

# Evening Star Gazette

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of Birmingham, Alabama

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## Next Meeting: April 1, 2010

"From Simple Designs to Complex Feathers:  
How to Have FUN with Free Motion Machine Quilting".

When I took office at the beginning of the guild year, I asked members to tell me their greatest quilt challenge. Hands down it was machine quilting. To help members with this challenge, our guild will present a program by Judy Robinson whose quilt, Schizo Rose, won Best of Show last year at Quiltfest, and was recently juried into the International Quilt Association's Celebrate Spring Exhibit in Chicago.

Judy Robinson is a Birmingham Quilt Guild member who is originally from Michigan. She moved to Birmingham in 1982 to help start the Blind Rehabilitation Center at the VA Hospital. Judy has been making quilts since the mid 90's; when she discovered Diane Gaudynski's intricate free motion machine quilting designs a few years ago, she knew she had to learn the technique. Judy's program is an adventure in learning and highly inspirational. Join Judy April 1st as she shares how she got started with free motion quilting, techniques that work for her, and resources she just can't live without. She has an extensive slide show lined up, with lots to look at before or after the presentation. This is a program you will not want to miss.

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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!

Our May meeting will feature David Woolery, a member of the Blount County Quilter's Guild who will bring his fabulous Mariner's compass quilts. This quilter is exceptional as are his quilts. He is particularly interested in encouraging men to quilt. This is a wonderful time to invite male relatives, friends, and coworkers. June's meeting will feature our annual auction, reverting back to the former style we used prior to last year's brown bag auction. July will feature two quilters, one our own Janice Burt, the other her friend from South Carolina who is traveling to our guild specifically for the program. August will again be our annual installation banquet. Please put these events on your calendar and make plans to attend.

Deadline for articles for the May newsletter is **April 24th!!** If you have any articles for the newsletter, be sure to get them to me by then.

Tamara Heinemann

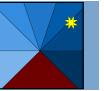
### *Starting Time*

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

***Visitors are always welcome.***

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



Lisa Moore's workshops were fantastic. I learned a lot at Friday's Tips, Tricks & Techniques workshop. I will have my tablerunner to show at the meeting. Can't wait to see everyone's finished projects. Lisa definitely was one to share all she knew and as you know some teachers aren't as giving.

Third time is the charm when it comes to the Tshirt Workshop. It did not snow. Judy is an excellent instructor; I now have a good idea of how to make my tshirt parts into blocks and how to connect them. I hope to have it finished by the May meeting.

Earlier this week I sent out an email about a man in Homewood selling fabric. He is in the process of cleaning out a relative's home in Florence; he plans to have another sell in mid-April. I left my email address with his daughter-in-law so that she can give me advance notice and I will let everyone know as soon as I get it.

Food for thought—is there a workshop you would like to have? Let me know; there aren't many Saturdays left.

See you at the meeting,

Sara

### \*-\*-\*Project Linus\*-\*-\*

Just a friendly reminder that every member is asked to contribute one charity quilt per year. If you have not yet had the opportunity please consider making a red, white and blue quilt for the children with parents in the military or may have lost a parent in the service of our country. I truly believe this is a very small way for us to say thank you for our freedom and life style. After all quilting is our creative expression that is the fun part of our life. Just remember it does not have to be family heirloom but it just might be for someone we will never know. These quilts need to be to Bitsy by the middle of May. Hope you can help. Thanks to all for your past and future quilts/blankets. And always remember you can sew at my house anytime and I have a HUGH table of fabric available if you want to come shop for free fabric for Project Linus Quilts.

Thankfully,  
Sheryl Simpson



## 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.)

### 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.

## FROM THE LIBRARY CORNER

A very big "thank you" to Beverly Lynch. Beverly has volunteered to take physical possession of the library books and transport them to the meetings each month. Beverly will be working at the library table beginning this month.

