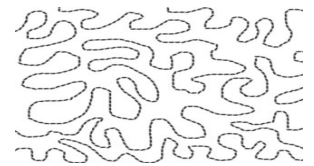


EVENING STAR QUILTERS' GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



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A Note From the ESQG President

Quilters new to the “profession” are acutely aware of the tedious directions involved in creating certain quilts. They strive to follow each and every point, in numerical order, to be sure they make that exact same quilt as shown in the picture. Honey, relax! Once you get a few years under your belt, you will learn that each of those thousands of patterns were created because someone turned something in a different direction. It is called a “design alteration!”

We forget that quilting is meant to be fun! It's an artistic release with no rules. Everyone makes mistakes. Some of us make multiple mistakes. It is said that if you do it once, it's a mistake. If you make the same mistake multiple times, it is a “design alteration.” Maybe your flying geese were flipped upside down, and your Star block became a Square in a Square block, and you did it 20 times. Rather than rip it all out, you have what is called a “design alteration.” Make it work. If no one sees the pattern you attempted to follow, no one will know that your finished quilt was anything other than exactly what you set out to achieve.

When things do not go as planned, we can get angry with ourselves and with our projects. They might even get packed up and put away for some rainy day in the future, or sometimes for decades until we find it in our studio in an unmarked box at the bottom of the endless tower of unfinished projects. “Why did I put this away?” is a common thought, which is usually followed by “Hey, this really is not too bad,” or “Hey, I know how to fix this,” or maybe “Let's just get 'er done!” Without mistakes, we do not learn how to adapt. And sometimes those errors make us even better quilters.

Part of the journey is learning how to solve problems. If all else fails, cut the blocks in thirds and turn parts of it in another direction! Now you are creating an entirely new design. Those mistakes will become a quilt in their own right, will be beautiful and loved by generations to come...or maybe just loved by the new dog in your home. One way or another, your “design alteration” will be loved by someone. So just get 'er done!

See you on Tuesday, November 12th at 2:30 pm!

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REMEMBER

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING:

Your name tag
Toothpaste donation
Snacks to share
Your choice of beverage
Completed pillowcases
Show & Tell -- Oops, I did it Again!

SHOW & TELL: Oops! I did it Again!

Do you have a quilt with your own design alteration? Bring it to show and tell us what you did to alter the pattern, whether it was intentional or not. Every quilt we make is unique and celebrates the person who created it!

Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025

November 12	2:30 pm
December 10	6:00 pm*
January & February	no meetings
March 11	2:30 pm
April 8	no meeting**
May 13	2:30 pm
June 10	6:00 pm
July 8	2:30 pm
August 12	6:00 pm
* Holiday Party - no business meeting	
** Note: No meeting on April 8 due to the combined meeting and “African Quilts” presentation with American Sewing Guild at the Chrin Center, 4100 Green Pond Rd, Palmer Township, PA 18045 on Thursday, April 10.	

ESQG Board Meetings

will be held at Belvidere American Legion on the following Tuesdays at 2:15 pm :

February 4, 2025

May 6, 2025

July 1, 2025

Tuesday Sew Day

November's Tuesday Sew Day was attended by 17 members. Ten members worked on a One Block Wonder project, while seven members enjoyed time working on their own projects. It was a great day of socializing and fun!

The next Sew Day will be held on December 3rd. Cyndy Ponczek will lead those interested in making chemo hats and heart pillows, while Cindy Smith will continue leading the One Block Wonder workshop. Those ladies working on the One Block Wonder should bring all of their hexis (pinned in the middle), their whole panel, a design wall (or flannel sheet, flannel backed tablecloth, etc.) and lots of pins.

As always, if you choose not to participate in either of the planned activities, you are welcome to bring your own project to work on. And remember to bring your lunch, drink, snacks, etc.!

Tuesday Sew Days are held from 10 am to 2 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Belvidere American Legion hall. A reminder email with more detailed information will be sent out prior to December 3rd.

Warren County to Celebrate 200 Years!

Warren County will be celebrating its 200 year anniversary in 2025 and plans are underway to make this a spectacular event. The Warren County Library has asked the Evening Star Quilters' Guild to provide some type of presentation to honor the past through quilting. We have a few known items available to us through Audrey Planer (the Grange “found” quilts) and Marilyn Barnes' (Andy's ancestor's quilt). If anyone else has historical items to share, please notify Cindy Smith. Depending on who is willing to share, and what we have to share will determine whether or not we can share! This is a great opportunity to give back to Warren County and be a part of this grand anniversary. The presentation (if we decide to participate) will be at the Richard D. Gardner branch of the Warren County Library system, located at 2 Shotwell Dr, Belvidere, NJ 07823



In Search of...

