

Evening Star Gazette

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of Birmingham, Alabama

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Next Meeting: May 6, 2010

In the midst of a storm, sometimes one is not only offered a lifeboat, but a cruise ship. This was the case when three days before newsletter deadline I received a call from the scheduled speaker that he would be unable to attend our meeting. After three months of encouraging men everywhere to come to our meeting because we had a male quilter coming just for them, I now had to find a speaker who would not only be pleasing to our members, but also a male who could appeal to the men, and I had to do it in three days. I scrambled all three days, calling quilters from our guild, from other guilds, from quilt shops, even contacting a Collinsville Quilt Walk homeowner who had friended me on Facebook, asking her to help me track down a quilter I met years ago. Mamie at *A Time to Sew* was a godsend, taking multiple calls and offering leads to quilters she knew and trying to help me find the quilter I once met. Finally, I said a prayer and called *Kudzu Quilt Shop* where Sally said she had the perfect man if he was available; he was one of her employees. She described him as a gifted quilter, a man who had done programs before, and someone who was interesting, having worked several occupations before. Her description of this employee, Al Medina, sounded so perfect my heart leapt. I reached Al away from home but he was agreeable to speak if his calendar was clear. As the quilt shops closed and the weekend began I received word from my speaker that he was available. Five minutes after I hung up the telephone, JoAn Knight called me back. She had a couple of leads but when she heard about Al, she said he was everything we would want, an excellent quilter, well respected, and she said that we couldn't do any better than he. JoAn described him as extraordinarily talented and a wonderful man. From the moment I first spoke with Al on the telephone, I knew he was a jewel. Everyone else's description confirmed my opinion.

Al is a former police detective sergeant who left the police force then taught at Northwestern University in Chicago. He moved to Montgomery more than thirty years ago and married his wife, Sue, who is also a quilter. Al then formed an accident consulting firm where he worked until he retired a few years ago. Al describes himself as being retired now and says he enjoys staying busy. Al and Sue are active in the quilting world and both are planning to bring their quilts to our meeting. To have two such accomplished quilters travel such a long way to assist us is thrilling. This is the perfect time to reach out to Boy Scouts, schools, and the males in our lives--church members, family, and friends who never saw themselves as quilters. We have a wonderful opportunity to take quilting into our community and show the beauty of quilting to those who never considered this art. Let's see who can bring the most men and youth to our meeting where our speaker can show them why the quilting world needs men. We are not just getting the lifeboat bringing a speaker, we are getting the cruise ship, bringing excellent quilters, highly praised by others in their field, including award winner, JoAn Knight. How wonderful for us to have such an answer to prayer.

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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 June newsletter is **June 21st!!** 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.

Visit us online at:

<http://www.esquilters.com>



Here it is May and summer is almost upon us. Instead of slowing down most of us get busier (if that is possible). The Guild still has things to do such as the Chinese Auction and electing next year's leaders. Sometime in the month of May, the Nominating Committee will be calling, asking individuals to run for President, VP of Programs etc. Everyone needs to think of how they would like to serve. Go ahead and call the Nominating Committee; let them know that you would like to serve as _____. Nothing says that we can't have more than one person running for an office.

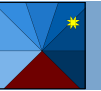
Have you started collecting things for the Auction? I have. It can be small things, large things, anything that is sewing/quilting related. The guild uses the money raised from the Auction to bring National teachers to speak. So the more we make the more speakers we can have. We are finalizing plans for another speaker to come this fall.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting,

Sara Adlman

May Refreshments

<u>Salty</u>	<u>Sweet</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Set-up/Clean-up</u>
Ginny Stevens Susan Barrow Susan Tucker Di Wash	Melina F. Lorrie T. Kathi Seymour Ella Thomas Tamara Heinemann	Cheryl C. Lajuana Davis Susan Lee Janet Vice Cornelius Lee	--- <u>Ice</u> Anne Stansell <u>Cups</u> Lajuana Davis



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.)

May Meeting bring Batik fabric

- June Meeting bring an 30's reproduction print
- July Meeting bring a civil war reproduction print

*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*

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.

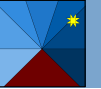
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The news is there is no news!! Call or e-mail anytime. Please always feel free to share any concerns or thoughts good or bad with me and I will present them to the board for consideration with COMPLETE anonymity. Serving You, Sheryl Simpson

*****PROJECT LINUS*****

Just a little reminder that if you would like to make a patriotic themed quilt they need to be turned in by the June meeting. These are given to children whose parents have lost their lives for you and me or are serving far away to insure freedom. I will have red,white and blue fabric available at the table for you to use this month. I have a couple of kits available for the strippy quilt. If you don't flip and sew this project remember you can come over and quilt on the long arm! Will only take about an hour to load and for you to quilt!! Thanks for all you contributions to this worth while cause. Remember if you want to know about Project Linus...Google knows...just type Project Linus :-)

Thanks to All,
Sheryl Simpson



ESQG Treasurer Report

April 2010

Beginning Balance	\$8582.08
Expenses	
Badges & Awards 4U	\$13.41
Program April	\$75.00
Program Printouts	\$12.87
Badges & Awards 4U	\$7.15
Deposits	
Membership	\$5.00
Opportunity Quilt	\$66.00
Library	\$1.00
 Balance	 \$8545.65

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.

