



Gazette

Diamond Chain—Twin Fibers Quilting

July Program *by Lura Campbell*

Finding Creativity

How much time have you been spending on the internet? If you have been hitting social media or the news, you may be draining your creative energies. I know that seeing what everyone has made is one of my favorite parts of our guild meetings. If you are looking for some creative ideas I have a couple of blogs I like to visit. One is for Krista Moser. Krista's style is modern and although some of her quilts look difficult they are not. Krista also has some free patterns on her blog and some great tutorials. Spend some time checking out her blog.



[Krista Moser's Blog](#)



Another blog that I just ran across is Amy Smart's blog Diary of a Quilter. Amy has more than 90 free tutorials including quilts, quilt blocks, tips, choosing fabric, organization, bags, pillows, and table runners. Scroll down her blog to find the 10 best tips for sewing room organization. Sometimes a clean workspace helps get your creativity back.

[Diary of a Quilter](#)

President's Notes *by Janet Humphreys*

Dear Guild,

I hope all of you are well, along with your loved ones. Please stay safe: wear a mask and practice social distancing. These are trying times for all of us and quilting has, more than ever, become a therapy for me. I love seeing all the quilts you have posted on our Facebook page. You all are truly an inspiration!

We have several new members I would like to "introduce". They are Sandra McDonald, Kimeran Stevens, and Mary Louise Guerry-Force. Whenever we are able to get together again, please be sure and welcome these new members. Yes, we are accepting new members! So, if you know anyone who would like to join, please let them know. I miss you all and I am so very much looking forward to when we can meet again.

Take care, Janet

Quilter's Showcase Quilt Show

Here it is July and we are all still socially isolated. I hope everyone is healthy and has avoided COVID. I hope that everyone is still feeling the spirit of creativity. I cannot wait to see what everyone has completed during their time at home.

It is with great sadness that I share with you that we will not be moving forward to have our first quilt show this year. I was very hopeful that by this time, we would see the number of COVID cases declining, but that is not the case. I have had conversations with members and with the ESQG board and the consensus is, that while we can plan the show and get vendors, we will likely not have enough members who feel comfortable about being in close contact to set up and work the show. The health and wellbeing of our members is by far more important than a quilt show. Seeing that AQS has cancelled their quilt shows for the remainder of the year is another indication that we should push our quilt show out. The guild is not out any money as our venue has rescheduled us for 2022.

While 2022 seems a long way off, it will pass quickly. Imagine how much bigger we can make our show if you are getting your quilts completed and working on craft items for our boutique. Don't throw away your copy of the rules and categories as they are likely to be unchanged. This will help you plan a quilt for almost every category. Hang on to the items that you may have pulled to donate. I will try to get a collection method going when we meet again so you don't have to keep up with them.

For now, our new date will be October 14 and 15, 2022. I know this seems a long way out, Birmingham Quilters Guild has their Quilt Fest in the odd years and we elected to do the even years so 2022 is our next opportunity. I'd like to think that by October of 2022, COVID will be out of our minds and we can relax and greet each other with hugs.

Keep Putting the Pieces Together.

Lura

Guild T-Shirts

Beverly Williamson will be placing the order for our guild t-shirts around July 15th. If you ordered a Berry colored shirt because it was the requested color to

wear to the guild quilt show in October, but since we will not have the show now and you would rather the Navy instead, please email me your change of color preference. You can order long sleeve or short sleeve. These shirts are 'comfort colors' and run quite true to size with minimal shrinkage.

Please have your order and payment to me by July 10th.

Prices are listed below. Please indicate SIZE, COLOR, and Short or Long SLEEVE LENGTH. You can mail a check made payable to the Evening Star Quilt Guild (ESQG) to Beverly Williamson at 356 Park Ave, Hoover, AL 35226.

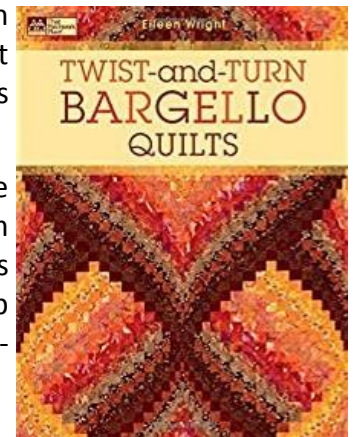
Long sleeve
S-XL — \$20.00
2X -3X — \$23.00
4X — \$25.00
Short sleeve
S - XL — \$17.00
2X - 3X — \$19.00
4X - \$21.00



From the Library by Susan Matthews

The most recent addition to our ESQG library is Twist-and-Turn Bargello Quilts by Eileen Wright.

