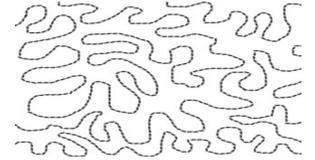


# EVENING STAR QUILTERS GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



SEPTEMBER, 2019 - VOLUME 7

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

Greetings! And welcome back to another guild year!

It's Back to School season and the stores are filled with children's clothing, notebooks and pencils, lunch boxes and backpacks; and the department stores have sales on storage bins and bedding, towels and pillows for those going off to college. School is in the air. T-shirt quilts and special graduation quilts are tucked under the mighty arms of those lucky enough to have a quilter in their lives - be it a mother, grandmother, aunt, uncle, or a friend of the family. Life continues on for our young students.

Let us also consider the work of the teachers, bus drivers, and school administrators. How many of you started your careers as teachers? Or perhaps, how many of you ended your careers as a teacher? I find that many of us who quilt, also teach. Maybe not in school, but at workshops, at retreats, or even at meetings. "Hide not your talents; they for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade?" Every member of this guild has something to teach to others. It may be just a small trick of the trade, or a new tool in your toolbox, but we all become teachers when willing to share our knowledge of quilting with others. Do you have something to share with the guild?

This year we are going to celebrate women and teaching. We will hear from a professor from Centenary University on the science and history of fabric; and during Women's History month, we will learn about protest quilts and women's suffrage. Teachers within the guild will be directing workshops and lectures throughout the year. We have much to look forward to this year. Come join the fun!

See you on Tuesday, September 10th!

*Cynthia A Smith*  
*VP, ESQG*

## REMEMBER

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

Water or soda to drink  
Quilt show registrations, with pics  
Show & Tell - *Back to School*  
Membership dues & forms  
Quilt magazines & books for recycle  
Tricky Tray items for the show

### ***BACK TO SCHOOL QUILTS FOR SHOW & TELL***

Have you made a t-shirt quilt for your favorite graduate? Or a fidget quilt for someone with Autism? What quilts have you made to celebrate a student or teach someone new things? Bring them to our Back to School night at the September meeting and celebrate the teacher in all of us!

***September Stitches in Hope***

Stitching in Hope will be held **Saturday, September 14th** at St. John's United Methodist Church in Hope, NJ from 9 am to 3 pm. This is a day for open sewing, so bring your own projects and supplies, and enjoy a day of "sew"cializing with fellow members. Pack your lunch or order from the deli. Future Saturday workshops will include using Orphan Blocks, making Marble Maze quilts, the annual Mystery Quilt, Quilt of Valor assemblies, and a Color Play workshop. Each month, excluding December, we dedicate the Saturday following the meeting date for a time of sewing and socializing. Please mark your calendars!

***Officers Elected for the New Year***

The election of officers was held at the June meeting of the Evening Star Quilters and the following members were elected to office: President - Sharon Kubich; Vice President - Cindy Smith; Secretary - Carol Smith; Treasurer - Sue De-Camp. The Historian position was not filled for the current year. Anyone willing to be Historian, please notify a board member. The Historian can be selected to join the board through appointment by the President.

***Orphan Blocks with Laura Lyman***

Our **November** guest speaker will be Laura Lyman of Pocono Lake, PA. Laura will present a trunk show and lecture to show us how we can use those leftover blocks from previous projects or Block-of-the-Month items. We all have them... blocks that just did not suit the quilt, that leftover block that just did not fit, or an abandoned project just too difficult to complete. Gather your blocks and see what you can do! Laura will offer several ways to use those abandoned blocks and create useful and beautiful items. The following **Saturday, November 16th**, Cindy Smith will lead the Stitches in Hope workshop so that members can give their orphan blocks a forever home.

***Ugly Fabric Challenge***

Last year we finished our UFO's, this year we may be creating one! Do you have a fabric in your stash that you bought and now wonder why? This year's challenge is the Ugly Fabric Challenge and the rules are simple. Dig into your stash. Find one yard of cotton fabric that you just cannot stand anymore and will never use. Put that fabric in a small paper bag so no one can see it and bring it to the November meeting. In November, you will receive someone else's ugly fabric and put your mind to work on how to use it. The finished product is due at the June, 2020 meeting and can be a pillow, a purse or tote, or a small quilt. Save a 5 inch square of that hideous thing so that we can see what you had to deal with. Be sure there is a recognizable amount of that "thing" in your quilt or finished product. It will be fun to see how creative we can be!

