



Evening Star Gazette

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"I'm so excited!", the song begins. I feel the same way. Can't you feel the excitement (some may say panic) of the season as the holidays approach? There is magic in the air. Whether caught up in the secular color displays and opulence or the peaceful majesty of the religious celebrations, there is a magic to the season. People spruce up themselves, their homes, their attitudes and reach out to others. Each year our guild celebrates the season with a dinner to give the members a chance to dress up a little more, to pamper themselves with a special dinner among friends, and to enjoy the greatest benefit of guild membership--fellowship and camaraderie. This year we will enjoy a story presented by Sheryl Simpson where members will have the opportunity to swap Christmas fat quarters left and right throughout the reading. This promises to be a fun new way to exchange our gifts to each other. No major cost is involved (each member brings only two Christmas themed fat quarters) and everyone goes home with a gift which will be usable to beginner and experienced quilter alike.

As we arrive with our casseroles and desserts, let us remember those who are not as fortunate this year. There are many who have lost their jobs and their homes this year. The charities who reach out to help have been hurt twice; their source of income has been diminished as workers lose jobs yet more people in need show up at their doors needing help. To assist these charities it has been decided by the board to take up a collection of canned goods for Jessie's Place. Their facility expressed an urgent need for cream based soups (cream of broccoli, cream of mushroom, etc), broths, tomato products (tomato paste, tomato sauce, crushed tomatoes, whole tomatoes), soups, Chef Boyardee, and Beefaroni. While green beans, carrots, and corn of any kind are not needed by Jessie's place, these items will be taken to other area food banks. In addition, Oak Mountain Mission has expressed an urgent need for condiments and linens (blankets, comforters, sheets, pillowcases); all those aided by Oak Mountain Missions have been prescreened for need by area agencies.

Let's bring our gifts to those in need as we bring our gifts of food and fat quarters. Prepare for a night of frivolity and fun as we eat, we laugh, and we enjoy. There is magic in the air. I'm so excited, aren't you?

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NAME TAGS – Don't forget to wear your ESQG nametag to the meeting so you can be entered into the Name Tag door prize drawing!

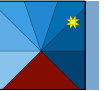
Deadline for articles for the December newsletter is **December 26th!!** If you have any articles for the newsletter, be sure to get them to me by then.

Tamara Heinemann

Starting Time

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

Visitors are always welcome.



By the time everyone is reading this, Thanksgiving will have come and gone. I hope your's was blessed. Both our children will have come to town for the weekend so I will.

Christmas is coming and I am sure that everyone is busy getting ready. With the economy the way it is and some of us laid off, this Christmas will be a challenge. I am looking at presents that I can make. I have always liked one-of-kind presents made just for the person getting it. It can be as big as a quilt or as small as a potholder but I have put thought and time into it and the recipient knows that I love them. And isn't that what it is all about!

I am looking forward to the New Year 2010. January is the Retreat; which always helps me get some projects done and I enjoy getting to know someone that I haven't gotten to talk to at meetings. The Broad is looking at getting 2 or 3 National speakers, several workshops and possibly a future Symposium; so the guild has much to look forward to. This weekend, I saw a New-Quilt-as-You-Go method that would be good for everyone from beginners to the advanced and would only cost supplies (and maybe the room). I thought that I could make a table runner at Retreat and see if enough of you would like a workshop on it.

I hoping to see you at the Christmas meeting; the game we plan to play with Fat Quarters will be fun. If you can't make it, I hope that your Christmas is a wonderful and blessed one.

Merry Christmas, Sara Adlman

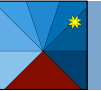
Winter Retreat

Our 2010 Winter Retreat at the Magnolia Park retreat starts at noon Thursday, January 14, 2010, until Sunday afternoon January 17, 2010. The cost of attending Thursday through Sunday is \$225.00; if you come Friday the cost is \$175.00 and if you come Saturday the cost is \$105.00.

