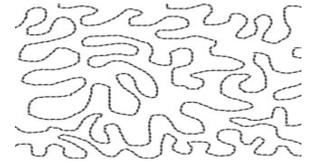


EVENING STAR QUILTERS' GUILD - THE STITCH LINE



JUNE 2021

A Note From the ESQG Vice-President

Happy June! As things begin to open up in the “somewhat” aftermath of the pandemic, many of us are starting to travel again to see family and friends. One of our members posted on Facebook during her recent travels to the northeast. The post was of a quilt shop she stumbled upon during her adventures. How many of us have done just that? We travel within our own state, to other states, to other countries and always seek out the nearest quilt shop!

I am a huge fan of the hit series “Rizzoli and Isles.” One day I noticed the television series was based on a series of books written by Tess Gerritsen, so I downloaded her first few books and settled in to further enjoy her characters. The first book, “The Surgeon,” is a gruesome story, but Rizzoli held a mantra while chasing after the bad guy, which was this: “Where we go depends on what we know, and what we know depends on where we go.” BAM! That's it!

We travel to visit family and friends and we are going to familiar places, but who among us has not searched out the quilt shops along the way? I travel to Ohio nearly every year for a family reunion, but I seek out shops in western PA and north-east Ohio on every single trip. We always find something new. What we know depends on where we go. I am a quilter, so I will seek out new-to-me quilt shops. My husband is a car buff, so he looks for classic cars in yards and will seek out parts he needs in areas we will be visiting. Where we go is always an adventure for both of us.

As quilters, we travel to Houston and Paducah for some of the nation's largest quilt shows and accumulation of quilt vendors. It's a quilter's dream vacation. Where we go depends on what we know. We are quilters. We know quilting. We are going to look for the shows, retreats, and the destinations coveted by quilters just like us. We go to places that have things we know something about: quilts and quilting!

Once you find that new quilt shop on that familiar trip, you will make it your own and it will be a common stop each and every time you visit that area. On a side note, for those of you who may not be familiar with this publication, The Quilter's Travel Companion is a great resource and is available in print and online. It's not always up-to-date, but it's a good starting point when you are planning your next vacation. Always be sure to call first to make sure the shop is still open.

So next time you are loading up the family to head out to another familiar place, be sure to look up the local quilt shop. They will be glad you did... and who knows, maybe it will start you on a new adventure!

Happy trails! See you on Tuesday, June 8th!

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REMEMBER

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE JUNE ZOOM MEETING:

Favorite beverage
Log in by 7pm
Show & Tell
Wear a smile!

SHOW & TELL: Everyone loves red, white, and blue quilts. What patriotic quilts have you made in stars and stripes, or red, white and blue? Quilts of Valor, table runners, placemats, wallhangings. What makes you shine from sea to shining sea? Show us your patriotic side and let us see what red, white, and blue can do for you!

Potluck Picnic

Join us at noon on **Saturday, June 5th** at the Veterans Rally Point pavilion located at the Lopatcong Pool Park, off Belvidere Road behind the Ambulance Squad building in Phillipsburg, NJ for a potluck celebration! Bring your favorite dish and a hearty appetite as we celebrate another year with the Evening Star Quilters! There will be food and show & tell, laughter and smiles to go around. Paper products and water will be provided. If you did not already sign up for a dish, just bring yourself. There will be plenty for everyone. Hopefully the lantern flies will stay away this time. If not, we will be dancing to the "lantern fly stomp!" Don't forget to bring a chair!

Guild Meetings for 2021-2022

While we have a request in to Belvidere High School to find out whether or not they will allow us to return to our monthly meetings starting in September, we have not heard of their decision at this time. For now we are planning quarterly Zoom meetings to take place in September, December, March and June, starting this fall. The meetings will keep members updated on events and workshops throughout the year.

We will notify everyone of any changes as we learn of them!

