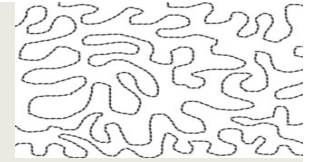


# EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



May, 2018 - Volume 5

## *A Note From the ESQG President*

May Greetings! Smile for the joy of others! I just returned home after a wonderful morning attending the Colonial Quilters' Quiltfest 2018 show in Palmer Twp, PA. I am so happy for them! The show was inspirational, a beautiful display of workmanship, glorious quilts, friendly and comfortable atmosphere, and lots and lots of smiling faces! I still have a smile on my face, having enjoyed myself today in the company of good friends, seeing fellow Evening Star guild members at the show, and having gorgeous weather to boot! So yes, smile for the joy of others! I hope more of you are/were able to attend the show this weekend. Their show is/was Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm at the Chrin Community Center.

It is always good to get out and visit the local guilds' shows and events. Whether we are glean- ing ideas for our own guild, or simply enjoying the work done by others, we can certainly re- spect and appreciate the work that goes into each of these events. We know from our own show and from our own programs that when women get together to achieve a common goal, wonderful things happen. We have witnessed it in our guild. We have witnessed it throughout history. Women can do amazing things! You are all amazing women in my eyes. I appreciate all of the support not only for me, but for each other, for our numerous charitable projects this year, and for our guild in general. Let's keep our guild moving forward. Don't hurry. Don't worry. Do your best, and leave the rest.

Remember to check the website and familiarize yourself with the minutes and financials of the last meeting. Bring in your Bloomin' Treasures for Show and Tell, and don't forget your smiles! See you on Tuesday.

Cynthia A. Smith  
President, ESQG

## REMEMBER

### THINGS TO BRING TO THE MAY MEETING:

- Pillowcases for the veterans
- Row quilt box to display (Group 1)  
and/or exchange (Group 2)
- Door Prize contributions for Pat Knoechel night
- Show and Tell - It's Spring! Bring your Bloomin' Treasures!
- Warm smiles and helping hands

### *Show and Tell for May*

Spring is finally here! It came in quickly and not gracefully, as we are nearing 90 degrees already!! Bring in your Bloomin' Treasures, which really is anything and everything that makes you smile. We love our gardens, and love our flow- ers. Bloom where you are planted, and plant yourself where you bloom. Let's see your bouquet of quilts! Welcome spring!!

### ***Block of the Month Anniversary Display***

Capping off our year-long celebration of our guild's 30th Anniversary, the Block of the Month program will be hosting a viewer's choice competition at the June meeting. Please assemble your blocks from the program, whether from your hand, or from winnings throughout the guild year and present your quilt tops next month. The quilt tops will be displayed throughout the meeting, members will vote on viewer's choice, and three prizes will be awarded. Don't let those stacks of blocks sit in the back of your closet for 10 years. Assemble them now and bring them in! Let's see what you can do with your 30's fabrics!! The quilts can display any number of blocks and do not need to be quilted.

### ***Speaking of UFO's...***

There are whispers of possibly running another UFO challenge during the next guild year. Stay tuned!

### ***The Row Quilts are Blooming!***

The unveiling is here for one of the two groups! One group participating in the row quilt project had only 7 people including Theresa Schoonover, Cindy Smith, Karen Anderson, Kathleen Scala, Marlene Marlowe, Sovai Sanchez, and Margaret Grande. This group will be handing over the bins to their owners at the May meeting. We are anxious to see what these ladies have accomplished. The themes were Camping, 30th Anniversary, Fall/Country, Winter/Christmas, and Itty Bitty Blocks. As the participants arrive, we will be unveiling the rows on the back tables, so please be patient as the contents are displayed. They will be on display throughout the meeting so that everyone has a chance to see them. The second group has an additional exchange yet to do and will display their rows at the June meeting.

