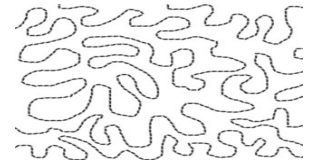


# EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



OCTOBER, 2019 - VOLUME 8

## *A Note From the ESQG Vice-President*

Welcome to October! It's Show Time! The 2019 Harvest of Quilts will mark my eleventh quilt show with the Evening Star Quilters, twelfth if you count the first one I attended back in 1996, held in the Red Mill in Belvidere during that year's Victorian Days celebration.

During the span of 23 years, I have chaired the show committee several times and always served on the committee for each and every show. I have chaired admissions, raffles, quilt frames, advertising, registration, and set-up. Over the years we have added vendors, flowers, displays, more advertising, and brought food in as part of our show. Our guild has displayed at Mount Bethel Fire Hall in conjunction with Jacktown, Portland Fire Hall in PA, Pohatcong Elementary School in Phillipsburg and Knowlton Township School in Columbia, until we finally settled in at Belvidere High School in 2009, and where we have remained ever since.

The shows have seen sunny days and stormy days, no vendors to numerous vendors, and no food to a cafeteria of choices. But one part remains the same - it always has a beautiful display of nearly 100 quilts every time! I enjoy our shows and must admit it is my favorite part of being a member of this guild. Members who rarely bring in Show & Tell display their beautiful achievements! Stories are told and shared with our patrons, people come to share in our artistry and enjoy our hand-crafted creations! We get a chance to share what we do with the public and educate them on all the aspects of quilting. We bring comfort to those who seek it and bring ideas to those who want them.

It's a wonderful thing we do at this show. Please join us at 3:30 pm on Friday, October 18th for set up at the Belvidere High School Gym! Ladies and Gentlemen: It's Show Time!!

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## REMEMBER

### ***THINGS TO BRING TO THE OCTOBER MEETING:***

Bottle of water or soda/coffee for yourself  
Show & Tell - Pumpkin Patchwork  
Membership dues and application  
Cooler if you are a BBQ volunteer  
Magazines/Books for the show  
Tricky Tray donations  
\$5 for Red/White block project  
\$20 for Mystery Quilt workshop  
Quilts of Valor Ohio Star blocks  
Smiles & helping hands!

### ***PUMPKIN QUILTS FOR SHOW & TELL***

'Tis the season for pumpkin spice: ice cream at Mackey's, cereal in the grocery store, or coffee at DD. Everywhere you turn, people are adding pumpkin spices to our foods and scented items. What have you created with the notorious pumpkin? Whatever it is, bring it in for Show & Tell and see what the Great Pumpkin has to say about it!

***Saturday Stitches in Hope***

October 12 there will be an open sewing and *sewcializing* day at St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ from 9 am to 3 pm. Bring projects to finish for the show, make tricky tray items, do whatever you want to do for the day. Since there is no organized workshop scheduled, please remember to bring your own lunch or plan to order from the local deli.

***Mystery Quilt Workshop***

The date for this year's mystery quilt workshop is Saturday February 8, 2020. Marlene Marlowe and Leana McCutcheon are already handing out fabric requirements. The fee is \$20 per person and includes the workshop, instructions, and lunch. Sign up with Marlene at any meeting prior to the February date. This year's mystery is the Bedford Mystery #4 and is 48" square without borders. The pattern promises to be a great scrap buster!

***Laura Lyman to Speak on Orphan Blocks***

Our speaker for the November meeting will be Laura Lyman. Laura comes to us from Pocono Lake, PA and is well-known for her scrap quilts. Laura is new to the stage, but is well-versed in the art of quilting and will show us how to use orphan blocks in quilts and other projects. Please plan to attend our November meeting! The Saturday following the meeting (November 16), Cindy Smith will lead a workshop using your own orphan blocks, so start gathering those little guys together. You will be surprised at how many you find in your sewing room!

***Ugly Fabric Challenge***

The guild will be hosting an Ugly Fabric Challenge this year beginning in November. All you need to participate is one yard of an ugly fabric from your stash. Paper bags will be available at the October meeting. Place your yardage in the paper bag and bring it to the November meeting. We will hold an exchange so you do not receive your own fabric. The fabric you win in November must be used in a quilt (minimum size 36" square) or a handbag/tote and must be completed by the June meeting. The fabric must be an integral part of your quilt/tote and be recognizable in the finished project. Keep a 5" square of the ugly fabric to display with your finished project in June. Are you up for the challenge? Please join the fun in November!

