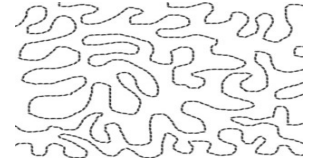


EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



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A Note From the ESQG President

April greetings! And luckily not the wet kind so far, although the sleet we had the other day was a surprise and not a very welcomed one. I was so glad it was short-lived. So April it is, the time of showers and May flowers, and spring bringing the end of another tax season for me. This year I am lucky that a quilting retreat is available at the end of April and I am *SO* looking forward to that! I love to sew and probably the hardest thing to endure in my profession this time of year is the lack of time to sew.

I absolutely love quilting retreats: a time to sew without worries of cooking or cleaning, a time to share with fellow "partners-in-crime" as we drool over all the fabrics and gadgets the vendors bring, a time to relax, and time to laugh, a time to learn new techniques, and a time to just be a quilter. I started my quilt retreating years ago as a young mother and relatively new quilter. It was my birthday gift to myself each year to just get away from life for awhile and share my love of quilting with other women. We've laughed so hard they should probably add Depends to the packing list, we've cried for each other's sorrows. We've shared lives with the women we've met and we've shared ideas, pieces of fabrics, and pieces of ourselves at every retreat.

Retreat? It's no longer running away from something at home; it's running towards the friendships I've found with the women I've met and grown to love. They say, "when you give a quilt away, you give your heart." No one ever told me when you learn to quilt, your heart fills to the brim with the friendships you gain along the way.

Thank you to all of you for being part of my quilting adventure!
See you Tuesday!!!

Cynthia A. Smith
President, ESQG

REMEMBER

THINGS TO BRING TO THE APRIL MEETING:

UFO #3
Quilts of Valor - Red & White Log Cabin Blocks
Payments for upcoming workshops
Completed items or WIP from paper-piecing workshop
Show & Tell
Hospitality goodies
3" and 4" fabric scraps

Retreat Quilts for Show & Tell

Do you retreat? Have you won blocks at your favorite retreat or made a quilt just for your retreat bed? Bring it in to share with the guild at the April meeting! And tell us: Do you retreat *to life* or *from life* when you attend your favorite quilting retreat? Curious minds want to know...

Nominating Committee Needed

April is the month that we need to establish our nominating committee. Please consider being on the committee. Duties will include contacting all Guild members to encourage them to volunteer or nominate a fellow member to take on the duties of running the Guild. All five officers must be elected or re-elected each year. The President is the only position limited to a two-year term. The committee will announce the slate at the May meeting and run the elections in June.

UFO - Third Time's a Charm!

Is this the project you keep bringing out and putting away? Maybe this month "the third time is the charm" with UFO #3 on the docket. If three is company, then bring it along as your new best friend. Number 3 is the new number one! We're working our way to getting it all done!!

2019 Raffle Quilt Takes on a Whole New Look!

Unfortunately, a number of the blocks created for the 2019 raffle quilt are not playing well with others. Therefore, in the interest of time, the "powers that be" decided to use some of the Quilts of Valor blocks to create a patriotic-themed raffle quilt. So the original blocks are being re-purposed and a new quilt will emerge. Stay tuned for further updates!

Speaking of Quilts of Valor...

More blocks are needed for the Quilts of Valor quilts. Theresa will have a list of blocks needed to complete the tops so that members can sign up for specific designs in order to keep this project moving in the right direction. Please see Theresa if you can make a few extra blocks for a QOV. Also, we are looking for three people to machine quilt the completed tops. If you are interested in quilting one of the Quilts of Valor, please see Theresa Schoonover.

Crazy Patch Border Workshop

Sharon is still accepting registrations for the Crazy Patch workshop slated for **Saturday, April 13**, at St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ. The session will run from **9 am to 3 pm** and will only cost members \$15! Please make your checks payable to "Sharon Rehrig" and please pay at the April meeting. The Crazy Patch border is a great way to finish any scrap quilt and is fun to learn. Join us!

Machine Applique - the Leanna Way

Leanna's magical machine applique workshop will be held **Saturday, May 18, from 9 am to 3 pm** at St. John United Methodist Church in Hope, NJ. This workshop will include lunch. The fee is \$15 for members plus \$20 for the kit to be supplied by Leanna. Please sign up with Irene Compton if you are interested. Please make your check payable to Leanna McCutcheon.

