

Evening Star Gazette

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Next Meeting: June 3, 2010

Can you believe the guild year is almost over? We have had snow cancelled meetings and classes as well as meetings with delightful speakers. As we become inspired to try new techniques, we often purchase new tools, fabrics, and battings as well as organizers to hold our increasing mound of accoutrements. When we spring clean and reorganize, we often find duplicates or even triplicates of books and tools that we do not use.

We may have trims, embellishments or UFO projects that have lost their charm. Sometimes the fun was learning the skill in class but we have no desire to complete the project. Perhaps we recently have purchased organizers or carts to store our supplies. Now these older organizers might not have a use. The ESQG would love to have these unused items for our annual auction this June. Please bring your items to be donated to the meeting for this important fundraiser. Money raised helps pay our budgetary expenses like programs and national speakers. Any item that is suitable for quilters is accepted. The blocks, strips, and fabrics from your unwanted UFO might bring joy to someone else; the organizers unused at one member's house would be perfect at another member's house.

Magnetized nail holders from the hardware store can be used for pins at our sewing machine. Hanging shoe organizers can be used for storing quilting tools. Empty plastic storage bins for storing fabric or rolling carts for sewing machines are big sellers. Baskets and containers to group items for sale are welcomed. Quilting themed home decorating items are also accepted. Let's be creative and generous to help our guild. This year we will be using numbers to bid instead of our names; the numbers will be at the tables inside the door.

This will be a fun evening with friends so feel free to bring a guest. New quilters especially love our auctions. Remember to put your name tag, your opportunity quilt tickets, your refreshments, your Project Linus blankets, and your auction items together so nothing will be forgotten. Remember to bring cash or your checkbook to pay for items you find that can inspire you or help you in your quilting journey. Above all, remember to come and enjoy yourself. See you at the ESQG auction!

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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 July newsletter is **June 19th!!** If you have any articles for the newsletter, be sure to get them to me by then.

Tamara Heinemann

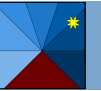
Starting Time

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>



June is here and it is Auction time. I always look forward to the auction to see what someone else's castoff can become my treasure. I have been going through my stuff looking for stuff to bring. If you already have gathered up stuff, call Jeanne (620-5229) or me (940-9010) and we can go ahead and pick it up. I know that we need as many of the auction items as possible early meeting day afternoon so that we can assemble most of the items before meeting time.

The Nominating Committee is hard at work contacting people to serve as Officers for the coming year. I know that we are all very busy; but, please consider serving.

Don't forget that the Symposium is June 10-12.

See you at the Auction,

Sara

<u>June Refreshments</u>			
<u>Salty</u>	<u>Sweet</u>	<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Set-up/Clean-up</u>
Pamela Borders Janey Humphreys Karen Ely Janice Burt Beverly Lynch Cornelius Lee	Sheryl Simpson Patty Huys Loriahna Brundege Mary Lane	Alma Gaertner Mariah West Carol Harmon Danette Maye	<u>Ice</u>



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.)

June Meeting bring an 30's reproduction print

July Meeting bring a civil war reproduction print

From the Library Corner

We sold 19 books at the May meeting which brought in \$61 for the Library to purchase future books and videos. We have 36 additional books that will be offered for sale at the July and August meetings.

Thanks, ladies, for supporting your library. Come by the library table and check out the many books and videos we have available. Happy quilting, 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*

Membership—

There are no Directory updates for this month, however, if you have not picked up the updates from previous months, you can get them at the members sign-in table.

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



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.

June 21
July 19

Dear Quilting buddies,
Thank you all for your prayers, food & cards during mine & Pat's difficult time while I was in the hospital & then at home. You will never know what all your acts of kindness mean to Pat & me. I love you all. Sandra Ryce

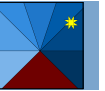
ESQG Treasurer Report

May 2010

Beginning Balance	\$8545.65
Expenses	
Badges & Awards 4U	\$7.15
Program May	\$25.00
Membership	\$34.77
Deposits	
Membership	\$25.00
Opportunity Quilt	\$150.00
Library	\$61.00
Membership	\$4.00
Balance	\$8718.73

Only Two Months Remaining...

until we draw the winner of the 2010 Opportunity Quilt. Tickets are \$1.00 for 1 and \$5.00 for 6 and we encourage each member to sell at least 1 pack of 24 tickets (\$20.00). Pictures of the quilt are available but it will be live and in person at the June meeting. It is gorgeous! Hurry, the drawing for "Starry, Starry Night" will be held at the August meeting. If you have any questions or need tickets, call Terry Bell.