***Red and White Exchange Block***

Sharon Rehrig will coordinate a red and white block of the month for the February meeting. The guild will be purchasing the fabrics, two reds and one white, for a simple star block using half-square triangles. If you are interested in participating, there is a \$5 fee which is refundable when you return your block. Sign-up is mandatory by the November meeting. The fabric and directions will be handed out at the December meeting. Blocks are due at the February meeting. A drawing will be held in February for the winner of the blocks. Multiple winners are possible depending on the number of blocks submitted. These blocks will make a beautiful red and white quilt!

***Raffle Tickets***

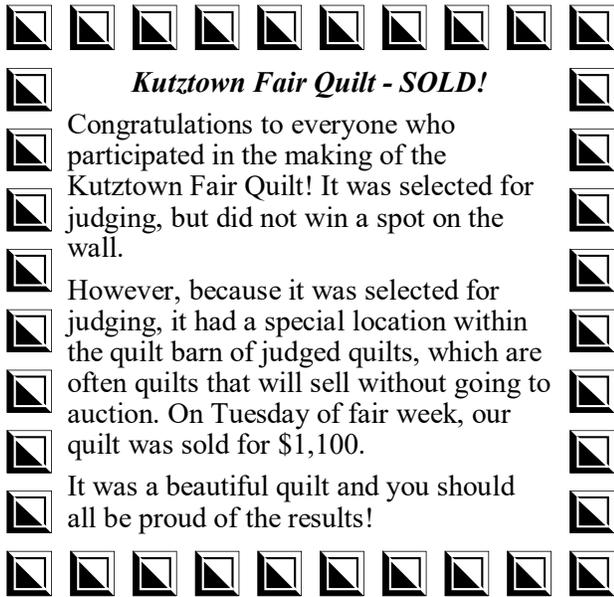
The 2019 Raffle quilt tickets will be handed out at the November meeting. Tickets were sold at the Warren County Fair, and will be sold at Victorian Days in September and at our Harvest of Quilts quilt show in October. Following the quilt show, Lelane Hoose will bundle and distribute any leftover tickets to guild members. Please make every effort to sell your set of tickets. If you are unable to sell them, please consider purchasing your bundle (and use the names of deserving friends and relations!) or contact Lelane so she can transfer your tickets to another member. The raffle tickets help to fund our guild by paying for guest speakers, workshops, and charity project supplies. All tickets must be sold by the December meeting. The drawing for the winning ticket is held Tuesday, December 10th at 8 pm during our holiday meeting.

***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.



***Kutztown Fair Quilt - SOLD!***

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the making of the Kutztown Fair Quilt! It was selected for judging, but did not win a spot on the wall.

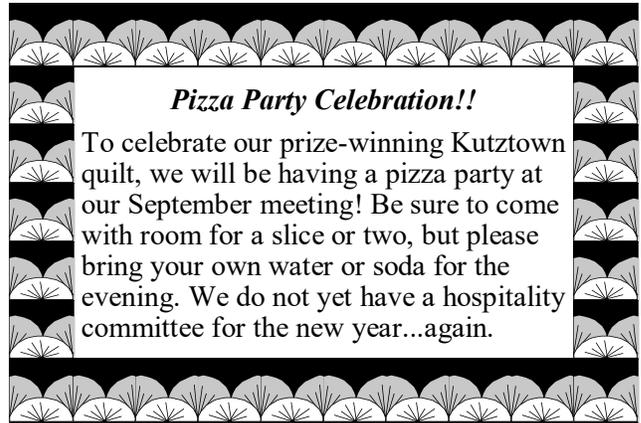
However, because it was selected for judging, it had a special location within the quilt barn of judged quilts, which are often quilts that will sell without going to auction. On Tuesday of fair week, our quilt was sold for \$1,100.

