

# Evening Star Gazette



February 2012 

## February 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting: “Greetings from.....” Postcard Challenge

Use your imagination, and except for the size (4” x 6”), there are no rules... anything goes!

We will award first, second and third place ribbons through a viewer’s choice vote.

Need inspiration? Search Google and YouTube for “quilted postcards” and find lots of resources, including:

- <http://www.squidoo.com/quilted-postcards>
- <http://www.quilted-postcards.com/>
- <http://www.murrayjohnstonartquilts.com/>
- [http://quilting.about.com/od/quiltpatternsprojects/ss/fabric\\_postcard.htm](http://quilting.about.com/od/quiltpatternsprojects/ss/fabric_postcard.htm)
- [http://www.etsy.com/category/quilts/fabric\\_postcard](http://www.etsy.com/category/quilts/fabric_postcard)
- <http://www.sewfunpatterns.com/fabricpostcards.html>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aC6-GyD0f6s>

### Mark your calendars for upcoming programs:

**March 1:** “From There to Here, or What I learned since my First Quilt.” Bring your first quilt and a recent quilt, and give a BRIEF comment on lessons learned and how your skill levels evolved with time and experience. Also, with the upcoming Symposium and Quilt Show in mind, we would love for you to bring the first quilt you entered in a show, as encouragement to those who have never shown their quilts before.

**April 5:** “Tips and Tricks.” What is your absolute favorite sewing or quilting tool, gadget, tip or trick? Bring ONE item and be prepared to share a BRIEF explanation. We will take notes of all the clever ideas to distribute to the Guild members afterwards.



### STARTING TIME

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

Don't forget to wear your name tag!



## President's Notes

### CHANGE AND CHALLENGE

I hope everyone enjoyed our special guest, Murray Johnson, last month. I know I did. I love to see how someone else sees fabric. I definitely have looked at my fabrics in different ways since then. It is a challenge for me to put together fabrics for a quilt. I tend to make safe choices by sticking within a fabric line or buying a pre-made quilt kit. I am going to challenge myself to change the way I think about choosing fabrics and quilt patterns.

How do you feel when you are faced with a challenge? Most of the time I enjoy a good challenge, I always learn something about myself. Quilting has taught me so many things and given me so many new experiences. In the beginning it was a way to spend time with my grandmother. I still have the first quilt she and I made together. It is tattered and torn and I still drag it around the house when I need comfort. I hope that the quilts I make give comfort to others. Today quilting is how I relax and how I explore my creative side. At the present time, neither of my daughters sew or quilt. I hope that one day I will be able to pass along these skills to the next generation.

Don't forget to bring your Quilted Postcard to February's meeting.

*Happy Stitchin'!*  
*Susan Lee*

## Refreshments

### Salty

Terry Bell  
Mariah West  
Sandra Wood

### Sweet

Shirley Willis  
Becky Prescott  
Lura Campbell

### Drinks

Cindy DaCosta  
Cheryl Clabough  
Mary Lane  
Mary Sorrell





**EQ Bee Meeting** - The EQ (Electric Quilt) Bee meets at 6:30 pm, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, at the home of Nancy Allain and is open to anyone who has or plans to get the EQ computer program.

For more information, contact Nancy Allain at 919-1634.

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## OPPORTUNITY QUILT

OK, everyone, the tickets are here for our gorgeous opportunity quilt for 2012! Please see me to pick up your tickets. Let's make lots of \$\$ this year for our guild.

Sandra Ryce

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## Pictures for the Directory

Welcome to the new members and current members who haven't smiled for our directory.

Nancy has graciously volunteered to take pictures for the annual directory at the February meeting. So make sure you come to the meeting, have wonderful fellowship and smile pretty. We would love to add your great smile in the directory.

Thank you Cheryl Clabough

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## Board Meeting highlights:

- There are currently 85 paid members. An e-mail reminder will be sent to members who have not renewed.
- The February 11<sup>th</sup> Sit and Sew will focus on Project Linus Quilts. The April Sit and Sew will focus on making boutique items for Symposium.
- Members will be encouraged to turn in quilt registrations for quilt show as soon as possible.
- February's program will be the Post Card Challenge with first, second and third place ribbons awarded in Viewer's Choice voting.
- The March program will be members showing the first and latest quilts that they have made. April will be a sharing of favorite tips and tricks.
- The need to update the ESQG website was discussed.
- The possibility of displaying and selling tickets for the opportunity quilt at Hancocks will be looked into.
- Members for the nominating committee will be recruited at the March meeting.



