selections at the September meeting. This is a 12-month mystery project where you will be working on each step at home (or at Tuesday Sew-Day!) until the final step, when the guild will host a workshop so we can assemble our quilt tops and finally reveal the mystery.

Currently 28 members signed up for this intriguing mystery. If you have not yet signed up and wish to join the fun, please contact Sharon at [sharon.kubich@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.kubich@gmail.com). There is a \$5 fee to offset printing costs and the luncheon at the assembly workshop next year.

***Purses & Totes/2025 Quilt Show Charity***

For the next *Harvest of Quilts* Quilt Show in November 2025, members are asked to make and donate a purse or tote for the Tricky Tray raffle held during the show. These items can be made anytime and given to Bonnie Eamigh prior to the show.

Proceeds support a local charity which is voted on at the November 2024 meeting. Anyone wishing to nominate a charity MUST make a plea/presentation at the September or October meeting.

It is customary for the guild to match up to \$500 in proceeds prior to the release of the funds after each biennial *Harvest of Quilts* show.

The 2023 recipient was the Belvidere American Legion Post 133, which received \$1,600 from the Evening Star Quilters' Guild.

***Hospitality Highlights***

Susan Adler and Chrissy Hoff have graciously volunteered to run hospitality this year.

Please watch for sign-up sheets at the upcoming meetings. We all love our sweets and our savories! For now, we ask that members continue to bring their own beverage, as desired.

Thank you Susan and Chrissy for stepping up to fill this long-standing vacancy!



<b>CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS :</b>	
9/6	Margaret Grande
9/12	Jan Wargo
9/14	Carol Smith
9/20	Heather Clowers
9/30	Lelane Hoose
	Lorraine Hare



First Place - Margaret Grande - Farming in Warren County



Second Place - Marcia Savadge - Bed of Peonies 2/3

*A Very Warm Warren County Fair*

Things were a bit toasty at the fair this year, just like the pizza Irene provided to the members at the August guild meeting! Irene Compton, Warren County Fair Committee chairperson, directed the guild through another beautiful display of quilts, the boutique, and demonstrations, as well as the raffle quilt, Quilts of Honor, and How to Make a Quilt storyboard. A big thank you to Irene for a job well done!



Third Place - Cyndy Ponczek - Stonehenge Quilt

Thank you to all the members and their significant others who helped with set-up, take-down, displays, ticket sales, and boutique sales! It was a lot of work, but is always well received by the public, as well as by the fair committee. The guild will receive a \$700 stipend from the Warren County Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs for the display at the fair and a participation check from the fair committee.

Winners of the Viewer's Choice Awards are: 1st place - Margaret Grande with "Farming in Warren County," 2nd place - Marcia Savadge with "Bed of Peonies," and 3rd place - Cyndy Ponczek with "Stonehenge." Congratulations to the winners!



*Quilts of Honor Presented at the Fair*

Three Quilts of Honor were presented on Sunday, July 28, at the Warren County Fair. The Evening Star Quilters create traditional red, white, and blue quilts throughout the year to be presented on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and on other occasions, as needed, to deserving veterans who have seen combat action during their time of service. We appreciate our servicemen and women and also thank all the members who go above and beyond in creating these quilts for our heroes.

If you would like to help with the Quilts of Honor committee, please see Audrey Planer, Solvai Sanchez, or Kim Edelhoiser to learn how you can help!

*Local Quilt Retreat News :(*

The end of an era was announced recently when Sharon Kubich learned that the St. Francis Retreat Center will be closing its doors in early October 2024. The September retreat will still be held, but all retreats scheduled for 2025 and beyond have been cancelled.

Patty Kristoff offers quilting retreats at Ladore in Pennsylvania about five times per year. Her next retreat is September 16 - 20 and there is also one available November 18 - 22. Retreats at Ladore offer you your own six-foot table, single or double occupancy rooms with your own bathroom, an indoor pool, hot tub, and great food! If you are interested in attending a retreat at Ladore, please contact Patty at 908-581-7747.

### Barn Quilt Workshop

On **Saturday, September 28**, the guild will host Heather from Flying Fox Barn Quilts from 10 am to 1 pm at the Belvidere American Legion hall. Heather will be supplying the wood, paint, brushes, etc., to complete a 2-foot square barn quilt during the workshop. Sharon Kubich sent an email out requesting each participant choose a design (A through E) prior to the workshop. You do not need to choose any colors at this time, but it is imperative that you choose your design by September 14. If you would like to do your own design, please contact Heather directly at [hvwblokzyl@gmail.com](mailto:hvwblokzyl@gmail.com) or 607-329-0315 to discuss what you have in mind. The sign-up fee is \$60 for the workshop. Payment is due at the September 10 meeting.



#### SHOW ADMISSION

**1-Day: \$12 Member / \$15 Non-Member**

**2-Day: \$21 Member / \$27 Non-Member**

**Multi-Day: \$28 Member / \$35 Non-Member**

• Children 12 and under, **FREE ADMISSION** with adult • Ages 13–18, \$5.00 • Military, \$2.00 discount at the door with military ID • [Click here for group rate](#)



#### VENUE

**New Venue: Spooky Nook Sports Conference Center**

75 Champ Blvd.  
Manheim, PA 17545

[Get Directions](#)



#### HOURS

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept 11, 2024</b>	9 am–5 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sept 12, 2024</b>	9 am–5 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept 13, 2024</b>	9 am–5 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept 14, 2024</b>	9 am–4 pm



Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks  
100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA 19456

The Merchants Mall and Quilt Show's daily hours will be:

Thursday	September 12	10 am - 5pm
Friday	September 13	10 am - 5pm
Saturday	September 14	10 am - 5pm
Sunday	September 15	10 am - 4pm

#### Admission Tickets

Admission for non-registered participants is \$17, includes re-admission, and can be purchased on-site during show hours only (\$15, Sunday only). Accompanied children under the age of 16 are admitted free. Admission for all four days is included with pre-registration.

#### Guild Officers 2024/2024 Guild Year

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