



# Gazette

## Evening Star Quilt Guild

of Birmingham-North Shelby County April, 2018

### April Program by Beverly Williamson

How great was last month's speaker, Flavin Glover! I loved the log cabin houses quilts. Made me feel a sense of community somehow. I think I'm going to make some for people living in assisted living homes to hang on their door to see easier which room is theirs at a glance since all those doors look alike otherwise.

This month, I am excited to welcome Dottie West! She is a member of our sister quilt guild in town, the Birmingham Quilt Guild. In addition to some stunning art quilts, Dottie creates the most beautiful landscape quilts, each one using different techniques. One may use the quilting stitches to create a flow of the land, another different colors to visualize the landscape in the distance, or a unique way of adding up close texture in trees' leaves and trunks, etc. I, for one, cannot wait to hear how she adds those gorgeous leaves on those trees! You can see some of her work up close at her co-owned art gallery, **Artists Incorporated** in Vestavia Hills. (website: <http://artists-incorporated.solarbean.com/>)



We will also see our next month's sew-along blocks — FLOWERS! (you know, April showers bring May flowers!) I know we have many members who have come down with the "hexi flu" and just can't get over the heart-fluttering weak-in-the-knees feeling they get when they are making them; so I've tried to incorporate a little something for them, not to mention encouraging everyone to learn a new quilting technique each month. You may find some great tutorials for hexi piecing on these websites (**you may need to copy and paste in your browser**): <http://quiltbarn.blogspot.com/2014/08/vintage-quilt-thursday-hexie-tutorial.html> And a little more instructions at: <http://beemybonnetco.blogspot.com/2010/04/hexie-paper-piecing-tutorial.html> Here is a website that has a downloadable 1" template and 1.5" template:



[Texas Freckles](http://www.texasfreckles.com) <http://www.texasfreckles.com>

Our pieced flower block this month comes from a precious Pinterest site where the blogger used it as a border around a large quilt! Check it out at: <http://podunkpretties.blogspot.com/2015/03/podunk-posy-quilt-block-tutorial-lots.html>



### Piecemaker's Weekend! By Shelby Looney

I hope all of you who have signed up for the Piecemaker Event are excited that the date is near. As always, the retreat is full, and the reason for that is because we ALWAYS have a fun filled two days. I am looking forward to seeing all of you, so please make your list, check it, and get your car loaded up with all your projects! See you all on April 6th!

### Sit-n-Sew by Janet Mikes

Sit-n-Sew is April 14th from 9 am to 3 pm at Valley Christian church. Beverly Williamson will present a short class on a Hand sewing Pillow. Fabric requirements will be three fat quarters and two pieces of same sized batting. The Borders group will also be meeting.

## President's Notes *from Joan Smith*

Spring is such a beautiful time of year. Sunshine and spring rains bring a refreshing spirit that gives us the desire to enjoy the world around us. As I sat on the back porch this weekend I marveled at the beauty of the landscape, listened to the wind chimes, hung new bird feeders, and began waiting for the humming birds to make their appearance.

I found this poem on one of the quilt guild websites that sums up this time of year so perfectly.

April showers and May flowers  
Happen in the spring  
Grass turns green and birds return to gladly chirp and sing.

The weather warms, the sun does shine,  
We say goodbye to snow.  
With windows washed, house cleaning done,  
We now are free to sew.

With springtime here you will observe  
There's much to do outside;  
To garden, maybe take a walk  
Sit in a swing and glide.

Paducah beckons us to come  
And see the many vendors;  
With patterns, fabrics, books galore,  
And quilts hung all asplendor



Shop-hops scheduled, road trips too  
It's time to start the ar.  
Go have some fun and buy new stuff  
From stores, some near, some far

But don't forget some quilts await,  
They're in your sewing room.  
A little time each day is all  
You need to make them "bloom."

Go through your closets and your totes  
To finish UFOs.  
Combine those scraps and strips and blocks  
For future quilt guild shows.

Stitch by yourself or in a group  
It doesn't matter how.  
Just get one done and then move on  
To make another now.

Enjoy these glorious moths ahead  
'Cuz springtime is the best!  
Just do as much as you can do.  
Next winter you can rest.

