



Gazette

Night Stars—Quilt Love by Emily

Threads, Needles, Tension, Bobbins... by Lura Campbell

Do you ever have thread problems? Are you afraid of adjusting your tension? How many of you have spools of thread that you have given up on? Do you have that spool of metallic thread that you would love to use but it just won't work with your machine?

The program this month will be all about thread, needles, tension and bobbins. Hopefully you will come away with a better understanding of the different thread types, including thread weight, ply, strength and other characteristics. After this program, you will know what threads to toss and what threads to put back in your rotation.

We will be doing **Thread Therapy with Dr. Bob of Superior Threads**. This is one program that you won't want to miss. I promise not to give a pop quiz at the end as there is too much information to remember it all. Thanks - Lura

President's Notes by Larry Cartwright

"We can do hard things". This motto has guided me through this past year of uncertainty, and I know we can only do bigger things than before.

First off, we need to tip our hats to the previous officers of the Guild – Janet Humphries, Lura Campbell, Beverly Douthit, Mary Berry, and Ellen Anson – you kept us connected and involved through an absolute shutdown. Many others were involved behind the scenes – Ann Fronzuto, Beverly Williamson, Bitsey Rodgers, Ella Thomas, Martha Gothard and M.E. Spencer (to name just a few) – and the Guild could not have made it this far without you. When we could not go out, we could count on pictures and videos being posted by members on Facebook and Instagram to keep us motivated and improving our skills.

I will admit to being overwhelmed at times and losing my "mojo" sometimes. I started and completed one quilt, a donation quilt for an animal rescue fundraiser. To date, I am not sure they were able to get it auctioned off or if they are saving it for next year.

Let us press forward in this new age of social distancing. Some changes are necessary, but some things should stay the same. We need you to still be in-



volved and step forward to volunteer to serve on some of our committees. We need a **membership chairman** in place immediately to help coordinate receipt of the yearly dues. We need a **newsletter coordinator** to take over for Ann this coming year, otherwise, this may be the last one to go out.

There is always a place to assist and serve, and no help will ever be dismissed.

I look forward to serving for and with you in this coming year.

We all have fear and uncertainty in our lives, but we have courage and we can do the hard things.

Zoom Sit and Sew

It has been almost a year since we have had our Saturday morning Sit and Sew. The comment made by most quilters is, "I miss my time with my fellow quilters."

While we cannot start gathering in groups, we can gather as a group on Zoom. On the second Saturday of each month, beginning with **January 9th**, we will open up a Zoom meeting to everyone who wants to share some time, projects, ideas and talk.

The Zoom call will start at 9 and run to 11 but can continue longer if you want to stay on. The advantages are that you can stay in your PJ's, if presentable, and you don't have to load and unload your sewing supplies.

Listed below is the information for the Zoom Meeting.

Topic: Second Saturday Sit and Sew

Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.



Friday Night Drive-In

Can't wait for another Friday Night Drive In?

Well, wait no more! We are planning our next one for **February 12th**. There will be no charge and no need to sign up. We will be sending out a link to guild members before the event - just click on it and join in the fun for our mystery project! -Ellen Anson & Beverly Douthit

(Details in flyer at the end of the newsletter.)

Lura's Virtual Shop Hop—3 Hens and a Chick

At the last meeting a virtual shop hop was suggested. So, since I was headed to north Alabama, I thought that I would give this a try.

The ladies at the 3 Hens and a Chick were very friendly and I was surprised at the many samples they had hanging.

One of the owners is truly an artist. I just loved her work.

I am planning to take one of the two-day classes they have scheduled for February.

Don't miss the video at our meeting.



2021 Free Blocks of the Month

I don't know about you, but I've seen so many pretty Block of the Month projects being advertised. We did a round-up of some of the **FREE** ones out there.



Old School BOM from Persimon Dreams. These are Mystery Blocks, each from a different quilt designer that is focusing on different techniques and skill building. Blocks will be posted on the blog each month. Link: [Persimon Dreams](https://www.persimondreams.com)

Next up is the "My Hometown" Free Block of the Month from Jacquelynn Steves. Cute blocks with options that include machine applique, hand embroidery, or just piecing the blocks.



Fabric kits are available but no purchase is required. This one begins in February. [Sign up here!](#)



Playground Skillbuilder is a BOM from Corinne Sovey. So much potential to express yourself with color choices! Modern and bright? Soft and floral? Christmas colors? So many possibilities!