## Embroidery Bee

First Saturday of the Month at 10:00 a.m.  
Helena United Methodist Church, Hwy 58, Helena

If you are not on the Embroidery distribution list and want to join the BEE,  
contact Lura Campbell [luraquilts@bellsouth.net](mailto:luraquilts@bellsouth.net) 663-2822

## ESQG BLOCK CHALLENGE

With last month's newsletter you received the February pattern for the ESQG Block Challenge. If you make the block, please bring them to our Show and Tell in February. It is so much fun to see how everyone interprets the line drawings.

With this newsletter you will find the pattern for our March block. The pattern has two pages – one with the instructions for assembling the block and some blank layouts for coloring, and the second page gives rotary cutting instructions and templates (you choose which you want to use).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact anyone in the EQ Bee.

## QUILT SHOW • March 16-17 • Pensacola

Friday - Saturday • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**PENSACOLA INTERSTATE FAIRGROUNDS**

Expo Hall • 6655 West Mobile Hwy.

Interstate 10, Exit 7, South (approx. 3 mi.)

**Admission:** \$7 per day, \$10 two-day pass

**Special Exhibit:** Hoffman Challenge Quilts

**200+ QUILTS**  
traditional and art

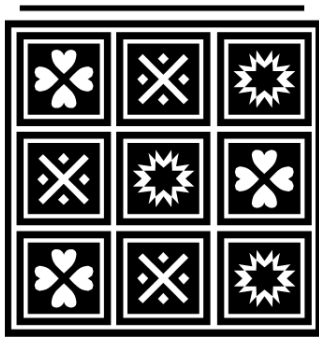
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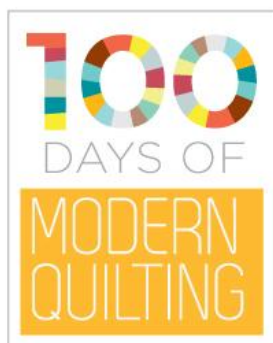
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Molly Washburn 428-7428 mollywog@bellsouth.net

## Quilting on the Internet

Have you seen this blog? Even if you don't enjoy Modern Quilts, this will be a great blog to read weekly to learn more about color, design, composition and to get more INSPIRATION than you know what to do with!!! They are already on Week 3, but you can go back and get caught up! <http://themodernquiltguild.com>



Get ready for a lot of beautiful modern quilts coming your way. Starting tomorrow and for the following 14 weeks we'll be posting *every single day* right here on The Modern Quilt Guild blog! Here's what you get to look forward to:

**Week 1: Week of Shapes**

Focus on quilts featuring different geometric shapes (squares, hexagons, circles, etc.)

**Week 2: Week of Colors**

Focus on color schemes, rainbow quilts, etc.

**Week 3: Week of Blocks**

Focus on block-based quilts and reinterpretations of traditional blocks

**Week 4: Week of Improvisation**

Focus on improvisational piecing techniques

**Week 5: Week of Inspiration**

Focus on different sources of inspiration and how they're interpreted into quilts

**Week 6: Week of Composition**

Focus on different kinds of compositions, use of negative space, etc.

**Week 7: Week of Prints**

Focus on quilts that effectively use print fabrics

**Week 8: Week of Solids**

Focus on quilts that effectively use solid fabrics

**Week 9: Week of Using What You Have**

Focus on scrap quilts and repurposed materials

**Week 10: Week of Techniques**

Focus on quilts made using different popular online tutorials (Ticker Tape, String Quilts, Mod Mosaic, etc.)

**Week 11: Week of Collaboration**

Focus on quilting bees

**Week 12: Week of Participation**

Focus on challenges and quilt alongs

**Week 13: Week of Tools**

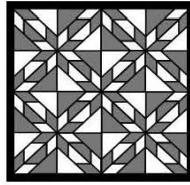
Focus on tools that make modern quilting easier

**Week 14: Week of Machine Quilting**

Focus on different styles and techniques including long arm vs. finishing at home

Each week will feature 7 different modern quilts that represent the topic. We'll also include tutorials from around the web on each topic, and a brand new tutorial each and every week!

