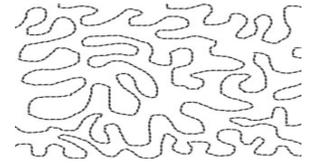


EVENING STAR QUILTERS' GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



SEPTEMBER 2021

A Note From the ESQG Vice-President

Autumn greetings to everyone! Although I am thankful for the recent dip in temperatures, I hope this is not the end of summer just yet. Technically, we still have about 20 days left, however I am reasonably sure Mother Nature does not abide by our calendar prophets as much as we would like. Regardless, it is already September and our guild year is about to begin again!

This summer brought many of us back to family reunions, potluck dinners, and informal gatherings. Despite these events being socially distanced activities, we all enjoyed seeing one another and joining together to give thanks for those of us who weathered the storm, and remembering those who did not. I had a flurry of activity in August starting in Ohio with a family reunion with my Dad's side of the family. My grandfather was the oldest sibling of eight; my Dad was the youngest sibling of four. How wonderful it is to bring ALL of these families together with name tags that include our family tree connections. We do it every year (minus 2020) at the beginning of August. My aunt and uncle (both now in their 90s) host the event at their home and supply the tables and chairs, the fresh corn from their own garden, and a yard full of frisbees, croquet, and room to play tag. Usually about 50 or so relatives show up with casseroles, salads, and desserts galore; the greatest potluck meal I know and always enjoy! I look forward to this event every year.

As much as the food is potluck, so are the people. There are business owners, teachers, scientists, mechanics, factory workers, grocery store clerks, retirees, small children, college students, quiet folks, loud folks, serious ones, religious ones, and of course, the family clowns. All of these people are related to one another and join together every year to celebrate that connection! What a wonderful afternoon we share each year.

So, if the United States is the melting pot, then the Smith family is potluck. I see how my relatives work hard to keep our family together and can only wish that our nations could do the same. We are not so different from anyone else. We have traditions to pass down from one generation to the next. Obviously quilting is one of those common traditions in most of our families. I am a fourth generation quilter in our Smith clan. Although I did not learn quilting from my grandmother or great-grandmother, I will continue that tradition, and truly respect and admire the works of my ancestors from whence I came. Some of the quilts I make are made with scraps from those generations, some are derived from my own lifetime. It is my duty to keep that potluck of scraps moving and telling its stories. It is my honor to keep our family traditions alive.

Be true to yourself and celebrate your family traditions!

See you Tuesday, September 14th, via Zoom!

Cynthia A Smith, VP, ESQG

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REMEMBER

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE SEPTEMBER ZOOM MEETING:

Favorite beverage
Log in by 7pm
Show & Tell
Wear a smile!

SHOW & TELL: POTLUCK PICNIC

After a summer of picnics and potluck dinners, what have you made from your scraps this year? The pandemic kept most of us at home creating projects from our scrap piles when we could no longer visit our favorite shops. We want to see your potluck quilts made from scraps from your favorite old projects. What old recipes did you use? Rail fence? String quilts? Stars? ...or the old family album block? Let's see what you bring to our Potluck Picnic!

Community Projects Gear Up!

The guild will continue to gather port pillows and pillowcases for area hospitals this year. Please notify Judy Zeitler when you have a collection of items to donate. As fleece becomes available, please consider purchasing three yard cuts in order to make the fleece blanket/bags for the Childrens' Home in Easton again this winter. Three yards of fleece will make two bags.

All donations are welcome!

Guild Meetings for 2021-2022

While we have a request in to Belvidere High School to find out whether or not they will allow us to return to our monthly meetings starting in September, we have not heard of their decision at this time. For now we are planning quarterly Zoom meetings to take place in September, December, March and June, starting this fall. The meetings will keep members updated on events and workshops throughout the year. We will notify everyone of any changes as we learn of them!

EVENING STAR'S *HARVEST OF QUILTS* QUILT SHOW POSTPONED 'TIL 2022

By unanimous vote, members of the Evening Star Quilters' Guild elected to postpone the *Harvest of Quilts* quilt show to 2022. Originally slated for October 2021, the event showcases quilts made by the members of Evening Star Quilters and offers demonstrations, food, and vendors to the public. This show is held specifically to educate the public in the art of quilt-making. Although it was not originally designed to be a major fundraiser for the guild, the popularity of the show has allowed the guild to host several well known quilt artists and instructors throughout the guild year. Please continue to make table runners and placemats for the charity tables, and collect books and magazines for the book sale table.

