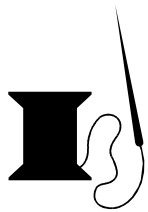


# Evening Star Gazette

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## Next Meeting: September 3, 2009

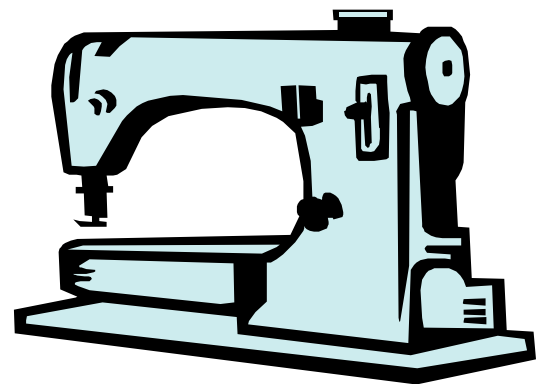
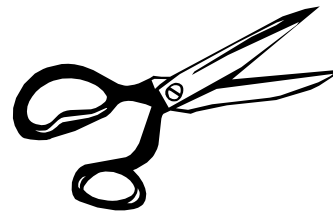


September begins the first program for the new guild year. Carol Harmon, co-chair for the guild library, has graciously offered to present a program of tips for quilters.

Would you like to know those little tips and tricks to make your quilting easier and faster?

What techniques do the some of the pros use? Carol will answer these questions in her portion of the program. Our guild has many talented quilters who are willing to share their favorite quilting

tools along with the reason they love their tools. In addition, our members will share their least favorite tool including the tools they wish they had not purchased. This is a great way to learn from our fellow quilters' experience. Come join the fun as we dare to share!



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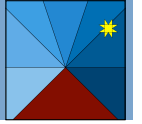
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### *Starting Time*

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

*Visitors are always welcome.*

## *From the President's Perspective*



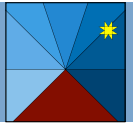
I don't know about everyone else but it seems like the year is flying by. Here it is September and I haven't gotten near as many projects finished as I had hoped. I hope that all of you are having better success than me.

We had a wonderful time at the Knot Workshop. I hope to see several tops during Show & Tell. Speaking of workshops, the Board needs to know what kind do you want. I would love to have one each month if we can get a place and have an idea to teach. If you have a subject or a place that we might use or could teach, please let me know.

We still need some Committee chairmen; if you have a bit of time, please consider serving. I must confess that I am bad with names and at the last meeting, there were 2 volunteers that I don't remember who you are and what committee you said you would head. So.....would you please volunteer again. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

See you at the meeting,  
Sara

PS—I plan to bring instructions and patterns for the “Stockings for the Soldiers” to the meeting.



## Surprise Apple Salad

Alma Gaertner

- 6 Snickers Bars chopped
- 6 medium tart Apples (such as Granny Smith)
- 2 (8-oz) cartons frozen whipping cream topping thawed
- Optional
- 2 small boxes vanilla or cheesecake instant pudding mix

In a large bowl combine all ingredients. Mix pudding and whipped topping separately prior to adding to the other ingredients. Refrigerate until ready to serve,

### Swap Group Notes.....

We will have sign-up sheets at the September meeting. I heard a number of quilters saying "let's do strips again" so my question is 2 1/2 inch strips or 4 inch strips. (I saw 4 inch ones in a catalog.) Whichever width we decide, we will keep each swap group a size so that you use 3-one yard lengths same as before.

Welcome to our newest member!

Carlye A. Long

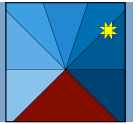
### A very "Happy Birthday" to:

Darlene Calfee September 5  
Pamela Borders September 14  
Vanessa McGrath September 15  
Janice Burt September 16  
Linda Duke September 16  
Ginger Allred September 24  
Cornelius Lee September 30

### **AQS Book Order**

If you ordered books from AQS, the order is available for pick up at the September meeting. If you are unable to pick up your order at the September meeting, please contact me to arrange for getting your order.

Susan Rigby ([ssr587@aol.com](mailto:ssr587@aol.com))



## Project Linus

We are off to a great start!! We already have 5 blankets!! I will be making quilt kits in the next few weeks so if you have any fabric (at least 1/4 yard, please) for the free table consider giving it to Project Linus. Of course fun fabric is best if you have any. No polyester or double knit. Remember they collect RED, WHITE, and BLUE quilts for the 4th of July so hopefully WE will be able to donate a few in April and MAY with this theme. I want to have 'KOMFORT a KID' day at my house designated for project Linus. I have room for 8 to sew. September 19th will be the first. (10AM to 3PM) If you can come please let me know.