The December ESQG meeting is the last chance to sign up for the retreat. The cost of the retreat must be paid in full on or before December 3, 2009.

Ladies,

We will again have our brown bag auction in June. Please begin gathering items you wish to donate. Any quilting related items or items which may be used for quilting purposes as well as baskets and other containers to attractively organize these items are sought. Any questions may be directed to the vice-president/ programs, Jeanne Heinemann.



Fat Quarter Exchange

(Editor's note: To give everyone the chance to shop ahead, the full list of upcoming color/patterns will be posted in each newsletter.)

December Meeting bring a Christmas fabric

- January Meeting bring a "snow" fabric
- February Meeting bring a "valentine" fabric
- March Meeting bring an animal print/"pet" fabric
- April Meeting bring an Easter fabric (pastel)
- May Meeting bring Batik fabric
- June Meeting bring an 30's reproduction print
- July Meeting bring a civil war reproduction print



At the last ESQG meeting some of the members requested the link to Sheryl Colle's website which shows and describes the picture quilt she made for a family who lost their loved one in the 9/11 attack.

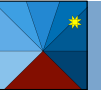
<http://faculty.jeffstateonline.com/scolle/WTC%20Quilt.htm>

Thanks,
Sheryl Colle

Covered Dish Dinner

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<u>Meat Dish</u>	<u>Vegatable Dish</u>	<u>Dessert Dish</u>
Lura Campbell Judy Buster Susan Barrow Ellen Anson Sandra Ryce Alma Gaertner Sandra Wood Ginny Stevens	Mary Sorrell Sheryl Simpson Joye Smith Janice Burt Terry Bell Di Wash Pamela Border Mary Lane Carol Harmon Glenda Jones Judy Breckenridge Mancy Binnings Bell Woods	Susan Rigby Mariah West Cindy DaCosta Lorrie Thomas Molly Washburn Patty Huys Elizabeth Eastman Sandra Ryce Katrina Lane Susan Lu Janet Humphreys Sara Adlman
<u>Beverage</u>	<u>Bread</u>	<u>Ice</u>
Ella Thomas Nancy Allain Cindy DaCosta Cheryl Clabough Carolyn Horton Ginger Alred Jimmie Lou Kathy Fuller Cornelius Lee	C. Ballard Cindy DaCosta Darlene Graham Anne S. Cynthia Brown Danette May	Cheryl Clabough Beverly Williamson Bunny Benson

Embroidery Bee will meet on December 5th at 10:00 at Lura Campbell's home. This meeting will be a time of sharing. Bring a items or projects that you have embroidered to show and a list of your favorite embroidery sites. If you have found some great free designs on the internet, share with us the location. Bring light snacks or drinks. Call Lura, 663-2822, for details or directions. Everyone is welcome. Our January Bee will be on January 2nd. We will be making standing rooster pin cushions. Mark your calendar so you don't forget.



ESQG Board Meeting

The board meetings are held on the **third** Monday of every month at the Hobby Lobby in Hoover (on Highway 31). The meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and run until approximately 8:00 p.m.. All members are invited (and encouraged!) to come and see how the guild is run and participate in the discussions. The dates below are the upcoming board meetings for your convenience.

No December Meeting Due to the Holidays

January 18
 February 15
 March 15
 April 19
 May 17
 June 21
 July 19

9th Annual Quilt Symposium of Alabama

*"Quilting in the Land of
 Cotton"*

*at
 St. Bernard Retreat Center
 Cullman, Alabama
 June 10 - 12, 2010*

*Classes by:
 Cindy Blackberg
 Sally Collins
 Brenda Henning
 Rami Kim
 Sue Nickels
 Barbara Olson
 Joan Shay*

ESQG Treasurer Report

November 23, 2009

Beginning Balance \$10,094.97

Expenses

Badges 4 U \$7.15

Winter Retreat Deposit \$400.00

Picture Directory \$73.58

Library Ramp \$119.00

Returned Check & Charge \$50.00

Total \$649.73

Deposits

Membership \$260.00

Badges & Pins \$12.00

Library \$3.00

Winter Retreat \$195.00

Winter Retreat \$1290.00

Total \$1760.00

Ending Balance \$11205.24

*****SAVE THE DATE *****

Make a blanket day sponsored by Project Linus is February 20th. More information to come!!

