

# Evening Star Gazette

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## Next Meeting: January 7, 2010

We're starting a brand new year and to do it we are having not one, but two speakers. Our own Elizabeth Eastman is presenting a brief program on challenge quilting. Elizabeth will explain what is involved in challenge quilting and offer an opportunity for our guild members to participate in such a challenge. This promises to be a new and fun experience for us all! Elizabeth also graciously agreed to limit her program to give our guild the opportunity to allow a second speaker, Irene Latham, to address our guild. Irene is a quilter from the Birmingham area whose debut book, *Leaving Gee's Bend* is being released the night of our meeting. To celebrate that event, Irene will discuss her book, a novel based upon the quilters of Gees Bend, and offer autographed copies for purchase. Books are \$16.99 plus tax and may be purchased with a check, credit card or cash. What a

wonderful gift for the quilters in our lives! Members who so desire may bring a special project to show during fellowship and be interviewed by Irene and featured on her blog.

This will be a busy night and yes, we know it is the night of THE GAME so we have all worked together to streamline the meeting and keep the program brief. We aim to have the combined program end by 7:30PM so everyone can enjoy a double feature meeting followed by a night of football fun. Let's show our speakers how much we value their willingness to address our guild by giving them a full room. Call your guild buddy you haven't seen in awhile. Spread the word amongst your friends in the quilting community.

This is a great time to bring new members into our guild. As the old commercial sang, "double the pleasure, double the fun". We're bringing in the new year with double the bang. See you there.

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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 February newsletter is **January 23rd!!** If you have any articles for the newsletter, be sure to get them to me by then.

Tamara Heinemann

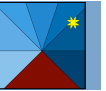
### *Starting Time*

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

***Visitors are always welcome.***

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I am writing this on Sunday the 27th but I realize that everyone will not be reading this until after the New Year is here; so, I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's Day. When our daughter was home for Thanksgiving, I told her then that my goal (not resolution) for 2010 is to finish 6 quilts. Ones that I have started sometime in the past. That means finishing one every 2 months. That doesn't mean that I won't start others like the \$5 quilt at Heart to Heart; but I would like to have some finished. Does anyone want to join me in this challenge? Let's see how many we can do by the December meeting.

I am looking forward to the Tshirt workshop on the 9th. Stacy's boyfriend gave me some Tshirts to make him a quilt. So I hope to start the quilt at the workshop and finish it at the Retreat along with the 1st of the 6 to be finished quilts.

As I look back at 2009, I know that it has hard on everyone; especially those of us who got laid off or had a family member laid off. I am looking forward to 2010 with the hope that all of us find employment and can enjoy all of the quilting opportunities that can our way. One thing I would like to do for the guild is have some workshops that only cost fabric and maybe a small fee for whatever room we use. If you have any ideas for a workshop that you would like us to have, please let me know.

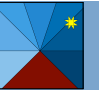
Let's make 2010 the year that we all learn at least one new quilting technique and finish (in my case 6) as many quilts as we can.

See you at the meeting,  
Sara

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Ladies,

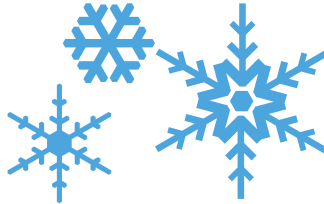
We will again have our brown bag auction in June. Please begin gathering items you wish to donate. Any quilting related items or items which may be used for quilting purposes as well as baskets and other containers to attractively organize these items are sought. Any questions may be directed to the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

### 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

Due to all the excitement of the dinner last month, the refreshments list for January was not filled out. Because of that, we are asking for volunteers to please bring refreshments.  
Thank you

## 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

## FROM THE LIBRARY CORNER

Happy 2010 from the Library Committee. Start the new year with a resolution to add to your quilting techniques. Whether it be mitered borders, scalloped binding, paper piecing, applique techniques, dying your own material, or maybe "trying your hand" at hand quilting, there is a book awaiting you at the library corner. Come by and review the listing of our books and check some out. Books can be checked out for one (1) month, with a one-month renewal, if needed.

We will be adding a new book to the library this month. *Out of the Box* by Mary Lou Weidman is deigned to unleash your creativity through "out of the box" quilts and is very different from most quilt books - a must to see.

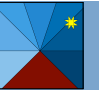
Happy reading, Carol, Susan and Alma

My Dear Ladies:

I cannot put into words how touched I am by your concern for me and my family. My heart overflows with the love and generosity that I feel from you. I have received so many emails, cards, words and acts of encouragement from my guild family.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything. I'll always think of you when I look at my star quilt and see each of your names on the blocks. Thanks again so much.

Love,  
Sandra Wood



## **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.

**January 18**

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

Embroidery Bee will meet this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Helena United Methodist Church. We will be making In The Hoop Key Chain Cases. I will send a list of the materials out soon. Please share this message with anyone else that may want to join us.  
Lura 663-2822

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## **Membership –**

Don't forget to sign in at the members' table and pick up your Directory updates. We will be doing the nametag prize drawing from the sign-in sheet. To be eligible for the prize, you must be present and wearing your ESQG nametag when we call your name.

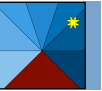
We are selling nametag conversion kits for \$2. These kits will convert your ESQG nametag from the clip-on style to a magnetic back. You can get these at the members' sign-in table. Please bring exact amount since we do not have a means of making change.