### ***Kutztown Quilt***

Hand-quilting the Kutztown Quilt is ongoing at Theresa's home in Mt Bethel. Theresa will have a new schedule available at the next meeting. This is still a huge and active project, so please help where you can. Notify Theresa when you plan to be there based on her schedule. Bring a lunch if you plan to stay, or come and quilt for a few hours at a time. Any help is greatly appreciated!

### ***Pillowcases for the Veterans***

We collected approximately 20 pillowcases for the veterans home at the April meeting, and decided to extend the deadline. Please take a few minutes to make some pillowcases for our veterans and bring them in to the May meeting. Natalie D'Aiello will continue to collect these items so that everyone in the home can receive one. Thank you for your efforts!!

### ***Warren County Fair***

The Warren County Fair will be held Saturday July 28 through Saturday August 4, 2018. Irene is looking for people to form two committees this year, one to run the raffle tickets and viewer's choice ballots, and one to focus on the boutique. Unfortunately, we had some items in the boutique disappear last year, so we need more representation in that area during the fair. Members who wish to participate in the boutique will be asked to sign a contract similar to the one used at our quilt show, and will also be required to work in the boutique during the fair. Rich Danner will coordinate the set-up and take-down process at the fair so that there will be fair representation of the various guilds' quilts. Please consider helping with this project. Many hands make light work during set-up and take-down. Working during the fair is not strenuous, but rather enjoyable! There are things to do for every ability.

### ***Victorian Days in Belvidere Returns!***

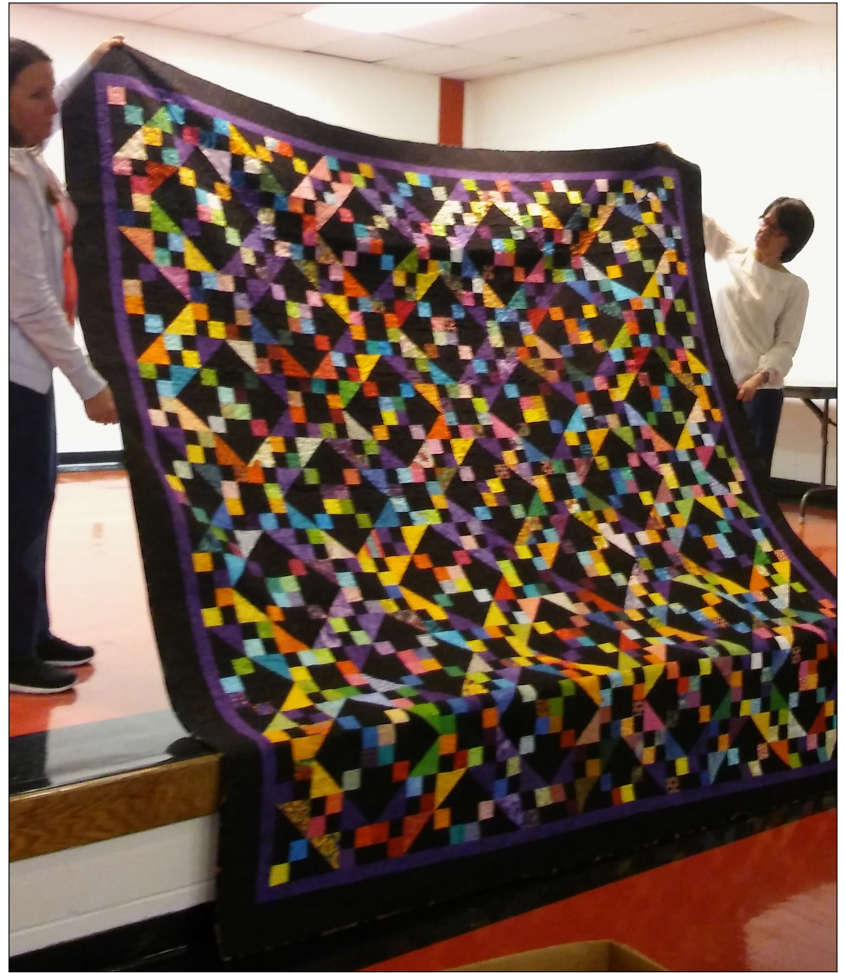
We are still looking for someone to head up the Victorian Days event. Our guild has been permitted to sell raffle tickets in the past and include a small display of quilts. Victorian period dress is required of all participants, but can easily be done with a white blouse and black skirt or pants. Add a ruffled apron or a broad-brimmed hat with flowers and you've got the look! Victorian Days will be held the weekend of September 7th through the 9th. Participants must be in attendance both Saturday and Sunday rain or shine. This can be as big or as small as you want to make it. Meetings are being held at 7 pm the last Wednesday of each month at the Belvidere Hotel.

