



# Gazette

## Evening Star Quilt Guild

of Birmingham-North Shelby County March, 2018

### March Program *by Beverly Williamson*

Thank you for allowing me to share the technique of Discharge Dyeing at last month's meeting. I hope you were able to use that information to decide if it would be something you'd like to try — or not, in the future. (smiles)



This month, we welcome quilt designer and teacher Flavin Glover! Her unique designs using the log cab-in block are exciting and innovative! I know you will enjoy her presentation and trunk show, so please be sure to mark your calendar for our guild meeting this Thursday!



Also, our April sew-along blocks will be presented! April brings not only the Easter Bunny but April Showers! Don't forget that you can create your own block as well that best resembles the month for you. The patterns for these two blocks are on pages to follow in this newsletter. Remember to bring your March block for credit of completion in our sew-along. All completed twelve blocks at the end of August will get your name in a drawing for a special door prize in September.



### President's Notes *by Joan Smith*

Welcome Spring!! I am just loving this warmer weather, aren't you? Soon the days will be longer and people with "Hexi-Flu" will be able to sit on the porch or patio

and enjoy the weather as well as their hexis.

We have had so many things going on and the excitement is contagious, thanks to all of you who have presented/taught and participated in programs this year. This has been such a successful year. So many new ideas!!

This month we start selling tickets for our Opportunity Quilt. Thanks to Larry Cartwright for heading up our ticket sales this year. The proceeds from this endeavor fund our special events. I want to encourage every member to do their part.

Our spring retreat is this month. There are only a few spots left. You can spend 3 days sewing and eating wonderful meals that you don't have to cook, no house work, just enjoying spending time sewing and enjoying getting to know your fellow sewists better!

I look forward to seeing each of you at the March meeting.

Happy Quilting,  
Joan Smith, President



## Special Events - by Shirley Hamilton

We are looking forward to the two workshops that **Flavin Glover** will conduct later this week. To see her exquisite work visit her website: [www.Flavinglover.com](http://www.Flavinglover.com)  
**We have a few spots left for Saturday's class—contact me if you want in!**



**Friday, March 2: Log Cabin Patchwork Houses**

**Saturday, March 3: Intro to Kaleidoscope Patchwork.**



Classes are \$35 each for members in good standing; non-members for \$45 each. A supply list will be sent when registration is received. Make checks payable to ESQG and bring to Thursday's meeting. Both workshops will be held at Valley Christian Church, [2600 Cherokee Place, Mountain Brook](#), from 9am - 3:30 pm. Doors open at 8:30 am for setup.



And 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 next summer.

**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!



## 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.

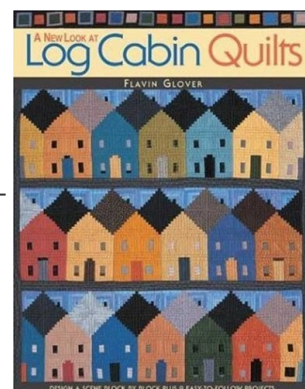
## In the Library by Linda Stutzman

**A New Look at Log Cabin Quilts: Design a Scene Block by Block Plus 9 Easy-to-Follow Projects**

by Flavin Glover

"Find inspiration in everyday life as you design spectacular quilts based on one simple block! Celebrated quilt artist Flavin Glover builds on traditional Log Cabin blocks and turns this American classic into an art form. 9 quilt projects use square and rectangular Log Cabin blocks to create cityscapes, natural vistas and more. Photos, diagrams and easy-to-follow cutting guides show you how to combine fabrics, colors and shapes for successful designs. Learn to use your camera (even postcards!) for inspiration and translate that inspiration into finished quilts."

---from the back cover





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

ESQG General Membership Meeting, Feb. 1. 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 by President, Joan Smith.

The minutes were posted in the newsletter. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

December's treasurer's report by Bitsey Rodgers: Beginning balance of \$19718.18, deposits of \$11672, expenses of \$1164.95, with an ending balance of \$20225.23. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

VP of Special Events, Shirley Hamilton, reported that Friday Night Drive In was a success with paper piecing technique. Flavin Glover's workshops in March are almost full. There are two spots left in Friday and 5 in Saturday and they are now open to non-members. If interested, contact Shirley.

Director, Larry Cartwright reported that he will be distributing tickets for the opportunity quilt next month.

Piecemakers chair, Shelby Looney announced the following dates for Piecemakers through the year: April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Shelby passed out cards with Piecemaker's dates as reminders. Sign up is being taken now for the April Piecemaker.

Bitsey Rodgers, Project Linus chair, reported that 8 quilts were turned in tonight. There will be a drawing next month.

