

Evening Star Gazette

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of Birmingham, Alabama

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May Meeting Speaker

This month we will have local Art Quilter, Donna Leigh Jackins, show us her quilts and discuss her techniques. Donna started out as a painter but got interested in paper then fabric. She has been making Art Quilts since 1990. Her quilts can be found in many places such as the Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY. Come see this aspect of quilting.

Last month's Auction—Big Success

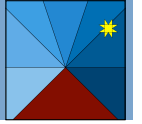
We made over \$600 to go towards our next national teacher. I would like to get some feedback from everyone about the auction. Did you like this year's version? Or would you like to go back to the old version? One suggestion already made is never again have it for the April meeting. The weather is too unpredictable.

Starting Time

Mingle with members at 6:30, meeting to start promptly at 7:00.

Visitors are always welcome.

From the President's Perspective



Terry Bell, Cynthia Brown and I spent the biggest part of last week in Paducah, Kentucky at the 25th Annual AQS Quilt Show. The week was not all that we spent. Let me just say that the economy appears to be in very good shape in Paducah. The trip was great but it was also an overdose of ideas and opportunities to spend money. We arrived Sunday evening and got an early start Monday morning by hitting Hancock's of Paducah. Although the outside of the building does not look like much, stepping inside is like a child stepping inside a candy store. We returned to Hancock's several times during the week. That afternoon, we visited the National Quilt Museum. The crowds had not yet arrived so we had a wonderful time browsing the quilts and getting close to see the details. My recommendation for a Paducah visit is to go on Sunday and leave your credit card home. Ask me how I know.

Our guild is growing every month and that is great! We want to grow but one of the downfalls of growth is someone getting lost in the crowd. Be sure to look around and talk to someone that you do not know. Quilters are some of the most friendly and sharing people. It does not take much to get us talking and you may be sitting next to your new best friend.

Congratulation to Susan Barrow on winning the Opportunity Quilt. It has been a long time since a member has won the quilt. I know Susan is proud to have it. Thank you to all of you who sold tickets. The money we receive on the Opportunity Quilt helps pay for our special speaks and events.

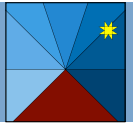
Don't forget the Cuddle Quilt Challenge. If you missed last month's meeting, Cynthia Brown challenged every member to complete a cuddle quilt and bring it to this month's meeting. Cuddle quilts don't have to be for the very young. Many teens are also in the hospital and a cuddle quilt would be very special to them.

It is the time of the year that we begin to seek volunteers for next year's officers. Please consider taking a role in managing the guild. When you get the call from the nomination committee, be ready to volunteer to take an office. It really is fun and certainly not hard.

My Advent Quilts made it to the Machine Quilter's Expo in Manchester, New Hampshire and back. I am not sure how well they did, but I think for a first time, not too bad. My score for all of them judged as one was an 83. I guess that would be a B or B- if I was in school. Getting judges scoring and comments back helps identify areas for improvement. I plan to order the picture CD of the show so that I can look closely at the winning quilts. My pictures from Paducah focused on the machine quilting. I see that as a learning tool.

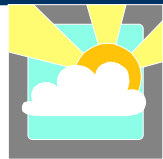
When life gives you scraps, make quilts.

Lura



Sunshine Corner

Happy Birthday to:



Cynthia Brown on the 23rd
 Judy Buster on the 2nd
 Jimmie Lou Clements on the 10th
 Mandy Edwards on the 1st
 Susan Holt on the 16th
 Emily McDougal on the 18th

Congratulations to this years winner of the Spring Fantasy Quilt, Susan Barrow. She was very excited and extremely happy to have won the quilt. The other winners are each and every one the you, the members of the Evening Star Quilt Guild. For you are the most amazing group of women I have been associated with. The guild raised \$1,784.00 this year, so we are off and running to great programs and events for the guild , thanks to you. I am honored to have served as the creator and chairperson for this Opportunity Quilt and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Keep stitching, Cheryl Clabough

2009 Opportunity Quilt Drawing reveals winners!!

May Refreshments

<u>Salty</u>	<u>Sweet</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Set-up/Clean-up</u>
Vicki Felix Jeanne Heinemann Sandi Strenkowski Barbara Mitchell Judi Plexico Kathy Fuller	Shelby Looney Ellen Anson Darlene Calfee Sandra Ryce Martha Wall Susan Tucker	Cheryl Clabough Terry Bell Ginger Alred Tamara Heineman Pamela Borders Carol Harmon	Linda Duke Jo Ann Durrett Corinne Ballard

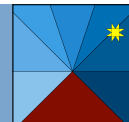
Election of New Officers Coming Soon...

If you are interested in helping on the nominating committee or if you are interested in running for a guild office, please contact Terry Bell.

ESQG Library Volunteers for May

Susan Barrow

Carol Harmon



Quarter Yard Club

Sandra Ryce is heading up the fat quarter drawings this year. This is a great way to broaden your stash so bring one or more fat quarters for a chance at winning a stash of fat quarters.

