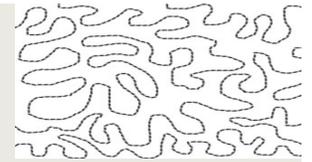


EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE

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A new quilting season has begun...

Greetings Evening Star Quilters!

Whoever said, "A job well done never needs doing over," clearly never pulled weeds in a garden! Here we are at the beginning of fall and I just spent the better part of three days weeding my flower beds. Those nasty invasive weeds tend to grow anywhere and everywhere. Some pull out easily and some require some muscle, but once they are gone, it is satisfying to see the "good" plants are still there waiting patiently for the sunlight and a chance to grow. Like those plants, all of us deal with nasty little things that can hold us back and prevent us from doing what we are meant to do. Make a promise to yourself today to get rid of the weeds in your life. Bloom where you are planted... Grow... Thrive... Be Beautiful!

Okay, are we ready? The main event will be here soon! How exciting to host our 15th Biennial Quilt Show!! We had 29 members provide 105 quilts for our show this year... and one quilt is just as beautiful and awesome as the next. Wait till you see what your fellow members have completed!

Before that happens, we have our monthly meeting to attend to. Please go online to review the minutes and financial report from the September meeting so we can move through them quickly at the October meeting.

Just for fun... **bring one of your "first" quilts for Show and Tell** to the October meeting. We've come a long way ladies (and gentleman)... let's see just how far we have evolved! Save your completed show quilts for the show.

Also, please see the article from Rich Danner on page 3, regarding the Cafe at the quilt show. We need some volunteers for baking, as well as paper supplies. Please help where you can!

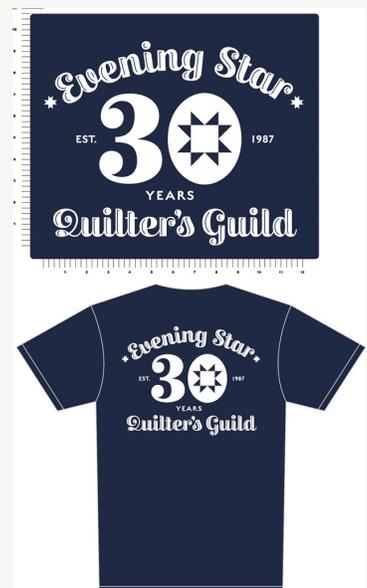
We are still looking for someone to chair the Hospitality Committee. Please notify anyone on the board if you are able and willing to do this.

Cynthia A Smith
President, ESQG

Quilt Show

The October meeting will be dedicated mostly to our quilt show. If you haven't already signed up to work at a specific area, please plan on doing so. Also we are looking for all members, friends and family to attend Friday night for set-up and again Sunday at 4 pm for take-down. Mark your calendar for the weekend of October 20, 21 and 22.

Our guild's "30th" year t-shirts will be handed out at the guild meeting. If you can not make the meeting please plan to have someone pick it up for you. Any shirts not picked up will be available at the quilt show Friday night in the cafeteria. We are asking that you wear your shirt on Saturday at the show.



Quilt of Valor Blocks

Autumn Greetings!

Ok, so here is what we are going to do for our Quilts of Valor effort for this year until we can restructure it better. Our theme for the year will be "Stars Alive!" Each month we will feature one star block pattern for our Quilts of Valor. However many star blocks as we have by year's end will determine how many quilts we can put together. My thought is that these quilts will be scrappy in reds, whites, and blues with splashes of gold. With a variety of star blocks in each quilt, it will also have a sampler look to it.

Our first star block will be the Pinwheel Star. Yes, the directions call for unit measurements in eighths of an inch - just round up to the whole number and remember to trim down the assembled unit. I use Deb Tucker's Studio 180 rulers simply because they eliminate the nonsense of 1/8 inch increments and your unit pieces will be just fine with a final trim-down.

As always, reds, whites, and blues and please, let's use splashes of golds for the center pinwheel for this month's block.