## *Artists Among Us Continues*

Our May program continues to feature the *Artists Among Us*. This month we focus our spotlight on Nancy Geiger, Margaret Grande, and Solvai Sanchez who will each share their expertise, vision, and artistry. There will be other presenters as well, so please join us at the May meeting!

## *Helping Others*

*Happiness is Camping* was delighted to receive the Black-n-Bold Jacob's Ladder quilt! Theresa Schoonover recently delivered the quilt to the camp so they would have it available for auction. The organization will be hosting a fundraising event later this year and hopes to incorporate the quilt into that event. Thank you to Theresa for spear-heading this project and to all who participated in making the blocks.

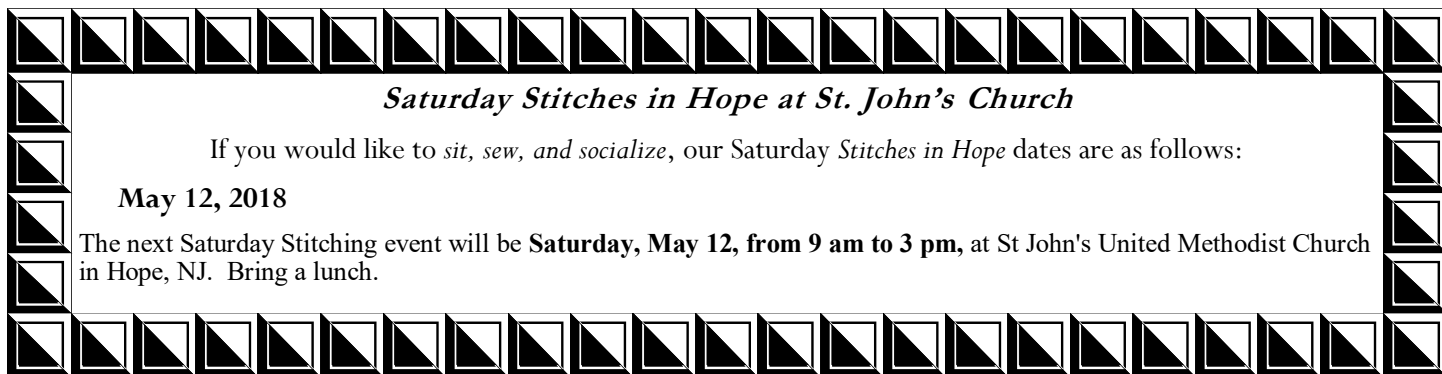


## *Quilt of Valor Blocks*

Rich Danner and Judy Zeitler have been working together assembling one of the quilt tops for the Quilts of Valor. This quilt top will be used as our prototype for the other two tops which we hope to complete through workshops this summer. Rich and Judy have designed the quilts with the blocks set on point, some lovely blue sashing and smaller stars twinkling in the corner stones of the setting. Please let Rich know if you will be available in July to help assemble the other two quilt tops. Rich, Judy, and Karen Anderson have also volunteered to quilt the three quilts so that they will be ready to distribute this fall. A big thank you to everyone participating in this project!

*Do You Have a Favorite Charity?*

We are beginning to plan for the new guild year. Do you have a favorite charity that could utilize some quilts or small sewing projects? Please let the board members know if there is an organization in need of our skills. Try to keep requests relatively local to the Warren County area. Let's continue our forward momentum by assisting our fellow neighbors in need. We will continue with the placemats, and will be making walker bags for Warren Haven. Hospital gowns will be back on the list, and hopefully the pillow-cases for the veterans. Let's pay it forward folks!



