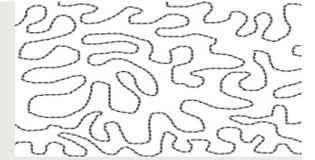


EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



April, 2018 - Volume 4

A Note From the ESQG President

Welcome to April! Did you know that here in the northern hemisphere, April is a confusing month? It is full of surprises and contradictions. It's snowy and cold one day, then rainy and warm the next with promise of new growth and spring weather. April is prized for rebirth and endings. It's named after the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite, and in the Roman calendar, April is spelled *Aprilis*, meaning to open; which makes sense as our trees and flowers begin to open!

So here we are, at the beginning of spring, but nearing the end of another guild year. We survived a storm infested winter complete with power outages, record snow falls, icy winds and roadways, frigid temperatures, and yet we forge ahead with plans for travel, flower gardens, new quilts, and new beginnings.

It is April. It is our life. It is the end of another tax season. It is chaotic. It is calm. It is the month of contradictions. It is April.

Thank you for your support during my busy time this year. I am sorry I could not attend the workshops and guild functions these past three months, but I do appreciate those who stepped up and kept things going on my behalf.

It is April. It is the end of another tax season. (Did I say that already?!) It is the beginning of a normal life. It is April.

I will leave you with this thought "Old accountants never die, they just lose their figures."
See you at the meeting!

Cynthia A. Smith
President, ESQG

REMEMBER

THINGS TO BRING TO THE APRIL MEETING:

Pillowcases for the Veterans (Natalie D'Aiello)
Row Quilt box for exchange if you are participating
Show & Tell
Helping hands and happy smiles!

Show and Tell for April

Strip Quilts!

We've all done 'em. We've all got 'em. Jelly Rolls have raced across our floors. This month let's see all of your wonderful strip quilts! Bring your jelly roll race quilt, your log cabin quilts, anything you have made with all of your lovely strips of fabric!

We can have our own little strip-tease!!

Quilt of Valor Blocks

Rich Danner reported we have 60 blocks to assemble into quilt tops for our Quilts of Valor program. Rich will be announcing his plans to do so shortly. Please stay tuned.

Block of the Month

Our monthly exchange of blocks has been completed. Irene handed out additional blocks to use as needed to create your own quilt top with your winnings or your own blocks. These tops must be completed, but not necessarily quilted, to qualify for the drawing at the June meeting. Use 12 of your block- of -the-month 30's reproduction blocks to create a quilt top in any layout you desire. Bring it in to the June meeting to enter and win! Irene has more background fabric if you need a little bit more to bring your blocks together.

Inch by Inch, Row by Row

A famous song by Peter, Paul and Mary tells the story of how a garden grows by planting the seed, warming it by the sun, and soaking it in the spring rains. Thankfully, we don't need to stand out in the rain to create the rows for our row quilts! There have been so many themes passing through our sewing rooms, and each one more challenging than the next, more new ideas awaken, and the desire to out-do the person who had it before you. You will be amazed at the stunning outcome as these quilts reveal the true spirit of friendships within the guild. The rows for the row quilts will bloom at the June meeting. Please be sure to join us then. In the meantime, if you are still working on one, remember to bring it to the next meeting to exchange yet again!

Community Projects

See page 4.

Kutztown Quilt

Theresa Schoonover has updated hand-quilting schedules for the Kutztown quilt. The quilt is on a frame in her home in Mt Bethel. If you have some time to spare and can lend a hand, please contact her to sit and stitch for a spell.

Charitable Givings

Natalie D'Aiello collected 55 Easter placemats at the March meeting. This is quite a bit lower than the holiday placemat count. We can do better. Please reach into your stash to find some uplifting spring fabrics and start your pile for next year! This is an annual project, so feel free to create at anytime throughout the year. Thank you to those who participated.

Pillowcases for the Veterans' home are due at the April meeting. Sharon Kubich shared a story of a friend of hers who went into hospice and received one of our pillowcases. Her friend was delighted with it; it brought a smile to her face to know that someone took the time to make it. These take very little effort and can bring so much joy. Please do your best to bring in as many as you can manage. The veterans certainly deserve any kindness we have to offer. Most of them have given more to their country than we can ever hope to do ourselves.