May 17
 June 21
 July 19

Membership –

Don't forget to stop at the members' sign-in table and pick up your Directory updates. We publish an update sheet each time we have a new member join or if there are changes in our current members' information. There are also copies of previous updates if you have missed one.

Remember to sign in. We use the sign-in sheets for the nametag prize drawing. We draw a number and call out the name next to that number on the sign-in sheet. To be eligible for the prize, you must be present and wearing your ESQG nametag when we call your name.

Nancy Allain, Membership Chairperson

Thanks so much for the birthday cards, sweet notes, and encouraging words for my sister, Edna, on her 61st birthday. She was so delighted to receive over 100 cards from Birmingham, Alabama! It is a birthday she will always remember.

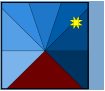
Ella Thomas

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.

From the Library Corner

Books for Sale - Beginning at our May meeting, we will be offering some of the library books for sale. Prices will range from \$1.00 to \$5.00. We will also be selling books at the July and August meetings. Come early, browse and make a terrific selection at these prices.



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.

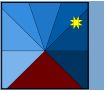
Have fun and be creative!

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 (Not a specific size or color, just a plain , simple Pinwheel as shown)
- * 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 or call 478-7877 or 942-8667.

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



EVENING STAR QUILT GUILD
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2010

Sara Adlman, president called the meeting to order at 7:05....& turned the meeting over to Jeanne Heinemann, vp/programs. Jeanne introduced our guest speaker for the evening. Judy Robinson gave a wonderful program on machine quilting free motion style. Judy sez that this does take time to master but she uses her regular sewing machine to accomplish her work. She lowers the feed dogs on her machine, uses a free motion foot (she uses a darning foot) and uses her hands to move her quilt. Her Bernina 430 machine does not have a stitch regulator on it.

Judy was inspired by her grandmother to quilt & was shown how to layer a quilt which she then quilted on a machine....used polyester batting & had lots of puckers. Judy only uses Hobbs now which she prefers over other brands.

Judy moved to Birmingham in 1982 from Michigan. & she & her husband built a log house in the country. She has made the stained glass windows that went into the house. She retired in 2002 & made a memory quilt for her grandmother for her 100th birthday which she hand quilted.

In 2003, she made a quilt and wanted to use free motion quilting...made "Enchanted Forest" & was not a pleasant experience. She purchased a new Viking sewing machine but this did not solve her problems...& soon discovered that she needed more knowledge of the techniques, more knowledge of her sewing machine & more practice. She studied "Heirloom Machine Quilting" by Harriet Hargrave & also took classes at the 2006 symposium. & then purchased her Bernina 430. Some of the tips she learned were to use thread that matches the fabric (ex: cotton thread when sewing on cotton fabric) & recommends that you starch your fabric as this will help keep fabric from distorting & helps eliminate puckers. & that the most important thing is to practice, practice, practice.....& this is a great opportunity to make cuddle quilts!!! Judy told us that she practiced about six months before actually quilting her quilt entitled "Snow Days".

Judy Robinson presented a wonderful program with lots of helpful hints & ideas for those interested in learning & doing machine quilting. She also presented a great slide show of your works and her home with her stained glass windows. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended the meeting.

Sara Adlman, president thanked our guest for her wonderful program & Jeanne Heinemann, vp/programs announce that our next meeting would be a program presented by David Woolery for the May meeting. She also reminded everyone that the silent auction is scheduled for the June meeting & that everyone should be getting their items ready.

LIBRARY: Carol Harmon announced that Beverly Lynch would be taking over the library & also that next month, they would be offering some of the library books up for sale.....these would be some of the books that have never been checked out.

FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE; Rena Nims is in charge of this & Tamara Heinemann did the drawing....winners of this months fat quarters were Anne Stansell & Ginny Stevens

NEWSLETTER; Tamara Heinemann announced that we have a new volunteer to take over the newsletter & she is Kathi Sizemore.

MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Allain announced that we had five visitors & that we had 40 members present. LaJuana Davis won the name tag drawing..

OPPORTUNITY QUILT: Terry Bell spoke about our opportunity quilt. & this months winner of free tickets is Janice Burt.

MINUTES; Last months minutes were discussed & motion made by Ginny Stevens to accept as written & seconded by Jeanne Heinemann. Motion passed.

TREASURES REPORT: Mary Lane, treasurer gave her report...no change since last month.

SHOW & TELL: Members brought & showed off their quilts & handiworks....this was enjoyed by all that came.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH;the pattern was available to those who wished to get it ...was located on table in back of the room.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Judy Buster
Secretary