***Saturday Stitches in Hope at St. John's Church***

If you would like to *sit, sew, and socialize*, our *Saturday Stitches in Hope* dates are as follows:

**May 12, 2018**

The next Saturday Stitching event will be **Saturday, May 12, from 9 am to 3 pm**, at St John's United Methodist Church in Hope, NJ. Bring a lunch.

***What's in a Name? A Rose by any Other Name...***

It is not unusual for a guild our size to have several people with the same first name, but to have two women with the same first name and very similar last name IS unusual. Please be very careful when sending emails to members that you use the correct name. Sharon **RE**hrig is one of our founding members and is a Life Member of our guild, active in the Colonial Quilters Guild, Penn Rose Guild, teacher, and former shop owner of *At Piece Quiltery*. Sharon **RO**ehrig is a former member, but her husband continues to be our webmaster and therefore still receives emails. Please be aware when addressing items to these women. Any web-related items should go through Kathleen Scala or the President, regardless.

***...and the Nominees Are...***

Join us at the May meeting to find out who has been nominated for next year's executive board and quilt show committee co-chairs. Anyone wishing to hold a board position, please contact Judy Zeitler, Rosemarie Greg, or Lelane Hoose to get your name on the ballot. An email was sent to the current membership list last month requesting nominations. Please be kind and respond to the email. These ladies volunteered their time for this committee and are doing a great job. Nominees will be announced at the May meeting, elections will be held in June.

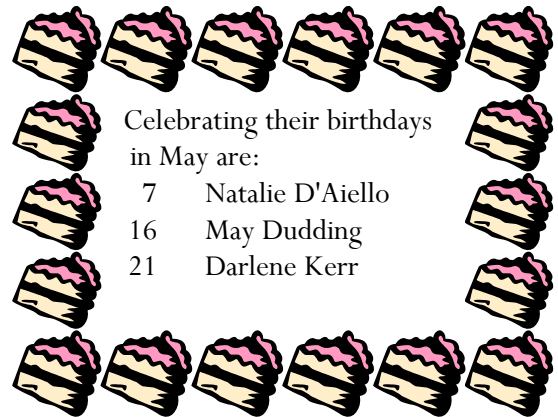
*Save the Date!*

Eleanor Burns' sister, Pat, will be gracing us with her presence and humor once again on **Friday, June 8**, in the library at Belvidere High School. Pat is an assistant to her sister throughout the year, creating quilts with Eleanor's new rulers and fabrics and is also a delightful marketing liaison who we have entertained for a number of years. The evening will be free to members and a \$5 charge to non-members, and definitely well worth your time. Pat travels with books, rulers, and patterns which are all on sale at reduced rates the night of the program. Bring your friends and make new ones in a delightful evening of quilting techniques. Tickets are available at the May meeting or at the door.

Audrey and her committee will be gathering items for door prizes for that event at the May meeting. If you have some quilty items that would be nice as door prizes, please bring them to our next meeting or get them to Audrey prior to June 8th. Thank you for your contributions!

*A Ray of Sunshine*

Please say a little prayer and send some hugs to: Nancy Geiger on the death of her sister; Barbara Contini who was recently released from the hospital for pneumonia; and Fran Visicaro who is recovering from back surgery. It's been a rough winter for everyone. Let's all let a little sunshine in!



Celebrating their birthdays in May are:

- 7 Natalie D'Aiello
- 16 May Dudding
- 21 Darlene Kerr

Our speaker at the April meeting was a Victorian stripper. She demonstrated and discussed the clothing worn by women during the mid 1880's... layer by layer.