EVENING STAR'S HARVEST OF QUILTS QUILT SHOW POSTPONED 'TIL 2022

By unanimous vote, members of the Evening Star Quilters' Guild elected to postpone the *Harvest of Quilts* quilt show to 2022. Originally slated for October 2021, the event showcases quilts made by the members of Evening Star Quilters and offers demonstrations, food, and vendors to the public. This show is held specifically to educate the public in the art of quilt-making. Although it was not originally designed to be a major fundraiser for the guild, the popularity of the show has allowed the guild to host several well known quilt artists and instructors throughout the guild year. Please continue to make table runners and placemats for the charity tables, and collect books and magazines for the book sale table.

LOOK AT ALL THESE COMMUNITY PROJECTS!

Check out this picture of the port pillows and pillow cases going out to Newton Medical Center and St. Luke's Infusion and Pediatric units.

I am so honored to be a part of such a Loving and Giving Guild. A huge Thank You to our Evening Star Quilters Guild for their caring and sharing!!

And the winning ticket has the name "Cindy Smith" on it. A gift is on its way, Cindy.

Keep up the good work, Ladies and Gentleman. We are a great team!!

Piece Out,
Judy



UP! UP! AND AWAY!

An opportunity to sell our raffle tickets presented itself shortly after our May meeting: the Warren County Hot Air Balloon Festival. The festival is being held June 3rd through June 6th at the Warren County Community College on Route 57 near Washington, NJ. We will be selling tickets under our new tent on Friday and Sunday. (Thursday was cancelled due to rain!) Sharon Kubich, Judy Zeitler, Solvai Sanchez, Irene Compton, Audrey Planer, and Cindy Smith scurried around in the background to gather all the pieces together in order to display our quilt at the festival. Solvai, Judy, Loretta Tapp, Carol Smith, Kathleen Scala, Nancy Geiger, and May Dudding stepped up to sell the tickets. Thank you ladies for bringing it all together! The festival will be held from 2 pm to 9 pm each of the four day. Be sure to stop by to say hello! There will be arts and crafts exhibitors, vendor food trucks, music and dancing, and of course, hot air balloons!

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2021-2022

The guild agreed to make membership dues voluntary for the 2021-2022 year. Due to the postponement of our guild's quilt show in 2021 and lack of a raffle quilt in 2020, finances are low, so we have not booked any speakers for 2021-2022. Nonetheless, insurance, scholarships, post office box rentals, etc., still need to be paid in order to keep the guild running. Although we are not requiring members to pay their dues, we hope that most of you will continue to pay them voluntarily in order to keep things running. Dues remain at \$25 and can be mailed to Darlene Kerr. The form is available for download at esqg.com.

WARREN COUNTY FAIR UPDATES

As of our May meeting, the trustees for the Warren County Fair announced they would be delaying the decision to open the fair until July 1st. Due to their indecision, the guild voted unanimously to cancel our participation in this year's fair. July 1st is too late for us to be able to get workers and quilts together for display. We look forward to things opening up in 2022!

GUILD TO ENTER SEMI-HIATUS

Due to the pandemic and continued issues with group gatherings and the low level of funds in our treasury, Evening Star Quilters may be taking a low- level hiatus starting in September. The board is working on plans to continue the Zoom meetings, but taking them in a different direction. Rather than hiring outside speakers this fall, we are considering a group project and using our Zoom meeting time to gather socially and sew together on a more involved, year-long quilt project. One suggestion was creating a One Block Wonder quilt, another suggestion includes an intricate block of the month project, or a series of smaller workshops directed by our guild members. Rest assured, we are not giving up the ship and we welcome any ideas from the membership. Stay tuned!

UPCOMING PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS

Beginning in September, the guild will be providing three projects for our guild members. Two will be lengthy, more involved quilting projects and one will be a one-day workshop.

