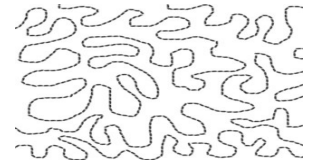


# EVENING STAR QUILTERS' GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



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

DECEMBER, 2019 - VOLUME 10

Welcome to December! Welcome to winter weather! These guys both arrived on the same day this year and some of us are still feeling the wrath of the winter storm. Today my family is in our fourth day of no power, which translates into no internet, no stove, no microwave, and no TV. We are managing with limited power from a generator, and trust me, I am grateful for that, which still allows me to use lights and my sewing machine (but no iron!).

The new norm of going outside to refuel the generator first thing in the morning and last thing at night is not a welcome routine, but essential these days. I believe this is the first time its been necessary to run the generator through the night, as the temperatures remain at freezing. The driveway was warm enough to release the ice (yay!!), but the trees are still straining from the extra burden of snow over ice on 90% of their branches. It is a beautiful sight, yet scary, and intimidating as we are unsure of what will fall next.

Cooking on the grill on our deck has become an art in and of itself, as we find new ways to bake casseroles, steam vegetables and reheat leftovers from Thanksgiving. We've created a game/challenge with that and find new things to dare the next chef to attack as we work through our daily meals. Every day is an adventure in tolerance and creativity. For now, I'm enjoying the quiet nights at home with no television streaming bad news from the talking heads, but just a book to read or a game to play... well at least while the generator has fuel.

I hope this finds everyone else in good spirits as we enter the final month of the year and look forward to the first month of a new year - one of new beginnings and hopefulness; one of family and friends held dear to our hearts.

Be well and I hope to see you on Tuesday!

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# REMEMBER

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

Quilt Raffle tickets and \$\$  
Pair of new socks for Veteran's  
\$5 for Red & White block exchange (if you didn't  
already purchase one)  
QOV Ohio Star Block(s)  
Your appetite  
Quilt Show yard signs  
Smiles & helping hands!

### ***Starry, Starry, Night for Show and Tell***

With this cold weather, we have seen many clear starry nights! Do you have a quilt full of stars to share with the guild? Please bring it for Show and Tell at the December meeting. Put stars in our eyes... be the star... shine on!

***Orphan Blocks Found New Homes!***

A huge thank you to Laura Lyman for her wonderful presentation last month on how to use orphan blocks in other projects! Several members developed new ideas for their own orphan blocks and many were excited about the cute stuffed animals created by 12-inch blocks. Following the Tuesday lecture, members gathered on Saturday at St. John's Church in Hope, NJ for *Stitchers in Hope* and a chance to create something new from their own leftover blocks. Members shared coordinating fabrics and *orphans* to help one another create new quilts! (See pics next page) Wait till you see what developed from this workshop! Lunch was provided by the guild.

***Saturday Stitchers in Hope***

**There will no Saturday Stitchers in December.** The next session will be **January 18** when we'll be making the Marble Maze quilts.

***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 Exchange for February***

There is still time to order the \$5 kit for the red and white star block (shown in photo) we are going to exchange in February for Valentine's Day. We have orders for 40 blocks at this time. All you need to do is contact Sharon Rehrig at [timelystitches@rcn.com](mailto:timelystitches@rcn.com) in order for her to bring you a kit to the December or January meeting. Once you make the block and turn it in by the February meeting, (NO LATER) you will receive your \$5 back. Participating women who complete the block will then have two chances to win, as of this time, 20 blocks, IF ALL BLOCKS ARE RETURNED. If we get more than the 40 blocks, they will be split unless there are enough for another set. Wouldn't that be nice?

Blocks can be turned in at the January or February meeting. Any questions, please contact Sharon at her email listed above or call her at 610-759-3385.

***Mystery Quilt Workshop - February 8th***

Marlene Marlowe and Leana McCutcheon handed out two more pre-workshop sewing directions at the November. This year's mystery is a scrap-buster and is only 48 inches square. The workshop has a \$20 fee and will take place at St. John's United Methodist Church in Hope, NJ on **Saturday, February 8, 2020**. Fabric requirements and three sets of sewing directions have been handed out to participants so far, but none of them take long to do, so you are not far behind if you have not already started. It is always fun to see the same quilt in many colorways every time we do this!

***Quilts of Valor Blocks***

Please continue to make the Ohio Star 12" blocks in red/white and blue/white between now and March 2020. Theresa Schoonover will be collecting the blocks at each meeting, so feel free to make several at once, or one each month; whatever suits your life. In March, Theresa will coordinate the Stitching in Hope workshop and members will be assembling the tops. Theresa decided to change things up a bit, and has a new idea for the setting. The guild received patriotic fabrics from former member Trudy Frey that will be used to set the blocks. If you need a pattern for the Ohio Star block, please see Theresa at any meeting. This is the same pattern that was used last year.

***Ugly Fabric Challenge Underway!***

Okay folks! What were you thinking?? Some of that fabric was truly UGLY! That's the idea after all, and we are so excited that 19 members joined in the fun! Now let's turn them into something beautiful!! IF you received more than one fabric, you only have to use one. Do not make yourself crazy because someone decided to clean house. One yard, one fabric, one finished item. Your finished project can be an apron, a purse/handbag, a quilt (no smaller than 36" square), virtually anything you think might work. The "ugly" fabric must be a prominent part of your project. The completed projects are due back at the June, 2020 meeting. Good luck and get to work!