ONE BLOCK WONDER PANEL PROJECT

For those of you participating in the One Block Wonder Panel project, please purchase your seven panels prior to the September 14th meeting. In addition to the panels, be sure to have a 60 degree ruler and a long straight-edge ruler. If you own some flat-head flower pins, this is a good time to find them and will make your cutting so much easier! We will go over the cutting directions on Tuesday after the meeting in order to get everyone started. Sharon Kubich and Cindy Smith will be leading this project. Contact either member if you have any questions regarding supplies.





This floor quilting hoop is available to anyone who would like it. If not for you, maybe you know someone who would appreciate it?
 Christmas will be here soon...
 Contact Kathleen at skscala@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2021-2022

The guild agreed to make membership dues voluntary for the 2021-2022 year. Due to the postponement of our guild's quilt show in 2021 and lack of a raffle quilt in 2020, finances are low, so we have not booked any speakers for 2021-2022. Nonetheless, insurance, scholarships, post office box rentals, etc., still need to be paid in order to keep the guild running. Although we are not requiring members to pay their dues, we hope that most of you will continue to pay them voluntarily in order to keep things running. Dues remain at \$25 and can be mailed to Darlene Kerr. The form is available for download at esqg.com.

**WARREN COUNTY HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL
 - PART 2**

Despite the wash out on Friday back in June, the balloon festival went well. Since it was a new event and new location, attendance was not what they had hoped for, so we are going to try again! The festival will be held from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm September 24 through September 26, 2021 (Friday through Sunday) at Warren County Community College located at 475 NJ-57 West near Washington, New Jersey. Nancy Geiger volunteered to chair this event on behalf of our guild. Nancy is still looking for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets during this event. Please contact Nancy if you can help, even if it's for just a couple of hours any of the three days. The event will be held rain or shine, although there is a hurricane date of October 1st - 3rd if necessary.



GUILD TO ENTER SEMI-HIATUS

Due to the pandemic and continued issues with group gatherings and the low level of funds in our treasury, Evening Star Quilters may be taking a low-level hiatus starting in September. The board is working on plans to continue the Zoom meetings, but taking them in a different direction. Rather than hiring outside speakers this fall, we are considering a group project and using our Zoom meeting time to gather socially and sew together on a more involved, year-long quilt project. One suggestion was creating a One Block Wonder quilt, (see previous page!!) another suggestion includes an intricate block of the month project, or a series of smaller workshops directed by our guild members. Rest assured, we are not giving up the ship and we welcome any ideas from the membership. Stay tuned!

UPCOMING PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS

Beginning in September, the guild will be providing three projects for our guild members. Two will be lengthy, more involved quilting projects and one will be a one-day workshop.

The first project we would like everyone to consider is the **One-Block Wonder Panel Quilt** which requires seven identical pre-printed panels; six panels will be cut up into triangle units to create hexagons for piecing, and the 7th panel will be used as your focus in the center of your quilt. The project comes from "*One-Block Wonder Panel Quilts*," by Maxine Rosenthal and Nancy Miller. You do not need to purchase the book, but feel free to do so. It is available at most quilts shops and through Amazon. Those of you familiar with the old "*Stack and Whack!*" projects from the late 90's will recognize the procedure of stacking the six identical panels face up to provide you with the six identical triangles used to create each of your hexagons. In order to participate in this project, you will need to purchase the seven quilt panels you will be using for your own quilt top. Pocono Sew & Vac in Stroudsburg PA has graciously offered us a 20 to 25% discount on the panels in their store. They have *many* available to choose from. Please consider a visit to PS&V to select your panels. Panels are also available through your favorite online quilt shops such as Bear Creek Quilting, Mulqueen Fabrics, Wooden Bridge, Amazon, etc., but probably not for the great discount offered by our friends at PS&V. Sharon is working on a coupon for us to use, but if you do not have one with you, just mention to Peggy or Fred that you are with our guild so you can receive the discount. Coordinating fabrics are not required, but may enhance your quilt. The decision to purchase those now or later will be up to you. Some panels have gorgeous coordinating fabrics that you just cannot turn down! This project will be done by members at home with a few in-person workshops which will also be available via Zoom for those who cannot meet in person. Sharon Kubich and Cindy Smith will be leading this project.