Judy Robinson, our program speaker this month, will be presenting machine quilting on the domestic sewing machine. We have the following machine quilting books/DVDs available: Ricky Timms *Grand Finale DVD*; Sharon Schamber's *Perfect Binding*; Pam Clarke's *Quilting Inside the Lines*; Nan Moore's *Machine Freehand Patterns*; and Laura Lee Fritz's *250 Continuous Line Quilting Designs*.

Eight books were donated to the library in March and they are now available for checkout. They are:

**Quirky Quilting** by Tomme J. Fent - 20 easy and fun projects; a hands-free step-by-step guide; projects include fabric greeting cards; shoo-fly rag throw; not your usual t-shirt quilt; men's tie halter top; and a table runner and placements.

**Do-It-Yourself Framed Quilts** by Gai Perry - fast, fun and easy projects; learn how to frame small quilts and blocks like an expert.

**Fat Quarters are Beautiful**, a Leisure Arts Publication - 32 creative projects making eye glass cases, coin purses, phone cases, sachets, table runners and fabric art.

**Cutout Quilts** by Joyce Mori - Cut once, create 4 to 6 blocks; quick and easy technique. The patters are suitable for reproduction prints, geometrics, batiks and calicoes.

**Snippet Sensations** by Cindy Walter - award-winning book featuring fast, fusible fabric art for quilted or framed projects.

**Creative Machine Stitching** by Patricia Nelson - special effects for quilts and more, including built-in stitch embroidery, free motion embroidery, surface embroidery with yarns and ribbons and bobbin embroidery.

**The Nature of Things** by Sharlene Jorgenson - a basic quilting book featuring templates of animals, lighthouses, and gingerbread men.

**Contemporary Classics in Plaids and Stripes** by Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins - 9 projects from Piece O' Cake Designs - if you like to appliqué, this book is for you.

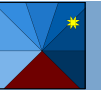
We will be doing an inventory of the library soon and plan to offer some of the books for sale in the near future. A listing of all available books was sent out recently in an email.

Come by the library table and look through the books. **Carol, Susan, Alma and Beverly**

## 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  
March 2010

**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.

**April 19**  
May 17  
June 21  
July 19

**Beginning Balance** **\$8335.08**

**Expenses**

Workshop & Classes  
--National Teacher \$1193.00

**Deposits**

Library \$1.00  
Opportunity Quilt \$80.00  
Membership \$92.00  
Workshop & Classes  
--National Teacher \$1267.00

**Balance** **\$8582.08**

T-shirt Class.....

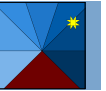
Well ladies, we rescheduled this for a new day due to the weather predicting snow the last two times we attempted to do this. We actually got to go thru with it this time but only by a day before the bad cold weather returned.....were we lucky or what??? This is just a note of thanks to you all that wanted to take this class & were patient with us. I think we had a good time ...as I know I did. I always enjoy getting together with other quilters for a day of fun. Thanks for allowing me to share my knowledge with you. And I look forward to more times of fun to come.  
Judy Buster

The Embroidery Bee will meet on the 2st Saturday in April at 10:00 a.m. at the Helena United Methodist Church. This month will be a show and tell for items that you have made from free designs. Be sure to tell us where to find the design if it is still available. We will also have a demonstration on how to embroider and make a very quick pillowcase. If you have questions about the Bee, call Lura Campbell at 663-2822.

**Report from the Director**

All concerns brought to me thus far have been presented to the board and acted upon. If any one has a concern/frustration with the guild process and or plans please feel free to present them to me (preferably on paper or e-mail as my memory is not what it use to be :- ) ). Always remember all concerns/ complaints are presented anonymously and kept confidential. If you would rather talk directly to the board you are always welcome to attend the board meeting.

Serving You,  
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..

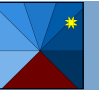
The theme of our 2010 challenge is "A Night At The Library"  
Interpret any book title, theme, authors, location, music;etc.

### 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, 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.
- \* Must have a small pinwheel included in design. [http://quilting.about.com/od/quiltblocklotto/ss/pinwheel\\_quilt\\_2.htm](http://quilting.about.com/od/quiltblocklotto/ss/pinwheel_quilt_2.htm)
- \* 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.
- \* The winners will receive ribbons and also, will be displayed in the North Shelby Library.... (working on getting the top 10 or 15 put on display) A great little ESQG Quilt Show)

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!