\*\*\*\* Can you tell me where the name for this day came from? You win a prize if so!!

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I have been to the Project Linus site and they have a few requests concerning the blankets. They prefer not to have double fleece tied blankets. They would prefer single layer fleece. I have the SKIP-STITCH cutters that Bitsey talked about. They make great even holes in the fleece and you can weave ribbon or fleece cut in a thin strip with a crochet hook. It is very easy and a great project for kids.

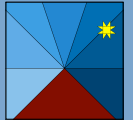
Remember Project Linus accepts all types new blankets.

Please visit the Project Linus website and check out what they do nation wide.

Sheryl Simpson

## LIBRARY NEWS

Looking for a particular pattern, quilting technique or just some new ideas? Our library has over 200 books on subjects such as applique, basic quilting, foundation piecing, and patchwork plus several media videos and many miscellaneous quilting topics. Stop at the library table to chat with this year's library committee Carol Harmon, Alma Gaertner and Susan Rigby, and browse through our books. You can check out as many as you wish for up to 2 months. With the holidays coming up, now is a great time to start those holiday projects. Happy reading and quilting, **Carol , Alma and Susan.**



## Winter Retreat 2010



Sign up for the Winter Retreat will begin at the September ESQG meeting. The Winter Retreat will take place on January 14-17 at the Magnolia Park Retreat. The cost for three nights is \$225; the cost for two nights is \$175. To reserve a place at the retreat you need to pay at least \$25 toward the cost of the retreat, and be a current member of the Evening Star Quilt Guild. After the November ESQG meeting \$25 of your payment is nonrefundable if you cancel.

Full payment is due at the December ESQG meeting.



## Treasurer Report

**August 19, 2009**

**Beginning Balance** \$7477.17

**Expenses**

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Badges 4 U                  | \$15.53   |
| Hospitality                 | \$13.39   |
| AQS                         | \$158.43  |
| Stamps                      | \$8.80    |
| Library Donation            | \$650.00  |
| St. Francis Church Donation | \$ 100.00 |

**Total Expenses** \$946.15

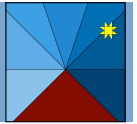
**Deposits**

|            |          |
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| AQS        | \$150.29 |
| Badges     | \$12.00  |
| Membership | \$842.00 |

**Total Deposits** \$1004.29

**Ending Balance** \$7535.31





EVENING STAR QUILT GUILD  
GENERAL MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 2009

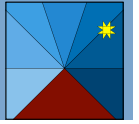
CALL TO ORDER--The meeting was called to order by Lura Campbell at 7:08PM who stated that "every year we celebrate with food because that is the best way to do it". Lura announced that the papers were ready for members to renew their membership. After many years of surgery following her car accident, Jessica Griggs has recently had a surgery which is a milestone in her healing. To commemorate this occasion, guild members created evening star blocks in purple which were then made into a quilt for Jessica. Lura offered a special thank-you to Pamela Borders for "pulling it all together". Following a blessing of the meal by Lura, members lined up for dinner. Members requested the recipe for Alma Gaertner's Apple Surprise, Glenda Jone's Corn Casserole, and the baked casserole. (Secretary's note: The baked casserole was later determined to have been made by Pamela Borders.)

RECOGNITION OF FOUNDING MEMBERS--Sheryl Simpson and Sheryl Colle were the only charter members of the guild present. Lura presented them each with aprons embroidered with "ESQG Charter Member" and commented that "they got to clean up the kitchen" which brought a laugh from all. The ladies mentioned that the guild has come a long way since they first met at the Helena Library when eleven (11) or twelve (12) first attended the meeting. Lura joined the guild at the end of the first year. Lura mentioned that when she joined the guild, Sheryl Simpson was working on an iris wallhanging; Lura thought Sheryl had been quilting forever. Sheryl laughingly stated that the wallhanging is still not done.

MEMBERSHIP--Bell Woods stated that fifty-eight (58) members were in attendance with two (2) visitors, Mary Guthrie and Jean Reid, signed in. Also present was Harley Long, a friend of the DaCosta family. Bell reported that the guild membership had reached one hundred one (101). Molly Washburn won the name tag drawing.

FAT QUARTER DRAWING--Sandra Ryce said that eleven (11) fat quarters were turned in which allowed for three (3) drawings. One (1) stack of three (3) fat quarters and two (2) stacks of four (4) fat quarters were given out. The winners of the drawings were Glenda Jones, Ginny Stevens, and Sandra Ryce.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH--Ginny Stevens stated that she will bring the block of the month patterns for both August and September to the September meeting.



