

EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



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A Note From the ESQG President

Warm Greetings to you! The ability to adapt is a unique trait of living things, be they plant or animal. And what a wonderful trait it is!

I was at my work place the other day, when the printer began "screaming" at me because it no longer had red ink. My first thought was, "I would be ornery too if I no longer had beautiful red ink." But my next thought quickly arrived as, "I am printing in black and white, why should I care if there is red ink?" Through much frustration, I slowly caught on to the fact that this poor machine can no longer provide it's intended service, because it is missing one of it's components. Essential to my needs or not, apparently it is essential to the function of this machine. Like gasoline to a car, I no longer had an option to choose to use the other inks, because now one of them was completely empty. If I did not replace the red ink cartridge, then my stubborn-child printer could not function at all. If I chose to be reminded later of this great need and injustice to my machine, then I was rudely reminded every minute, on the minute, by that horrid "scream" that again insisted that this poor little machine was in dire need of red ink. I thought I could sneak my way around it and scan something to my computer, but NO! The beast refused to perform without it's precious red ink! ARGH!! So, I turned it off.

Thankfully, as quilters and as humans, we have learned to adapt. If something is missing or becomes empty, we replace it or fill it with something comparable. If we make a quilt top and run out of blue fabric, we simply go find something similar to fill the need. If a storm takes down trees in a forest, the forest undergrowth takes over and creates new life to replace the old trees. If a friend moves away, we turn and make new friends. If we build a dam, we create a new life form in the lake that is created; when we remove the dam, the lake disappears, but the river returns and all the life that comes with it. We adapt...not easily in a lot of cases, but we adapt. Change is a part of life and should be embraced.

In the meantime, excuse me while I run up to Staples and get a new cartridge of beautiful red ink.

See you Tuesday! Cynthia A. Smith President, ESQG



THINGS TO BRING TO THE MAY MEETING:

Show & Tell: Wearables
Workshop Money for Leana
3" & 4" fabric scraps
Last year's Quilt Show signs
Donations for charity (Family Promise)
Fabric/charm squares for Raffle baskets
Books/Magazines for recycle
UFO #6
Quilt of Valor Blocks
WIP from Crazy Patch Border workshop
Hospitality
Smiles and helping hands!

Show & Tell: Wearables

Since Eleanor Levie will be joining us at the May meeting, please bring your quilted vests, skirts, jackets, totes, handbags, scarves, anything quilted that you can wear! This is your time for your fashion statement. Let's see what you've got on Cindy Crawford or Tyra Banks!

Nominations at Hand

Thank you to Kathleen Scala, Sharon Kubich, and Sharon Rehrig for forming our nominating committee this year. The women have done a tremendous job, and we look forward to our new slate of officers. The slate will be announced at the May meeting with elections run by the committee at the June meeting. Good luck nominees!!

The UFO Devil Made Me Do It!

If your UFO number six has been your devil, then get it completed by the May meeting! Turn that sexy number 666 to a devilish finished quilt! If you've felt raging fires doing this one, then watch when the smoke clears and you see your cheering section at the completion! We are almost done! Have you been keeping up? Only one more project to go to cross that finish line. If Lucifer is on the losing side, can you imagine who stands on the side of heaven when you finish all nine projects?

2019 Raffle Quilt

The 2019 Raffle quilt was presented to the guild at the April meeting. The patriotic theme will be an easy sell. Thank you again to the raffle quilt committee and chairman Karen Anderson for another beauty!

Quilts of Valor

Theresa Schoonover reqested members sign up for the blocks that are needed to complete the Quilts of Valor quilt tops. If you are one of those members, please bring your block to the May meeting so we can get busy on the quilt tops. Thank you for volunteering! Also, we had one person volunteer to quilt one of the quilts. If anyone else is interested in machine quilting a valor quilt, please contact Theresa.

Crazy Times at the Crazy Patch Border Workshop

Approximately ten members (and one guest) enjoyed our crazy patch border workshop led by Sharon Rehrig on Saturday, April 13th. Sharon had great instruction on the do's and don'ts and offered guidance throughout the day. Each participant had different fabric selections from 30's to Halloween, from plain to fancy, from all blue to every color under the sun. It was great fun piecing the borders and creating our own crazy patch. Thank you, Sharon, for a wonderful workshop and Irene for a great lunch!

Machine Applique - the Leana Way

Leana McCutcheon will be leading the workshop from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, May 18, at St. John's Methodist Church in Hope NJ. The workshop is \$15 for members plus \$20 for the kit. Other items will be needed for this workshop, so please see Leana at the May meeting if you have not already signed up. Leana's work has traveled around the United States and to Paris. Her artistic talents know no bounds in fiber arts.

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.

Our Promise to Family Promise

Our charity this year is Family Promise of Warren County. Items will be auctioned in a tricky-tray set-up again this year. We are looking for small handmade items such as aprons, table runners, placemats, microwave bowls, purses, crib quilts, wine bags, etc.