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..

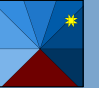
The theme of our 2010 challenge is "A Night At The Library"
Interpret any book title, theme, authors, location, music;etc.

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!



The meeting was called to order by Sara Adlman, president at 7:02 p.m. She welcomed everyone & turned the meeting over to Jeanne Heinemann, vice president/programs. She announced that we have enough for a book order and those interested are to see or email Alma Gaertner to place an order.

Jeanne introduced our guest speaker, Ed Medina and his wife, Sue. He also works at a quilt shop in Montgomery, Alabama. He spoke on how he got into quilting. He grew up in Denver & has taught in Chicago. He also worked for the police department. Ed met & married a southern girl and moved to Montgomery as she did not like the snow. Ed began his quilting career as a result of his son & wife were expecting a baby. Ed became interested in making them a baby quilt. His wife said ok but that he was not to use her sewing machine. So he went shopping & brought home a top of the line machine. The shop taught him sewing and his first class was in heirloom sewing making dresses. Afterwards, he made his baby quilt. Ed sez that he likes quilt books for the pictures & now has lots of his own fabrics. Told that his wife told him if he liked it, to get it!!! And he has.

He made his first quilt...a pattern called Stacked Brick Pattern. He entered in the State Fair & won a blue ribbon. His next quilt he called Midnight in Red Square and won a ribbon on it also. He stores his fabric on shelves in order of color as he organizes at the shop in which he works. His wife, Sue uses his leftover (strips & scrapes) and has made vests & jackets with them. One of which she wore tonight. Ed's favorite fabrics are orientals and batiks. He uses his machine to embroidery and embellish his quilts.

Ed founded the Brother Sewing Club & talked about their machines. He started coming up with projects for the club members to make at their meeting. He likes to work with stained glass designs. Ed quilts on his machine...does not quilt by hand. He also make samples for the shop.

His wife, Sue spoke on her quilt endeavors and they showed their quilts they have made. They gave a very good program & this was enjoyed by all attending the meeting.

Jeanne Heinemann announced the Silent Auction for the next month's meeting & that Janice Burt will be our guest speaker for the July meeting & that August meeting will be installation of the new officers.

Sara Adlman announced that members of the nomination committee are Cheryl Claybough, Pam Borders, and Nancy Allain. And that they would be contacting folks to fill the positions of officers for the coming year.

Linda Duke, Visitor Greeter announced that we have six visitors with us tonight. They are JoAnn Stephenson, Michael Rigby, Catherine Vincent, Jessica Brasher, Serene Johnson, and Fred Heinemann.

Nancy Allain, Membership, announced that we have 44 members present. She did the name tag drawing which was won by Terry Bell.

Pam Borders spoke about the quilt squares we are making for fellow members and encouraged everyone to make them.

Reba Nims, Fat Quarter Exchange,winners of this month's selection are Susan Lee, Judy Goodwin, Mary Lane, Susan Lee and Mary Lane.

Tamara Heinemann announce that the deadline for the newsletter is May 21st.

Terry Bell, Opportunity Quilt, announced that we have three more months to sell tickets. Susan Lee won drawing for free tickets.

Mary Lane, Treasure gave treasurer report. Jeanne Heinemann made motions that this be accepted and June Solomon seconded. Motion carried.

Last month's minutes were brought up for discussion. Rena Nims made motion that they be accepted and Mariah West seconded & motion carried.

Block of the Month patterns are located on table in the back of the room & are free to those who wish to pick them up.

Show & Tell was enjoyed by all that attended the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectively submitted,
Judy Buster
Secretary