The first project we would like everyone to consider is the One-Block Wonder Panel Quilt which requires seven identical pre-printed panels; six panels will be cut up into triangle units to create hexagons for piecing, and the 7th panel will be used as your focus in the center of your quilt. The project comes from "*One-Block Wonder Panel Quilts*," by Maxine Rosenthal and Nancy Miller. You do not need to purchase the book, but feel free to do so. It is available at most quilts shops and through Amazon. Those of you familiar with the old "*Stack and Whack!*" projects from the late 90's will

recognize the procedure of stacking the six identical panels face up to provide you with the six identical triangles used to create each of your hexagons. In order to participate in this project, you will need to purchase the seven quilt panels you will be using for your own quilt top. Pocono Sew & Vac in Stroudsburg PA has graciously offered us a 20 to 25% discount on the panels in their store. They have *many* available to choose from. Please consider a visit to PS&V to select your panels. Panels are also available through your favorite online quilt shops such as Bear Creek Quilting, Mulqueen Fabrics, Wooden Bridge, Amazon, etc., but probably not for the great discount offered by our friends at PS&V. Sharon is working on a coupon for us to use, but if you do not have one with you, just mention to Peggy or Fred that you are with our guild so you can receive the discount. Coordinating fabrics are not required, but may enhance your quilt. The decision to purchase those now or later will be up to you. Some panels have gorgeous coordinating fabrics that you just cannot turn down! This project will be done by members at home with a few in-person workshops which will also be available via Zoom for those who cannot meet in person. Sharon Kubich and Cindy Smith will be leading this project.

The second project may require some in-person workshops. Leana McCutcheon is willing to lead an advanced mystery quilt that would involve meeting two or three times during the year as it would consist of differing blocks and techniques. Again, the in-person workshops will also be available via Zoom, but clearly not at the levels of a professional paid speaker. We will do our best to teach these techniques as best we can with what we have. Leana has also offered another raw-edge applique workshop to create an art quilt, if members would prefer that over the more labor intensive project. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in either of these projects so Leana knows which direction to go.

The third project is a fun one-and-done day project that will be announced in December in order for interested members to purchase supplies. Cindy Smith will be leading this project in the spring. This one can be done in person or via Zoom and you will love the results!

Please bear in mind, any workshops held at the Methodist Church in Hope require participants to be fully vaccinated. This is a request by the church and will be strictly adhered to. Hence, all workshops held at the church will be offered via Zoom as well.

We want to keep members interested and advancing their skills in quilt-making. Please consider participating in one, two, or all three projects this coming year.



**QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTED TO
VIETNAM VETERAN**

On Sunday, May 30, 2021, a Quilt of Valor was presented to John Chinocella of Blairstown, a Vietnam War Veteran. The services were held just prior to the Blairstown Memorial Day Parade. Audrey Planer and Irene Compton presented the quilt and certificate to John as his teary-eyed daughter stood nearby. John is a combat-wounded veteran and is a Purple Heart recipient for his valor during the Vietnam War.

Congratulations John! We thank you for your service.



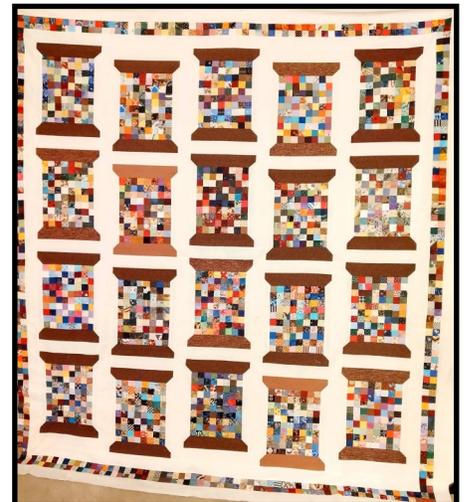
A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS FOR DONNA!

Congratulations to Donna Gierveld, our winner of the Spring Tulip Block of the Month in May! Donna's mother-in-law (who is from Holland!) was visiting Donna and her family as the blocks started to arrive. What great joy it brought to both Donna and her mother-in-law!
Donna thanks everyone for the beautiful blocks and looks forward to putting the blocks into a quilt.

PAST WINNERS



Left: Sharon Kubich was the winner of the March BOM, Double Star and look at her beautiful quilt!



Right: Cindy Smith won the Postage Stamp blocks from the January BOM and turned them into spoils! So cool, right?