***Red and White Quilt Block***

Sharon Rehrig will coordinate a red and white quilt block-of-the-month for the month of February this year. If you would like to participate, please sign up by the November meeting. The fee is \$5, but will be refunded when you return your block. The guild will supply the fabric kits at the December meeting for all who signed up. Return your completed block by February and receive your \$5 refund, and a chance to win all of the blocks or enough to make a quilt, depending on how many blocks are returned! The drawing for the winner(s) will be held at the February, 2020 meeting. See Sharon Rehrig for sign ups.

***Raffle Ticket Sales***

Raffle ticket sales are going well so far this year for our patriotic red, white and blue stars and stripes quilt! Sales were held at the Warren County Fair and Victorian Days. Next up is the Quilt Show. At the November meeting, members will receive bundles of tickets to sell from whatever is left. Be sure to get your buyers lined up soon as tickets are all due back to the guild at the December meeting in time for our annual drawing! It's an easy sell or a great gift for only \$1!

***Recycle your Magazines & Books!***

Here's a chance to clean house and pass on some great patterns! Solvai Sanchez is collecting old quilt magazines and quilting books to sell at the show. Please sort your magazines by maker and date in order to help customers find issues they need. Books should be in good shape and usable. Bring them in now and avoid the rush!!

***Our Promise to Family Promise***

Please continue to make and bring in items for the tricky tray tables at our biennial quilt show! Family Promise is counting on us to help our local families get back on their feet. All items must be handmade. Items may include: table runners, placemats, microwave bowls, pot holders, lap quilts, crib quilts, wine bags, totes, etc. Items brought in early can be given to Bonnie Eamigh or Margaret Grande. The guild will match donated funds made through the tricky tray up to \$500.

***Marble Maze Quilts***

One of our charity projects this year will be creating marble maze quilts. These quilts are approximately 8" x 10", made of minky fabric or soft polar fleece, and include a flat marble. Similar to the fidget quilts, an autistic child or alzheimer's patient can fiddle with the quilt to keep their minds active. Judy Zeitler will be hosting the workshop in January to complete these quilts and find homes for these little guys. Please plan to attend on January 18 in Hope, NJ!

### *Harvest of Quilts October 19 & 20, 2019*

It's Show Time! It's here folks! Our biennial quilt show is upon us once again. Quilts are ready to go, flowers are ordered, frames are organized, food is getting prepared. Be ready! It's going to be another beautiful show! If you have not already signed up to work, please do so at the October meeting! Two hour shifts at any spot: sell raffle tickets, wear white gloves, serve food in the café - no job is difficult and all are necessary to keep the show running. Friday afternoon is the all-hands-on-deck scenario from 3:30 pm to about 8:30 pm. It takes time to set up the show, but once it's up, it is glorious! If you have items we can use for displays (antique ironing boards, dolls, cribs, pumpkins, quilt hoops, whatever, please bring it Friday night. These little things make our show even more enjoyable for the public. The only thing more comforting than a beautiful quilt is the memory you bring front and center from items in the displays. Remember also to bring your 7/16" deep socket ratchet and hand tools, work gloves for handling the frames, and of course your quilts! Husbands, sons, daughters, friends...the more hands we have the less time it takes to get this together. Leo Club members will be on hand to help lift the frames and run the quilts. There is something to be done by everyone who attends regardless of your abilities.

**Baked Goods for the Show:** Everyone is encouraged to bring baked goods to the show either on Friday night or Saturday morning. You do not have to separate them, but if you can bring them in disposable containers, that alleviates the possible loss of lids etc. If you do use a container, mark EVERYTHING, the lid, the plate, the container, etc. Things get washed and separated during the day, so please keep that in mind when packaging up your baked goods. Cakes are welcome and do not need to be cut ahead of time. PLEASE DO NOT USE NUTS! Belvidere is a nut free zone, so do not bake anything with nuts.

**Magazine and Book Sale:** Please bring all magazines and books to Solvai Sanchez preferably before the weekend, but certainly no later than Friday night. Sort magazines by title and date in order to help with the organization. The magazine sale will be in the cafeteria this year.

**Road Signs:** Please plan to sign up and take a couple of show signs to place in your neighborhood. If you place these signs, be sure to collect them after the show closes on Sunday, October 20th. We have had problems in the past with road crews and other people taking down our signs. We do recycle them with each show, so be sure to grab them after the show and return them to Irene or Audrey. They are stored in Audrey's barn.

