

Evening Star Gazette

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Next Meeting: July 1, 2010

In a few days we will celebrate the anniversary of our nation's independence. In our celebrations we hang the American flag outside our house and we watch parades with the banner held high. How proud we are as quilters that our nation's greatest symbol is that created two hundred thirty-four years ago by a quilter, Betsy Ross. From flags and utilitarian quilts, we have progressed to decorative quilts and wall art created from new fabrics and unusual reclaimed items. During our holiday picnics and family barbecues, we have the opportunity to do a little quilting. A few creative souls might want to try their hand at making a flag while others might want to finish a UFO. Then again, perhaps this is the time to begin a new quilt or wallhanging. What should it be? A pieced and quilted design is one option. Applique is another. For many members, applique is a skill not yet learned. For others, applique has been used but a few pointers would improve their technique. This month's program will help anyone with an interest in applique.

ESQG quilter, Janice Burt, will be this month's guild speaker. Also speaking is Janice's longtime friend, Donna Davis, who will be traveling from Aiken, South Carolina to help with the program. Janice was a stay at home mother until her youngest child was a teenager at which point she began temporary work through an agency. After working at a systems integrator and a brokerage firm, Janice began working in insurance services where she continues to work today. In 1987, Donna, a stay at home mother with five grown children, worked with Janice to create a quilt as a gift for a friend who was getting married. Donna had taken one piecing class so the two ladies believed they could do it all! The women formed a quilting group from their church; this group made a large quilt which one member then received. Janice moved and the quilting stopped for a long time. When Janice and Donna started attending the Paducah quilt shows they became inspired by the beautiful quilts. This renewed their interest in quilting so they made a quilt for a friend who was turning 60. Janice and Donna began competitions with one another to improve their quilt skills; from there they moved into taking classes at various quilt shows. Applique was what Donna and Janice loved from the start. After trying many techniques, they settled on the mylar method for making their quilts. They added their own twists to the method then began teaching at quilt stores and the Marge LaBenne's Quilter's Rescue Mission. These ladies are extremely talented award winning quilters. They will offer tips for quality work as they share their quilts and explain their version of the mylar method. This promises to be a fun evening of education and inspiration as Janice and Donna share their passion for applique.

What a wonderful opportunity to learn and be inspired from two women who have much to offer. Come for an interesting program and remember to bring a friend; this will be a special evening.

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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 August newsletter is **July 20th!!** 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>



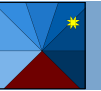
Are you staying cool? Since the day is so hot, it is a good time to work on all those quilt projects that are waiting on you. I am handquilting the last quilt top that was done by a lady's mother.

I am looking forward to Janice Burt and her friend's program and the workshop. Janice's work is always beautiful and I hope that after the workshop I do a version. I understand that at the time of my writing my notes that we have 19 signed up; so, contact Jeanne Heinemann if you're interested.

See you at the meeting,

Sara

<u><i>July Refreshments</i></u>			
<u>Salty</u> Cornelius Lee Janice Burt Ginny Stevens Janet Humphreys	<u>Sweet</u> Danette Maye Lauretta Gerrity Rena Nims Joye Smith	<u>Drinks</u> Tamara Heinemann Susan Rigby Barbara Mitchell Susan Lee <u>Ice</u> Linda Duke	<u>Set-up/Clean-up</u> Ellen Anson <u>Cups</u> Jeanne Heinemann Kathi Seymour



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.

July 19

Only One Month 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, 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.

ESQG Treasurer Report

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Beginning Balance **\$8718.73**

Expenses

Badges & Awards 4U **\$7.15**

AQS Book Order **\$130.89**

Deposits

Opportunity Quilt **\$100.00**

AQS Book Order **\$130.90**

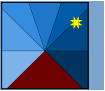
Chinese Auction **\$354.00**

Balance **\$9165.59**

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.)

July Meeting bring a civil war reproduction print



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 June 3, 2010

Sara Adlman, president called the meeting to order @ 7:05 and announced that the refreshment sign-up list was being passed around for the next month's meeting and encouraged folks to sign up. She then turned the meeting over to Jeanne Heinemann, vp/programs. Jeanne spoke about our meeting program of the silent auction. and explained how it was to work. We were given 45 minutes to place our bids & to re-bid as we wanted. Jeanne thanked everyone for their participation in the silent auction and for the items donated.

Jeanne spoke about next month's program. Our guest would be one of our own, Janice Burt who does beautiful applique work. And she will have a friend of hers for the Carolina's as her assistant.

August meeting will be installation of the new officers for the coming year and will be a covered dish dinner.

CHALLENGE QUILT: Elizabeth Eastman spoke about the challenge....the rules and specifics have been in the newsletter. She also announced that Katie Guerin who is director of the Shelby County Library has ok'd for us to hang our quilts for the challenge in the library.

MEMBERSHIP: Linda Duke announced that we had two visitors, Susan Letson and Lauren Anson. Nancy Allain announced that we had 34 members signed in at the meeting. She did the name tag drawing & this was won by Janet Humphreys.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE; Nancy Allain, Mary Lane, & Cheryl Claybough announced the candidates for officers for the upcoming year.

President.....Susan Lee
VP/Programs....co-chairs...Terry Bell & Sandra Ryce
VP/Special Events.....Lura Campbell
Secretary.....Ellen Anson
Treasurer.....Janet Humphreys
Director.....Patti Huys

TREASURER REPORT; Mary Lane gave her report and announced that last months' guest speaker only charged us for the gas to come to speak for us.

FAT QUARTER DRAWING; Rena Nims drew names for the fat quarters that had been brought in and these were won by Cassady Mullinax and Vanessa McGrath.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT: Terry Bell spoke about the quilt & announced that the drawing will be at the August meeting. The winner tonight for the opportunity tickets is Patti Huys.

SHOW AND TELL; No one brought any items for show and tell this month.

FRIENDSHIP BLOCKS; Pam Borders announced that the quilt whereas we members had made and donated blocks for Jo Ann Durrett's memory is complete and she plans to present this to her family at the September meeting.

EQ6 BEE: Nancy Allain announced that the bee will be renamed the EQ7 due to the latest update in the program. She encouraged folks to get involved with the group which meets the third Thursday of each month at her home.

EMBROIDERY BEE: This group will meet this Saturday (1st Saturday of the month)@ 10 o'clock at Helena Methodist church. This meeting will be about tissue covers and tooth brush roll ups.

LAST MONTHS MINUTES; Corrections were noted to change the guest speaker's name mentioned from Ed to Al and also to note that Tamara was not present at that meeting. Loretta Garret made motion that the minutes be accepted with these corrections & were seconded by Ellen Anson. Motion passed.

Sara Adlman asked for email address updates if anyone had not received an email from her this past month so that she could get them on the email list.

Meeting adjourned.....

Respectively submitted,
Judy Buster
Secretary