

EVENING STAR GAZETTE

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Newsletter: A concerted group effort



Meetings are held the 3rd Monday
of each month at 6:30 p.m. at
Eastside Church of God.

Dues are \$20 for the first year and
each year thereafter

Website: eveningstarquiltguild.com

Hi Guildy Girls,

Spring! It really is spring even though the snow is hanging on with tenacity! I was thinking about my first quilt the other day and it always brings a smile. We always had quilts around us and I did piece tops but at the direction of my mother and grandmother. After I had my two daughters I decided to change the nursery curtains. My mother had just purchased a new quilt magazine (Quilt World in black and white) and I saw a pattern that I liked! So off I went, took the nursery curtains (home dec fabric), polyester cotton (yellow) and green (what could only be described as burlap). I made my cardboard templates, cut out my pieces and pieced my blocks. I set the blocks together with plain blocks in between. No one told me about squaring up!! So when my blocks did not fit, being a seamstress, I simply pleated them like I did for clothing! Then I started quilting by machine..I had only heard quilt a 1/4"..that's all...so I started sewing back and forth across the middle of the quilt with lines 1/4" apart...decided that is going to take too long...so I decided to hand quilt the top of the quilt and then I decided that was going to take too long, so I finished the bottom of the quilt with outline machine quilting! I call it my "sampler"! It is absolutely indestructible no matter what the kids did to it! Now, it belongs to my oldest daughter and those were the curtains I made for her nursery! What is the story of your first quilt?!

So honored to be leader of the pack! Sherry



Rest In Peace

Founder Janet Estes and "Queen" Connie Combs



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call.
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy!
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much.
Good friends, good times,
A loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me...
God wanted me now,
He set me free!



Sew, What Happened Last Month....?

The first meeting of 2018 for the Evening Star Quilt Guild was February 19, 2018. January was just too darn cold and icy!!! President Sherry McConnell welcomed the 52 members and 3 guests and thanked the volunteers for the sign in table, Vanna girls and hostesses. It was nice to see everyone!! Hope you all had a nice Christmas.

The account balance was listed in the newsletter, which Ann Fisher did a nice job putting together. I really like the page with all of the precut information-very handy.

Sherry introduced our new Vice President, Shannon Arnstein. We “twisted” her arm. J Welcome to the board!!

Betty Lloyd reported on two workshops coming up-Snack bags March 24, led by Bonnie Hinds and Reversible purse, April 21, led by Alyce Taylor. She passed around sign up sheets at the meeting. Samples will be brought to the March meeting again and a final sign up sheet will go around. The cost of the workshops will need to be paid before hand.

Sherry passed out the revised pattern for the Walkabout Bag, led by Christine Stainbrook last summer. These were given to the people who were at the workshop.

Donna Hartman gave us an update on the Chicago bus trip to the Quilt show. The ticket, \$65 is for the bus and the ticket to get into the show. A minimum has to be reserved so we can get the bus. She will reach out to other guilds again. We want and need a full bus. The bus trip is Friday, April 13.

Sherry reported that the Quilters Hall of Fame has a new exhibit, starting Tuesday of the Arnold Savage collection. There is also the Indiana heritage Quilt show in Bloomington, March 1-3. Classes for this years Celebration will be on the website in about 3 weeks. The Redbud quilt show will be May 19-20 at the Anderson Fine Arts Center.

We had another great show and tell with 16 participants. Jeanie Krise won the raffle gift, provided by Jean Faris (thanks again, Jean).

Our own Kaye Judt provided the program this evening on “My Journey with the Needle”. She took us though her journey from early stitching through her classes so she can teach her needlework. She brought many samples which showed her precise and beautiful stitching. Wow!! Thank you Kaye for sharing your journey!

Respectfully submitted,

\$\$\$ SHOW ME THE MONEY \$\$\$		
	<u>Balance</u> TBA	<u>Date</u> 4/16/2018
Treasurer Kaye Judt		

WORKSHOP

The next workshop will be on May 12th @ 10 a.m. with Alyce Taylor. We will be making a reversible purse. Cost of pattern and hardware is \$20. More info at the April meeting.

What’s happening with FREE SPIRIT?