May 30's Prints

June Neutrals

July Patriotic prints

Aug. Tone on tone (any color)

Have You Made a Cuddle Quilt for Project Linus?

At our last guild meeting, all were challenged to complete and turn in one or more cuddle quilts at the May meeting. Project Linus is our guild's outreach program, which provides new, handmade, washable blankets to seriously ill and traumatized children, ages 0-18. All styles of blankets are welcome, including quilts in child-friendly colors. Blankets must be 36x36 inches in size or larger, homemade, washable, free of pins or embellishments, and come from smoke-free environments for allergy reasons. Teen-sized quilts are always in short supply (lap or twin sized).

For each cuddle quilt you turn in, you will receive points based on the number and size of the quilts turned in. May is the last meeting to turn in quilts for double points. Points are as follows:

---Small quilts (less than 200 inches circumference) = 1 points (so 2 points in May);

---Large quilts (greater than 200 inches in circumference) = 2 points (or 4 points in May). At the July meeting several prize will be given away. To be entered in the drawing for these prizes all you need to do is make a cuddle quilt!

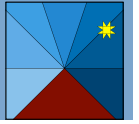
If you have turned in a cuddle quilt this year, please stop by the Cuddle Quilt Table to be sure we have given you credit for your work. Thanks.

ESQG Library

I want to remind those who checked out ESQG library books in the month of March, that these books are due back at our next guild meeting in May. Please remember to bring them back so others can enjoy reading them too.

Strip Swap Group

This month's colors is black or brown. We have 2 more months in this year's group swap. June's colors are pink or turquoise. July's colors are tan, cream or white.



ESQG Business Meeting

The Evening Star Quilt Guild Business Meeting is where the business of the guild takes place and is open to all members and all members are encouraged to attend. We will have our Business Meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Hobby Lobby on Hwy 31 in Hoover. The meetings will begin at 6:30 and end by 8. This is a great opportunity to have a voice in guild planning.

Save the date:

May 18
 June 15
 July 20
 August 17

Birmingham Quilters Guild Quiltfest 2009 - June 20 - 21 @ Oak Mountain Middle School. Judged Quilt Show with 300+ quilts, 20+ vendors, door prizes, silent action, boutique, car cozy, free demonstrations both Saturday and Sunday, scissor/knife sharpening, opportunities to win the donation quilt as well as a Pfaff Grand Quilter with a Next Generation Frame. Special Attraction - "Alzheimer's: Forgetting Piece By Piece" Exhibit. The hours are 10 to 5 on Saturday and 1 to 5 on Sunday. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, check out www.bhamquilters.com or call 205-979-1301.

Treasurer Report

April 20, 2009

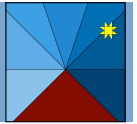
Beginning Balance	\$6250.24
Expenses	
Special Events (Bonnie hunter Pizza night)	\$39.36
Special Events (Bonnie Hunter-Mail, meal & Snacks)	\$58.18
Newsletter (Copies & Stamps)	\$18.40
Total Expenses	\$140.99
Deposits	
Library	\$7.00
Library	\$28.94
Red Rooster	\$100.00
Special Events	\$80.00
Auction	\$678.50
Total Deposits	\$894.44
<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>\$7003.69</u>



AQS Book Order

The Spring 2009 AQS catalog can be viewed at the AQS website, www.americanquiltercatalog.com, or you can look at the catalog at the May ESQG meeting. We have started on a new list for the next book order. In order to get the 30% discount off AQS prices, we must send in a group order with a minimum of six items. Those who ordered books at the April meeting can pay for and pick up their order at the ESQG library table.

Susan Rigby (ssr587@aol.com)



EVENING STAR QUILT GUILD
GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 2, 2009

CALL TO ORDER--At 7:05PM Lura Campbell, president, called the meeting to order with a brief welcome of the visitors. Lura introduced the vice-president of programs, Sara Adlman to talk about the evening's program. Sara explained that the program would be a brown bag auction, a variation of the Chinese auction. Instead of writing sequential bids on paper for individual items, those present would have the opportunity of purchasing tickets for either twenty-five cents (\$.25) or one dollar (\$1.00). These tickets would then be placed by members and guests in lunch bags placed in front of items on tables. These items would either be placed individually or grouped in baskets and containers. Bids would be placed by dropping tickets into the bag placed directly in front of each item. Depending upon the value of the item, the cost of a bid would be either a twenty-five cent (\$.25) ticket or a one dollar (\$1.00) ticket. Those purchasing tickets and placing bids would either write his/her name on the back of the ticket or use an address label for that purpose. A single ticket would be drawn from the bag. One ticket would still give a person a chance to win, however, multiple bids (tickets) would increase the odds of winning any item.

PROGRAM--Members and guests placed bids in the bags of their choice. Additional Opportunity Quilt tickets could also be purchased at this time. Following close of bidding, the meeting resumed. Tickets were drawn by the auction committee and tickets taped to winning items while business was conducted. After the business portion of the meeting, the winning names were announced and the corresponding items given to the winners.