Sit and Sew chair, Janet Mikes, reported that the February Sit and Sew will change from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday to Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, due to a conflict with the church. March through December Sit and Sew return to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Kathi Seymour will offer a mini class on English paper piecing at the March Sit and Sew. There will be no additional cost for this and Kathi will provide kits. Eileen Moore announced that Borders Bee, group 2 will start in March as part of Sit and Sew. There are currently 20 signed up. Contact Eileen if interested.

Stephanie Newman, Retreat chair, reported that there are 9 signed up for the March 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> retreat at Sunset Inn. There are 12 needed for the retreat to be held. Contact Stephanie to sign up.

Joan Smith presented the following 6 guild members who had lost family members with friendship blocks: Elaine Rasko, Sheryl Simpson, Laurie Smith, Claudia Weber, Judy Buster, and Carol Harmon.

Membership chair, Lorrie Thomas, assisted by McCartney Newman, announced that the directory is printed and thanked Becky Seitel for her help with that. Members were encouraged to pick up a copy of the directory by the end of meeting. Name tag pins can be ordered at a cost of \$10.00. Those wearing name tags each month are entered in the monthly door prize drawing. There are currently 118 members. Present at tonight's meeting were 62 members, 3 new members and 2 visitors for a total of 67 attending.

Shirley Hamilton shared the sewing machine name tag that was shown at the Friday Night Drive-In.

Joan Smith announced that former member, Sheryl Cole, has been released from the hospital and is now on hospice care.

Elaine Moore thanked Melissa Martin for quilting the opportunity quilt, and Ella Thomas for making the label. The quilt was on display at the meeting.

There was no old business.

New business: Ellen Anson announced a "teaser" regarding the upcoming challenge to be presented at the March meeting and displayed at the September meeting. Ellen gave the hint – the inspiration will come from "between the covers."

Beverly Williamson showed the February heart block, and a kite and shamrock for March. Patterns will be in the newsletter. After show and tell, Beverly Williamson, VP of Programs, presented a demonstration of discharge dying.

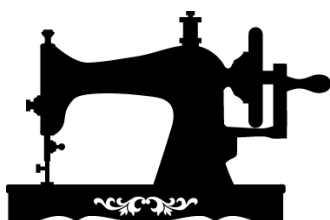
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Anson, Secretary.

## Refreshments for the March 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.

SALTY	SWEET	DRINKS	ICE	CUPS
Cynthia Brown	Monique Smith	Rickie Deaver	JoEllen Johnson	B. Williamson
Carol Hoeffner	Clarice Brown	Mary Berry		
Alma Gaertner		Millie Moore		



**Shirley Hamilton**

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or

**Valerie Bierley**

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**If you are looking for something  
not listed—let us know!**

### ***Vintage Machine Sale***

**Singer (with Cabinets)**

- ◆ 301—with desk & stool!
- ◆ 319W—mint green, desk, cams, accessories

**Singer (with cases or machine only)**

- ◆ 99K—several available
- ◆ 128—mint green
- ◆ 301 long bed—beige
- ◆ 404

**Other Brands**

- ◆ Atlas—pink
- ◆ Viscount & Revere—turquoise machines!
- ◆ Vigorelli—post war, Army green
- ◆ White—turquoise, yellow, & pink/beige “My Fair Lady”
- ◆ Free Westinghouse—bronze

Bases, cabinets, cases & more machines getting ready for sale!  
This is just a sampling. There are many collector-style machines available; some are only parts machines, some are eye candy, and some sew like a dream!

**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**



**It's Challenge Time Again!!!!** *From Ellen Anson* – Get your creative juices flowing for another exciting challenge. Sign up will begin in March and the challenge entries will be revealed in September. Read on for all the rules and criteria:

### **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.

## Director's Notes *by Larry Cartwright*

A recent comment turned in to the suggestion box:

*"What is the sense of having to pay or sign up for Drive In if after it is over with the patterns and/or instructions are given out online?"*

*One would think the object is to show up and be surprised and then just post pics of what was done and then those who don't participate might feel like "wow, I really missed out I will go next time!"*

*Just saying....."*

We turned to **Shirley Hamilton** and **Kathi Seymour**, who lead the Friday Night Drive-In sessions, to address this:

First and foremost, the pattern was already available online, free, from the designer. Yes, anyone could have found the pattern and stayed at home and made the blocks on their own, without attending Drive-In. That remains an option.

Drive-In was conceived as "Friday Night at the Movies." From the very beginning, the idea has been to take a pattern or lesson that is freely available online, show it on the screen, and then tackle the project as a teaching opportunity in a group setting. We build skills, learn new techniques, explore options. We talk about contrast, color choices, setting possibilities. We stress the importance of sewing an accurate  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. We show six ways to sew a curve. We show how to cut the same pattern with ruler, templates, and AccuQuilt. We talk about bias, starch, and colorfastness. We discuss tips and tricks. We offer money-saving and time-saving advice. This is what you get from attending. The value is in sharing knowledge, learning together, and embracing something that intimidated us. Just ask folks who had never sewn curves or had never paper-pieced a block – folks who would not have come, nor tried it, if they had known what the project for the night was!