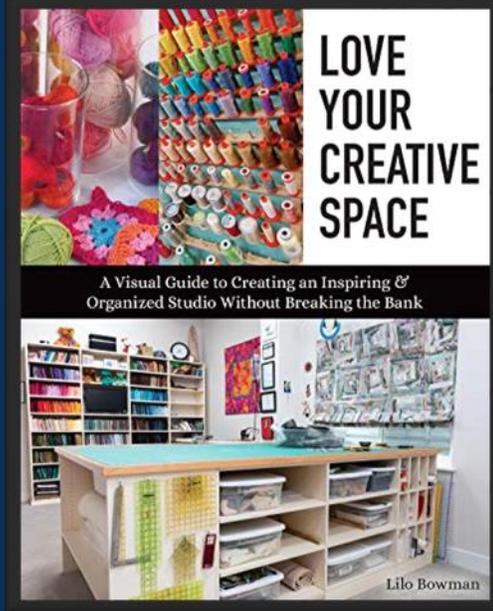
Hone your skills and maybe learn some new ones each month with this BOM. [Sign up for her newsletter to get updates here!](#)

Have you seen some neat BOMs that we missed? Share them in the Facebook group so we all can have the opportunity to participate.

Minutes of the December 3, 2020 Guild Meeting

The Zoom online meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Janet Humphreys.

Lura Campbell, VP of Programs, prepared a digital program with tips, tricks and treats for quilters. The presentation will be shared on the Guild Face Book page. Lura announced that Birmingham Guild has moved their quilt show to May, 2022. ESQG Show will be in October, 2022.



From the Library

by Susan Mathews

Our last purchase for 2020 was *Love Your Creative Space: A Visual Guide to Creating an Inspiring & Organized Studio Without Breaking the Bank*

To check out, email cbmathews@bellsouth.net



The minutes were not published in the newsletter. A zoom recording of the November meeting was shared on the Guild Face Book page.

Mary Berry presented the Treasurer's Report. Beginning balance was \$7,246.38 and ending balance was \$6,205.98. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Susan Matthews shared a new book purchased for the library, Love Your Creative Space. Contact Susan via email if you are interested in borrowing the book. Book will be posted on Guild Face Book page.

Friday Night Drive-In will be online in February. Details will be published in Guild Newsletter and on Guild Face Book page.

New Officers were installed. Each past officer read the responsibilities to the new officer. New officers accepted.

Lura Campbell reminded members of the Sew Along beginning in January. She will be sending out details to those who registered. Please contact Lura if you are interested in participating.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

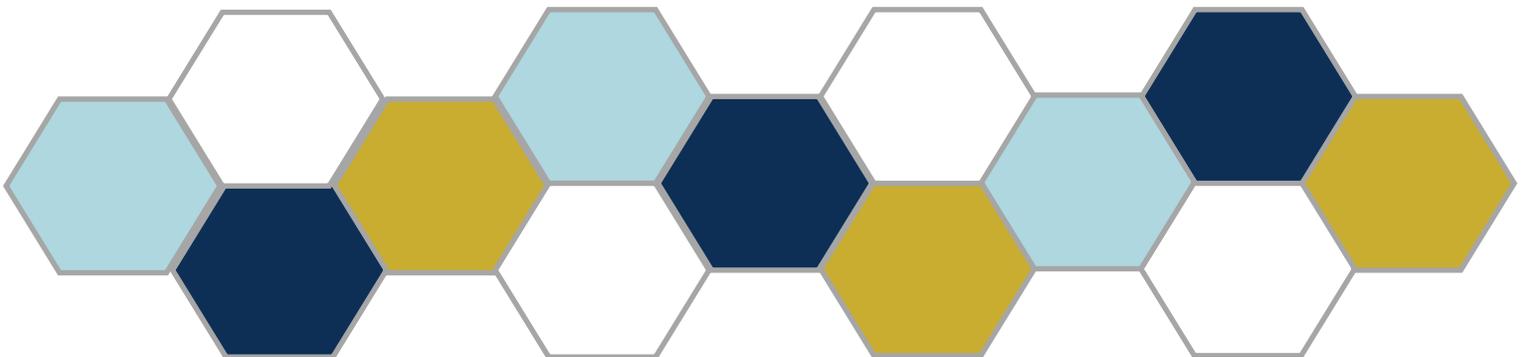
Beverly Douthit

Treasurer's Report *by Sabrina Summers*

Report at the end of the Newsletter. Please note that Sabrina's cell phone number in the Directory is incorrect. Here is the correct number: **205-914-1479**

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 the Treasurer. Checks made payable to ESQG and yearly ads run for 12 months. For additional info send email to eveningstarquiltguild@gmail.com
- ◆ **Next Newsletter Deadline:** January 29, 2021
- ◆ **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! **In person meetings cancelled until further notice.**
- ◆ **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!!!!) **Cancelled until further notice**
- ◆ **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!



