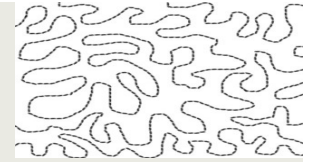


EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



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A Note From the ESQG President

It was a dark and stormy night... sorry, that line's been taken.

It seems like ever since the clocks changed, it's been awfully dark, damp, and chilly. What better way to warm up than under a handmade quilt? Whether it be old or new, there is just something about a quilt that comforts the body and heals the soul.

This month, we will be awarding three quilts to three deserving people who voluntarily fought for our country. These quilts were made by our hands and with our ability to bring comfort to those in need.

Most of you may know the basic history of the Quilts of Valor program which started back in 2003. The foundation began with a dream created by Catherine Roberts. In her dream, a young man was being traumatized by his war demons, but found hope after being wrapped in a quilt. From this dream, Catherine put her idea in motion which has become a nationally known, non-profit organization with groups and shops in every state. Her strive for excellence continues as the foundation requires only quality workmanship and demands that quilts be awarded, not just given away. The QOV program offers block patterns if you can only do a little, nomination forms if you know deserving military personnel, and contact information across the nation for information on how to help.

The Quilts of Valor program has awarded over 200,000 quilts, an amazing testimony to the work they do for our service men and women. The QOV Foundation also sponsors a National Sew Day each year. Oddly enough, the next National Sew Day is February 2, 2019, which is the date of our Mystery Quilt workshop! What better reason to grab a partner and participate in our mystery quilt program, than to honor our brave men and women of the armed forces?

"Leaf your worries behind" is the theme for the QOV conference next year. What a great mantra. This November, "leaf" your worries behind.

See you on Tuesday!

Cynthia A. Smith
President, ESQG

REMEMBER

THINGS TO BRING TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING:

Placemats
UFO #2 UFO #2 (Are you seeing double?)
Raffle ticket stubs and money (due by Dec)
QOV Log Cabin block
Completed Christmas Ornament
Autumn Re-leaf Show & Tell
Fall Harvest Treats

Show & Tell for November

Autumn Re-leaf

Everyone loves beautiful fall fabrics and most of us have probably made more autumn-themed quilts than any other kind. Bring in one or two of your favorite fall themed quilts for Show and Tell at the November meeting. Leaves, trees, and bountiful harvests. What's your fall theme?

Hospitality Honors Our Vets!

As mentioned earlier, we will have some special guests joining us at our November Tuesday night meeting. Please bring in some treats from your fall harvest: pumpkin spice cookies, apple bars, or whatever your heart desires! Sharon Kubich has offered to bring in her Keurig again for coffee or tea. Plates, napkins, etc., will be supplied by the guild.

Raffle Tickets Sales Soar

Lelane Hoose handed out the balance of raffle tickets available for the 2018 Blue and White Log Cabin quilt at the October meeting. If you did not receive your packet, please see Lelane at the November meeting. Tickets sell for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please make an attempt to sell all of your tickets. They make great potential Christmas gifts if you prefer not to sell them. Just a dollar for each of your friends and family could win someone a beautiful handmade quilt in December! Tickets stubs can be turned in at the November meeting, although you still have until December 11th to sell them and return the stubs the night of the drawing. Proceeds from the ticket sales are kept in the guild to fund our quilt education and guest speakers.

Raffle Quilt 2019

Karen Anderson will be heading the committee creating the 2019 Raffle Quilt. If you are interested in being on the committee and helping with the new raffle quilt, please contact Karen directly.

UFO Challenge is Double the Fun!

Month #2 of the UFO Challenge is looking for #2 from your challenge list! Show and Tell was wonderful last month between the Halloween quilts and the now finished UFO's that were brought in for the challenge. On deck for November is challenge project #2, so get it done and join the fun! Remember to bring in your completed challenge object to the November meeting and get twice the rewards as they count towards your completed challenge and will produce great Show and Tell again! Double the fun!

Places for Placemats

We had a great time at the workshop in October making placemats for our area shut-ins. There was quite a stack by the end of the day, but we can always use more! Clover Rest Home requested 34 this year, so extras are welcome. Placemats can be Christmas, holiday, autumn, every-day, anything at all this time, but they are due at the November meeting. Please bring in your placemats Tuesday and give them to Natalie D'Aiello, collector of all placemats.