Any questions, just give 'Manquilter Rich' a holler at 850-619-0227.

Piece and Goodness to All!

Block of the Month

Irene Compton will be handing out directions for the 1930's themed block of the month at the Guild Meeting.

Mystery Quilt

Mystery Quilt workshop: February 3, 2018: Sign up with Marlene Marlow, pay your \$20 fee, and receive your fabric requirements and cutting directions at the October meeting!

Row Quilt

The 2017 Row Quilt has two full groups. The first row is due at the November Guild meeting along with the box of fabric.

Community Projects

We are still looking for eyeglass cases and small projects for the Haven of Hope table AND placemats for Meals-on-Wheels for Thanksgiving giveaway.

Warren County Fair Winners

Congratulations to the Warren County Fair Viewers' Choice Winners! Margaret Grande - First place; Rich Danner - second place; former member Dawn Kaniper - third place. This was the 20th Anniversary of the Traditional Arts Expo at the fair. These three quilts were chosen by the fair patrons as their favorite quilts out of the 50 quilts exhibited.

Also, as a side exhibit and contest this year, was the Sunbonnet Sue quilt block. There were enough blocks donated and entered in the contest to assemble three quilt tops. Viewers choice contest winners in the Sunbonnet Sue entries included Margaret Grande - first place; Kathy Daniels - second place; and Bonnie Eamigh - third place. Congratulations to the winners, all members of Evening Star Quilter's Guild!

Ladies of the Guild,

As we are having our Biennial Quilt Show at the end of this month, I am placing an open call for whatever donations we can get for the Cafe at the Quilt Show. Every little bit helps.

I will be collecting the following items at the Tuesday, October 10 Guild Meeting:

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| paper plates | napkins | foam cups |
| canned soda | plastic cutlery | |

And I will be collecting these items on Friday, October 20 at the Quilt Show set-up:

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| Hamburger Buns | Hot Dog Buns | Ketchup | Mustard |
| Relish | Hot Dogs | Coffee Creamer Sugar | Sugar Substitute |

Baked Goods - remember that we need things packaged individually like three cookies to a bag, or a brownie to a bag, etc. ABOVE ALL ELSE - ANYTHING CONTAINING NUTS MUST BE LABELED AS HAVING NUTS IN IT.

If I can get Google Docs to print label templates, I will print out labels for all of us so you just need to let me know what has nuts and what doesn't and I can slap the nut warning on the package. If I can't get the labels to print, we will use a pre-made sticker.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the next Guild Meeting listing what we need and anyone wishing to make a donation can sign up with the quantity of what they are donating.

Thank you and Pieceful Autumn Blessings to All!

Manquilter Rich

Saturday Sewing at the St. John's in Hope

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

October 14, 2017 - This is a good day to do community projects and or you can come and do open sew. Bring a lunch.

November 11, 2017

December 9, 2017

January 13, 2018

February 3, 2018 - Mystery Quilt Workshop 9 am to 3 pm (Snow date Feb. 10)

February 17, 2018

March 17, 2018

April 14, 2018

May 12, 2018

All members are invited to attend. These Saturdays are for open sewing, or may be used for working on guild charity projects. All of them are held at St. John's United Methodist Church in Hope, NJ from 9 am to 3 pm.

Bring a lunch unless instructed otherwise. Mark your calendars, and join in the fun!



2017-18 Program Calendar

Tues., November 14

Guild Meeting & Speaker: Gyleen Fitzgerald - *The Art of Color Blending*

Wed., November 15

Workshop: *Trash to Treasure Pineapples*

There is still room in this class at St. John's in Hope - doors open at 8:30 am and class begins at 9 am. Members - \$40; non-members - \$45

Things to bring to the October 10th Guild meeting:

- Eyeglass cases for the quilt show - to Pat Howlin
- Cleaned and pressed muslins for the quilt show - to Carol Smith
- Quilting books/magazines for the quilt show - to Solvai Sanchez
- Charitable Creations projects for the quilt show - to Rosemary McGuinness
- Block of the Month - *Broken Dishes* - to Irene Compton
- Your "first" quilt - for Show and Tell
- Smiles and Enthusiasm!

