

EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



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A Note From the ESQG President

Dear Evening Star Quilt Guild members,

Here we are, facing the end of another calendar year. As adults we must close our financial year while we open our hearts and homes for the joyous season of giving.

Our December meeting will be a time of beginnings and endings, fiscal responsibility and seasonal giving. After a quick business meeting, please stay for our annual holiday event complete with treats and activities. The guild will supply meat/cheese/cracker platters and fruit platters as well as some cookie trays. If you are up for some baking, please bring in some cookies or a special dessert to share with fellow members and guests. Enjoy a special presentation at the beginning of the evening as we present a "Quilt of Valor" to Sharon Kubich's father, one of the few remaining World War II vets, and a wonderful supporter of our guild.

Before, during, and after the meeting, we will collect placemats for Meals-on-Wheels, non-perishable foods for St. John's food pantry in Hope, and quilt blocks for the Happiness is Camping raffle quilt. At 8 pm we will draw the winning ticket for this year's raffle quilt, so be sure to bring your money and ticket stubs so they will be included in the drawing. We hope to enjoy a few games of Quilto as time permits, so you may want to throw a hand full of buttons into a baggie just in case! As always, we have several door prizes lined up, but you must be present to win!

Since all of us bake and/or create for others this time of year, please keep in mind "in making others happy, we will be happy, too; for the happiness you give away, returns to shine on you!" (Helen Steiner Rice).

Cynthia A Smith
President, ESQG

December Show and Tell

The theme for December's Show and Tell is two-fold: Bring in quilts that are either "Merry and Bright" or those that have given you "Comfort and Joy." If space is available, we will display them throughout the meeting.



REMEMBER

THINGS TO BRING TO THE DECEMBER MEETING:

Placemats

Non-perishable food donations

Block of the Month -30's reproduction

Quilts of Valor BOM

Jacob's Ladder Blocks for Theresa's charity

Row Quilt box to exchange

Buttons for Quilto

Cookies or Dessert to share

Raffle tickets and Money!!

Yard signs from the Quilt Show

If you attended Gyleen's Pineapple Workshop, please bring in your blocks/work for S&T.

Christmas cheer and sunny dispositions!

Quilt of Valor Blocks

Rich handed out a new pattern at the last meeting, Entwined Star. Be sure to complete at least one of these blocks, more if you can! Rich hopes to be able to complete about four quilts by the end of this guild year. There are thousands of worthy soldiers, so please hand in as many blocks each month as you can manage. A new pattern will be handed out at the meeting.

Holiday Party

Following a brief meeting on Tuesday, December 12th, we will celebrate the holidays with snack trays, cookies, and fun activities. Anyone willing to bake and bring in some Christmas goodies are more than welcome (and much appreciated) to add some festive tastes to our table! Enjoy a game or two of Quilto! Win some door prizes! Eat, drink, and be merry!! Feel free to invite significant others, family or quilting friends.

Block of the Month

The 30's reproduction themed Block of the Month program has been well received so far. Six members won six blocks each of the November block. Irene will have a new pattern, and most likely a new "diploma" to anyone willing to participate. Join in the fun!

Mystery Quilt

The mystery quilt workshop will be held Saturday, February 3rd from 9 am to 3 pm at St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ. There is still time to sign up. See Marlene if you have any questions or wish to participate. This quilt only requires three fabrics plus an optional border. Those of you who have already signed up, should have the fabric list and cutting directions at this time.

Row Quilt

Our second row is complete! Please remember to bring your row quilt box with the completed row safely tucked inside to the December meeting. Remember, the owner of the box is not permitted to see the work until June. Please be cautious if you choose to share your completed row with other members. Best advice: don't show anyone until they are all done! Many good comments have been popping up all over. Participants are anxious to see what's next!

Community Projects

Theresa handed out small kits to members to assemble blocks for a raffle quilt to be made by us and donated to Happiness is Camping to use as they wish. Each kit produces two Jacob's Ladder blocks. The kits include the black background fabric and a piece of purple fabric, so that there is one color in every block to bring the otherwise scrappy quilt together. Members are asked to supply the other bright fabrics necessary to complete the two blocks. The blocks may be completed anytime between now and January. If you are interested in making some blocks, please contact Theresa. Kits are available while supplies last.

Hospitality

We love our goodies, and we would love someone to chair this committee! Please step up and help.

Warren County Fair

The 2018 Warren County Farmers' Fair will be held **July 28 - August 4, 2018**. Please add this to your calendar of summer events! Irene Compton has agreed to chair this committee on our behalf. Consider joining this group to continue to educate the public on the art of quilting. People look forward to our exhibit at the fair. We provide this display in conjunction with the Hunterdon Guild, Tapestry, and several other local sewing groups.