To avoid copyright violations, we did contact Cath of Wombat Quilts and received permission to make photocopies of the pattern for the class, to share the pattern with our members, to teach her method, to show her website/blog during class, and to use her resources to spread the joy of paper piecing.

In exchange for this FREE class, which requires immense amounts of time and effort on our part to plan, organize and present, we ask that \$5 be donated to the church where we meet. For the January 26<sup>th</sup> Drive-In, we charged a \$10 kit fee that included a ruler that retails for \$11, a glue stick, a folding tool, fabric, copies of the pattern, a master sheet for reprints, fabric calculations and cutting instructions, and bonus flying geese paper piece patterns.

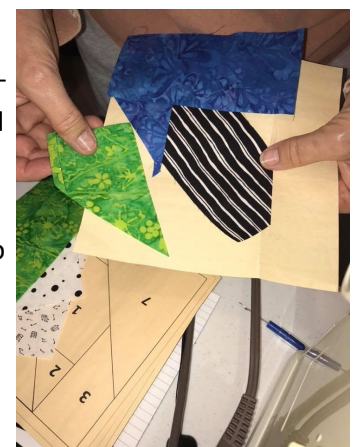


We brought in dinner. We socialized. We laughed. And along the way, we learned.

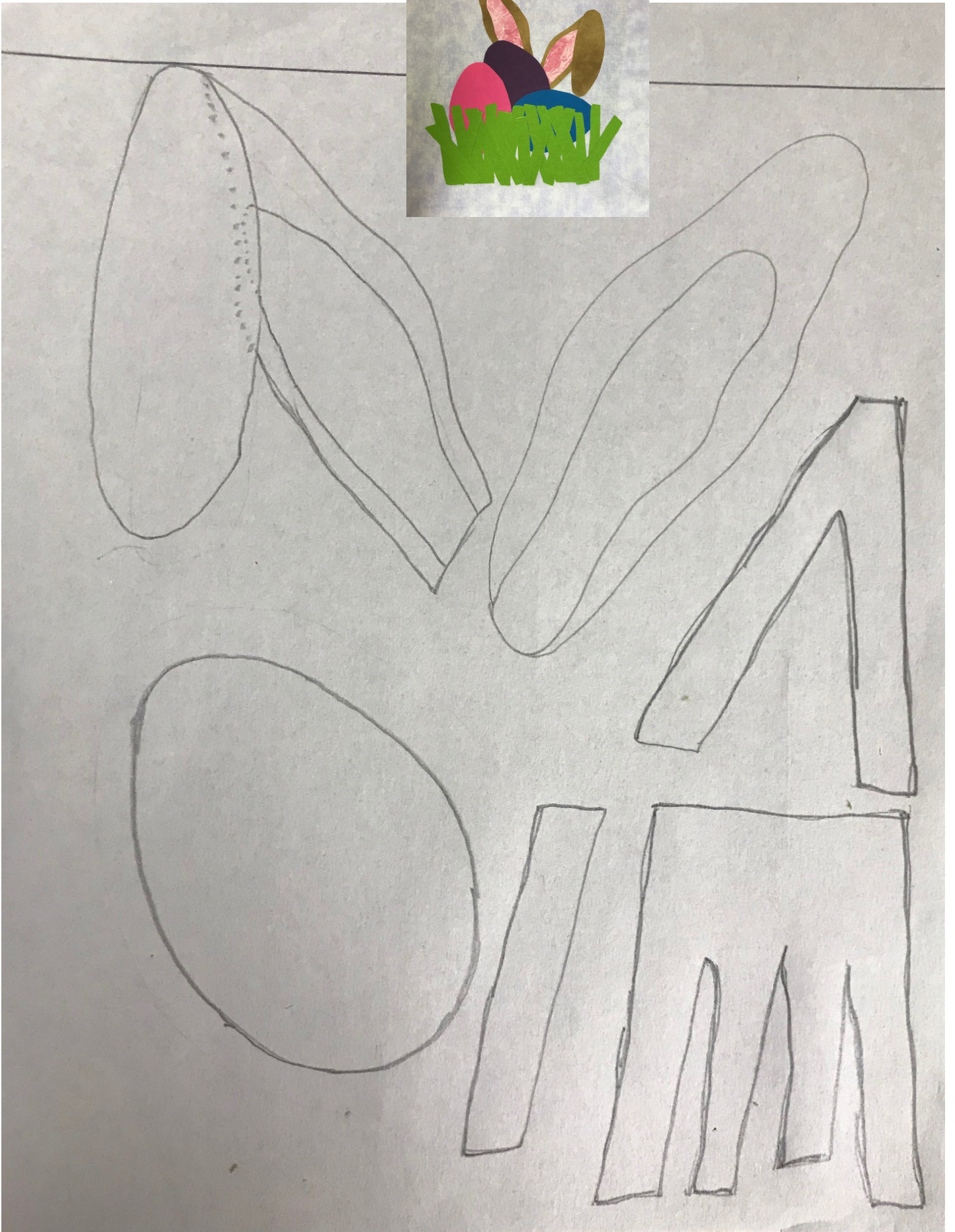
We have failed miserably if the value of attending is lost on anyone who has participated. And yes, you are absolutely right – we want folks who didn't attend to catch the excitement – to realize that "wow, I really missed out; I WILL go next time!"