Warren County Fair

The fair will be held **July 28 through Saturday August 4, 2018**. Irene Compton has agreed to coordinate our involvement this year. Rich Danner will supervise our quilt set-up and take-down. We will need other members to assist Rich in hanging the muslins and quilts during set-up, members to work during the fair and keep an eye on things while answering questions from the public, dispense and count viewer's choice ballots, and sell raffle tickets for our "*Leftovers Again!*" blue and white quilt! Please consider displaying quilts in the fair and/or working during the week to keep the display open and safe. This is a great time to share stories and create a bond with the people who live and work in our area.

Maker's Day

Nancy Geiger and Solvia Sanchez held quilt-related workshops at the headquarters of the Warren County Library on Saturday, March 10, in association with NJ Maker's Day 2018. Their demonstrations and workshops were well received, even though former member Mary Ellen Krivanek commented that the overall attendance was down. The recent storms and power outages may have had a hand in the low attendance. Members of our community were still without power after the March 2nd storm. We will keep it on our agenda for next spring and hope for weather to cooperate. Thank you, Nancy and Solvai!

Artists Among Us

It is always delightful to learn more about our members, and not surprising to witness the artistic talents enveloped in our guild. Our speakers at the March guild meeting included Dixie Sutton, who displayed her stained-glass works. Dixie finds many similarities between the stained-glass craft and her quilting, so it is understandable to see her home filled with both!

Bonnie Eamigh presented her love and skill at hand-embroidery and hand-stitching. All of us have seen her beautiful hand-work over the years, and many of us often wonder if she ever sleeps, or if she has found a way to do this in her sleep. Bonnie certainly keeps her hands busy and has created many items that she sells on a regular basis for herself, for her church, and for others.

Lorraine Hare is not an uncommon sight in the awards circles. From day one, her precision and master quilting skills have received acknowledgement in the Hoffman Challenge several times over a ten year period, as well as guild challenges, and quilt shows. Lorraine studied art, and uses her skills in painting and sewing to create gorgeous art-quilt show-pieces.



Leana McCutcheon is a name well-known at the New Jersey State Fair and online challenges where she has won numerous awards and ribbons. Leana creates from her heart and tries new ideas that require her to think out of the box. She has created quilt books with a close friend that are stunning. Her trees and seasonal wall hangings are inspired by nature and always catch the eye of any casual glance. Leana's stories are well worth reading as she creates a tale behind her small quilts. Her talents in machine applique tour the world, and her latest will soon be landing in France.

Thank you, ladies, for sharing your worlds with us! It was a wonderful presentation!



Nominating Committee Needed

By April of each guild year, we must elect a Nominating Committee, made up of at least three Guild members. These members are responsible for recommending one or more persons for each office to be elected at the June meeting. The committee is also responsible for conducting the election in June. Since this is an even year, in addition to the five Board members, we must also elect two Quilt Show co-chairs for the 2019 quilt show. The committee must be established at the April meeting. Nominations for the new slate of officers must be announced at the May meeting. Please consider serving on this committee.

Saturday Stitches in Hope at St. John's Church

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

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!

April's Foolishness

The **Victorian Stripper** will join us at the April meeting. Bring your smiles and keep your singles at home. You will enjoy this program without the need for dancing on the tables, which is good, since most of us don't have the hips or knees left to be able to do that! Come join the fun!

Community Project

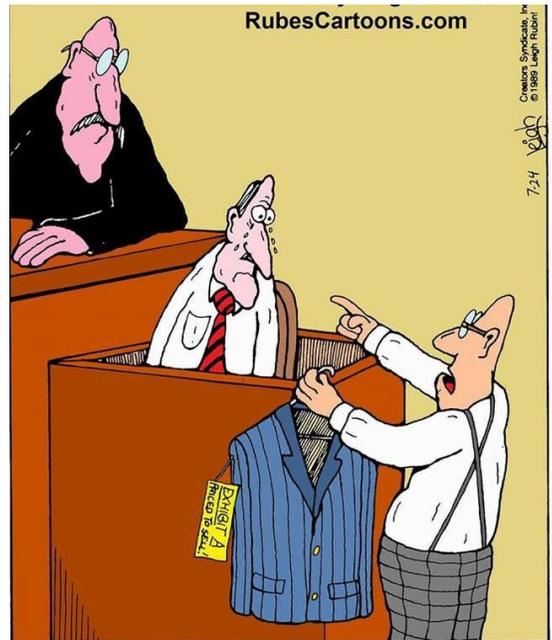
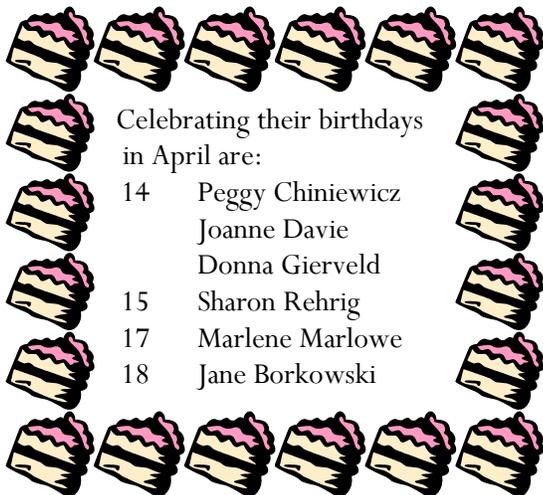
A great big thanks to everyone for their help in making Jacob's Ladder blocks for the *Happiness is Camping* quilt. The quilt will be raffled or auctioned off to raise money which will be used to help a child with cancer have a camping experience.