It was a beautiful quilt and you should all be proud of the results!



Celebrating their birthdays in July, August & September are:

- 7/9 Jane Schreffler
- 7/16 Patty Kristoff
- 8/3 Jane Kafarski
- 8/6 Karen Anderson
- 8/11 Ana Rivera
- 9/6 Barbara Contini
- 9/6 Margaret Grande
- 9/14 Carol A. Smith
- 9/19 Fran Visicaro
- 9/30 Lorraine Hare
- 9/30 Lelane Hoose



***Pizza Party Celebration!!***

To celebrate our prize-winning Kutztown quilt, we will be having a pizza party at our September meeting! Be sure to come with room for a slice or two, but please bring your own water or soda for the evening. We do not yet have a hospitality committee for the new year...again.

***Quilts of Valor Blocks***

Theresa Schoonover will be coordinating this year's Quilts of Valor program. The monthly blocks will be similar to what we did this past year. Theresa will have block patterns available at the September meeting and the blocks can be completed at any time through March, 2020. In March, we will be using our Saturday workshop time to complete additional blocks as necessary and assemble the blocks into quilts tops.

***New this year!*** A committee was formed to draft an application for members to complete in order to nominate a service man or woman deserving of a Quilt of Valor. The committee will review the nominations and determine who will receive the Quilts of Valor each year. Nominees not selected in the current year will be automatically re-nominated the following year.

The committee consists of Audrey Planer, Joann Donlan, Irene Compton, and Judy Zeitler.

***Let the Sun Shine In!***

This was a rough summer for some of our guild members. As you are aware, two long-time friends and huge supporters of our guild passed away this summer. Theresa Schoonover's husband, David, passed away suddenly July 9th and Sharon Kubich's mother, Phyllis, passed away August 2nd. Both of these people were not only pillars in their own families, but staunch supporters of our guild. They both worked tirelessly for every quilt show doing set-up, take-down, working the cafeteria, and running errands to keep our guild going.

Theresa and Sharon both suffer a tremendous loss with these deaths. Please keep them and their families in your prayers, that they receive peace and comfort in the days ahead. God speed David and Phyllis. You will be missed.

***Wall to Wall Victorian at Garret Wall Park***

Victorian Days are here again as Belvidere Heritage celebrates it's 31st year of this famous festival in Belvidere, NJ. The festivities begin Friday, September 6th with a Cotillion at the Red Frame Mill, then follows with two days in Garret Wall Park at the center of Belvidere. **Saturday** will begin at **9:30 am** and run **through 6 pm**, and **Sunday from 11:30 am until 4 pm**. This event is held rain or shine, so let's all pray for some beautiful sunshine!

Our area is along Third Street and will display our 2019 Raffle Quilt, as well as quilts made during the Victorian Era and reproductions of those quilts. If anyone has and would like to display quilts of reds and browns, crazy quilts, or broderie perse for educational purposes only, please contact Cindy Smith prior to September 6th.

Due to the nature of our display, it will be set up and taken down each day to ensure the safety of our quilts. Also, if anyone would like to work our exhibit during the weekend, please contact Cindy as soon as possible. Victorian dress is preferred, which doesn't mean lavish gowns. Black slacks with a white shirt and vest or a large floral print dress is acceptable. It's a fun day and a good chance to sell raffle quilt tickets!

***Membership Dues are Due!***

- Your membership dues are due now and can be paid at anytime up to and including the October meeting. All members registering quilts for the show must have their dues paid at time of registration. Annual dues are \$25 and can be brought to the September meeting. Darlene Kerr is still handling membership registration forms and recording the dues, so please hand your paperwork to Darlene. Registration forms are available online and at the meetings.

***Harvest of Quilts Biennial Show***

Our show is less than two months away! ***Quilt registrations are due*** to Cindy Smith by **Tuesday, September 10**.

The forms and instructions are available on the website [esqg.com](http://esqg.com) and will also be available at the September meeting. PLEASE supply a **good photo, showing the true colors** of your quilt, along with your registration form.