Happy Quilting,  
Joan Smith

## Special Events - by Shirley Hamilton

What a busy year we have had so far! I hope everyone is working on the *Lone Star* and *Medallion Border* quilts started during Winnie Fleming's workshops in January. I can't wait to see everyone's finishes during show and tell! And the only thing that could distract me



from completing the quilts I started during those workshops was the next two workshop offerings, *Log Cabin Patchwork Houses* and *Kaleidoscope*, from the inspiring Flavin Glover workshops in early March. Of course, I still have the *Star String* quilt I started during the January Friday Night Drive-In to complete....



I hope to work on these during the upcoming Piece Makers and Sit 'n Sew events – because on **May 11** we have our next **Friday Night Drive-In**, and I need to get the class sample finished... or at least started! We have also scheduled the next two Friday Night Drive-Ins, for **September 7** and **November 9**. I am taking registrations for all three events at the April 5 guild meeting. There is a \$5 facility fee each time that will be passed

on to the church, and a nominal kit fee will be determined for each event. We will take a breather before we start registration for the next workshop: In October, **Karen Kay Buckley** will visit for our guild presentation and three days of workshops in partnership with the Birmingham Quilters Guild - mark your calendars for October 4-7. Registrations begin this summer.



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**Susan Cleveland** visits our guild in October 2019, so stay tuned for more information!



Additionally, we will continue to offer Friday Night Drive-In and other exciting opportunities to learn new techniques, improve skills, and share our love of quilting!

Finally, guild member Ann Fronzuto has compiled an awesome calendar of events,

to help keep all these activities straight. Thanks to Ann for sharing this, and we will strive to keep it up to date. Send her any information to be included in future updates.

## Opportunity Quilt Raffle - Larry Cartwright

Yes, it's that time again. This year, our beautiful Opportunity Quilt was made by our Borders Group. They did a phenomenal job. And the quilting is exquisite. Thank you to all who had a part in putting it together.



As we know, this is our main fundraiser for the Guild each year. Tickets are \$1.00 each and will be available for you to pick up and start selling at the March meeting. Save the photo that will be posted on the Guild Facebook page to your phone so you will always have it with you. Better yet, make it your lockscreen so that it can start conversations everywhere you go.

When you turn in your money after selling your tickets, you will receive 5 tickets for yourself to enter (a perk of membership - tickets are not to be sold as "buy 5 get one free").

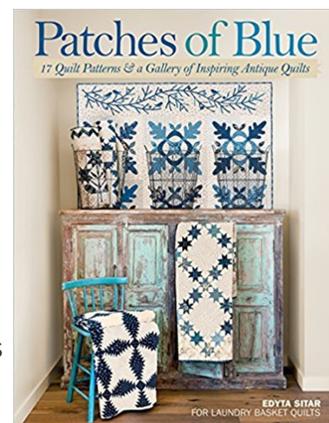
The table for tickets will be in the rear of the meeting room just after membership, so sign in and move left and get your tickets.

## In the Library by Linda Stutzman

### Patches of Blue: 17 Quilt Patterns and a Gallery of Inspiring Antique Quilts

By Edyta Sitar

"Discover the classic combination of blue and white in a collection of breathtaking quilts that's sure to capture your imagination. Acclaimed author and designer Edyta Sitar of Laundry Basket Quilts shares dozens of antique quilts in a gallery of inspiring photos and follows with patterns for 17 gorgeous quilt designs. Mixed in with the stunning array of quilts and patterns are photographs taken in and around Edyta's home in Southern California. Take a journey with Edyta as she embraces her fresh start in a new location, exploring the beauty surrounding her. Her signature style is artfully reflected in exquisite shades of blue and white."  
- from Amazon