Kathleen Daniels, Guild Historian, is in search of old records of the Evening Star Quilters' Guild. If you have photos, news articles, or stories, please contact Kathleen at kathleen.b.daniels@comcast.net.

Kathleen hopes to update the website with collections of scrapbook-type items in order to preserve our history of 37 years! Also, as an aside, if you dare to read our by-laws, note our humble beginnings were right here at the American Legion Post in Belvidere on September 13, 1987.

These Shoes Were Made for Walkin'

Joan Radell of Bucklebee Bags will show us how to make our own pair of "Happy Feet" sneakers on Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 9 am to 5 pm at the Belvidere American Legion. Your cost for the workshop is \$90, which covers the cost of the materials supplied by Bucklebees. The additional cost for instruction will be paid by the guild. Non-members are welcome, but are obligated to pay the full \$120 fee.

Participants will need to choose and bring their own two fat-quarters which will serve as the body of their sneakers. Participants can choose either high-top or classic sneaker style.

Joan will bring the soles, eyelets, etc. Sole orders must be submitted to Joan by

December 27 without exception. Please see Sharon Kubich by December 10 to sign up, to select your sole size, and to receive the supply list. Checks for \$90 should be made payable to *ESQG*. Make your feet happy and sign up today!



2024 Raffle Quilt

"Our Hearts Will Go On" by Fabric Addict is the pattern for the 2024 Evening Star Quilters' Raffle Quilt. The quilt is a lovely variation of the Storm at Sea pattern in gray, black, and cranberry red. It measures approximately 90" x 103" and will fit a queen size bed. 5,000 tickets were printed and some have been sold at our previous events, namely Quilts in the Vineyard, the Warren County Fair, and Belvidere Heritage Day. At the September meeting, members were each given 30 tickets to sell and asked to do their best to either sell or purchase the 30 tickets. More tickets are available if you run out! All ticket money and stubs must be turned in to Judy Zeitler by the guild meeting on December 10.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Proceeds from the sales are used to benefit future ESQG projects, education, and charities.

Thank you to Solvai Sanchez and Rosemarie Greg for making such a gorgeous raffle quilt!





SUNSHINE

Get well wishes are needed for Patty Kristoff who was injured in a motor vehicle accident recently. Patty is currently convalescing at home.

Community Service Projects

Blanket-Bags (Judy Zeitler): Great news! We reached our goal for blanket bags this year! Thank you to everyone who donated bags for the Children's Home of Easton.

Pillowcases (Susan Adler): Susan will make another donation of pillowcases in November if you have more to turn in. Please be sure to bring them to the November meeting. Remember, most of these go to children, so please use child-friendly prints. Thank you!

Chemo Hats & Heart Pillows (Cyndy Ponczek): Cyndy will lead the Tuesday Sew Day workshop on December 3rd and guide us in making chemo hats and heart pillows. If you wish to make some prior to the workshop, please contact Cyndy Ponczek for patterns and directions. Sergers can be used for making the chemo hats if you have one to bring to the workshop. More info to follow.

Placemats (Sharon Kubich): Sharon is happy to announce we made our goal of 150 placemats for Warren County Meals at Home this year! Thank you to everyone who stepped up and made placemats. Your dedication is incredible!

Round Robin Updates

The groups have been established and the instructions were handed out to participants in this year's Round Robin project.

If you have any questions regarding the project, exchanges, etc., there will be time to meet before and/or after the November meeting.

The first step (the 16-1/2" center) needs to be completed by the December meeting when each group will have its first exchange. In addition to the instructions handed out, please include a small notebook/journal with your fabrics so that each participant can include a little note about why they made what they made, or what problems they had, or what is going on with them at the time of this project. They are so much fun to read later on!

Relax and have fun!!

Sending Smiles to North Carolina



Sharon Kubich is collecting toothpaste to send to North Carolina for victims of Hurricane Helene. Sharon "knows a guy who knows a guy" that is located in Mills River NC, which is just south of Asheville.

Neighborhoods were evacuated and the local church is collecting necessities to distribute to residents in the area. Money is not helping right now, because many stores are not open, so purchases cannot be made. Most of the area schools have opened and the students that have returned are struggling, since many still have no

home to go home to, no way to prepare food, no electricity, and no water. This is just one way we can help. Please bring a donation of toothpaste to the November meeting. If you know of other ways we can help, please notify either Sharon Kubich or Cindy Smith. We will get the word out to the guild.



It's a Mystery!

Sharon Kubich will run this year's Mystery Quilt. Sharon handed out fabric requirements at the September meeting. She is encouraging everyone participating to fill in the sample page with your coordinating fabrics. This year's mystery requires six different colors and four fabrics within each color family. Staying organized is key! This is a 12-month mystery project where you will be working on each step at home (or at Tuesday Sew-Day!) until the final step, when the guild will host a workshop so we can assemble our quilt tops and finally reveal the mystery.