See you at the next Drive-In.

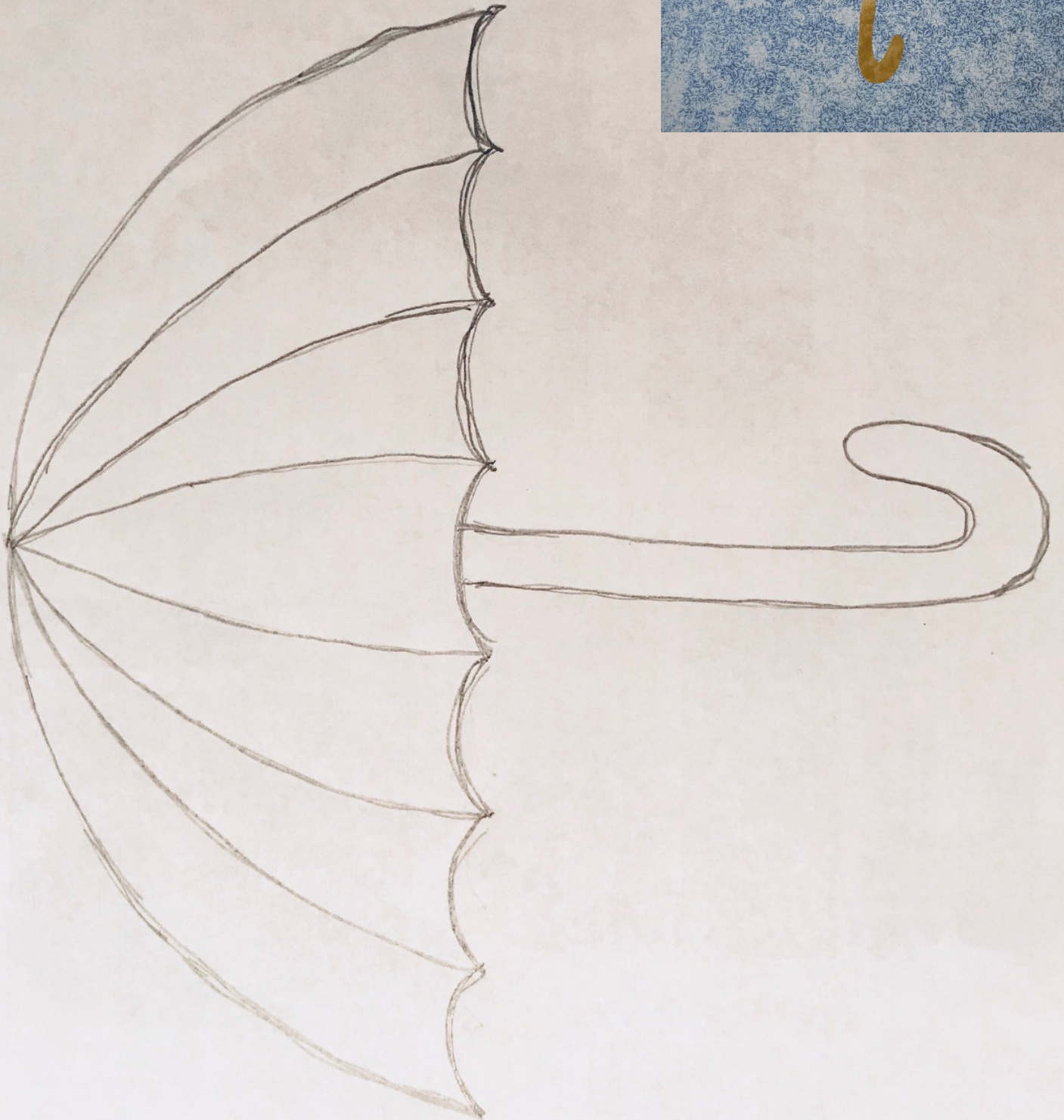
Shirley Hamilton and Kathi Seymour













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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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:** March 25, 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!