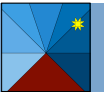
Just a reminder that I have an 8' x 6' table in the garage stacked with fabrics donated for Project Linus quilts.

We also have a roll of batting donated by Warm and Natural available for quilts. We have already delivered 57 blankets/quilts to Bitsy for distribution. I know we are all busy but what a wonderful gift a warm comfy quilt/blanket would be for a child in the hospital on Christmas. I receive the Project Linus newsletter. I encourage you to go to the web site and sign up. It gives you a wonderful feeling that you have contributed to someone's happiness. Everybody is a winner!

YOU for making the gift and the child and family who receives the gift.

Who can't use a happy feeling??

Sheryl



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Friendship Bock project. We hope to present the blocks at the next meeting.

Pamela Borders

Visit us online at:

<http://www.esquilters.com>

Membership:

We currently have 84 members in our guild and there were approximately 62 members and 6 visitors present at our December meeting.

Don't forget to stop by the Members Sign-in Table to sign the attendance sheet and if you are wearing your ESQG nametag, you are eligible for the Name Tag Door Prize. This month we have an extra nice basket of fabric and goodies.

The 2009-10 Membership Pictorial Directory is available at the Members Sign-in Table. Those members who picked up their Directory last month can get the December update sheets of our new members and any corrections.

Nancy Allain
Membership Chairperson

LIBRARY NEWS

Books Due - Just a friendly reminder that books checked out at our October meeting are now due at the December meeting. If you have books due and will not be at the December meeting, please contact Carol, Susan or Alma.

One-Month Checkout - Beginning at our December meeting, we are asking members to comply with Section 8 of our guild bylaws and check out books for only one (1) month at a time. Books checked out in December will be due in January. Members will be permitted to renew for one additional month, if needed. This will allow greater circulation on those much sought after books and videos.

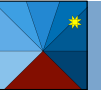
Inventory of Books - The Library Committee inventoried our books/videos this past month. We have a total of 204 books. We show that 67 of these books have never been checked out (about 1/3 of our inventory). A listing of these books is available at the library table, so come browse. We encourage you to take advantage of these great books, with authors like Jennifer Chiaverini, Carol Doak, Eleanor Burns, Sally Schneider, Julia Wood, Georgia Bonesteel and Peggy Barkle.

Do You Have These Books Checked Out?

There are three books missing from the library. It is possible they were checked out and the check-out cards did not get pulled. Please check and see if you have these books: (1) *Stepping Stones - Fyling Mallards (applique)*; (2) *Make it Simpler Paper Piecing*; and, (3) *Foundation-Pieched Quilt Labels*.

New Books in Our Library- A member donated *Relax and Quilt* by Oxmoor House and *Creative Quilting with Kids* by Maggie Ball. Our thanks, as these look like great books. They are now available for checkout. *Relax and Quilt* has an array of weekend wonders, easy appliques, friendship quilts, and challenges. *Creating Quilting with Kids* has more than 40 fun and exciting projects for children, including full teaching instructions for parents, teachers and group leaders.

See you at the library table, Carol Harmon, Susan Rigby and Alma Gaertner



EVENING STAR QUILT GUILD MEETING

November 5, 2009

Sara Adlman, president called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Jeanne Heinemann, vice president/programs. She introduced our guest speaker, Tamara Heinemann.