Save the Dates!

Pat Knoechel is returning to her circuit as spokesperson for her sister, Eleanor Burns and will be joining us at the Belvidere High School Library on **Friday, June 8, at 7 pm**. Bring your quilter friends. We'll have door prizes and lots of fun and laughter. Pat is a joy to experience!

The Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee (BHPC) has asked for our assistance during their *Tribute to History Month* at the Blairstown Municipal Building on Route 94 in Blairstown on **Wednesday, May 16**. (Note the new date established since our March meeting.) The township recently received 11 antique quilts from the family of a former resident of the township. Since the committee knows nothing about quilting, they asked our guild to participate during the display from 3 pm to 7 pm. Dixie Sutton, Cindy Smith, Rich Danner, and Jayne Bodolsky have volunteered to offer assistance and speak to the public about quilting, the care of old quilts, etc. Please join us and enjoy the additional displays of antique sewing items and local history.



When pressed, the tailor, a material witness in the suit, came apart at the seams. His altered testimony completely unraveled. The tale he had woven had been a complete fabrication.



Penn Rose Quilt Guild

cordially invites you to

The Quilters' Buffet

Saturday, May 19, 2018 8:45 am to 3:00 pm

Moravian Schoeneck Church - 316 North Broad Street Ext., Nazareth, PA 18064

The Quilter's Buffet is a "Round Robin" of instruction for quilters and quilter "wannabes". It's a great way to learn a new technique or to learn tips that may improve your skills. Six 'mini seminars' are offered and you select four to rotate through 50 minutes of instruction and discussion. Three area vendors will be set up for shopping and door prizes will be given out.

Seminar #1: Hand Appliqué with Lillian Behrens Room #11

Circles and leaves are frequently used in appliqué projects. In this session we will be demonstrating how to make the perfect circle with tips on how to appliqué the circle. In addition, one method of making leaves with perfect points will be demonstrated and participants will have the opportunity to try their hand at leaf preparation.



Seminar #2: Hand Quilting with Connie DeNardo Room #9

This seminar will teach participants how to: make a quilters knot, start and stop, bury your knot at the end of a line of quilting, carry thread from point **A** to point **B** between the layers, mark a quilting design using a stencil, and show you a variety of marking pencils, various thimbles, needle sizes, and kinds of batting. Please bring thimble that fits middle finger, hoop to fit a 12" square (optional), and small snipping scissors.



Seminar #3: Basic Embroidery with Rosemary McGuinness Room #12

This seminar will teach the stem stitch, back stitch and chain stitch. Included will be a discussion on the selection of suitable fabric, needles and thread. The use of hoops and frames will also be covered. In addition, there will be a review of appropriate techniques needed to transfer the design onto the fabric. A \$5 kit fee will be collected during the class. Please bring a small scissor.



Seminar #4: Lucy Boston Patchwork of the Crosses with Kate Mulberger and Crystal Kohler Room #7

Explore the visual beauty of the "Patchwork of the Crosses" blocks. Learn to do the English paper piecing technique (hand sewing). You will add your own individual creativity and flair in selecting and "fussy" Cutting fabrics to get started on one of these blocks. All you will need to bring along is a pair of sharp scissors, a fabric glue stick and an applique needle.



Seminar #5: Quilting with Rulers on a Domestic Machine with Jane Frounfelker Room #6

An overview of ruler essentials will begin the discussion, followed by safety tips and quilting design strategies. Demonstrations on stitch in the ditch, straight line designs with straight rulers, and how to use curved rulers for cross hatching. Combining ruler work with free-motion quilting will be included.