Currently 28 members signed up for this intriguing mystery. If you have not yet signed up and wish to join the fun, please contact Sharon at sharon.kubich@gmail.com.

There is a \$5 fee to offset printing costs and the luncheon at the assembly workshop next year.

Tricky Tray Charity Voting on November 10

Evening Star Quilters' Guild hosts the *Harvest of Quilts* quilt show every other year at the Belvidere High School. Within the show we encourage visitors to participate in our Tricky Tray fundraiser and we donate the proceeds, plus a matching gift of up to \$500, to a local charity. This year the members are asked to provide purses, handbags, and zipper bags for the fundraiser.

Our charity recipient gets voted on prior to the show. Members presented their nominations at the September and October meetings. Voting for the charity for next year's show will be held during the November guild meeting. The nominees are:

*Common Sense for Animals (commonsenseforanimals.org) Washington NJ --Warren County's only no kill shelter

*Belvidere Ambulance Corps (21rescue.org) Belvidere NJ -- since 1945, provides emergency services 24/7 to Belvidere and White Twps.

*Food Pantry in Finesville/Pohatcong NJ; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, Route 627, Phillipsburg NJ

*Sarge's Discipline Foundation (can be viewed at goldstar.org) Phillipsburg NJ -- a new non-profit organization (est. 2023) to support veterans and first responders dealing with PTSD, Suicide Prevention, and military sexual trauma. Founded by Dave Shriver (our QOV recipient on Sunday)

(Please note: The Belvidere American Legion was nominated and withdrawn as the guild opted to give them a direct contribution outside of the fundraiser.)

Please be ready to vote for the charity you would like to receive the proceeds of the quilt show Tricky Tray. Simple majority vote based on attendance at the November meeting will receive next year's Tricky Tray fundraiser proceeds.

Hurrah for Hospitality!



What a spread in October! We had quite the collection of goodies at the last meeting. Kudos to all who brought

treats and thank you to Susan Adler and Chrissy Hoff for gathering volunteers! Let's keep it going, ladies! If you signed up to bring something in November, please remember to honor your commitment.



CELEBRATING NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

11/7	Audrey Planer
11/8	Donna McCann
11/15	Jayne Bodolsky
11/17	Theresa Schoonover
11/29	Dixie Sutton

Upcoming Events

December 3 -	Tuesday Sew Day - Chemo hats & Heart Pillows; OBW workshop Part 2 -	10 am to 2 pm
December 10 -	Guild Holiday Party and Raffle Quilt Drawing	6:00 pm
January 7 -	Tuesday Sew Day - OBW workshop Part 3 Finish!	10 am to 2 pm
January 18 -	Sneaker Workshop with Joan Radell	9 am to 5 pm
February 4 -	Tuesday Sew Day	10 am to 2 pm
March 4 -	Tuesday Sew Day	10 am to 2 pm
March 11 -	Speaker: Joyce Hughes "Thread Painting"	
March 15 -	Workshop with Joyce Hughes "Thread Painting"	
April 1 -	Tuesday Sew Day	10 am to 2 pm
April 10 -	Combined meeting with ASG - Nancy Weston "African Quilts"	
May 6 -	Tuesday Sew Day	10 am to 2 pm
May 13 -	Speaker: Andy Wiginton "Enlightened Quilting"	
Date TBD	Tool Tote Workshop	
May 31 & June 1 -	Quilts in the Vineyard	
Date TBD	November 2025 Harvest of Quilts Quilt Show	

Quilt of Valor Presentations

The Quilt of Valor Committee met recently and announced that we have two quilt presentations coming up prior to our meeting date. The first presentation will take place on Sunday, November 10th at 6 pm at the War Memorial near the Court House in Belvidere, NJ. David Shriver, nominated by Lucie Cohn, is a member of the White Twp American Legion post and is the honoree.

The next quilt presentation will take place on Monday, November 11th around 11:30 am at the American Legion Post in Belvidere (our meeting site). Patrick Gooley is our honoree.

Please plan to attend one or both of these events. The services are brief, but well deserved for the years of service these two brave men gave to our country.

Two quilts were presented on Monday, October 14th at the Givens-Belet Post 258 in Blairstown NJ. Russ Lay and Kenny Liebler were both honored and both served in the United States Army.

If you are interested in joining the Quilts of Valor Committee, please see Audrey Planer (co-chair), Irene Compton (co-chair), Kim Edelheiser or Kathleen Scala, to find out how you can help.

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2024/2024 Guild Year

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