Kutztown Fair Quilt

Theresa and Karen are applying finishing touches and final appliques to the quilt top. The committee hopes to have the quilt sandwiched soon in order to begin the hand-quilting. There were enough leftover log cabin blocks to create

another quilt which has been completed. This second quilt will be used as our raffle quilt for December 2018. Both quilts are absolutely beautiful and were displayed to the membership at the November meeting. We appreciate all who have participated in our maiden voyage into the Kutztown Festival Quilt Barn!!



This is not *the* quilt, but it's a picture of what *the* quilt was based on. Beautiful, no?

Saturday Sewing at the St. John's Church in Hope

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

December 9, 2017 - Join us for some socializing and sewing! Bring Christmas projects to work on, make placemats for Meals-on-Wheels, or work on whatever you need to finish for the holidays. Bring your own lunch or order in. See you Saturday!

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!



Celebrating their birthdays in December are:

12/01	Mary Kazanchy
12/02	Kimberly Clark
12/12	Nellie Rinehart
12/13	Patrice Rine
12/31	Nancy Geiger

Board Meeting

A Board Meeting was held at Irene Compton's house on November 28th. The board discussed the upcoming Christmas party and monthly programs for 2018.

The next board meeting will be held at Dixie Sutton's home on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

All members are welcome to attend.

Gyleen Fitzgerald - Color Blending and Trash to Treasures Workshop

Last month Gyleen Fitzgerald presented her lecture on The Art of Color Blending. While the presentation was delightful and entertaining, it was not necessarily the opinion of the group. Gyleen's quilts were beautiful and amazing to view, but as we all know each quilt is a voice of the person who makes it. What works for Gyleen will not necessarily work for everyone else, after all, the lecture was about Color Blending. Please do not feel your quilts are any less beautiful with white, light, or off-white backgrounds. Some of us prefer to believe in the "quilting makes the quilt" idea where the white background is ideal to showcase the gorgeous quilting!

The workshop on Wednesday was well received. Hopefully some of the attendees will present their projects during Show and Tell and share their experience with Gyleen's techniques.

Pet Beds and Supplies

Dixie Sutton will present her charity project at the December meeting. We will be making pet beds, primarily for cats at our January Stitching in Hope session.

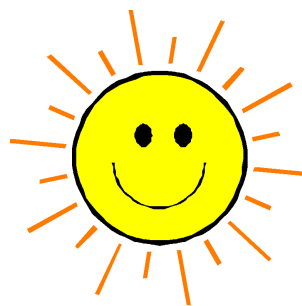
Fabric has already been donated for the beds, but if you have one yard pieces of fleece for blankets, please consider donating it to our cause. The feline mats are similar to placemats in size and thickness, so small cuts of batting will be appreciated as well.

We will not use leftover fabric scraps to stuff the beds, as the dogs and cats tend to tear that style which creates a



mess for the volunteers and hazards for the animals.

Dixie will provide a list of food, litter, and other items needed by the shelter if you do not wish to make pet beds,

*Sunshine!*

It's been brought to our attention that when names are announced of members in need of a little sunshine, nothing is said as to what caused the need. While we respect our members' privacy, please indicate whether it is a death in the family, a personal health issue, an accident, or other general need. The guild provides a group service, but some members may wish to reach out individually as well. Thank you for your compassion and support!

Program Updates!

In January, we will enjoy a round-robin of the demonstrations, formerly presented to our Quilt Show attendees.

Solvai, Darlene, Fran, and Pat (or a substitute) will present their show demonstrations to the guild. These ladies each demonstrated techniques that were well-received, but most of us missed them due to our show duties.

Our February presenter comes to us from BuckleBee's, one of our new vendors this year. She will provide a lecture at our monthly guild meeting and will also hold a workshop the following Saturday (she has some fabulous quilting tools!).

Two purse patterns are being offered in order to demonstrate the use of the new cork-like fabric now available. The workshop will be open to 20 people at \$40 each, *with all supplies included*. Sign up with Irene Compton as soon as possible.

The March meeting is open at this time. We are looking within the guild for a presenter.

New to our circuit, the Victorian Stripper will join us at the April 10th meeting. You won't want to miss this!!

Plans are still in the works to possibly bring in another Quirky Quilter style event for the May meeting. Stay tuned!

The **membership list** has been updated. A few copies of the current list will be available at the December meeting. If you have not already done so, please log on to the guild website and download a copy for yourself. Several members have new email addresses and new members have joined. Be sure to verify email addresses prior to sending messages to guild members.