**BBQ Chefs:** Irene will hand out meat for the BBQ at the October meeting. Ladies who signed up to make the BBQ, be sure to bring a small cooler to the meeting.

**Tricky Tray Items:** Please bring your handmade items for the Tricky Tray to the October meeting. If you have been unable to make something yet, let Bonnie know at the meeting so she has enough containers for the show. Items can be aprons, placemats, microwave bowls, wall-hangings, crib quilts, lap quilts, table-runners, whatever you can create. Proceeds will go to Family Promise of Warren County and will be matched up to \$500 by our guild after the show.

**Registered Quilts:** Those of you who registered quilts for the show, be sure to bring your quilts in a pillowcase on Friday night to set up. Your quilt and pillowcase should be marked with your name and address or phone number (write it on muslin and baste it to your quilt and pillowcase). Postcards will be handed out at the October meeting

### *Quilt Show Signs to be Returned*

If you have a quilt show yard sign in your home or garage, please bring it to the October meeting.

Letters have been ordered to update the signs with dates and times, for the upcoming Quilt Show and we need to know how many we have available to display prior to the show. PLEASE return any signs you may have!

### *Let the Sun Shine In!*

Please keep Rich Danner and his mom in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Rich's grandmother. She was an inspiration to Rich in his love of quilting. She will be missed by those who knew her.

***Wrap it Up at Easton Children's Home!***

This December we will gather to assist Easton Children's Home by wrapping presents donated for each of the resident children. Judy Zeitler will be coordinating with the home in efforts of getting us all there on one date to wrap presents. It'll be a lot of fun for us and a great help to our long time friends at Easton Children's Home. Several years ago our guild made over 60 quilts for the home, so they are never far from our radar. Please plan to join the fun!

***Kutztown Quilt Aftermath***

While it was exciting to create, enter, and sell a quilt at the Kutztown Quilt festival, the guild decided not to continue this project. Our raffle quilts typically bring in \$2,500 and the top price we can receive on a queen-sized quilt is \$1,100 at Kutztown. The folk festival prefers hand-quilted quilts (*heavily* hand-quilted quilts) and we do not have the number of hand quilters in the guild to be able to do this on a regular basis. We're not opposed to doing another one and if someone would like to try again, we'll certainly consider the option again at another time.

***Hospitality Chairperson Needed***

Once again, we do not have anyone in charge of hospitality this year. If someone would like to take on this position, it requires setting up the coffee and tea, bringing napkins, paper plates, cups, and plasticware to the meetings, as well as signing people up to bring baked goods or snack trays to each meeting. In the absence of such a person or committee, please feel free to bring in goodies to share. Cindy Smith will continue to bring plates and napkins, etc. to the meetings. Members are encouraged to bring their own drinks to the guild meetings.

***Purchase of Tent Approved***

The guild approved the purchase of a 10' x 10' canopy tent with sides at the September meeting. This tent will be used for Victorian Days and will be available for us to use at all other outdoor vending activities at local festivals. The canopy tent will permit us to vend with less worry of inclement weather and will help to keep our quilts and tables clean and safe. Thank you for supporting this request.

~Victorian Days Committee

***Membership Dues are Due!***

Membership is \$25 and due by the October meeting. Anyone who has registered a quilt in the show, **MUST** have their dues paid by October 8th. Membership applications must be filled out in order to verify and update our records, so please complete the form even if you have no changes to your information. Forms are available online at our website, [esgg.com](http://esgg.com), or at any meetings.

***Backpacks for Veterans Project***

Last year the guild assisted in a collection of items for the homeless. This year we have something similar in collecting items to fit into backpacks for homeless veterans. Tramontin Harley Davidson motorcycle store in Hope, NJ supplies the backpacks which we will fill as a guild and return to them for the winter season. Audrey Planer and Sue DeCamp will work with Tramontin in coordinating the list of items needed for the backpacks and how the guild will be helping/collecting age appropriate items. Please stay tuned and ready to assist as we approach the cold weather months.



***Upcoming Guild Programs***

Pokers are already in the fire for this guild year's meetings and will include a textile arts professor from Centenary University in Hackettstown, NJ; a borders presentation for finishing your quilts, what to do with your orphan blocks, and an historical presentation about women that is sure to stir up some conversation.

***Board Meetings Slated***

Upcoming board meeting dates:

- December 3 - at Sharon Kubich's home
- February 4 - at Cindy Smith's home
- April 7 - at Sue DeCamp's home
- June 2 - at Sharon Kubich's home

All members are welcome to attend. Committee Chairpersons are encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars.

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