Bread Lock Park - Enjoy a Day in the Park

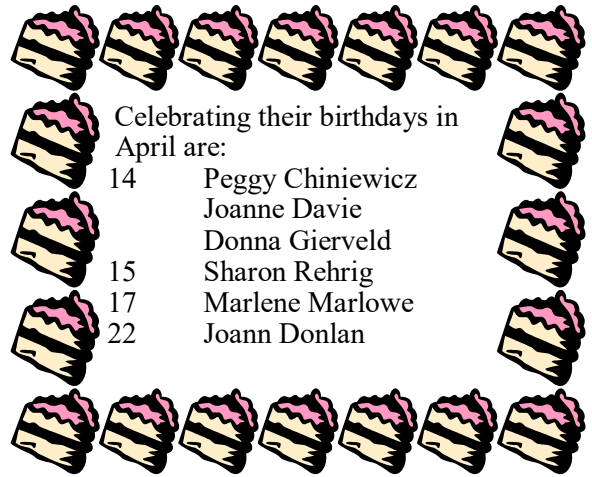
Enjoy a day in the park on **Saturday, June 8, from 11 am to 5 pm** at Bread Lock Park in Stewartsville, NJ. Admission is free and it's being held rain or shine. There will be an author's alley, classic cars, history presentations and so much more. In the past we have taken our raffle quilt to this event 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 information.

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.

Projects for Promise

Family Promise of Warren County is our chosen recipient of the funds to be raised at this year's Tricky Tray program at our biennial Quilt Show **in October**. Please begin working on small handmade items to be auctioned off through our Tricky Tray fundraiser. Aprons, microwave bowls, placemats, table runners, crib quilts, bibs, etc. are all things that can be made for this year's table. Bonnie Eamigh and Margaret Grande will supervise the tables at the show, so please see them if you have any questions about what to donate.



Maker's Day Made Her Day!

(Nancy Geiger represented our guild at this year's Maker's Day in Belvidere and believes a good time was had by all! Thank you, Nancy, for participating and for your contributions to our newsletter!)

Maker's Day at the Warren County Library Headquarters was held on Saturday, March 23rd from 10 am to 3 pm. There was something for everyone – from carving walking sticks and 'magic wands' to coloring your own lantern, making kaleidoscopes, pinwheels and concrete planters using Portland Cement and a terry cloth wash rag?? Also, magical hairdryer suspending ping-pong balls (by our own previous guild member, Mary Ellen Krivanek - now Assistant Manager of Library Headquarters Branch) as well as writing in invisible ink and reading under black light! Wow! The Garden Club and Shop Rite both participated with Shop Rite providing healthy fruit cups while youngsters made "Incredibles" masks. The two little quilters in the photos to the right visited our booth last year. They are both involved in Scouts and really enjoyed the hands-on sewing. Future quilters? Nancy expressed to their mother that it was so nice to see two young men interested in something other than their phones.

-- article submitted by Nancy Geiger--



Nancy Geiger, at national Maker's Day, watches as a few boys work on their sewing skills.



Look how proud!



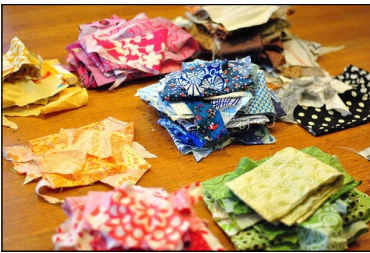
Eleanor Levie Arrives in Style!

Be sure to join us at the May meeting when our speaker will be none other than Eleanor Levie! Her high-spirited presentation will include a quilted fashion show brought to you by our own guild members. Eleanor is famous for her fashionable vests and totes. She is a delightful speaker--you don't want to miss this!

Fabric Patches for Victorian Days Committee

We were approached by the Victorian Days Committee of Belvidere Heritage, Inc. to supply them with **3-inch and 4-inch fabric scraps.**

They intend to have kids make glue-quilts with them at this year's Victorian Days celebration. Following the weekend, they hope to display these quilts around town in the windows of various business, and follow through with an auction of these quilts at Victorian Days in 2020 in order to raise money for scholarships.



Please save your scraps for this project and bring them in to any monthly Guild meeting between now and June. Cindy Smith will collect them and forward them to the Victorian Days committee.

Sue DeCamp led the workshop on Paper Piecing Without Paper on Saturday, March 16 in Hope. A new skill was learned and some beautiful blocks were created by the participants.



Irene is in "total concentration" mode.