Here are bargello quilts like you've never seen them before! Eileen's techniques use the efficiency of strip piecing to make truly mesmerizing modern designs.



The Newsletter header quilt is from the Twin Fibers Blog. They even have a free tutorial for how to make the block!

[Link to Tutorial](#)



Friday Night Drive-In *by Ellen Anson*

Our first Virtual Friday Night Drive In was a huge success! Twenty six friends joined our Zoom session and learned a nifty house block made from 5" charm squares with no waste! We have seen a number of these shared on our Facebook page and if you were unable to attend, the patterns and video links have been shared in the files section on Facebook. Plans are in the works for our next get together, so stay tuned!! - Ellen and Beverly



Thank you everyone that shared their work on Facebook
so we can all enjoy it!

Sew-A-Long

Sew happy that so many of you are continuing to make progress or finish your Piece by Piece sew along! They are amazing looking.

Congratulations to this month's three winners for our "progress drawing". Kristie Smith won the IKEA lamp, Tina Miller the project storage tote, and Judy Shields the Cake Mix Recipe.

We will have one final drawing next month for those finishing up section six. If you have already shared a picture of your finished quilt (or top), then your name remains in the drawing. Be on the lookout for details for our reveal and vote for favorites. - Ellen and Beverly



General Information:

- ◆ **Board Meeting:** Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:30pm at the home of Ellen Anson. 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. Give payment to Mary Berry. Checks made payable to ESQG and yearly ads run from August to July. For additional info send email to eveningstarquiltguild@gmail.com
- ◆ **Next Newsletter Deadline:** July 31, 2020.
- ◆ **General Meetings** take place on the first Thursday of the month at North Shelby County Library. Mingle with members at 6:30, meeting to start promptly at 7:00. Guests are always welcomed! **Cancelled until September.**
- ◆ **Sit & Sew:** Join us for informal sewing at the Valley Christian Church, 2600 Cherokee Place, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on the 2nd Saturday of the month. \$5 donation to attend, bring your lunch or there are restaurants in the area. BYOP (bring your own projects!!!!)
- ◆ **Newsletter Distribution:** Are you not receiving our newsletter? Please send an email to eveningstarquiltguild@gmail.com. It is a good idea to add this email address to your email contacts to avoid it being marked as spam. We want you to receive all Guild communication!

Guild Calendar

2020

Date	Time	Event	Member Cost	Location
9/3/2020	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting	\$ -	North Shelby Public Library
9/12/2020	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sit & Sew	\$ 5.00	Valley Christian Church
10/1/2020	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting	\$ -	North Shelby Public Library
10/10/2020	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sit & Sew	\$ 5.00	Valley Christian Church
11/5/2020	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting	\$ -	North Shelby Public Library
11/13/2020	5:30 Doors open, 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Friday Night Drive-In (pattern fee may apply)	\$ 5.00	Valley Christian Church
11/14/2020	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sit & Sew	\$ 5.00	Valley Christian Church
12/3/2020	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting <i>Potluck Dinner</i>	\$ -	North Shelby Public Library
12/12/2020	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sit & Sew	\$ 5.00	Valley Christian Church

Ongoing Programs

Begin	Title	Cost	Due
1/9/2020	Piece by Piece Sew-A-Long	Pattern cost	Monthly updates, Feb-July
11/2019	Embroidery Bee - various dates coinciding with Sit and Sew	\$5 + Varies	N/A

Thanks to these venues that allow Evening Star Quilt Guild to hold meetings and sewing events in their facilities:

North Shelby Library
5521 Cahaba Valley Rd
Birmingham, AL 35242



Valley Christian Church
2600 Cherokee Place
Birmingham, AL 35216

Valley Christian Church
Disciples of Christ 

Please submit to Michelle Yarbrough

Evening Star Quilt Guild

Quilt of Valor Request

Quilting to Honor & Comfort Those Touched by War



Requester: _____

Date Requested: _____

Recipient: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Date of Service: _____

Comments (50 words or less):

Date Awarded: _____

Presented by: _____