Vacant slots still need to be filled for the **Cafe, Raffle Quilt ticket sales, and White Gloves**.

Please be sure to sign up at the September meeting. Theresa will have the master schedule so you can verify your hours.

Remember: **ALL** members registering quilts for the show, must work at least 4 hours during the quilt show weekend. If you have health concerns, please talk to Sharon or Theresa to see where you can work effectively.

**Displays** are needed for the quilt show. Please bring items for displays such as antique ironing boards, quilt racks, small trunks, old-fashioned dolls, etc., to enhance our display area. This is one area people really comment on that was unique with our show and often imitated. Please be sure to mark all of your items so that they can be returned to you at the end of the show.

**Tricky Tray items** are needed for our fundraiser to support Family Promise of Warren County this year. Items can include placemats, microwave bowls, small quilts, wall hangings, wine bags, purses, anything your little heart desires! If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Eamigh.

**Baked goods** are needed for the cafe the weekend of the show. All members are asked to bring their baked goods in disposable containers so that lids and things do not go missing. You do not need to pre-cut cakes, the cafe personnel will divide the desserts accordingly. **Please DO NOT USE NUTS**. Belvidere High School is nut-free due to excessive allergies of students attending the school. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Compton.

This is an "all-hands-on-deck" production. All members are expected to participate. It is a great weekend and is always appreciated by our attendees. Please sign-up to work and plan to spend as much time as possible at the show.

***Board Meetings Slated***

The board held its Transition Meeting on Tuesday, August 20, at the Warren County Library. Nine members attended.

- Upcoming board meetings will be held:
- 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.

***Upcoming Guild Programs***

Pokers are already in the fire for next 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.

Stay tuned for another great year starting in September, 2019!

***Quilt Show Committee Meeting***

The Quilt Show committee met on August 27 at Theresa Schoonover's home in Mt. Bethel, PA.

This meeting finalized preparations for the Quilt Show in October! If you are a Committee Chair and could not attend, please review the Quilt Show Committee minutes which will be posted on the ESQG website.

***Mystery Quilt 2020 Date Announced!***

Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, February 8, 2020** for the next Mystery Quilt workshop. Stay tuned for further instructions.

***Warren County Fair Winners Announced***

The quilt barn had another successful season at the Warren County Fair this summer. The winners of the Viewers Choice awards this year went to:

Dawn Kaniper - First Place; Bonnie Eamigh - Second Place; and The Sewciopaths (Theresa Schoonover, Kathleen Scala, Karen Anderson, and Cindy Smith) - Third Place.

Despite the hot weather, the fair had a good turnout and we sold a lot of quilt raffle tickets! Over \$2,000 of goods were sold through our boutique, which yielded the guild about \$260.

Thank you to everyone who helped with set-up, take-down, and all the worker bees in between! Many thanks to Irene Compton and her committee for a job well done!



This year's Warren County Fair was blessed with beautiful weather and a great turnout of visitors.

This was the first thing people saw (right) when they came into the Quilt Barn. Approximately 825 raffle tickets were sold and the Boutique made the Guild over \$200.

Below are pics of some of our wonderful helpers and a few of the beautiful displays.



***Quilt Show Signs to be Returned***

If you have a quilt show yard sign in your home or garage, please bring it to the September 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!

**Evening Star Quilters Guild  
Calendar of Events  
2019-2020 Guild Year**

| Date                  | Event          | Place                 | Contact Person/Phone/Time |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| September 7 & 8, 2019 | Victorian Days | Belvidere, New Jersey |                           |
| October 19-20, 2019   | Quilt show     | Belvidere High School |                           |



8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Good News Home for Women  
33 Bartles Corner Road  
Flemington, NJ 08822

**Vendors Wanted - Tables \$45**

To register contact Dawn Davidson  
908-806-7913, ext, 323 [dawn@goodnewshome.org](mailto:dawn@goodnewshome.org)

Features carnival games, face painting, live music/  
DJ, vendor shopping, food and more!

Admission is free all proceeds raised benefit  
the Good News Home

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2019/2020 Guild Year**

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| <b>Secretary</b><br><a href="#">Carol A. Smith</a>     |  |