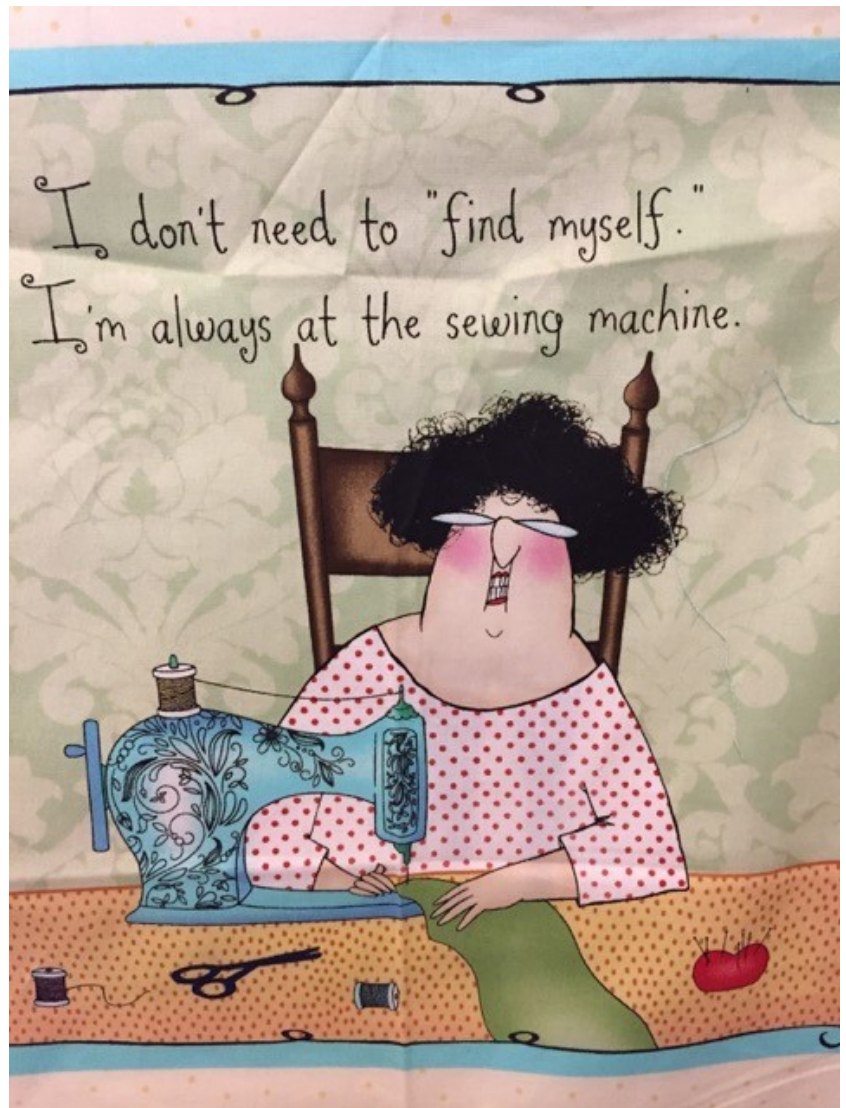


OKAY, YES...NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT,  
THIS STUFF DOES LOOK RATHER THREATENING.

Mrs. Bobbins is forced to donate her quilting tools to airport security.



live life like a  
**Quilt...**  
 We soft when  
 it's important,  
 We warm when  
 it's cold,  
 We proud to show  
 your true colors,  
 and always scrap  
 together when times  
 are tough!



### ***Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee Exhibit***

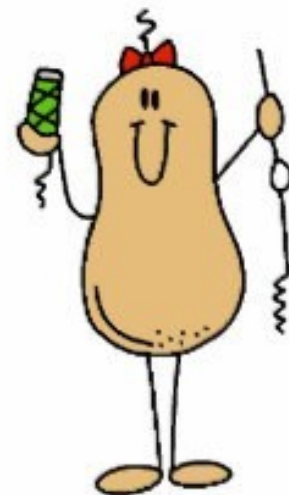
On **Wednesday, May 16, from 3 to 7 pm**, the Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee will display 11 quilts from the late 1800's to early 1900's at the Blairstown Municipal building at 108 Route 94 in Blairstown. It is slated as the "Heritage Open House" and will include the quilts, artwork, and historic artifacts from family collections of lifelong Blairstown residents. Our guild name has been included in their advertising, so please be vigilant. If you are not participating, please make yourself aware of the basic information in case people inquire about it. Dixie Sutton, Jayne Bodolsky, Rich Danner, and Cindy Smith will be available during the show to demonstrate hand-quilting and answer questions about quilt history and quilting in general. Please plan to stop in to view some rather unique antiques (not us, the quilts!). Have you ever imagined that someday maybe one of your quilts will be in such a display? Honor your fellow quilters by attending the Heritage Open House! The event is FREE. Please visit them online at [facebook.com/BlairstownHPC](https://facebook.com/BlairstownHPC).

