



Valley Forge Homestead
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Guild Newsletter

August 2010

Clips from Chris

Time fly's when you are having fun. I don't know where the time goes and how we all find the time and energy to get our projects completed but apparently we do, some more efficiently than others. Hats off to all of our winning quilters this past month: Becky Weiland, Laura Chaplar, Susan Glaser, and Barb Jones. I am so proud to be among such talented friends; let's hope they remember us when they become famous quilters. Lately I can't seem to get my personal items done, there is so much going on in my life: new babies arriving, another due to arrive soon (not my own of course - my nieces are busy these days), construction around the house, then onto another T-shirt quilt project (yes this one is really going to be made using real T-shirts). So far shopping for these projects has been great fun; I am able to get out to many shops and see the latest and greatest. Some shops have their shelves stocked so full it was difficult to remove the bolts but don't despair I didn't break a nail; it seems they needed help thinning the inventory anyway. Happy quilting to all and let's not forget our show is right around the corner, and we all know how fast the time goes.

Chris



Laura with completed BOM for 2010.

Guild Meeting Information ~ 8/17/10

If you think you know every appliqué technique there is, here's still another one. Linda Poole, who has taught at many quilt shows locally at Lancaster and Oaks, throughout the U.S., and internationally, will show us many quilts which demonstrate her unique appliqué technique. Her books, etc., will be sold at both her lecture and appliqué class the following day. Don't miss learning this appliqué technique from the International Outreach Coordinator for the Appliqué Society. You may view Linda's quilts on her website: www.lindampoole.com.

Refreshment Assignments

Sweets

Maxine Close
Karen Glasthal
Kate Sevensky
Theresa Martini
Laura Sypniewski
Cathy Fennell

Hors d'oeuvres

Dottie Dolgash
Nancy Hannum
Chris Candello
Lynn Radliff
Candy Garrido
Jean Corday

Beverages

Jeanne Dzedzy
Chris Candello
Cathy Radcliffe
Sandy Darlington
Ethel Hutchinson

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Afternoon Bee—2nd Tue

August

August 10, 2010, 12:30 – 3:30 PM, at the home of Nancy Han-num, 2652 Amy Drive, Norristown, PA, 610-539-7066

September

September 14, 2010, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Candy Garrido, 602 Landis Road, Harleysville, PA, 215-256-7989.

Evening Bee—4th Tue

August

August 24, 2010, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Candy Garrido, 602 Landis Road, Harleysville, PA, 215-256-7989.

September

September 28, 2010, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Beth Quigley, 504 Susan Drive, King of Prussia, PA, 610-292-9090

Appliqué Bee—1st Tue

September

September 7, 2010, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the home of Martine Green, 477 Maynard Road, Wayne, PA, 610-687-0854.

October

October 5, 2010, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the home of Gloria Clark, 762 Laurel Lane, Wayne, PA, 610-687-1728



Our Bees are open to all members of the Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild. We work on our own hand projects (*there's not usually room for sewing machines*); we assist each other with color, layout, and other ideas; and we enjoy each others company in a smaller venue. Check your calendar and see if you're able to join one or all of the Bees this month. If you would like to host one of the Bees, please contact Jean Hayden (Afternoon Bee) or Beth Quigley (Evening Bee) or Gloria Clark (Appliqué Bee).

Retreat Time

Our 25th Quilter's Retreat at Mensch Mill is scheduled for November 4-7, 2010. Cost is \$155 per person Friday afternoon to Sunday, includes 4 meals or \$205 per person Thursday afternoon to Sunday, and includes 7 meals. A \$20 non-refundable deposit will hold your space. All remaining monies are due to Sally Rapp by October 12.



Birthdays

August

- August 3 Barbara Sherman
- August 9 Martha Klein
- August 11 Erin Holvoet
- August 13 Susan Dryburgh
- August 14 Kathy Graff
- August 15 Vickie Lopresti
- August 21 Linda Ulinski
- August 30 Charlene Hagerty
- August 31 Mary Matcovich

September

- September 2 Linda Hamel
- September 5 Deb Graves
- September 12 Cathy Radcliffe
- September 13 Laura Sypniewski
- September 15 Diana Heiney
- Jacqui Santangelo
- September 16 Ellen Kirkner
- September 22 Jean Hayden
- September 27 Sherlee Hilberg
- September 28 Maryanne Brooke



Donna Raymond readies the Ice Cream.



Guild Workshops

Appliqué Technique—Linda Pool

DATE: August 18, 2010 (Wednesday)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

PLACE: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Trooper, PA

PRICE: \$25.00 plus kit (\$15.00)

Harvest Festival—UFO Workshop

DATE: September 25, 2010 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of
Prussia, PA

PRICE: Free; bring your own lunch.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our friend Becky Weiland who received the Judges Choice Award for her Doily Quilt at the Hershey Quilt Show. Keep up the great work, we are all so proud of you!



Becky Weiland and her winning quilt.

Welcome!

Linda Vanek hails from Lansdale, PA and heard about VFHQ Guild from her friend and our member, Lisa Steur. Linda's grandmother taught her to sew when she was a child and has been sewing her entire life. She started quilting a few years ago and just loved it. Linda can't wait to learn more! Linda became involved in quilting through a block of the month at Byrne Sewing and was hooked. She has completed many small projects such as mini quilts and wall hangings, and has not yet attempted a bed-size quilt. When not quilting, Linda enjoys gardening, biking, swimming, cooking, photography, and scrapbooking. Linda does not work outside the home. She has a husband, Mark and two children in college, Victoria, a senior and Chris, a sophomore; both at Bloomsburg University. Welcome, Linda!