## EVENING STAR QUILT GUILD 2018 CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Member Cost	Location
4/5/2018	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting		North Shelby Public Library
		Join Between the Covers Challenge	2.00	
4/6/18 - 4/7/18	8:00 AM - 9:00 PM Fri 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sat	Piecemakers	10.00	Valley Christian Church
4/12/2018	6:30 PM	Board Meeting		Ellen Anson's home
4/14/2018	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sit & Sew	5.00	Valley Christian Church
4/18/18 - 4/21/18	all day	PADUCAH AQS QUILT WEEK		Paducah, Kentucky
5/3/2018	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting		North Shelby Public Library
5/10/2018	6:30 PM	Board Meeting		Ellen Anson's home
5/11/2018	5:30 Doors open, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Class	Friday Night Drive-In (kit fee may apply)	5.00	Valley Christian Church
5/12/2018	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sit & Sew	5.00	Valley Christian Church
6/7/2018	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting		North Shelby Public Library
6/9/2018	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sit & Sew	5.00	Valley Christian Church
6/16/2018	6:30 PM	Board Meeting		Ellen Anson's home
7/5/2018	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting		North Shelby Public Library
7/12/2018	6:30 PM	Board Meeting		Ellen Anson's home
7/14/2018	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sit & Sew	5.00	Valley Christian Church
7/19/18 - 7/21/18	8:00 AM - 9:00 PM Thurs 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM Fri 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sat	Piecemakers	15.00	Valley Christian Church
8/2/2018	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting		North Shelby Public Library
		Deadline for Between the Covers Challenge		
		Deadline for Seasonal Block Sew Along		
		Opportunity Quilt Drawing		
8/9/2018	6:30 PM	Board Meeting		Ellen Anson's home
8/11/2018	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sit & Sew	5.00	Valley Christian Church

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Date	Time	Event	Member Cost	Location
9/6/2018	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting		North Shelby Public Library
		Membership renewal	25.00	
9/7/2018	5:30 Doors open, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Class	Friday Night Drive-In (kit fee may apply)	5.00	Valley Christian Church
9/8/2018	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sit & Sew	5.00	Valley Christian Church
9/15/2018	6:30 PM	Board Meeting		Ellen Anson's home
10/4/2018	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting		North Shelby Public Library
10/4/18 - 10/7/18	TBA	Karen Kay Buckley Visiting/Giving Classes	TBA	Valley Christian Church
10/11/2018	6:30 PM	Board Meeting		Ellen Anson's home
10/13/2018	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sit & Sew	5.00	Valley Christian Church
10/26/18 - 10/27/18	8:00 AM - 9:00 PM Fri 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sat	Piecemakers	10.00	Valley Christian Church
11/1/2018	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting		North Shelby Public Library
11/8/2018	6:30 PM	Board Meeting		Ellen Anson's home
11/9/2018	5:30 Doors open, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Class	Friday Night Drive-In (kit fee may apply)	5.00	Valley Christian Church
11/10/2018	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sit & Sew	5.00	Valley Christian Church
12/6/2018	6:30 - 7:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting start	Member Meeting		North Shelby Public Library
12/8/2018	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sit & Sew	5.00	Valley Christian Church
12/15/2018		NO BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER		
12/27/18 - 12/29/18	8:00 AM - 9:00 PM Thurs 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM Fri 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sat	Piecemakers - New Year's Bash	15.00	Valley Christian Church

### Ongoing Programs

Begin	Title	Cost	Due
8/1/2017	Seasonal Block of the month Sew Along	Your own supplies	8/2/2018
3/1/2018	Between the Covers Challenge	\$2 + own supplies	Prior to September Guild Meeting
3/1/2018	Opportunity Quilt Raffle Ticket sales	\$1 per ticket	Drawing 8/2/18
3/10/2018	Borders Bee Group 2	Your own supplies	N/A

## Minutes of the March 1, 2018 Guild Meeting from Ellen Anson

The meeting was called to order by Joan Smith at 7:01.

There were no corrections to the February minutes as posted in the newsletter. A motion was made and seconded to approve and the motion passed.

Treasurer, Bitsey Rogers, reported that as of January, beginning balance was \$20,225.23, with deposits of \$1563, expenses of \$2424.97 for an ending balance of \$19,363.26. There were no questions, comments or corrections to the treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed.



Shirley Hamilton, Vice President of Special Events, announced that there are 4 places available for the Saturday workshop by Flavin Glover.

Vice President of Programs, Beverly Williamson, showed the sew along blocks - kite for March, and umbrella/Easter scene for April.