There are still several **quilt show lawn signs** missing from our inventory. If you still have one in your garage or basement, (or car!!) please bring it in to the meeting and return to Irene Compton. These signs cost the guild unnecessarily every time we have to replace them, so your help with returning them will be appreciated.

Meals-on-Wheels Christmas and Holiday Placemats

Natalie D'Aiello will be collecting Christmas and Holiday-themed placemats at the December meeting. If you haven't already made some placemats, join us on Saturday, 12/9, in Hope to learn how, or make more! They will be hot off the presses and ready to go for Tuesday's meeting. Meals-on-Wheels is a national organization with offices in our area that coordinate hot meals for shut-ins year round. Most of these people are elderly, many do not have family close by. The meals are delivered daily and guarantee that the recipients enjoy at least one hot meal a day, and also creates social contact through the volunteers who make the deliveries. Let's brighten their day with a pretty little placemat and let them know that people do care! Work your magic!!

Food Pantry Donations Needed!

Year round we have neighbors in need of basic provisions. Please be generous this year in giving non-perishable food items to stock the food pantry at St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ. This organization is not our usual meeting place, but has hosted our guild on numerous occasions providing workshops and Saturday sewing opportunities. Let's bless their neighbors with our kindness and support the food drive. When you donate, please check expiration dates on your canned goods. We may be willing to use items beyond their recommended use date, but federal regulations disallow such items as donations for everyone's safety. If you have any questions on what is needed, please contact Peggy Schaedel. Give from your heart!



Prior to our meeting Tuesday, Audrey is making a Quilt of Valor presentation to Edward Pacenti (Sharon' Kubich's father).

Mr. Pacenti served in World War II and is very deserving of this quilt. He obviously did a great job of raising his children, and now does what he can to continue to care for his ailing wife of many years. He has helped our guild on numerous occasions, especially with our quilt shows, as a smiling face in our cafe for several years.

Please plan to come early to enjoy our presentation and to congratulate and thank Mr. Pacenti for his service to our country.

Also, know that Mr. Pacenti is unaware of this presentation and is arriving under the guise that we are simply inviting him to join in our Christmas activities as a thank you for working our show this year. Bring your hankies folks.

At 8 pm Tuesday, December 12th, the winning ticket for the **2017 Raffle Quilt** will be drawn from the great wheel of fortune in the Belvidere High School cafeteria !

Please remember to bring all of your ticket stubs, sold or unsold to Tuesday nights' meeting. If you sold tickets, please be sure to turn in the funds you collected for your ticket sales.

If you need more tickets contact Irene or Lelane as soon as possible! What a great Christmas gift for only \$1! Remember, the funds from the raffle quilt help pay for our speakers. Sell! Sell.! Sell!



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Sankofa Stitchers is excited to be a Promotional Partner for the upcoming **Quilt Luminarium by Ricky Tims** coming to the Ewing Township, NJ area May 7-8, 2018. The ALL-NEW Quilt Luminarium by Ricky Tims will be held at the Brower Student Center at The College of New Jersey in Ewing Township, NJ on May 7-8, 2018 (Monday and Tuesday). We wanted to make sure that you all are aware of this educational, fun-filled event, and we encourage you to [visit https://www.rickytims.com/quilt-luminarium/about-quilt-luminarium](https://www.rickytims.com/quilt-luminarium/about-quilt-luminarium) or [visit www.quiltluminarium.com](http://www.quiltluminarium.com) [to learn about the details](http://www.quiltluminarium.com). Join Ricky for a two-day comprehensive quilt symposium that demystifies seemingly complex concepts, teaches mastery of unique techniques, and harnesses the power of the ever-elusive muse of creativity. To register for the event, visit www.quiltluminarium.com [<http://www.quiltluminarium.com>](http://www.quiltluminarium.com) and click REGISTER HERE ONLINE [to https://www.rickytims.com/quilt-luminarium/online-registration](https://www.rickytims.com/quilt-luminarium/online-registration)

If you need more details on the seminar, feel free to email heather@rickytims.com [<mailto:heather@rickytims.com>](mailto:heather@rickytims.com)

New Jersey Makers' Day 2018

New Jersey Makers' Day will be held **Saturday, March 10, 2018**. It is a state-wide celebration of crafters. Solvai and Nancy will chair this committee and work with Ryan Somelofske at the Warren County Library. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact one of these ladies. The library is looking to us to provide a demonstration or short hands-on program for visitors to experience sewing and quilting fundamentals.

Educating the public on the art of quilt making is one of the reasons we exist as a guild.