As many of you know several weeks ago it was announced that FreeSpirit Fabrics was going to cease production. The shock of the quilting industry and the quilters could be heard around the world. After all, this is the home of Tula Pink, Kaffe Fassett, Tim Holtz, Amy Butler and so many others, so how could this be? The good news is that, JafTex Corporation purchased FreeSpirit and fabric design and production will continue! We are slowly getting information, but we do know that the nucleus of the staff was kept and the designers will keep on designing! What a roller coaster and so much stress for those affected. We are happy for the company and look forward to many more exciting designs and wonderful fabric to come!

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Pamela Kirkwood



My mother sewed all our dresses. 3 daughters. (Easter Pic) She was over-protective of her sewing machine. Our family was dysfunctional. I went to live with my cousins in Clayton Indiana. They had a large farm. Cornelia was a home eco teacher. She had me at her sewing machine right away. I was 10, I made napkins and aprons. She enrolled me in 4-H.



I have two sisters that sew like professionals. I missed that gene. but that's ok. At the age of 20 I took a quilting class @ Lee Wards. Piecing and appliqué. I was hooked. The best part is the feel of fabric and the color. Yes, I am a Addict. Quilting is therapy for me in a lot of ways

My husband Mike and I have been married 34 yrs. No children together. Two Cocker Spaniels, Brandie and Abbie. They are 11 yr old sisters. I have a son who is 40 yrs old getting ready to retire from the Air Force after 23 yrs.

I worked for the State 23 yrs and retired. Went through a 3 yr depression, I didn't sew a stitch. I am a Breast Cancer Survivor. Quilting Saved me again.

I wish I was better with combining colors together. I always go right by the book. I wish I had the courage to try to get past easy /med to a little more challenging. It's intimidating.

I know that I am not the only one out there that their fabric stash is going to out live them. I am going to at least put a dent in mine.

Bonnie Hinds



When I was ten, my Father showed me how his Mama taught him to cut a cardboard template to make half-square triangles and sew them together by hand. When I was thirty, my sister taught me about machine piecing, rotary cutters and techniques she had learned while working at a local quilt shop.

My favorite thing about quilting is watching a picture appear from assorted colors and shapes of fabric. It's like putting together a puzzle.

I was born in Muncie, Indiana and moved to Anderson when I was six years old. I was born fourth out of five children and have two children of my own. I got married in 2000 to a sweet man who has a daughter and three sons. He supports my hobby and enables me to spend time doing the things I love.

Some other things I enjoy doing are hand embroidery, flower gardening, painting old furniture to give it new life and spending time with my family and friends.

As far as what kind of quilter I am....I often refer to myself as a willy-nilly quilter. I rarely follow a pattern because I feel I have a better way to accomplish it. That may or may not be true. Sometimes they turn out better than expected and sometimes they don't. I machine piece and free motion quilt my own quilts. I have the first quilt and one of the last quilts I have made. I have completed approximately 30 quilts and I usually give them away. I enjoy the opportunity to pass that piece of my heart to someone I love.

I am always looking for tips and techniques to improve my art.



What's a meeting without snacks?

April

Bonnie Hinds, Aneta Stewart, Sharon Liptow,
Cathy Goins, Shirley Goodman

May

Jean Lightfoot-Faris, Kaye Judt,
Suzanne Hagan, Judy Clark

Vanna Girls

April ~ JoAnn Colvin, Steph Crabtree

May ~ Arlene Ellingwood, Glenda Hileman

Sign-In Table

April ~ Donna Hartman, Rita Shively

May ~ Betty Lloyd, Janice Dean

On The Road Again.....



February 27-May 12 ~, Quilter's Hall of Fame

Arnold Savage: My Family's Life in Textiles

www.quiltershalloffame.net

May 12 ~ 10:00 am Reversible Handbag Workshop with Alyce Taylor. Cost for pattern and hardware is \$20.

May 18-19~ Redbud Quilt Show @ Anderson Museum of Art, (old library, Carnegie building)

May 18-19 ~ Franklin County Quilt Show, Brookville \$5
www.extension.purdue.edu/franklin

Some websites and you tube channels that offer free webinars or videos:

<http://jordanfabrics.com>

<https://www.handiquilter.com/webinar/>

<http://www.quiltinaday.tv/tv/live.asp>

<http://www.bernina.com/en-US/Events-US/Webinars>

<http://www.sulky.com/education-events/sewing-online-with-sulky-sos/>

<https://www.superiorthreads.com/videos/>

<http://www.quiltingismytherapy.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FonsandPorter/playlists>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FatQuarterShop>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SewVeryEasy>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ShabbyFabrics>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MissouriQuiltCo>

<http://quiltville.blogspot.com/p/videos.html>

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