A Eastern PA Shop Hop

Looking for a day or two (or three) of shopping? The 16th Annual Eastern PA Shop Hop is under way! There are nine participating shops from Doylestown to Williamsport, and from Womelsdorf to Stroudsburg! Grab your friends and make a couple of days of it. The hop runs from November 2nd through November 17th, Monday through Saturday from 10 - 5 and Sundays 12 - 4. You never know what's out there if you don't venture out! Most stores offer door prizes and special discounts. Visit all nine shops and qualify for the grand prize drawing! Passports are \$5 each and can be purchased at any of the participating shops.

Crazy for Crazy Quilts?

One of our founding members and renowned quilt teacher, Sharon Rehrig, is offering a workshop on April 13th at St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ. Sharon will be teaching the Crazy Patch border technique for finishing a scrappy quilt. The border adds interest to the quilt as well as creating a perfect fit for the leftover scraps you accumulated from making the quilt top. The fee per person is \$15. Please sign up with Irene if you are interested in attending this workshop.

Calendar Girl

Thank you to Margaret Grande for compiling our calendar for this guild year. Anyone who needs to add to the calendar, please email Margaret Grande, Cindy Smith, and Irene Compton so we can keep the calendar up-to-date. Copies of the calendar will be available at the meetings.

Scrappy Mystery

Marlene Marlowe and Leana McCutcheon are leading us again in our annual mystery quilt project. The workshop will take place on Saturday, February 2, 2019, from 9 am to 3 pm at St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ. Don't wait till the last minute to sign up! Marlene handed out the fabric requirements and cutting directions already and participants will be receiving their first sewing directions at the November meeting. The quilt is designed to be done in scraps of neutrals for the background, plus scraps from two sets of colorways for the body of the quilt. There has already been lots of excitement around this mystery, so please sign up before spaces run out! Options and suggestions this year are to connect with a partner and do the quilt in red, white, and blue to be donated as a quilt of valor next year! In your busy life, we have ways of easing your burden and still allow you to be part of the fun. Sign up with Marlene today!

Quilts of Valor Blocks

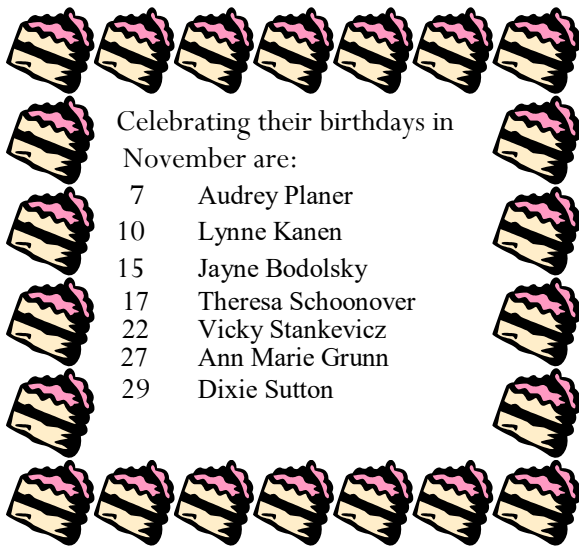
Theresa handed out a pattern for a log cabin block requiring blue and white fabrics for the November meeting. She will be collecting Ohio Star blocks and Log Cabin blocks all year this time, so save the patterns for future meetings. If you did not receive a pattern at the October meeting, no worries, you can pick one up at the November meeting and turn it in at a later date. Please note: There is an error in the Log Cabin block pattern, F and G are reversed.

Community Outreach and Assistance - Christmas Ornaments

The Christmas and holiday ornaments that we started at the October meeting are due at the November meeting. Please complete your ornament and return it to Bonnie Eamigh so that we can help raise funds for St. John's Methodist Church in Hope during the Hope Christmas Market to be held December 1 and 2 this year. If you have any other handmade items you would like to donate, please bring those in as well, or make arrangements with Bonnie to have them picked up or delivered. If you have questions on how to complete the ornament, please contact Theresa Schoonover.

Scrapbooks to the Clouds

We are looking for someone to help us move our scrapbooks and history to the cloud. Our Historian is charged with storing these items, which as you can imagine, is quite an accumulation of books over 30 years. If you know of anyone who would like to do this project or can assist us in doing this, please notify a board member.



Homemade Halloween a Hit

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Halloween Show and Tell and the Halloween Goodies last month! The table had quite the display of frightening, yet edible treats. Congratulations to Peggy Chiniewicz, our winner of the autumn dish towel set for her scary good snacks.