Seminar #6: Hand Appliqué by Machine with Fran Visicaro Room #10

If you like the look of hand appliqué but don't like to hand stitch or don't have the time, then this is the technique for you. Demonstrated will be the prep work for preparing the pieces for appliques along with the tools Fran has found handy. The various threads and stitches used on the machine will be demonstrated as well for you to achieve that hand appliqué look.

You can find the Registration form on the next page.

The Quilters' Buffet**Reservation Form**

Due by April 28, 2018 (Sorry, no refunds after this date.)

Please complete form below and send with a \$45 check payable to PRQG to:
Penn Rose Quilt Guild P.O. Box 575 Nazareth, PA 18064

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

1st Round Seminar: _____ 3rd Round Seminar: _____2nd Round Seminar: _____ 4th Round Seminar: _____

There is a limit of 12 participants per session. Please select an alternative in case one of your selections is maxed out.

Alternative selection _____

List name(s) of friend(s) that you would like to be in a seminar with: _____

Day's Events Saturday May 19, 2018 8:45 am – 3 pm

Schoeneck Moravian Church 316 North Broad Street Ext., Nazareth PA 18064

8:45 am	Registration with morning refreshments
9:15 am	Welcome
9:30 am – 10:20 am	1 st Seminar
10:35 am – 11:25 am	2 nd Seminar
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm - 1:35 pm	3 rd Seminar
1:50 pm – 2: 40 pm	4 th Seminar

*Lunch will be variety of meat and cheese trays, rolls and/or bread, salads, chips, pretzels, pickles olives, desserts, beverages

Price: \$45 for the day**Reservation Deadline:** April 28, 2018**Questions?** Please contact:Sherry Stecker at 610-438-8033 or lewii@epix.netSharon Rehrig 610-759-3385 or timelystitches@rcn.comRoxanne Kaiser-Antonowich at 570-476-8084 or bjarka999@hotmail.com

Please support our fellow members and neighboring guilds and enjoy a day out (without much travel) by attending one or all of the following:

Pocono Mountain Quilters Quilt Fest
Saturday, April 14, 2018 9 am to 3 pm
East Stroudsburg Methodist Church
83 S Courtland St., E. Stroudsburg
ADMISSION – \$3; KIDS UNDER 12 – FREE

This will be an exhibit geared toward the community in hopes of stirring up more interest in the guild and it's function within the community. The members will also have a quilting boutique with handmade items for sale.

The Colonial Quilters Guild proudly presents

QUILTFEST 2018

Saturday, May 5 & Sunday, May 6
10am - 4pm
 Charles Chrin Community Center
 4100 Green Pond Road
 Palmer Township, PA 18045

Saturday, May 5 at 1pm
"Quilting Project Runway Show"
 Presented by Eleanor Levie

Vendor Mall | Book Nook | Tricky Tray
 Quilt Raffle | Boutique | Quilts for Sale
 Colonial Guild Café | Door Prizes

ADMISSION \$8 A DAY
www.colonialquilters.org
 Questions - email: show@colonialquilters.org

A portion of the Proceeds will benefit Northampton County Meals on Wheels



Raffle Quilt: Star of Bethlehem
 Permission to use design was given by Edyta Sitar
 Northampton County Raffle Lic. #17-00147

"If you read this newsletter, let no one it's secrets share. Write your name on a piece of paper and put it in the jar on the stage at Tuesday's meeting."

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2017/2018 Guild Year

President Cynthia Smith	Treasurer Dixie Sutton
Vice President Irene Compton	Bylaws/Historian Rich Danner
Secretary Carol A. Smith	

Hello there ESQG -

I am writing to invite you to **ParkFest '18**. It will be held on **Saturday, June 9**, again at Bread Lock Park. We would be thrilled if your guild would be able to join us again. The set-up would be much the same as last year - "art in the barn." Having you folks there was wonderful and we sincerely hope that you could again be with us. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I hope to hear from you soon.

Thanks very much and have a great day,

Liz
 Elizabeth Roy, AICP, Principal Planner
 Warren County Planning Department
 165 County Route 519 South
 Belvidere, NJ 07823 [908-475-6539](tel:908-475-6539)

A small group of members attended/participated last year in order to sell raffle tickets for our raffle quilt. If anyone is interested in organizing a table, demonstrate quilting, or selling tickets (if we have some by then) for the raffle quilt, please let one of the officers know. We can get you in touch with the event coordinator. This is a great time to let the community know who we are and what we do!