

Evening Star Gazette

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Lisa Moore is a retired electrical engineer living on beautiful Silver Bay in Sitka, Alaska. Living in such a beautiful place is a constant source of inspiration. Before retirement, Lisa worked mainly in aviation, at United Airlines and Mobile Aerospace Engineering. She finished her engineering career as an efficiency engineer for FedEx. Lisa's husband, Dave, is a retired Coast Guard helicopter pilot. While on active duty with the Coast Guard, Dave and Lisa lived in Kodiak, Houston, San Francisco, Mobile, Sitka, and Corpus Christi, TX.

Lisa is a member of Ocean Wave Quilt Guild, New Archangel Dancers (a Russian Folk Dance group), Sitka Tree and Landscape Committee, and Alaska Community Forest Council. When not quilting, she loves to go fishing, shrimping, and crabbing with her husband, Dave and their yellow lab, Copper.

Hi Everyone,

Our classes with Lisa Moore are almost here! We will meet at the Shelby Medical Center classroom we've used before. Classes will be on Friday and Saturday, March 5th & 6th, from 9 AM - 4 PM. Bring your usual sewing supplies, machines, cords, and if you need extra lighting, please bring that along too.

Don't forget to bring along a lunch, or you may decide to go out for lunch either day. We're looking forward to meeting Lisa and having a great time together.

Sandra

Deadline for articles for the February newsletter is **March 22nd!!** If you have any articles for the newsletter, be sure to get them to me by then.

Tamara Heinemann

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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!

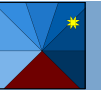
Starting Time

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

Visitors are always welcome.

Visit us online at:

<http://www.esquilters.com>



President's Notes

Wow! The month of February flew by; it is hard to believe that it is already the 3rd month of 2010 and there is still a chance of Snow! Speaking of snow, we're going to try a third time to schedule the T-shirt Workshop. Hopefully, by the Meeting, we will know the where and when.

I am looking forward to Lisa Moore speaking at our March meeting and to learn some more techniques for quilting. Last I heard, we still have some openings for the Friday workshop. Please contact Sandra Ryce if you're interested.

Four Future things:

Symposium in 2012—Be thinking of what you can do. I think this guild is up to the challenge. Some things will need doing early and some things done closer to the event time. Some will be small and some a bit bigger. But I think that there are enough of us that no one person will be overwhelmed by the task.

FYI—Heart to Heart is having a Fat Quarter Blowout the week of March 8th. 10 fat quarters for \$20.00

Back by popular demand—the auction in June will be the Chinese Auction of the past. More info coming in the coming months.

With the year flying by, everyone needs to be thinking of what office in which they would like serve. The Election committee will be calling in a couple of months.

I guess that is all for now.

See you at the meeting,

Sara Adlman



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.)

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



- Ladies,
- We will again have our 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.

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

Spring is just around the corner and what a great time to start some spring quilting projects with all those vibrant new quilting fabrics now on the market. Our library has 206 books with lots of ideas and techniques. Come by the library corner, browse before the meetings, and check out some books to start some new projects.

We had one book donated last month. *Quilt a Gift* by Barri Sue Gaudet is a refreshing book with 25 heart-felt projects from quick to intricate. Need a quick gift idea for an upcoming birthday, thank you, wedding, baby, mother's day, or just friendship? This book has quick, easy ideas for all occasions. There are even ideas for gift tags, gift bags, garland, frames, and pin cushions.

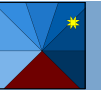
The Library Committee is looking for someone who can store the library books at their home and transport them to the meetings each month. The books are contained in plastic containers and transported in rolling carts. If you are looking for a way to assist the guild and are interested in this, please get in touch with Susan Rigby.

Happy reading and quilting, Carol, Susan and Alma

Hello Ladies!

At the end of this term, when we elect the new officers, I will also be stepping down from my positions. If any of you are interested in taking over the newsletter or website (or both!), please contact me.

Thank you very much,
Tamara Heinemann



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.

- March 15**
- April 19
- May 17
- June 21
- July 19

Membership –

Directory Updates - Updates to the Membership Pictorial Directory are printed each month listing new members and any changes to the demographic information of our members. These updates are available for pick-up at the member sign-in table. If you need to make changes to your information, please come by the table and let us know. We will publish the information in the next update.

Door Prize - All members are asked to sign-in at the members table each month. We will draw a name from this list each month and if you are wearing your ESQG name tag when we call your name, you will win the door prize.

Thanks,
Nancy Allain
Membership Chairperson

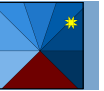
ESQG Treasurer Report

February 2010

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>\$8518.42</u>
Expenses	
Hospitality	\$32.56
Program	\$75.03
Newsletter	\$39.45
Opportunity Quilt	\$133.52
Badges and Awards 4U	\$25.78
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$306.34</u>
Deposits	
Library	\$1.00
Opportunity Quilt	\$20.00
Membership	\$102.00
<u>Balance</u>	<u>\$8335.08</u>

Opportunity Quilt

Tickets are now available for the 2010 Opportunity Quilt. Tickets are \$1.00 for 1 and \$5.00 for 6. If you joined the ESQG by Oct.15, 2009 you will receive 6 free tickets (blue). The drawing will be held at the August meeting and we encourage each member to sell at least 1 pack of 24 tickets (\$20.00). If you have any questions or need tickets, call Terry Bell.