Thanks,

Nancy Allain

Membership Chairperson

Lisa Moore from Sitka, Alaska will be coming to our March meeting to do a lecture/showcase of her quilts, as well as teach the two classes on that Friday and Saturday. I'll have a sign up sheet at the January meeting, cost will be \$30/class, and I'll announce the classes she'll be teaching at the meeting, too. You can go to her website, Quilts With a Twist to check out some of the things she does. Thanks, Sandra



## 2010 Evening Star Quilt Guild Challenge

The purpose of this first Quilt Challenge for the Evening Star Quilt Guild is to provide a Welcome opportunity for guild members to try out their creativity and skill. Hope everyone joins and has fun along the way. There has to be some rules to help guide the players along the way..

The theme of our 2010 challenge is "A Night At The Library"  
Interpret any book title, theme, authors, location, music;etc.

Have fun and be creative!

Basic Rules Of The Challenge:

- \* #1 Rule: Have Fun!!!!
- \* Your creation can be traditional or contemporary, pieced, applique or mixed techniques.
- \* Quilt size must be minimum of 60" and no bigger than 120" outside perimeter/circumference. It can be square, rectangle, hexagon or circle, etc. Example, a square that equals 80" would be 20"X20". If your quilt is larger than 120" total size you will be disqualified.
- \* Hanging Sleeve: The quilt must have a 3" hanging sleeve.
- \* Label: Make sure you have a label with your name on the back so it cannot be seen. Give credit to the person that or source that inspired you.
- \* Due Date: Your finished item is due at our September 2010 Guild meeting for judging by guild members.
- \* Must be your own interpretation of the theme and work of the guild member which is started and finished in 2020.
- \* Must be finished.....3 layers.
- \* Keep it a surprise...don't let other members know what you are making.

If you have any questions about the challenge, please see Elizabeth Eastman or Susan Barrow at the guild meeting or send an email at [threadblend@yahoo.com](mailto:threadblend@yahoo.com) or call 478-7877 or 942-8667.

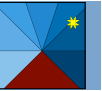
Have Fun! We Can't wait To See What You Create!

## Winter Retreat 2010

At the January ESQG meeting, the pattern and fabric to make the "Retreat Block" will be available. You can make the block with the fabric provided, combined with coordinating fabric. For each block you turn in you will be entered in the drawing for the Retreat blocks.

Winter retreat committee

Glenda Jones and Susan Rigby



## Evening Star Quilt Guild Meeting December 3, 2009

Sara Adlman, president called the meeting to order @ 7 p.m. & turned the meeting over to Jeanne Heinemann, vice president.

PROGRAM:: Our program this month consisted of our annual Christmas covered dish dinner & members were also asked to bring non-perishable items to be donated to a local shelter, Jessie's Place. Also collected were condiment & linens that were donated to Oak Mountain Missions.

Linda Duke blessed our food & then we all enjoyed the Christmas feast!!!!

Jeanne Heinemann thanked those who came to help with the setup for the Christmas meeting. Those who assisted were Carol Harmon with her husband, John, along with their granddaughter in tow, Sara Adlman, Jeanne with her husband, Fred, & daughter, Tamara, Glenda Jones & Judy Buster. Jeanne also gave thanks to Janet Humphreys, Janice Burt, Katrina Lane & Danette Maye. Thanks to all for their help.

VISITORS:: Linda Duke announced that we had one visitor, Sharona Singleton with us.

MEMBERSHIP:: Nancy Allain announced we has 90 members present..among them were two new members, Carolyn Robinson & Melina Fiorella.

NAME TAG DRAWING: These were won by Jeanne Heinemann & Elizabeth Eastman.

RETREAT: Susan Rigby announced that there is a total of 19 attending the January Retreat this year. Also that Pam Borders will be handling the "Secret friend" list this year in order to allow Susan to participate.

Pam Borders presented Susan Barrow & Sandra Woods with their friendship blocks. & also showed a top she had put together to be quilted & presented to the family of Jo Ann Durrett. Jo Ann was a member whom passed away this year. This quilt was made with friendship blocks made by members.

Tamara Heinemann had additional handouts from her program last month to give to those who missed out in getting a handout.

PROJECT LINUS QUILTS:: Sheryl Simpson announced that she had received 64 quilts to be turned in for Project Linus.

FAT QUARTER DRAWING;; Rena Mims announced names drawn for the fat quarters turned in..winners were Ginny Stevens, Rena Mims, Darlene Graham, Corinne Ballard, Ginny Stevens, Cassady Mullinax, & Mary Lane. Rena announced that next month's selection will be "snow flakes".

EMBROIDERY BEE;; Lura Campbell announced that they were to meet this next Saturday at her house & their program would be "show & tell" on things they had done so far.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;; Jimmie Lou Clements announced that she has 2 sewing machines she wants to sell. The first is a Featherweight machine for \$325 & also has a Janome for \$400. Anyone interested can contact her.

Also was announced by the library that author Irene Latham who wrote "Leaving Gee's Bend " along with Mary Ann & China Pettway, quilters from Gee's Bend, Alabama, will be at this library (North Shelby Library) for a book signing on Sunday January 10th 2010 @ 2 p.m. Admission is free & books will be available for purchase that day.

SHOW & TELL:: Members brought more beautiful items for show & tell & was enjoyed by all..

Then our program was turned over to Sheryl Simpson for our Christmas game. She read a child's story book about a letter to Santa & members had to pass fat quarters either to the left or right by listening for the right word read in the story. This was a fun game enjoyed by all who participated.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30.

Respectively submitted.  
Judy Buster  
Secretary.