Librarian, Linda Stutzman, announced that there have been 17 books added to the library. Linda also pointed out that the library has a Flavin Glover book available for check out.

Joan Smith reported for Janet Mikes that the next Sit and Sew will be on March 10th at Valley Christian from 9-3. She reported that there were 32 participants at the last Sit and Sew. The cost is \$5.00 donation to church. Sarah Adlman will demonstrate how to baste a quilt using pool noodles and a spray bottle and the borders group will also be meeting during Sit and Sew.

Stephanie Newman, retreat chair, reported that there are 16 participants signed up for the retreat this month.

Ellen Anson went over challenge rules and guidelines.

Larry Cartwright announced that opportunity quilt tickets for sale. A picture of the quilt is on the Facebook page and web page. The quilt will be on display next month if pictures need to be taken.

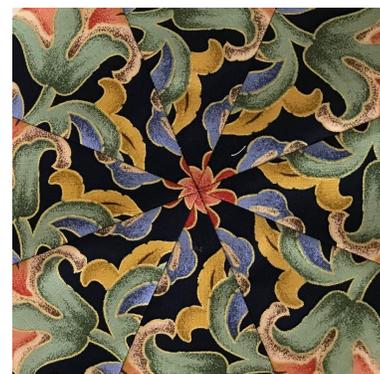
Membership chair, Lorrie Thomas, reported that there were 96 in attendance, including 3 new members and 4 visitors. Membership dues from now through August will be \$15.00. Nametags can be ordered for \$10 and directories are available for pick up. Name tag drawing took place.

There was no old or new business.

After show and tell, Beverly Williamson, Vice President of Programs, introduced guest speaker, Flavin Glover, who presented a slideshow on the various ways to use Log Cabins titled "A New Look at Log Cabin Quilts."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Anson, Secretary



## Refreshments for the April Meeting

\*\*\*Please Note: We have a member who is very allergic to peanuts. (even just being in the same room) Therefore we ask that you please refrain from bringing snacks that include peanuts. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

I'm sure there was a sign up sheet for refreshments, but I have apparently misplaced it. SOooo, please bring a "yummy" to share!

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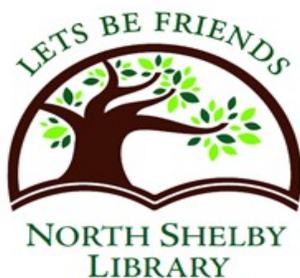
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Thanks to these venues that allow Evening Star Quilt Guild to hold meetings and sewing events in their facilities:

**North Shelby Library**  
5521 Cahaba Valley Rd



**Valley Christian Church**  
2600 Cherokee Place

Valley Christian Church   
Disciples of Christ

It's not too late to join in "Between The Covers", our 2018 Challenge. There are plenty of mystery books still available for purchase at the bargain price of \$2.00 and they will be available at the April meeting as well as Piecemakers on April 6th and 7th. Buy a book and be inspired by anything between its covers to make your challenge entry! - Ellen Anson

### **Challenge 2018 – "Between the Covers"**

Purchase a "mystery" book for \$2.00.

Do NOT share what book you have with anyone or any information about your challenge – we want it to be a mystery for everyone during voting!

You must get the inspiration for your entry from anywhere between the covers of your book. You do not have to make something exactly from the book, just be inspired by something in the book. Use your imagination!!

There is no required fabric.

Must be a quilt – three layers – and must be finished.

Entry must be no larger than 160 inches on total outside edges (Examples: no larger than 40 x 40, 20 x 60, octagon with each side totaling 20 inches, circle that is 160" in circumference, etc). There is no minimum size requirement - teeny tiny is always good :)

A sleeve is not required.

The page number on which your inspiration was taken must be represented on the front of the quilt (actual number can be appliqued, printed on; represented by the number of a specific item, embellishment, or number of pieces in the quilt). Again – use your imagination!

Turn in BEFORE the September meeting – may be turned in at any guild meeting prior to September or guild event such as August Sit and Sew. For later turn in before September meeting, make arrangements with Ellen Anson. Must turn in both the completed item and the completed entry form that was given to you when you bought your book (I will have extra forms if you lose yours). The book is yours to keep.

Must be in a pillowcase or bag so that it cannot be seen by others when turned in.