PROGRAM... Tamara Heinemann spoke on photography and its use in quilting. She passed out photographic color wheels & spoke on how it is different from our normal color wheel...and how your camera can be used to capture photos to use in your quilting. She also spoke on how to use your computer and printer to print out your photos onto fabric. One will need special treated fabric to print on & she recommended using a product she found via cjenkins.com on the internet @ a cost of 10 sheets for \$16.50. It is available in white, cream & natural colors only. Other products available on the market is Bubblejet @ approximately \$7 a bottle. Tamara did not recommend using the June Tailor transfer sheets to put your photos on as it sez do not wash & will possibly loose your photo images. The other items she recommended are colorfast and will hold your photos on the fabric after washing. She did also recommend that one should make test prints on fabric to see how well it will come out.

Also that the color white will show up as the same color as the fabric you are printing on. One will need to print the photos onto special photo fabric/paper, allow to dry & then will need to heat set with a hot iron....do not use steam.

Tamara then introduced Nancy Forshaw who spoke on & shared her photo quilts with us. She iterated the importance of using good quality fabric to print your photos onto. She uses Bubblejet to soak her fabric in (per instructions on bottle) & will do up to three yards at a time & will label & store this separately for future use. (but she does laundry this prior to soaking in order to remove the sizing in the fabric). Then when she is ready to use to print photos on, Nancy will iron onto freezer paper to run thru her computer printer And will place scotch tape along the beginning edge to prevent it from fraying in the printer. Nancy accredited Sheryl Colle with her information on this trick and Sheryl Colle also added that she will use a glue stick to ensure that the fabric will stick to the paper & not come loose in the printer.

Nancy showed us a 'work in progress' that she is making. It is a memory quilt for her parents of their 50th wedding anniversary along with photos and memories from various friends & family to be incorporated into the quilt...and the question was brought up about the use of pens to use on quilts. The Pigma micron pens are permanent, waterproof & fade proof. Another good pen is the GellyRoll pens. Both come in different colors and work well. But was recommended that you may want to test anything you wish to use on your quilts prior to doing so.

Jeanne Heinemann spoke about a class to teach both photos in your quilts & also one on T-shirts to be taught on the Saturday after the January meeting and sign up sheets would be in the back of the room for those wishing to attend. She also asked for volunteers to help with the Christmas Party/Meeting set up and volunteers were Glenda Jones, Carol Harmon, & Judy Buster.

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES....Susan Rigby asked that last month's minutes be corrected to show that Barbara Mitchel gave the membership info as she was not there....to be corrected as such..

Tamara Heinemann made a motion that they be accepted & Mary Lane seconded. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP... Nance Allain gave a report that we had 59 members present with one new member joining us. Our new member is Cassidy Mullinax.

NAME TAG DRAWING.....this was won by Darlene Graham.

PROJECT LINUS.....Sheryl Simpson, Cuddle Quilts Chair spoke & we have turned in 54 quilts so far this year. also sez that we won't meet at her house this month to work on cuddle quilts due to her husband having surgery.

JANUARY RETREAT.... Susan Rigby, Retreat Chair spoke on the upcoming January Retreat at Magnolia Park. January 14 thru 17, 2010. All money for retreat is due in full at the December Meeting & those that may have to drop out, will not be getting a full refund. But this a great time to get together with other members and have a good time...

FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE...This months winners were, Glenda Jones, Glenda Jones, Anne Stansell, Glenda Jones, Ann Armstrong & Vanessa McGrath.

SWAP CLUB.....there are now 10 members in this group.

AQS BOOK ORDER....was announced that we need more to order in order to get a better price. The book order will be held till the December meeting in order to give a little time for more orders to be placed.

LIBRARY.....Carol Harmon announced that we have over 200 books in our library and we would like to see more folks checking them out to read..

Beverly Williamson brought copies of a quilt pattern to share with anyone who wanted it.... these were placed for pickup. And Ginny Stevens brought the last of the BOM patterns that she was so gracious to do for our guild...these were also placed for pickup.

SHOW & TELL.....Many members brought their quilts to share with us and were enjoyed by all there..

Sara Adlman adjourned the meeting.

Respectively submitted,
Judy Buster, Secretary