See Bonnie Eamigh, Rosemary McGuinness, or Margaret Grande for drop-offs or questions.

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Sew-cialize in June!

The ice cream social we held last year was a big hit, so we are bringing it back for our June meeting. The final meeting of the guild year will celebrate the completion of our year-long UFO challenge as well as the election of officers for the upcoming guild year. We have much to prepare for with the Fair arriving in late July, Victorian Days in early September and our biennial quilt show in October. Join us for an evening of ice cream, celebration and sew-cializing...with perhaps a few sprinkles thrown on top!



Belvidere High School Scholarships

Peggy Schaedel and Audrey Planer were appointed to this year's scholarship committee. Peggy and Audrey will accept applications, review qualifications, and select recipients from the Belvidere High School senior class. Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

Board Meeting June 4, 2019

- The next board meeting will be held, **Tuesday**,
- June 4, at 6:30 pm, at Sue DeCamp's house.
- Board members are expected to attend. The
- meeting is open to all members.

Eleanor Levie Presents "Project Runway"



Eleanor will join us at the May meeting to present her "Project Runway" program to enlighten our quilting skills to include totes, vests, and other unique wearables she has created throughout the years. Eleanor will have books to sell at a great discount, so please bring checks or cash if you wish to purchase her books. She promises no hard sells, but items will be available for purchase.

Also Ms. Levie asks guild members to bring their own quilted wearables to show in order to make the event more enjoyable for everyone! Ms. Levie grew up in the Baltimore area, but resides currently in Philadelphia.

She will be driving up and would love to share a light supper with some of our guild members. If you are interested, please contact Irene. This should be a fun show! Please bring a friend and a great sense of humor to our May meeting.

Victorian Days

Victorian Days will be held September 7th and 8th in Belvidere, NJ. We will be displaying our raffle quilt and offering educational demonstrations and displays for the public.

In addition to our display, the committee has requested contributions of 3" and 4" scraps of fabric for the children to create glue-quilts during the weekend activities. Anyone wishing to donate scraps, please bring them in to any meeting through June.

Cindy Smith will collect the donations and forward them to the committee over the summer.



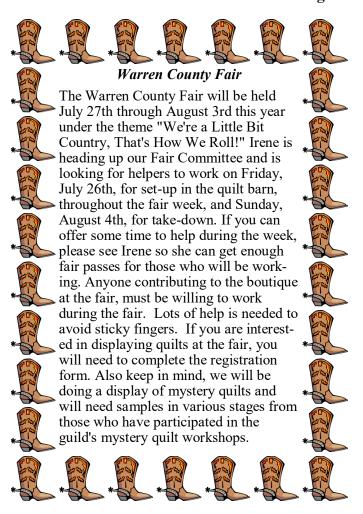
Harvest of Quilts Quilt Show

Our biennial quilt show will be here again before you know it! The dates are **October 19 and 20**. All guild members are asked to sign up on the master volunteer schedule sheet with Margaret Grande. Many slots are still wide open and need to be filled. Our show is an "all hands on deck" event. We need everyone there and everyone helping. Quilt registration forms are available online at http://www.esqg.com/ for download, or at the meetings on the front table. The forms can be copied and you may enter up to 10 quilts.

If you enter more than ten quilts, you must number your entries (1 through xx) in case some have to be eliminated. This has not happened in the past, but we need to make you aware that it could happen.

Registration forms, complete with photos showing colors accurately, are due no later than September 10, 2019. No late entries will be accepted.

Our show is held to educate the public on the art of quilting. We will have demonstrations both days, food in the cafeteria, a boutique, book/magazine recycling, vendors, and raffles, not to mention about a hundred handmade quilts! There is a lot of activity and it is our chance to shine. We have always been regarded as having a fabulous show, so let's not disappoint our adoring public! Sign up now! Get your quilts registered, and let's get hyped up for another successful show!!



Signs of the Times

Anyone who still has signs from the last Quilt Show, please bring them to the May meeting. The signs need to be updated with new dates and times, so it is imperative that all signs get turned in to Irene as soon as possible! MAY, 2019 Page 5

Books and Magazines by the Bucket

Solvia Sanchez is collecting old books and magazines that anyone would like to donate to the magazine sale. Please offer books in good condition and magazines in chronological order which will help our shoppers find things quicker. These items can be brought to any meeting prior to the show and handed over to Solvai.

Raffle Basket Items Needed!

Carol Smith is collecting items for the raffle baskets which include: fat quarters, charm square packets, seasonal fabrics, floral fabrics, etc. Please give Carol good quality fabrics...something you would like to win yourself, not pass off to the ugly fabric challenge! :)

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

Date	Event	Place	Contact Person/Phone/Time
May 14, 2019	Regular Meeting - "Project Runway" by Eleanor Levie	Belvidere High School	Meeting begins at 7pm
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	



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 <u>dawn@goodnewshome.org</u>

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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