If you are participating in the charity drawing, be sure to check in with Theresa Schoonover prior to handing over your charitable projects to the respective chairpersons.

Jackie's Woolens Open House
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday
 November 16, 17, 18, 2017
 10 am - 4 pm

Lots of hand-dipped wools Wool appliqué kits
 Valdani Perle Cotton Finished items for sale
 Sale on selected wool and patterns
 Jackie Gauker 484-269-0499
 33 Oak Haven Road
 Fleetwood PA 19522
 jackieswoolens@gmail.com



10 historical facts about Quilting

- 1 The word **quilt** comes from the Latin "**culcita**" meaning a stuffed sack, but it came into the English language from the French word "**culite**".
- 2 Crusaders brought quilting to Europe from the Middle East in the late 11th century.
- 3 The earliest known quilted garment is on the carved ivory figure of a Pharaoh of the Egyptian First Dynasty about 3400 B.C.
- 4 The earliest known surviving bed quilt is one from Sicily from the end of the fourteenth century. It is made of linen and padded with wool.
- 5 The earliest surviving American pieced quilt is the Saltonstall quilt from 1704.
- 6 In the nineteenth century quilt-making flourished especially in the period between 1825 and 1875.
- 7 Not only could they be used on beds, they were also useful as covers for doors and windows and as floor mats for the children to play on. In many cases they were also used as currency to pay bills.
- 8 The usefulness of quilts has contributed to their continued existence.
- 9 Quilted jackets have been worn by the Chinese for many hundreds of years.
- 10 Backstitch quilting is the oldest technique, used in the 1st century Siberian rug (Colby). It is surprisingly fast and accurate, and by far the easiest stitch for working with raw cotton wadding .

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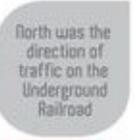
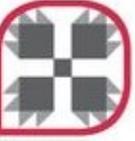
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Secret Codes of Quilt

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| <p>Tumbling Blocks</p> <p>A symbol indicating it was time for slaves to pack up and go, that a conductor was in the area</p> | <p>It was used as a guide to find water, food and places to rest</p> | <p>North Star</p> <p>North was the direction of traffic on the Underground Railroad</p> | <p>Flying Geese</p> <p>This signal was used to show the direction of Big Dipper constellation</p> |
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| <p>Bear's Paw</p> <p>Follow a mountain trail, out of view, and then follow an actual bear's trail which would lead to water and food</p> | <p>Wagon Wheel</p> <p>A signal to the slave to pack the items needed to travel by wagon</p> | <p>Drunkard's Path</p> <p>A warning signal to take a zigzag route to elude pursuing slave hunters and their hounds</p> | <p>Monkey Wrench</p> <p>A symbol indicating it was necessary to travel in disguise or to change from the clothing of a slave to those of a person of higher status</p> |
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| <p>Broken Dishes</p> <p>A symbol referring to a signal that involved broken crockery at some future landmark</p> | <p>Bow Tie</p> <p>A symbol indicating it was necessary to travel in disguise or to change from the clothing of a slave to those of a person of higher status</p> | <p>Monkey Wrench</p> <p>A signal to gather all the tools required for the fleeing slave's journey</p> | <p>Sailboat</p> <p>A signal that either a body of water was nearby or that boats were available</p> |
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| <p>Sailboat</p> <p>A signal that either a body of water was nearby or that boats were available</p> | <p>Cross roads</p> <p>A symbol referring to Cleveland, Ohio, which was the main crossroads with several routes to freedom</p> | <p>Britches</p> <p>A symbol indicating the escaping slave needed to dress as a free person</p> | <p>Bow Tie</p> <p>A symbol indicating it was necessary to travel in disguise or to change from the clothing of a slave to those of a person of higher status</p> |