The second project may require some in-person workshops. Leana McCutcheon is willing to lead an **advanced mystery quilt** that would involve meeting two or three times during the year as it would consist of differing blocks and techniques. Again, the in-person workshops will also be available via Zoom, but clearly not at the levels of a professional paid speaker. We will do our best to teach these techniques as best we can with what we have. Leana has also offered another raw-edge applique workshop to create an art quilt, if members would prefer that over the more labor intensive project. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in either of these projects so Leana knows which direction to go.

The third project is a **fun one-and-done day project** that will be announced in December in order for interested members to purchase supplies. Cindy Smith will be leading this project in the spring. This one can be done in person or via Zoom and you will love the results!

Please bear in mind, any workshops held at the Methodist Church in Hope require participants to be fully vaccinated. This is a request by the church and will be strictly adhered to. Hence, all workshops held at the church will be offered via Zoom as well.

We want to keep members interested and advancing their skills in quilt-making. Please consider participating in one, two, or all three projects this coming year.

VICTORIAN DAY/BELVIDERE HERITAGE DAY

On Saturday, **September 11, 2021**, our guild will participate in Belvidere's Victorian Day, aka Belvidere Heritage Day **from 9 am to 5 pm**. A big thank you to Peggy Schaedel, Carol Marks, Sharon Kubich, May Dudding, Carol Smith, and Theresa Schoonover who stepped up to volunteer for this beautiful day in the park! We will be nestled under our tent once again selling raffle tickets and educating the public on the art of quilt making during the Victorian Era. If you would like to join the fun, please contact Cindy Smith, chairperson for this event.

The old threads are unraveling,
 Get your needles ready.
 We are stitching a new quilt
 of Humanity.

Bring your old t-shirts,
 worn out jeans, scarves,
 antique gowns, aprons,
 old pockets of plenty
 who have held Earth's treasures,
 stones, feathers, leaves,
 love notes on paper.

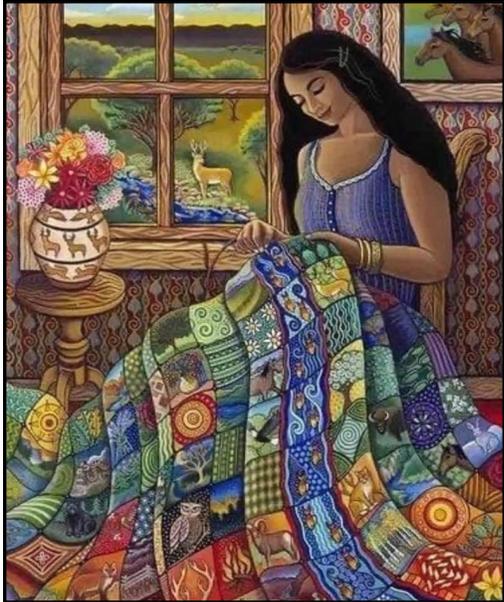
Each stitch
 A mindful meditation.
 Each piece of material
 A story.

The more colour the better,
 so call in the Tribes.
 Threads of browns, whites,
 reds, oranges
 Women from all nations
 start stitching.

Let's recycle the hate, the abuse,
 the fear, the judgment.
 Turn it over, wash it clean,
 ring it out to dry.
 It's a revolution
 of recycled wears.

Threads of greens, blues, purples
 Colourful threads
 of peace, kindness,
 respect, compassion
 are being stitched
 from one continent to the next
 over forests, oceans, mountains.

The work is hard
 Your fingers may bleed.
 But each cloth stitched together
 Brings together a community.
 A world, our future world
 Under one colourful quilt.
 The new quilt of humanity.



~ Julia Myers
 Art by Daniella Willett-Rabin

**UNDERCOVER QUILTERS
 2021 QUILT SHOW**

“QUILTS FOR ALL SEASONS”

Friday, October 15—10:00 – 4:00
 Saturday, October 16—10:00 – 4:00
 Sunday, October 17—10:00 – 3:00

**Brookhaven Municipal Building
 Community Room entrance**
 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA. 19015

Admission: \$10.00 (children under 12 free)
 Admission tickets are good for the entire weekend