***Bordering on Beauty***

The topic of discussion at our January meeting will be *Bordering on Beauty*, presented by Cindy Smith. Cindy has been quilting for nearly 30 years and is an active member of ESQG for the past 23 years. Cindy will be presenting a trunk show of border ideas demonstrating the use of leftover fabrics, leftover blocks, combinations of patterns, and ideas generated from the book *Setting Solutions* by Sharyn Craig. Heralded as the "Queen of Borders" by Sharon Kubich, look for an evening of ideas and thought provoking projects, as Cindy redirects your design ideas and extends them into the borders of your quilts.

### *ESQG Christmas Gala*

Our December meeting is typically our annual holiday celebration. Audrey Planer and Irene Compton have graciously offered to run the events for the evening. **We will be starting at 6:30 pm** instead of 7 pm and hope that everyone can come at the earlier time. With the quilt drawing at 7 pm, we need to get all of the tickets in before 7 pm anyway, so please do your best to arrive on time! Two members volunteered to make and bring a holiday punch, but the balance of the meal will be catered by Mama's and served buffet style. So bring your appetite and holiday spirit on Tuesday night, December 10! Audrey and Irene always bring good cheer!!



Cindy Smith's orphan blocks (left) are turning into a beautiful top and Solvai Sanchez is making two tops (center and right) out of some of her orphan blocks.

### *2019 Raffle Quilt Drawing December 10th*

Our beautiful red, white, and blue Ohio Star raffle quilt will be raffled off on Tuesday, December 10th at 7 pm! Please be sure to sell and bring back ALL of your raffle ticket stubs and money collected from the sales to our December meeting. Each member was given 14 tickets to sell which is probably the lowest amount we have ever had to sell individually. Sales this year have been great and the quilt well received at the Warren County Fair, Victorian Days, and at our show. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, so this is an easy sell. A photo of the quilt is included in your ticket packet so you can show off our glorious quilt! Even if you do not want it yourself, put names of your friends and family members on the stubs if you purchase the tickets yourself. If you win, it makes a great Christmas gift and you only spent \$1 a ticket or less! **DO NOT FORGET YOUR TICKET STUBS!!** If you know you cannot attend the **December meeting**, please be sure your ticket stubs and money get to Lelane Hoose, or any member who will be attending the Tuesday night meeting. The drawing will be held at 7 pm!

### *Welcome to our Newest Members!*

We welcomed four new members to our guild last month and are happy to see three additional returning members. This is a great group and we have many talented quilters and leaders in our group. We hope you find your niche within. Please do not be afraid to jump right in. If there is a program you would like to join that is already underway, please speak up and we can get you started.

No! My Quilt is not  
FINISHED,  
& I'd appreciate it if  
you'd stop using the  
F-word in my  
Sewing Room!



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

An email was sent out requesting members to contact Judy Zeitler directly to sign up for wrapping presents at the Children's Home of Easton this December. Dates available to ESQG members are **Wednesday, December 18th from 6 to 7:30 pm OR Friday, December 20th from 1 to 3 pm**. Pick one or serve both, but please let Judy know as soon as possible. Judy must notify Santa with a head count. Also, scissors and tape will be available, but if you can bring your own, it would be a great help to the process. If you love to wrap presents, this is your calling! If you don't, bring your finger and hold the ribbons for the rest of us! You may contact Judy at [jzeitler@gmail.com](mailto:jzeitler@gmail.com) or via cell at 908-319-1793. Santa is watching and needs your help today! The Children's Home of Easton is a private, non-profit organization established in 1885. It provides a caring, nurturing environment for children in need, as well as assistance to their families. Their goal is to provide guidance, support and encouragement for children to believe in their self-worth in order for them to reach their full potential. Several years ago, our guild made and donated 60 quilts to this organization so that each child had a handmade quilt on their bed. Please lend your support again by wrapping gifts for these children this Christmas season. The Children's Home of Easton is located at 2000 South 25th St, Easton, PA 18042-6031. Gift wrapping will be located in the gym at the top of the campus.



***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 above!) 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!!

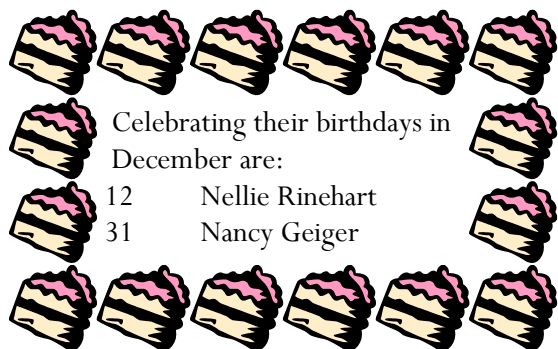
***Hospitality Chairperson Needed***

- 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.

***Sock it to Me! Backpacks for Veterans***

Our original plan to outfit several backpacks for the Operation Chill-Out program took a sharp turn when Tramontin closed its doors in October. However, the guild voted at the November meeting to gather items for two backpacks (including the backpacks) for homeless veterans in Warren County. Irene Compton and Audrey Planer will be purchasing items for the packs, and are *asking members to donate socks* to the project.

Please purchase and **bring to the December meeting a pair of socks** (any kind) in order to fill the need for warm socks for the homeless veterans this winter.



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***Board Meetings Slated***

Upcoming board meeting dates:

- 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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