<<<<<< Project Linus >>>>>>

Make a Blanket Day was fun and productive. We have 10 kits available. (Strips cut and binding in package) All you need is a bat and back. An \$8.00 REFUNDABLE charge is ask to pick-up a quilt top kit. When the kit is returned completed by July 2010 the \$ will be refunded. That way if life doesn't give you the time you won't feel any pressure to complete. Then additional fabric can be purchased and another kit made :-). Of course you can return the kit also. A win-win situation for the Kids. A completed kit quilt will be hanging at the Project Linus table. If you have a Project Linus quilt that needs to be quilted contact me to set up time and try your hand at long arm quilting. A couple of the ladies quilted their completed tops at Make a Blanket Day!! Thanks for all your hard work and willingness to donate quilts. See you Soon :-D

Sheryl Simpson

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.

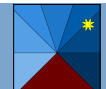
Have fun and be creative!

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, retangle, 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 2010.
- * 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 or call 478-7877 or 942-8667.

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



EVENING STAR QUILT GUILD

Minutes for February 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Sara Aldman, president & turned over to Jeanne Heinemann, vice president/programs. She introduced our guest speaker, Karen Harwood. They presented a program about the importance of keeping a record of quilts we make. The choices we have to make a photo album and to record what the quilts are about,...retreats, quilt shows, projects & their creation process, etc. They offered advice on keeping your photos safe & using the correct acid free papers & products. There was a demonstration on making a page & everyone present was given a starter page to begin their own book with. Karen showed & offered info thru a program called Memory Magic which is a computer program that can be downloaded from Creative Memories. She has used this with great success & recommended this. The program was very informative.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT:: Jeanne Heinemann, vice president/programs spoke about next month's meeting. Our quest speaker will be national teacher, Lisa Moore. & encouraged every one to attend as this will be a fun meeting. She is to get David Willard to be our speaker for May & he is a wonderful male quilter who does beautiful Mariners Compass. & June will be the brown bag auction. The T-shirt class has been rescheduled for February 13th @ Helena Methodist Church. Jeanne also asked that if anyone is interested in quilting with the Gee's Bend Quilters, please let her know as she is trying to set up a time & place for this to happen.

RETREAT:: Glenda Jones spoke about the retreat in January & that she had been Susan Rigsby's assistant with this but since Susan's son had been hospitalized during that time, she had been unable to attend. We had made retreat blocks at the retreat & it had been to consensus of the group to award the blocks to Susan as a thank you for all of her hard work in getting the retreat together. These blocks were presented to Susan Rigsby at the guild meeting.

BOM:: Darlene Calfee brought patterns for a block of the month that she had completed putting together at retreat & it had generated a lot of interest there. She brought copies for those interested in making this a block of the month & will bring next month's to the next meeting for handout.

PROJECT LINUS:: Sheryl Simpson, Cuddle Quilts, announced that she had received a total of 54 prior to tonight & had received 22 tonight. Also announced that she would be holding a workshop at her house on February 20th & invited folks to come & work a cuddle quilt.

SYMPOSIUM:: Lura Campbell announced that she had found a place willing to allow our guild to hold the Quilt Symposium 2012. That this place would be the Hoover High Freshman Campus & will now need to work on getting teachers signed up for this year.

CHALLENGE QUILT:: This was presented by Susan Barrow & Elizabeth Eastman. They gave out rules for the challenge quilt for those interested in making this. There would be no focus fabric, & the size would not exceed 120 inches for the outside perimeter, the least size would be 15 inches by 15 inches. The due date to turn this in will be at the September meeting. The title of the challenge will be "Nite at the Library". They are looking to be able to hang/display at the Shelby County Library afterwards. Other stipulations were that it had to be made in 2010 & had to have a 3 inch pinwheel block on the front somewhere.

NEWSLETTER:: Tamara Heinemann announced that deadline for the newsletter is February 22.

MEMBERSHIP:: Nancy Allain announced that we had three visitors. Judy Buster won the name tag drawing & Mary Lane won the general drawing.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT:: Terry Bell announced that she had tickets available. They are \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5. She will have pictures available along with the tickets for sale at this next meeting for members to pick up to sell.

FAT QUARTER DRAWING:: Rena Nims had 15 sets of fat quarters for the drawings. They were won by Glenda Jones, Glenda Jones, Susan Lee, Vanessa McGrath, Susan Lee, Judy Goodson, Mary Lane, Ellen Anson, Glenda Jones, Susan Tucker, Melina Fiorella, Melina Fiorella, Glenda Jones, Mary Lane & Rena Nims.

SHOW & TELL:: Many members presented their quilts to show & were enjoyed by all present.

MINUTES:: Minutes for the December meeting was brought up for approval. Jeanne Heinemann made the motion that they be accepted & Tamara Heinemann seconded the motion.....minutes approved.

Sara Aldman adjourned that meeting at 8:36 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Judy Buster
Secretary