### ***Keepsake Quilting Rebounds with New Owners***

Most quilters are familiar with the once-mecca quilt shop of Keepsake Quilting in New Hampshire. We have all looked forward to the latest catalog and the newest and freshest ideas since 1986. Several years ago, the shop was sold to an investment company and has changed hands three times since then with absent owners. The kits were out-sourced and the shop itself reduced its hours of operation in an attempt to push the business into the digital world. However, the quilting world fought back. Last month, a long-time employee of Keepsake encouraged a family-owned and operated business out of North Carolina to buy the business in Center Harbor and it did! If you've been disappointed with Keepsake recently, give them another chance. The new owners were suppliers to Keepsake and will be creating the kits in-house once again and bringing back the old charm of the favorite American quilt shop. There will be a sale coming up in early June and there are plans to add more employees to accommodate the ever growing quilting population. The shop will once again be open 7 days a week and incorporate quilting novelties and gifts in addition to the 12,000 bolts of fabric! (This is not an endorsement of their products. We are merely making you aware of recent news in the quilting world.)

### ***Kaffe Fassett finds a New Distributor***

When Bucklebee Bags presented back in February, she mentioned that **Coats** had taken a sudden turn on production by dropping the craft section and gearing more towards the industrial venue. This meant Kaffe Fassett had to find a new production company. According to Kaffe's latest newsletter, a family-owned New York company called *Jaftex* has taken on the production of Kaffe Fassett's *FreeSpirit* brand products. "Business as usual!" he says. No worries. You should already be seeing his New Skuba design which was released in April hitting your favorite quilt shops. (This is not an endorsement. We are merely making you aware of recent news in the quilting world.)



SEWING NOT ♥

Please support our fellow members and neighboring guilds and enjoy a day out (without much travel) by attending one or all of the following:

The Colonial Quilters Guild proudly presents

# QUILTFEST 2018

Saturday, May 5 & Sunday, May 6  
10am - 4pm  
Charles Chrin Community Center  
4100 Green Pond Road  
Palmer Township, PA 18045

Saturday, May 5 at 1pm  
"Quilting Project Runway Show"  
Presented by Eleanor Levie

Vendor Mall | Book Nook | Tricky Tray  
Quilt Raffle | Boutique | Quilts for Sale  
Colonial Guild Café | Door Prizes

**ADMISSION \$8 A DAY**

[www.colonialquilters.org](http://www.colonialquilters.org)  
Questions - email: [show@colonialquilters.org](mailto:show@colonialquilters.org)

A portion of the Proceeds will benefit Northampton County Meals on Wheels



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<b>Secretary</b> <a href="#">Carol A. Smith</a>	

Hello there ESQG -

I am writing to invite you to **ParkFest '18**. It will be held on **Saturday, June 9**, again at Bread Lock Park. We would be thrilled if your guild would be able to join us again. The set-up would be much the same as last year - "art in the barn." Having you folks there was wonderful and we sincerely hope that you could again be with us. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I hope to hear from you soon.

Thanks very much and have a great day,

Liz  
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A small group of members attended/participated last year in order to sell raffle tickets for our raffle quilt. If anyone is interested in organizing a table, demonstrate quilting, or selling tickets (if we have some by then) for the raffle quilt, please let one of the officers know. We can get you in touch with the event coordinator. This is a great time to let the community know who we are and what we do!