More than 100 quilts on display
 Vendors * Raffle Baskets * Elephant Mart
 Little Quilts and Tiny Treasures
 Lunch options available within walking distance

www.undercoverquilters.com

RAFFLE QUILT 2021 AT A CROSSROAD

The guild decided to go ahead with the sale of raffle tickets for the Crossroads Raffle quilt this year. We will not be adding the location of the final drawing on the tickets, since we do not know where the guild will be in December. Tickets will be printed and attempts will be made to sell tickets at various fairs and permitted gatherings, via Facebook, Zoom meetings, etc. Each member may be receiving up to 50 tickets each. We can only request you do your best to sell as many as possible in order to build up the treasury for 2021/2022.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH - WOMEN IN THE MEN'S CLUB

Congratulations to Judy Zeitler, the winner of the June 2021 Block of the Month, "Women in a Man's World!" The red, white and blue block was the final thread of our Block of the Month series for 2020-2021 designed by Sharon Rehrig and coordinated by Cindy Smith. Sharon kept us busy all year with a different block each month. In addition to the different blocks, we also had ten different members win the monthly drawings, and each winner enjoyed receiving the abundant cards, blocks, and notes from all who participated! Congratulations again to Judy, so deserving of the patriotic block. We all look forward to seeing the ten quilts being created by the ten winners of last year!

SUNSHINE



We could all use a little sunshine lately... after two hurricanes traveled through to moisten our ground and swell our rivers and creeks, we can at least be glad that was all we received from Mother Nature in that regard. With the sweltering heat this summer and the heavy rains, we hope that all of you are faring well enough.

In the meantime, please keep Irene Compton and her husband, Doug, in your prayers, as well as Pam Kosa and her partner, Chris, and Cyndy Ponczek and Carol Smith, as these folks travel their difficult journeys with health issues that can only be tolerated, if nothing else. At this time, they are all doing as well as can be expected.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER:

- 7/9 Jane Schreffler
- 7/13 Liz Moreland
- 7/16 Patty Kristoff
- 8/11 Ana Rivera
- 8/14 Pat Howlin
- 8/24 Debbie Symonds
- 9/6 Barbara Contini
- 9/6 Margaret Grande
- 9/14 Carol A. Smith
- 9/30 Lorraine Hare
- 9/30 Lelane Hoose



DAILY HOW TO: How to Cut a Striped Binding - YouTube

The quickest way to cut bias striped binding strips:

https://www.google.com/search?q=making+bias+binding+with+striped+fabric&rlz=1C1FGUR_enUS876US876&oq=making+bias+binding&aqs=chrome.3.69i57j0i512i9.7885j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#kpvalbx=_nPgSYbXpFvGf5NoP2OS10Ao45

*Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild invites you to the **Lehigh Valley's First Outdoor Quilt Show***

TOUR de QUILTS



Saturday, September 11, 2021, 10:00am -4:00pm

8 Locations Over 200 Quilts

ROAD TRIP! Join us for a day of quilt appreciation at 8 locations throughout the Lehigh Valley. Porches, decks, lawns, fences will be colorfully adorned with quilts. Wander among the quilts, meet the artists who made them, talk quilts and get some creative inspiration from this one-of-a-kind tour! Local, state, and CDC guidelines observed.

COST: \$10 if purchased by 5 pm September 10; **\$15** on day of event at any location.

REGISTRATION: VIA MAIL: Complete form below and mail with check. MUST be postmarked by Sept. 1. When payment is received a confirmation e-mail will be sent and a Passport with map and locations will be mailed. If time does not allow mailing passport, bring your email receipt to any location to be issued a Passport. ONLINE: Visit www.crazyquilters.org, complete form, pay via credit card or PayPal & print receipt. On Sept. 11, bring paid receipt to any location to be issued a Passport. Locations available on our website.

TOUR PASSPORT: Each participant needs a Passport (or receipt) to enter each location, where it will then be stamped. Your Passport will include a listing of all sites plus a small map.

PRIZES: Each location will have a prize drawing. There will also be a final prize drawing for Passports with all 8 stamps, (which should be turned in at final site visited.)

RAINDATE: Sunday, September 12. If postponed due to weather, check our website by 9 am Saturday and/or Sunday, www.crazyquilters.org. If the entire weekend is a washout, fee will be converted into 12 tickets for our 2022 raffle quilt.

Gather your friends, fill the car, and have a great day of quilts with the Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild!

REGISTRATION FORM (One for each participant)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (Cell preferred) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CQQG

MAIL TO: CRAZY QUILTERS' QUILT GUILD

P.O.BOX 527, WHITEHALL, PA. 18052-5424



Some pics from our picnic held in June. More pictures will be included in the next issue of our newsletter.

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