Grace Q-Zone Hoop Frame/Brother PQ1500SL/Grace GMQ Pro Frame

Grace Q-Zone Hoop Frame with:

- ◆ Carriage assembly and Speed Control
- ◆ Gracie Laser
- ◆ Grace Table Inserts
- ◆ Grace SureStitch
- ◆ and Brother PQ1500SL sewing machine



Grace GMQ Pro Frame (assemble as crib, queen, or king length) with accessories

Or All for \$1550

A \$2693 Value

I have manuals for both frames and the Brother, and I can transport and assemble the frames for you anywhere within the Birmingham metro area.

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Guild Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Member Cost	Location
01/07/2021	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting	\$ -	ZOOM Meeting
01/09/2021	9:00 AM—11:00 AM	Virtual Sit & Sew	\$ -	ZOOM Meeting
02/04/2021	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting	\$ -	ZOOM Meeting
02/12/2021	6:30 PM—until ??	Virtual Friday Night Drive In	\$ -	ZOOM Meeting
02/13/2021	9:00 AM—11:00 AM	Virtual Sit & Sew	\$ -	ZOOM Meeting

Ongoing Programs

Begin	Title		
	Midnight Sun Sew Along	\$40	Virtual Meeting

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: _____

VIRTUAL

UNDER the NEEDLE

Friday Night Drive-In

Friday, February 12th
6:30 pm until ?????

Location: Your Sewing room - can't get your computer to your sewing area? Bring your machine and set it up in your computer area!

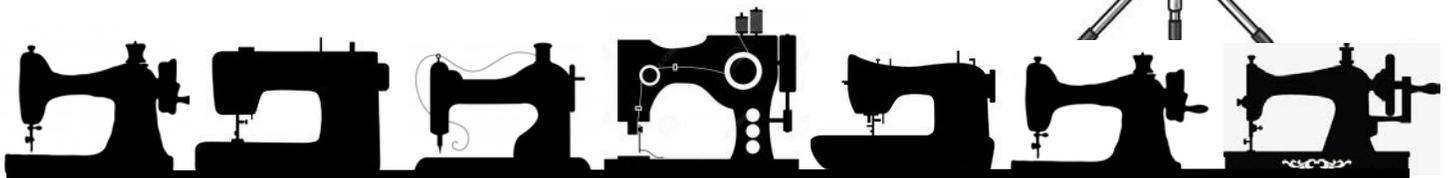
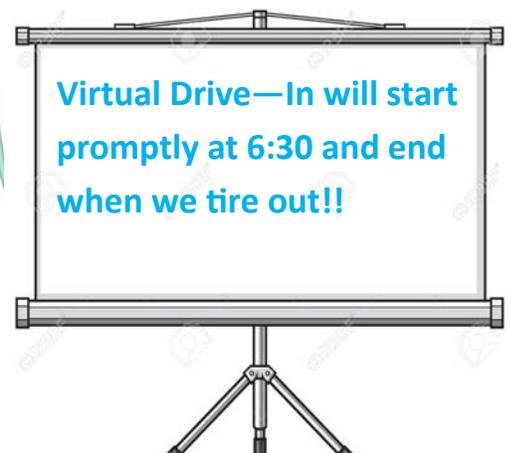
No sign-up is needed—a link will be sent by email to guild members—just click on it to join!

Friday Night Drive-In is a fun, informal learning opportunity to work on an easy quilt pattern found on the internet, DVD's, or blogs. The patterns selected will be suitable for beginners as well as

Got ugly fabric that you don't know what to do with or want to get rid of? Pair it with some coordinating fabrics for this fun project! *You won't know what pattern we are making until we share it with you onscreen!!*

Supply List for the February 12th ZOOM get together:

- Computer or iPad/tablet with camera and Zoom program loaded.
- Fabric:
 - twelve, eighteen, or twenty four 14" squares (number of squares will determine finished size of project).
- Rotary Cutting Ruler and Mat—long ruler for cutting straight lines and 12 1/2 square or larger ruler will be helpful.
- Sewing machine and all power cords/pedal, ex-



Evening Star Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report
December 31, 2020

Checking Account Beginning Balance	6,205.98
Deposits & Other Credits	
Total Deposits	0
	6,205.98
Checks & Payments	
(Cleared) 0	
(Outstanding) 0	
Total Checks & Payments	0
Checkbook Balance	6,205.98
Money Market as of Sep 30, 2020	10,055.48
TOTAL Checking + Money Market	16,261.46