Must attach your name on the back - does not have to be covered up.

Quilts will be displayed at the September meeting. Awards will be given for Viewer's Choice, Best Inspiration, and Best Representation of Page Number.

ESQG Treasurers Report February 1 thru 28, 2018

Beginning Balance	\$19,363.26
Membership	\$75.00
Membership (name tags)	\$60.00
Special Events **	\$1,585.00
** Sit & Sew; Friday Night Drive In, Flavin Glover	
Retreat	\$595.00
Total Deposits	\$3900.00
Expenses	
Beverly Williamson (xmas decor)	\$13.20
Membership Printing	\$197.06
Shirley Hamilton (Spec Events)	\$213.40
Valley Christian (Feb Events)	\$340.00
Friday Night Drive in Refunds	\$45.00 (ck # 1357-1361)
2019 Opportunity Quilt Supplies (Susan Lee)	\$138.39
Total Expenses	\$947.05
Ending Balance	\$22,316.21



Here are the instructions for this free flower pattern from this blogspot:

<http://podunkpretties.blogspot.com/2015/03/podunk-posy-quilt-block-tutorial-lots.html>

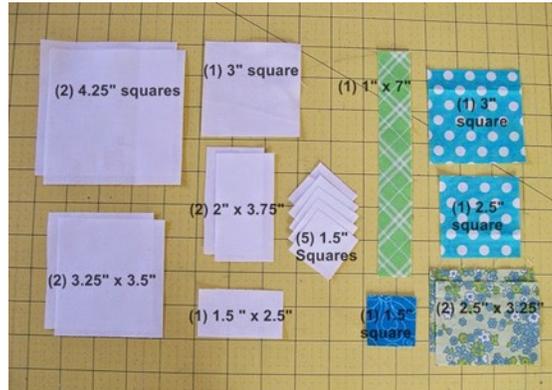
For each block you will need:

**White or background fabric**

- (2) 4.25" squares
- (2) 3.25" x 3.5"
- (1) 3" square
- (2) 2" x 3.25"
- (1) 1.5" x 2.5"
- (5) 1.5" squares

**Stem fabric**

- (1) 1" x 7"



**Posy fabric**

- (1) 3" square
- (1) 2.5" square
- (1) 1.5" square

**Leaves fabric**

- (2) 2.5" x 3.25"

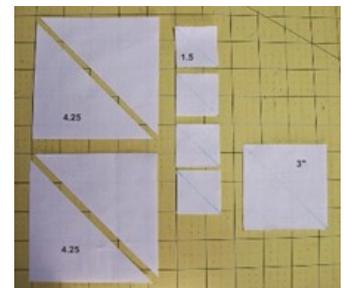
Cut both 4.25" squares in half diagonally. Mark 4 of the 1.5" squares and the 3" square with a diagonal line.



On the 3" squares stitch a quarter inch away from the line on both sides.

On the leaves stitch on the drawn line.

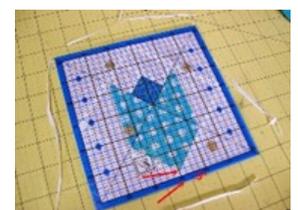
You'll end up with 2 Half square triangles and 2 leaves. Square up the two Half square triangles to 2.5".



Fold all the triangle pieces in half and make a crease as shown.

Line up that crease with the seam on the Posy and stitch.

This block will be a bit over sized and will need to be squared up to 6.5". It's important to make sure you have a half inch from the bottom of the Posy to the edge of the block.



Now cut off that half inch at the bottom of the block. I know it seems silly to square it up to 6.5" and then cut off the bottom half inch but it seemed easier for a new quilter to understand.



Finish piecing together, and all done!



# 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):

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Date Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 Beverly Williamson. Checks made payable to ESQG and yearly ads run from August to July. For additional info send email to [eveningstarquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:eveningstarquiltguild@gmail.com)
- ◆ **April Newsletter Deadline:** April 26, 2018.
- ◆ **General Meetings** take place on the first Thursday of the month at Shelby Library. Mingle with members at 6:30, meeting to start promptly at 7:00. Guests are always welcomed!
- ◆ **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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!