MEMBERSHIP--Thirty-eight (38) members were signed in. Clarice Brown, Molly Washburn, Jadie Barrie, Janice Burt, Rena Nims, and Mattie Shumate all visited this evening; Molly, Jadie, and Rena joined the guild. The name tag drawing was won by Patty Huys.

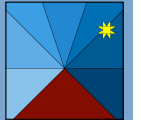
FAT QUARTER DRAWING--Sandra Ryce stated that thirteen (13) fabrics were turned in by members for the drawing. Three stacks of three fabrics and one stack of four fabrics were given out. The fat quarter winners were Glenda Jones (twice), Anne Stansell, and Sandra Ryce.

RED ROOSTER RETREAT--Glenda Jones (wearing a rooster stove burner cover as a necklace) reminded the membership that the theme for this year's retreat would be a theme of "firsts" in honor of this being Glenda's first retreat. A prize was given to the person who was first to sign up for the retreat. Other prizes will be given for the first to pay the total, the first to invite a guest, the first to arrive at the retreat, and members who come for the first time. Members and guests may attend for two, three, or four days. The retreat is limited to a total of eighteen (18) attendees; members may invite a guest. Amenities included are a pontoon boat ride on Smith Lake and a pool with a hot tub. A fifty dollar (\$50.00) deposit is required.

CUDDLE QUILTS--Cynthia Brown said that seventy-three (73) cuddle quilts had been turned in but encouraged the members with the statement that "we can do better". Cynthia then issued a challenge for everybody to do one quilt by the next guild meeting which is the last month for double points. The smallest size allowed by Project Linus is 36" X 36".

TREASURER'S REPORT--Mary Lane presented the guild with the treasurer's report. The account began with a balance of \$8,036.23, received deposits totaling \$160.00, and expended \$1,937.42, leaving a final balance of \$6,250.24.

LIBRARY/AQS--Susan Rigby thanked those who returned books and paid fines; this will allow the guild librarian to order more books. Susan will send an e-mail to members having overdue books. Susan said that the AQS order would be placed this evening; Lura stated that members might suggest to Susan books for inclusion in the guild library.



LONE STAR CLASS--The first Saturday in May (the 2nd) a workshop will be held at the Helena United Methodist Church in preparation for Becky Hank's Lone Star class. Becky will discuss fabric choices and help members with their fabric selections. Fabrics that will be used should be brought; Becky will offer suggestions on which fabrics will work together. The Lone Star class fee is thirty dollars (\$30.00).

REFRESHMENTS--Linda Duke stated that the refreshments for the next month's meeting are covered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES--With no objections, the minutes were accepted as published.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT TICKETS--Cheryl Clabough reported that her goal for the guild was to sell at least 1,800 tickets; approximately 1,750 tickets were sold. Cheryl explained that the quilt was created from a block of the month design by Australian quilter, Julie Wallace. The quilt comprises 87 blocks ranging in size from four inches (4") to sixteen inches (16"). Bell Woods won the monthly drawing for turning in her tickets. Member Susan Barrow won the drawing for the 2008-2009 Opportunity Quilt.

SHOW AND TELL--Ellen Anson showed her miniature, paper-pieced star quilt and a tee-shirt quilt created for Megan's sixteenth birthday. Lura interjected that Ellen is the co-chairperson of the Huntsville Quilt Show which will be held Thursday through Saturday, September 18-20, 2009. Beverly Williamson brought her convergence quilt, "Dragonflies" named because of the dragonfly fabric used in its creation. In addition Beverly brought a Bonnie Hunter class quilt made of reds and greens. Sheryl Simpson brought her Bonnie Hunter class quilt made in shades of pink. Carolyn Ray showed her curved brick quilt. Bunny Benson made a Disappearing Nine Patch quilt for a wedding present which she brought to show. One visitor, a new quilter, brought her first quilt but was too shy to show it or mention who made it. After Lura showed the quilt in the visitor's stead, a round of applause was given for the visitor's beautiful work.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS-- Mary Lane stated that the first week of May is National Teacher's Week. Mary requested that members who are UAB nurses pose as a group with their cuddle quilts to get a picture. Sara Adlman announced that \$678.25 was made during the brown bag auction this evening. The auction was declared an outstanding success. Sara then asked members to pick up their bags of strips for the strip swap. Ginny Stevens asked members to pick up the block of the month instructions in the back of the room.

ADJOURNMENT--The meeting was adjourned at 8:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Heinemann, Secretary

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Reminder:

Please wear your name tag to the meetings so you can register for the name tag drawing when you sign in. Our numbers are growing and we want to meet each other!

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Red Rooster Retreat



Our summer Red Rooster Retreat is July 15-19. If you have ever been to Red Rooster, you know how great this spot is. If you have not been there, don't let this retreat happen without you. Glenda Jones has the sign-up sheet. This retreat is limited to 18 so be sure to put up your deposit to reserve your spot. You can check out the facilities at: <http://www.redroosterretreat.com/>. Pricing for the retreat is as follows:

2 Nights	3 Nights	4 Nights	Adl. Meal
\$155	\$210	\$255	\$10