

# Evening Star Gazette

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## Next Meeting: February 4, 2010

At the beginning of the year members were asked their greatest quilting challenges as a springboard for program ideas. Several members have suggested a program to teach the value and practice of documenting our quilting stories. Every quilter has a story. Perhaps the story is a long ago memory of sitting at the base of a grandmother's sewing machine watching her sew as Ricky Tims has often told. A very poor grandmother who took fabric scraps and lovingly made quilts for her grandchildren to show her love, inspiring this guild member to learn to quilt years after her death is another story. A family might record the history of the heirloom quilt passed down from person to person, particularly if the history were to include the stories of the clothes cut up to make the quilt. Two friends who learned to quilt by taking a class might be another tale as might a story with pictures of a quilt being made from start to finish. Each quilter should sign his or her quilts but in addition, the history of each quilt made should be recorded.

Think of the quilts we see in thrift stores and garage sales, tossed out because families did not know their worth. How often we see quilts in museums or shows and wish we knew who made them. Someday a quilt we made may be identified by the label but will anyone know the story behind that quilt? Will anyone know that quilt was made to console a friend during cancer treatments or given to a soldier's family? Often the reason we do not document our quilts is simply the overwhelming thought of not knowing where to begin.

Our speaker during the February meeting, Karen Harwood, has ten years' experience teaching journaling and album making. Karen will teach basic journaling techniques along with the process of documenting one's quilts using a variety of methods. Documenting adds financial value to a quilt by providing the historical background against which it was created. During the meeting, members will have the opportunity to work on individual projects using a photograph brought from home. Members are requested to bring a photograph of a quilt s/he has made, s/he has given or a picture in some way related to quilting. This might be a person for whom a quilt was made, a person who inspired the member to become a quilter, a mentor or even a quilt show entry. Members are asked not to bring one of a kind pictures for this project as this is a learning project. Should any member not have a photographic, the project will be taken home and the picture can be added later. This will be an entertaining and creative experience so make plans to attend. Your history is now a snip [of fabric] and a [snap] shot away. Have fun!

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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

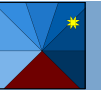
### *Starting Time*

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

***Visitors are always welcome.***

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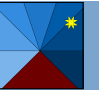
The Retreat was fantastic! Elizabeth (Magnolia Park owner) is a great cook and even shared some of her recipes with us. I definitely ate much more than I should have. Susan Rigby & Glenda Jones had done a lot of work to make sure everything was ready for us. Since Susan's son, Mike, was in the hospital the week of Retreat, Nancy Allain and others (not sure who all) helped Glenda with the final details. Most of us arrived on Thursday, set up and got to sewing/quilting. I was able to get a baby quilt (including the label) and the 2-color quilt finished to the handwork point. They will be my 'show & tell' at the February meeting.

One thing I have always like about Retreats is the fact that there is always someone who will know the solution to anyone's problem. I wish to thank Judy Buster for taking the time from her quilting to give me a lesson in T-shirt quilting. I found sashing fabric at Heart to Heart Saturday morning; so I am hoping to get that quilt finished by the March meeting. (Hopefully, we can get the T-shirt Workshop rescheduled in February.)

Sunday morning everyone's Secret Quilting Pal was revealed. It was fun to guess who your pal was and find out how wrong most of us were. If Ginny Stevens hadn't accidentally left a sheet of paper underneath my last gift, I would have never guess correctly myself. I do believe that future retreats will see more Secret Quilting Pals sneaking around.

I want to thank Susan Rigby and Glenda Jones for all the work they did to make the Retreat a fantastic success. The bag that Susan made from scratch for each of the attendees is beautiful. I for one have enjoyed using mine.

See you at the February meeting,  
Sara

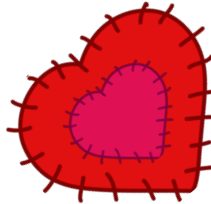


## Fat Quarter Exchange

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

### 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



As we did not have a meeting last month due to weather, we have no refreshments list. We are asking for volunteers to please bring a salty, sweet, beverage, ice, or just stay and help clean up!. 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*

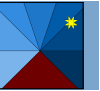
*Barbara Olson*

*Joan Shay*

## FROM THE LIBRARY CORNER

There will be no late charges incurred for the month of January since the meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. All other outstanding late charges remain due. We currently have 15 books checked out and they will be due unless you come by the library table and renew them. If you know you cannot attend the February meeting and need to renew your books, please contact Carol, Susan or Alma.

Jinny Beyer is offering a free block-of-the-month starting in February, at [jinnybeyer.com](http://jinnybeyer.com) - the first block is called crocus. (It is not available yet, but a good time to sign up for the newsletter if you aren't already receiving it.) She has a free block-of-the-week every Friday. This is a great way to use up some stash.



## 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.

### **February 15**

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

## **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

## **\*\*\*\*Project Linus National Make a Blanket Day\*\*\*\***

Ladies please join me at my home on February 20th -10 AM to 4PM -to make or start a Project Linus Quilt. I have room for 14 to sew so get your reservation in early. If you will want a kit PLEASE let me know so I will have enough ready. Come any time. Drop off a completed quilt, fellowship a while or pick up another to complete and I always need kits put together. Bring a lunch/drink and let's have fun. FYI---At this time we have a request for teenage boy quilts. Hope to see you on the 20th!!

FYI Project Linus gives Red White and Blue quilts in July to children whose parents are serving our country or have died serving our country. We would need to deliver these in early June. Please keep that in mind :-)

Thanks

Sheryl Simpson

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.