Paper Piecing Mit oder Mit-out

If you like paper piecing or hate it with a passion, we have two great lessons coming soon to our guild! Our March meeting will host a presentation on English Paper Piecing which uses paper (mit) which will be followed by a Saturday workshop to learn a technique for Paper Piecing without Paper (mit-out). Stay tuned for further information!

Harvest of Quilts 2019

A meeting was held at the Belvidere High School library on Tuesday, October 16, to discuss the upcoming quilt show in October 2019. 11 people were in attendance and batted around ideas and suggestions for making the show even better. Most of the show sub-chair positions have been filled, but there are still a few openings. The committee decided to include Art Quilts as one of the categories this year. Anyone interested in serving on the committee, please see Sharon Kubich or Theresa Schoonover.



A few of the ladies took a Saturday to do some shop-hopping...

Quilted Tote Demonstration

Irene Compton and Solvai Sanchez will do a slight demonstration/walk-through at the November meeting of a new quilted tote pattern they reviewed recently. No supplies necessary for now, but if you find you are interested in making one yourself, please see Irene to sign up for the workshop in December at a cost of only \$3.



OOPS

Mistaken Identity

Our apologies to Leana McCutcheon who was mistakenly identified in last month's newsletter as Lelane Hoose in the picture of Leana's memory quilt at the September meeting. Two winners of the ID Theft gadgets were Marlene Marlowe and Audrey Planer who both correctly identified the "un-subs". Thank you all for taking it in stride.

From September Show and Tell - Leana McCutcheon's family tree quilt.



Honor our Veterans!

On **Sunday, November 11, 2018** we will honor Ralph Knechel **at 1 pm** at the Veteran's Day ceremony in front of the Belvidere Court House near the War Memorial. We are presenting Mr. Knechel with one of the Quilts of Valor created by our guild this past year. Two other deserving military veterans, Ammon Miller and Kristina Robb, will receive their Quilts of Valor at 7 pm at the guild meeting on Tuesday night, November 13th. Please plan to attend the ceremonies on both Sunday afternoon and at the meeting on Tuesday evening. Refreshments will be served Tuesday. Feel free to bring in some November treats to share with our fine service men and women.

A big thank you to **Rich Danner, Judy Zeitler, Audrey Planer, Karen Anderson, Sharon Kubich, and Sue DeCamp** for providing their talents to ensure that our quilts were completed timely, and to the members who made blocks for the Quilts of Valor program last year. It was certainly a job well done!

*A Ray of Sunshine*

Next time you see Margaret Grande, give her a big hug! Margaret welcomed her first grandchild two weeks ago, then lost her dad shortly thereafter. She's feeling a roller coaster of emotions, and would certainly welcome some prayers for peace in her life. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and close to your heart.

Also, continuing his struggle is Bob Zeitler. He continues to battle his fiery fiend. No hugs or atta-boys for him, but prayers and good thoughts for him and his wife, Judy, will do nicely. Thank you!

*Stitches in Hope**Machine Applique Workshop*

Our local star, Leana McCutcheon, will be our host for the **Saturday, November 17, workshop from 9 am to 3 pm**, where she will teach us how she does machine applique. Leana has won numerous awards and ribbons for her beautiful quilt art and just recently returned from Paris, France where she was able to see one of her own creations displayed for public viewing in a local gallery. Please plan to join us at St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ for her wonderful stories and creative ideas and to learn some of her magical techniques! Also, bring a lunch, unless you plan to fill up on pie, or order from the local deli.

*Pumpkin Pie Contest*

Don't forget our pumpkin pie contest this month! At our workshop on Saturday, November 17th we will host a pumpkin pie contest, so bring in your favorite homemade pumpkin pie from your mom's recipe, your grandmother's recipe, something new you want to try, or your own creation! Please include a copy of your recipe if you are willing to share. The guild will supply the forks, plates, napkins, etc., and the members present will supply the taste buds and votes. This will be going on in addition to Leana's workshop, so please be timely if you plan to enter the contest so we can enjoy both events!



The Kutztown Quilt in all it's completed glory. We all look forward to visiting it at the Kutztown Folk Festival next July!

Main Line Quilters
presents its triennial
Quilt Show and Holiday Boutique
Saturday, November 17, 2018
10 AM - 4 PM

Berwyn United Methodist Church
140 Waterloo Avenue
Berwyn, PA 19312

Quilts on display are made by members, boutique items for sale, raffle baskets and small quilt raffles, bake sale and cafe offering light lunch for purchase. Handicapped accessible.

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