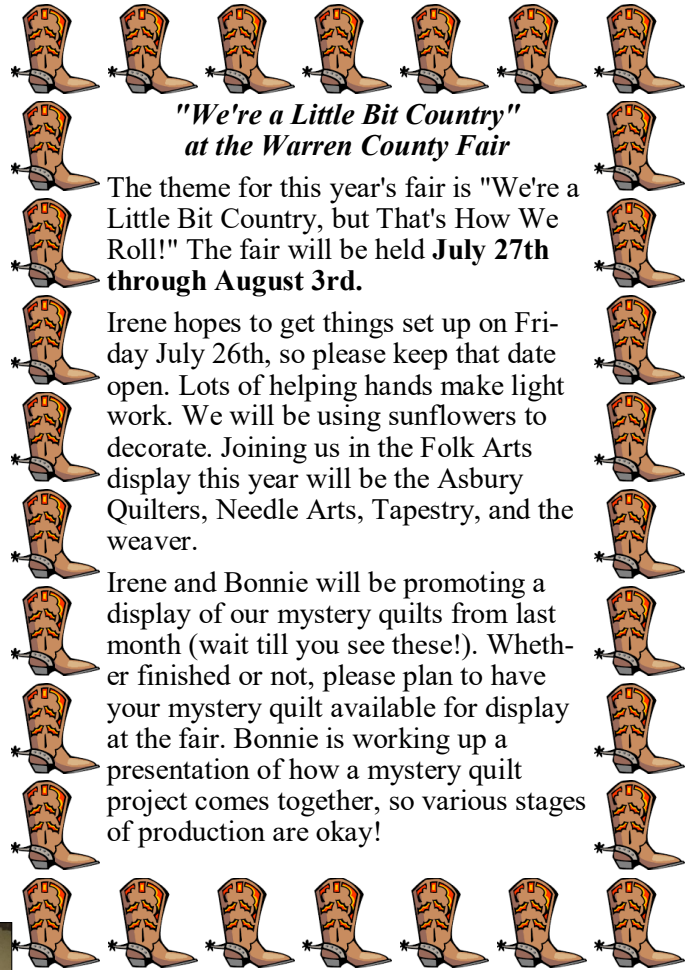
Sue shows off the "paperless paper-pieced product."



Judy and Sharon join forces under Teacher's watchful eye.



Student Sharon's scrappy success.



"We're a Little Bit Country" at the Warren County Fair

The theme for this year's fair is "We're a Little Bit Country, but That's How We Roll!" The fair will be held **July 27th through August 3rd.**

Irene hopes to get things set up on Friday July 26th, so please keep that date open. Lots of helping hands make light work. We will be using sunflowers to decorate. Joining us in the Folk Arts display this year will be the Asbury Quilters, Needle Arts, Tapestry, and the weaver.

Irene and Bonnie will be promoting a display of our mystery quilts from last month (wait till you see these!). Whether finished or not, please plan to have your mystery quilt available for display at the fair. Bonnie is working up a presentation of how a mystery quilt project comes together, so various stages of production are okay!

Spread a Little Sunshine

Former member and past president, Pat Pelosi recently lost her son, Anthony. Services were held Tuesday, April 2nd at Newbaker Funeral Home in Blairstown NJ. Those who wish to reach out to Patti, her address is 78 Ridgeway Ave, Blairstown NJ 07825. Losing a child is a pain that never goes away. Our sympathies to Patti and her family in this time of sorrow.

The guild received a thank you note from member Pat Howlin regarding her husband Martin's funeral services and condolences received. "Please extend my sincere thanks to all the Guild members for their kind words and prayers. Your support was a comfort to me during this sorrowful time. I am grateful to have you in my life." -- Pat Howlin Continued prayers are sent to Pat and her family.



Penn Rose Quilt Guild

cordially invites you to the

Quilters' Buffet 2019

Saturday, May 4, 2019 8:15 am to 2:35 pm

Schoeneck Moravian Church

316 North Broad Street Ext., Nazareth, PA 18064

The Quilter's Buffet is a "Round Robin" of instruction for quilters and quilter "wannabes." It's a great way to learn a new technique or to learn tips that may improve your skills. Six 'mini seminars' are offered and you select three to rotate through seventy-five minutes of instruction and discussion. Area vendors will be set up for shopping and door prizes will be given out.

Seminar #1: English Paper-Piecing a Pin Cushion/Pillow Instructors: Kate Mulberger and Crystal Kohler - Learn to do the English Paper-Piecing technique (hand sewing) along with some new tricks to make a little quilt top (5" x 8"). A fabric kit to make the top will be provided. **SUPPLIES YOU BRING: a pair of sharp scissors, fabric glue stick**



Seminar #2: Troubleshooting Instructor: Sharon Rehrig - Are you having problems getting perfect half-square triangles/bias squares or quarter-square triangles? Are you having other issues with blocks being slightly 'jabber-walky' or skewed? We will look at different ways we piece blocks, how we true them, including initial cutting and final pressing.