WINTER RETREAT 2010--Lura announced that the sign-up for the Magnolia Park retreat would begin in September. Lura gave a description of Magnolia Park and its services for those who did not attend the last retreat.

AQS--Susan reported that she is ready to send the AQS order. Should members have any additional orders to add to the existing order, Susan would need to receive them either at the meeting or no later than the weekend.

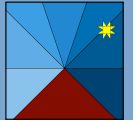
NEWSLETTER--Tamara Heinemann stated that the newsletter deadline would be August 23, 2009.

QUILT SHOWS AND SHOPS--Lura gave a summary of the current quilt shows. The deadline to enter a quilt in the quilt show at the Gadsden Museum of Art was given as Saturday, August 8, 2009. The entry fee was given as ten dollars (\$10.00). Lura mentioned that one of ESQG's guest speakers, Betty Donohue, would have items on display at the Gadsden Museum of Art. In addition, she has quilts on display at the Heritage Museum in Talladega, including two (2) quilts adapted from cross-stitched patterns. Both Judy Goodwin and Lura recommended a visit to see Betty's quilts. Ellen Anson brought postcards and raffle tickets for the Fanfare quilt show by the Heritage Quilters of Huntsville, Alabama. Sara Adlman reported that the Carolina Lily Quilt Shop is discontinuing its line of Civil War fabrics; all civil war fabrics will be sold at fifty percent (50%) off. Before driving to the shop call first as the owner's daughter is due with twins on September 1. Sara advised not existing at the McFarland exit but to continue to the next exit. The shop is on highway 69. Another quilt shop, Sew Delightful, located in Northport, Alabama was also recommended with the added suggestion to call the shop before leaving home to make sure it is open.

STRIP OF THE MONTH GROUP--Those members who participated in the strip of the month group should see Anne Stansell to pick up their strips.

INDUCTION OF OFFICERS--Lura Campbell introduced the incoming officers. Sheryl Simpson commented that she had been a member for ten years but this was her first time as an officer. Following Lura's induction of the officers, Sara presented Lura with a basket of batik fat quarters as her president's gift.

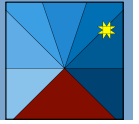
COMMITTEE HEADS--The membership committee will be chaired by Nancy Allain with



Linda Duke the visitor chairperson. Sheryl Simpson will chair Project Linus. Carol Harmon and Alma Gaertner will assist Susan Rigby with the guild library. Glenda Jones and Susan Rigby will co-chair the Winter Retreat at Magnolia Park in January. Carolyn Ray and Terry Bell will chair the Opportunity Quilt. Anne Stansell and Di Wash will co-chair the swap group. It was decided to again swap fabric strips; the sign-up will be next month. Tamara Heinemann requested help on the advertising committee; Lura Campbell agreed to help. Bell Woods will chair the sunshine committee; Rena Nims will be the new chairperson of the fat quarter club. A committee head for hospitality is still needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS--On the table designated for free items was merchandise brought by Sara and Lura. Sara requested that it all be taken as she could not take it back home. Each member was told to select one fat quarter from the centerpieces at the table where she was seated. Sara requested members save scraps that were too small to be used for quilts; she will use these scraps as stuffing for pet beds to be donated to the Humane Society. Sara said she could use selvedge scraps, batting bits, and pieces of fleece, anything that was washable. Sara also stated that she, along with a few others, were making stockings for soldiers. She asked members who were interested in helping to contact her. Molly Washburn requested help from members familiar with dating the age of fabrics as she is trying to determine the age of a quilt she was given. Jeanne Heinemann stated that she had asked members for their greatest quilt challenge to gain ideas for future programs. Members have asked for a program on quilters' tips, quilters' favorite and least favorite tools, and help quilting on domestic machines. Jeanne asked for additional program ideas. Ellen Anson suggested a program on scrapbooking for members to create a record of the quilts they make. Frances Burch asked that the ladies who set up for the dinner be recognized. The members expressed appreciation to Nancy Allain, Susan Rigby, Michael Rigby (Susan's son), Linda Duke, and Sara Adlman. Jessica Griggs requested a picture of those who made the quilt for her.