This series of posts will educate, inform and inspire. We hope that after 100 days of posting you'll have learned a lot about modern quilting!



## **CELEBRATE QUILTING**

### **show-classes-vendors**

11th Annual

## **Quilt Symposium 2012**

June 7-9, 2012

PRESENTED BY

**EVENING STAR QUILT GUILD  
OF BIRMINGHAM**

**Bumpus Middle School**

Formerly

Hoover High School Freshman Campus  
6055 Fleming Parkway; Hoover, Alabama

### **Teachers Include:**

Elly Sienkiewicz  
RaNae Merrill  
Karen K. Stone  
Irena Bluhm  
Diane S. Hire  
Terry White  
Pat Sloan  
Kim Brackett  
Karen Linduska

**Registration opens December 9th**

For more information visit:

[www.qsai.org](http://www.qsai.org)

[www.esquilters.com](http://www.esquilters.com)

[eveningstarquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:eveningstarquiltguild@gmail.com)

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## **Symposium Registration**

Registration for symposium classes is going smoothly. You can register at any guild meeting or mail your registration form to the address on the registration form.

Please get the word out to other guilds, friends and family about the classes. We would love to have them attend.

Any question, don't hesitate to ask.

Cheryl Clabough, Registration Chairperson



Quilters  
Symposium  
2012

## General Information:

- ❖ **Board Meeting:** Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month at 6:30pm. The next meeting will be February 20. All members welcome.
- ❖ Do you want to put an **ad in the Newsletter?** Ads are only \$5 and reach all of our members and is posted on our website. For additional info send email to [eveningstarquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:eveningstarquiltguild@gmail.com)
- ❖ **March Newsletter Deadline:** February 24.

## ESQG Sit & Sew Dates

### WHEN:

February 11, 2012 – focus on Project Linus charity quilts  
April 14, 2012  
May 12, 2012

### WHERE:

Helena First Baptist Church; 815 Highway 52 E; Helena, AL 35080

### TIME:

9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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## ESQG General Membership Meeting – January 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by president, Susan Lee. Shirley Hamilton introduced guest speaker, Murray Johnston. Murray presented a program, “How I Got from There to Here” sharing how she broke out of the box into landscape and art quilts.

Alvin Harris, Membership Chairman, introduced 6 visitors, 2 new members, and announced that 59 members were present. Nametag drawing won by was won by Lori Fisk.

Treasurer, Cheryl Clabough, reported an ending balance \$8459.77. Ginny Stephens made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Mariah West seconded. The motion carried.

No corrections were made to the minutes as presented in the newsletter. A motion was made by Rena Nims to accept the minutes as written and was seconded by Mary Sorrell. The motion carried.

There were no announcements for Quilts of Valor or Project Linus. Heart to Heart is holding a retreat at Magnolia Park in February for Quilts of Valor. Contact Heart to Heart for more information. They are cutting out 50 quilt kits that can be sewn at the retreat.

Opportunity quilt tickets will be available in February. Contact Sandra Ryce now if you need an extra amount. Pictures will also be available. As part of membership members are asked to sell 25 tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Newsletter articles are due on the Thursday after the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting.

Block challenge for the month was presented by members of the EQ Bee.

February’s program will be the post card challenge. Post cards can be turned in to a Board Member. Ribbons will be presented based on viewer’s choice votes.

Lura Campbell announced that the next symposium meeting is 22<sup>nd</sup> of Jan. Enrollment has begun and Elly Sienkiewicz’s classes are filling up. In February there will be an overview of symposium and members will be asked to sign up to volunteer to help. Cheryl, registration chairman, announced that she had 49 registered and at this time all participants are getting the classes they want. Those who wait longer may not get every class requested. Lura said that teachers whose classes do not fill up will be cancelled around March 1. There are registration booklets available for \$2.00 to guild members.

Susan Lee reminded members that Janet Humphreys, director, is available for any comments, complaints or concerns that any member has to bring to the board. Anything given to Janet is discussed privately at board meetings.

Cheryl Clabough announced that directories are available for pick up tonight as well as membership cards are available and can be picked up from Alvin.

After show and Tell the meeting was adjourned at 8:19.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Anson, Secretary