Seminar #3: Wool Appliqué and the Accuquilter Instructor: Rosemary McGuinness - Learn how to use the Accuquilter to cut out your wool pieces. You will appliqué the designs onto a wool background using the buttonhole stitch. The final product will be a needle case, ornament or pin cushion. You can check Pinterest "Wool Art" for hundreds of ideas. **SUPPLIES YOU BRING: a small scissor and a favorite large-eye needle, if you have one**

Seminar #4: Quilting Conundrums with ManQuilter Instructor: Rich Danner - "How do I quilt that? What thread should I use? What batting choices do I have?" Even if you don't quilt your own quilts, you still need to go to your long-armer or hand quilter with a plan in mind of how you want it quilted. This class will cover the following and hopefully resolve some conundrums: --How you want it quilted begins with DESIGN first before you even start cutting and sewing—it's never an afterthought. --What is negative space, and what does it mean for a quilt? --Subdividing a quilt into families, tribes, packs, gaggles, leashes, or kettles. --Quilting as a means to create added design layers. --Thread choice is not limited to off white. Choose your thread with deliberate intention for effect. --Batting, like thread, should be chosen for deliberate effect. **SUPPLIES YOU BRING: sketchpad and pencils**

Seminar #5: 3D Fabric Flower Instructor: Fran Visicaro - Learn to make a three-dimensional fabric flower. These flowers can be used to make a head band, pins, key rings and can be added to a quilt. Come and join me in this fun class. You will receive a pre-cut kit with the fabric and backing to make your pin. **SUPPLIES YOU BRING: sewing needle, thread, a small button or bead, lace if you want to put lace in the back of the flower**



Seminar #6: Prairie Points Instructor: Polly McGarr - Learn various ways to incorporate prairie points, which are folded triangles into quilted borders, mug rugs and table toppers. **SUPPLIES YOU BRING: scissors, needle and neutral color thread**



Registration form: <https://sites.google.com/view/pennrosequiltguild/registration-form>

Reservations are due by April 15, 2019. Class sizes are limited. The fee for the day is \$45 and includes three sessions, morning refreshments, and lunch. This event has been well-received in the past. Several Evening Star members are presenting, so please consider attending and supporting our local guilds.

If you miss the reservation date, contact Sharon at 610-759-3385 to see if we can accommodate you. Flyer and Registration form: <https://sites.google.com/view/pennrosequiltguild/home>

Start Gathering for the October 2019 Quilt Show

Solvai Sanchez will be selling old quilt magazines and quilting books, so start cleaning off your shelves now. If you have quilt magazines to donate, please separate them (eg., all *McCall's Quilting* together, all *American Patchwork* together, etc.). Once you have the magazines sorted by publication, please also sort them by date. Some magazines have block-of-the-month articles that carry over to the next issue and it is much easier to sell the set if they are lined up in order. This makes Solvai's job easier and creates more sales!

Also start gathering fat quarters for our raffle baskets. You can also create 5" or 6" charm square packs, or donate 10" squares. Carol Smith will be collecting donations for the raffle baskets. Carol is looking for florals, seasonal fabrics, and holiday bundles; but will take whatever you offer. **PLEASE** donate good quality fabrics, not just stacks of fabrics for the next ugly fabric challenge.

The quilt show committee is also looking for a cash register to use for the weekend. If anyone has one, or knows someone we could borrow one from, please contact Sharon Kubich.

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

Date	Event	Place	Contact Person/Phone/Time
April 9, 2019	Regular Meeting/Surprise Speaker	Belvidere High School	Meeting begins at 7pm
Saturday April 13, 2019	Crazy Patch Border Workshop	St Johns in Hope	
May 14, 2019	Regular Meeting - "Project Runway" by Eleanor Levie	Belvidere High School	Meeting begins at 7pm
Saturday May 18, 2019	Machine Applique workshop and Walker bags	St Johns in Hope	
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	

Ocean Waves Quilt Guild 2019 Quilt Show
Birds, Blooms, and Butterflies

Sussex Academy
21150 Airport Rd
Georgetown, DE

April 26 & 27, 2019
10 am to 5 pm both days

Admission \$10
QOV, Guild Challenge, Raffle Baskets
Featured artist: Victoria Findlay Wolfe
Website: oceanwavesquiltguild.org



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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