RAFFLE QUILT 2021 AT A CROSSROAD

The guild decided to go ahead with the sale of raffle tickets for the Crossroads Raffle quilt this year. We will not be adding the location of the final drawing on the tickets, since we do not know where the guild will be in December. Tickets will be printed and attempts will be made to sell tickets at various fairs and permitted gatherings, via Facebook, Zoom meetings, etc. Each member may be receiving up to 50 tickets each. We can only request you do your best to sell as many as possible in order to build up the treasury for 2021/2022.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH - WOMEN IN THE MEN'S CLUB



Our Block of the Month for June is called “Women In the Men's Club” and is a beautiful red, white, and blue star using half-rectangle units. This block was a little more challenging than some, but well worth the added effort. The winner of these blocks could certainly make a Quilts of Valor quilt which would be gorgeous with an offset square in a square block. Please be sure to notify Cindy Smith at numbers3.cs@gmail.com or text 908.310.2466 when you have completed your block in order to be included in the drawing. If you have questions about the instructions, please contact Sharon Rehrig at timelystitches1947@gmail.com. A huge thank you to Sharon Rehrig for her wonderful choices for this year's Block of the Month program, and for her hard work choosing, and creating each pattern. The patterns have been easy, challenging, beautiful, and different; but every single one made someone very happy each month. We look forward to seeing the end results from each and every winner! Thank you again to all who participated throughout the year. Good luck to all of you in June for the final drawing!!

SUNSHINE



These days we all need a little sunshine, but please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

- Dixie Sutton's** brother passed away recently.
- Lelane Hoose's** brother passed away recently from an extended illness.
- Cyndy Ponczek** had her breast cancer surgery this week and is recuperating at home.
- Irene Compton** continues to serve as nurse and warden for her husband's failing health.
- Sharon Kubich's** daughter is going in for surgery on Friday, June 4th.
- Carol Smith** just learned that she has breast cancer, but feels confident with the early diagnosis.
- Bev Anderson** was recently hospitalized. Please send out good thoughts for these ladies and their families as they continue to struggle through some trying times.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE:

- 6/1 Sue DeCamp
- 6/2 Lauren Anello
- 6/3 Claudia Lupfer
- 6/7 Martha Calderwood
- 6/15 Sharon Kubich
- 6/20 Kathleen Daniels
- 6/23 Beverly Anderson
- 6/24 Marilyn Barnes



FUSION OF FEEDBACK, PLEASE

Our Vice-President attended *three* sessions of the Global Quit Connection roundtables recently and has numerous ideas for speakers and workshops for the upcoming guild year. We are currently looking at the following presenters:

Meg Cox: International Quilt Museum (Nebraska) (lecture)

Tina Craig: English Paper Piecing vs Foundation Paper Piecing (lecture & workshop)

Mel Beach: Free Motion Quilting on your domestic machine (workshop)

Karen Combs: Quilts of Illusion (lecture & workshop)

Candy Grisham: Dresden Quilts Re-imagined (lecture & workshop)

Lisa Sheppard Stewart: African fabric string quilts (lecture & workshop ~ includes jelly roll of African prints)

Julie Silber (Appraiser & Collector): Antique Quilts (lecture)

Ann Shaw: Photos to Quilts (lecture & workshop)

Provided we have the funds to continue to bring in speakers and/or offer workshops, what interests you? What would you like to learn? Please review our list of possibilities and send your selections or ideas to Cindy Smith at numbers3.cs@gmail.com

QUILT LOVERS



Saturday, July 31st, 2021

All prizes are quilts or quilted items!

Hosted by the Pocono Mt. Quilters' Guild at:



**The Moose Lodge
705 Stokes Road
East Stroudsburg, PA**

Tickets \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door (includes admission and cards for every game)

Additional cards, raffles, food, etc., will be available

For tickets and/or information, please call:

Kathy Parrish (570) 242-8954

AnnMarie Kizer (570)269-5256

Doors / Kitchen open at 12pm

~ Games begin at 1:00pm

Tickets are limited! You must have a ticket to enter!

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