SHOW AND TELL--Ginny Stevens had a block for six (6) or seven (7) years which was made with Anne's Crazy Quilt templates. Ginny used bright colors to make the block into a quilt. Ginny offered to do a one day workshop on the template techniques. Ginny also brought a one-piece flannel backed with one-piece cotton whole cloth quilt that she made and a two-piece flannel whole cloth quilt made with a backing of frogs. Next Ginny showed a whole cloth quilt of plaid and cowboy fabrics. Ginny and a few other ladies taught her other guild a border class. Ginny used different border patterns to create a quilt. Ginny said she named her quilt "Bordering My Year" and used all the colors on the spools. Ginny next explained that the winner of a friendship quilt in the

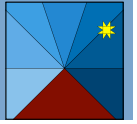


Heart of Dixie quilt guild must then design the next friendship quilt. Ginny won a friendship quilt so she designed a quilt which she made and brought to show and tell. The quilt was created in browns with accents of greens. Rena Nims said she moved from Springfield, Missouri. Rena showed her round robin quilt and commented that "I don't quilt, I piece." Ellen Anson said that she recently flew to Denver then drove to Santa Fe, New Mexico. She told of visiting five (5) quilt shops, one (1) quilt museum, and assorted other sites. She then showed her handquilted baskets quilt. Bell Woods showed the baby quilt she made using Bonnie Hunter's crumbs technique. Cynthia Brown brought her now completed Disappearing Nine Patch in batiks started at the retreat. Di Wash brought a red, black, and white quilt created out of rectangles and triangles. This quilt was for her daughter's dorm room. In addition, Di brought a quilt of greens, pinks, and browns that she made for her daughter at college. Pamela Borders found a design on the internet and created a pattern to make it. From this pattern Pamela made a quilt which she brought to the meeting. Bunny Benson showed her quilt composed of Christmas designs Bunny made on her embroidery machine. Both Bunny Benson and Glenda Jones brought completed Disappearing Nine Patch quilts they made. Nancy Allain brought an Irish Chain quilt in pink with green and red accents that she made for her granddaughter on a Gracie frame and a domestic machine. Nancy also brought a Gordian Knot II quilt top in brown and black against a cream background.

ADJOURNMENT--The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Heinemann



## Membership

It's time to renew your membership with ESQG. According to our by-laws, membership fees are due at the September meeting and are considered late after the October meeting. The fees are:

Regular members - \$30

Junior members - \$20

Senior members - \$20 (anyone who is 60 or older)

We are asking everyone to complete the Membership renewal form so we can confirm that we have your contact information correct. You can pick up the form at the Member Sign-in table or use the one attached to this newsletter. We are asking for your full birth date on the form for budgeting purposes only. We need to determine who is a senior member – or who will be one next year. We will keep the birth year confidential.

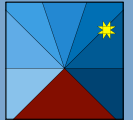
## Membership Directory

We will be taking pictures at the September meeting of anyone who wishes to include their picture in our Membership Directory. If you have already had your picture taken, you can review it to see if you would like to have it remade. We will be printing our ESQG 2009-10 Membership Directory (with black and white pictures) and distributing them at the November guild meeting. **We will not mail or email these directories due to members' request that this information not be sent over the internet.** We will include future changes and new member information on update sheets that will be available for pick-up at the Member Sign-in table each month. **If there is any contact information you do not wish to have published in the directory, please speak with Nancy Allain – otherwise all information (except birth year) that is put on the renewal form will be included.**

## Membership Committee

At this time our Membership Committee is comprised of Nancy Allain, Chairman, and Linda Duke, Visitor Greeter. In order to eliminate the bottle neck at the entrance door, we have decided to split the sign-in table for regular and visitor members. Visitors will be greeted at the door by Linda, while members will have a sign-in table further into the room.

With our new set-up, we need additional people to help. If you would be interested in being on the Membership Committee and manning the members' sign-in table or helping to greet visitors, please contact Nancy Allain.



## ESQG MEMBERSHIP – 2009-2010

### Membership Types:

Junior – Youth not graduated from High School (under age 18).

Senior – Age 60 and over.

Regular – Anyone ages 18-59.

### Dues:

Junior - \$20.00 a year

Senior - \$20.00 a year

Regular – Renewing members pay for the full year. New members pay as follows:

\$30.00 - Joining in September, October, November, December, January, or February

\$25.00 - Joining in March, April, May, or June

\$30.00 – Joining in July or August – includes the following year.

Membership payment is due by the September meeting and is considered late after the October meeting.

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|---|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)  |  |   | Date                        |
| Street Address  |  |   |                             |
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| Birth Date (MM-DD-YYYY)   | Home Phone Number<br>(    )  | Cell Phone Number<br>(    )   | Work Phone Number<br>(    ) |
| Email address:  |  |   |                             |
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Can be mailed to: Nancy Allain, 1153 Inverness Cove Way, Birmingham, AL 35242

Deadline for articles for the August newsletter is **September 20th!!** If you have any articles for the newsletter, be sure to get them to me by then.

Visit us online at:

**<http://www.esquilters.com>**

Tamara

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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