## EVENING STAR QUILT GUILD MEETING MINUTES March 4th, 2010

Sara Adlman, president called the meeting to order @ 7:02 p.m. & asked for assistance with our guest speaker. Jeanne Heinemann & Sandra Ryce volunteered to do this. Sara turned the program over to Sandra Ryce, vp/special events who introduced our special quest, Lisa Moore.

Lisa Moore spoke about starting quilting when she bought her Bernina sewing machine in 1992. Lisa now resides in Sitka, Alaska & spends time in Mobile, Alabama with her mother. Lisa sez that Sitka is located in the rain forest area of Alaska & offers a great opportunity for her to quilt during the rainy season. She brought quilts from her mother's home that she has made for showing us some of her work. She is a retired engineer..her last job was working for FEDEX as an efficiency engineer which she sez has actually helped with her quilting....retired in 2000 & has since attended the university for classes which have inspired more ideas for her quilts. She works a lot with fabric that reflects nature...especially Alaskan animals & flora, some of which she has designed for fabric manufactures. She showed her glacier quilt that she had made from Hoffman fabric & had placed over 400 crystals on it. She had designed this Hoffman fabric along with others, including a fabric with Sitka, Alaska on it.

On one of her quilts, she showed her label which was a folded triangeln sewn into one corner. Lisa showed another quilt entitled "Stars of Alaska" which she made and quilted on her Bernina sewing machine. Her 1st quilt was designed on her design wall & took her one month to piece it & one month to quilt it. she now uses Electric quilts all the time & now is able to design new quilts with it.

She gave out door prizes of her fabric to the following members: Jeanne Heinemann, Sheryl Simpson, Cheryl Claybough, Ginger Alred & Terry Bell. Lisa showed a quilt that she had made titled "Irish Eyes" designed by Irma Gail Hatcher which she had done in blue & white.....Lisa has a web site "quilts with twist" or anyone can google Lisa Moore, quilter to find her.

Sara Adlman announced an estate sale for quilter's to be held on March 18th from 9 to 4 .

Jeanne Heinemann, vp/programs announced that our next guest with be Judy Robinson and that David Woolery will be the guest for the May meeting.

Tamara Heinemann announced that March 22 will be deadline for articles going into the newsletter & also is still looking for someone to take over the website & newsletter for the guild.

Carol Harmon, Librarian announced that they need someone to transport the library book to each meeting.

Linda Duke announced strip club & that everyone needs to pick up their strips at the back of the room prior to leaving. And she also announced that we had seven visitors to tonight's meeting.

Nancy Allain, Membership announced that we had four new members join tonight & this gave us a total of 50 members signed in for the meeting. Jeanne Heinemann won the name tag drawing.

Rema Nims, Fat Quarter Exchange ....bundles were won by Judy Goodwin, Susan Lee & Susan Lee.

Lura Campbell spoke about the symposium for 2012 to be held June 7 thru 10. She & Susan Barrow passed out voting sheets to members to vote on hosting this.

Susan Barrow, Challenge Quilt Committee, announced that the rules had left out fact that a pin wheel block was needed to be used in the top somewhere.

Jeanne Heinemann thanked everyone who had helped with the refreshments for the meeting.

Shelby Looney showed a wooden quilt ruler holder that she will take orders for for those interested in purchasing one.

Show & Tell was enjoyed by those at the meeting.

Block of the Month.....pattern is available on table in the back.

Minutes of last month's meeting were brought up & motion made by Jane Soloman to approve & second made by Tamara Heinemann. Motion passed.

Treasury report was given by Mary Lane. Motion by Nancy Allain & seconded by Mancy Binnings. Motion passed.

T-shirt class has been rescheduled for March 20. Info to be sent out to those signed up when a place has been found.

Meeting adjourned. @ 8:21.

Respectively submitted,  
Judy Buster  
Secretary