Busy members making Linda's wool pincushion.

Membership Renewal Time

Time to re-up! Membership renewal will start in August (at the August meeting) and run through September. Annual dues are \$25. Please plan accordingly and be ready to give your check or cash to the Membership Committee at the August or September meeting OR mail your check to Nancy Hannum, 2652 Amy Drive, Norristown, PA 19403. Dues must be paid by the deadline in order to enter quilts in the quilt show. The Executive Board and your Membership Committee appreciate your help in expediting renewal – ours is a very active guild so, please keep current and pay your dues by Sept. 21.

Thanks!

-Nancy Hannum

More winners!

Great news to report, our members Laura Chaplar and Susan Glaser both won first place prizes at the Kimberton Fair and Barb Jones also won some prizes at the fair. Once I know more accurate details I will let you all know. I am so honored to be amongst such talent. You go girls!!

-Chris Candello

Our Quilt Show

If you haven't already marked your calendar, please take a moment right now to do so. And make sure that you don't schedule a vacation or anything else on the dates of our quilt show which will be held October 22 and 23, 2010 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA. Please remember that all members are needed to help with this event so when the sign up sheets come around to help, please sign up! As usual, we will check-in our quilts at our October 19, 2010 guild meeting. The registration [form](#) is available on our web site:

<http://www.valleyforgequilters.org>. Click on the "Events" tab then on "Quilt Show" on the left hand column (the form is also available from the administrative tab in the forms page). You'll use one form for each quilt you're exhibiting. You may exhibit 3 quilts in the main exhibition areas (one of which can be bed-size); and you may exhibit any of your guild activity quilts (in the "workshop" room).

Boutique: For those of us who are working (or will be working) on items for our Quilt show Boutique, you'll find the related forms in the Administrative section of our web site under "forms." There is a form for items you intend to donate and a form for items you intend to sell on consignment (both can be found in the same file).

Grandma's Attic: Jean and Laura are collecting items. They would prefer a little at a time each month so they can store everything properly.

Next Meeting of committee chairs: September 13, 2010, location TBD.

50 - 50 with a Twist

It was Jean Hayden competing against Marge Quinn in the card game "21." Jean was able to stay under 21 and win the prize of \$45.00. Marge won \$27.50 and, in her words, "a recipe, too." The fun continues at the August meeting where we will play "Strip Poker" only as quilters can. The winning survivor will be selected and awarded a cash prize. Tickets are still \$1 for one or 6 for \$5.

-Kate, Sally, and Nancy



*Marge and Jean playing Twenty-One
with Kate as the dealer.
Chris brings good luck.*



Raffle Quilt.

Fat Quarter Raffle

I'll Take Vanilla – Background Fabrics –
July, August, September 2010

The Background Fabrics Fat Quarter Raffle drawing will be at the September meeting. Need some contrast to your multi-colored stash, the favorite background is white. White is not a shade but a color. White reflects all colors of the visible light spectrum to the eyes. There are billions of different shades of white in the world but only about 80 major ones. Many of the white background fabrics have tone on tone patterns that add interesting dimension to your quilt design. Try some, off-white, Bright white, soft white, blue white, alabaster, cream, ecru, eggshell, pearl, ivory, oyster, winter white, ice, milk white and of course, I'll take vanilla. Bring in your favorite white background fat quarters, fill in the entry form with your name and put in the jar. The drawing will give a lucky winner a bonus prize too.

The next raffle will be October/ November, December, if you have any suggestions, please email me – jrenee336@yahoo.com.

-Jacqui

Block of the Month

Please bring your book to the meeting each month to get the updates for the blocks to be done the following month.

Designs are from Jennifer Chiaverini - SYLVIA'S BRIDAL SAMPLER from Elm Creek Quilts. Below are the blocks we will be doing for the next three months. All blocks are 6" finished.

August

Bear's Paw
Dove in the Window
Love...Mist
Providence

September

Corn & Beans
Clay's choice
Posies...Square
Any block of your choice

October

Sister's choice
Odd Fellows Patch
Sarah's Choice
Hunter's Star

Of course you can do any others blocks listed in the book but they will not count toward the prize drawings.

-Sally Rapp and Beth Quigley

One Month To Go: Are you up for the CHALLENGE?

There's still time to prepare a challenge quilt! Rules below:

Three P's – Petite, Plaid or Polka Dot

- Use at least two of the three "P's" (you may use all three!) to make a quilted project.
- Petite is defined as 20" or less on any given side. If petite is NOT chosen as a parameter of the design, then the size of a quilted wall hanging should be no larger than 50" on any given side.
- Plaid or polka dot fabric must be included in at least 25% of the overall design whether used singly or in combination.
- Use any design or pattern, original or commercially available, and any construction technique for your project. You may use components that are appliquéd, pieced, embroidered, cross-stitched, painted, embellished, etc., or a combination thereof.
- You must include with your submission a typed description of your challenge piece (perhaps something intriguing about material, or an interesting occurrence during the process, or a unique aspect of the design, or an unusual technique you used, etc.). Your description should be between 50 to 75 words (no more than 100 words) using 12-point type (or standard typewriter size), on a card or paper no larger than 8½ x 8½. (If you don't have access to a computer or typewriter, a neatly hand-printed description will be acceptable.)
- Your creation can be any quilted item (including jacket, bag, etc.).
- Your creation should be something made during the coming year (between 10/2009 and 9/2010).
- As usual, one entry per-person will be accepted.
- Completed challenge quilts will be displayed and voted on at the September guild meeting in 2010.
- All questions regarding this challenge should be directed to Judy Snook 610.933-8094 or judyann12@verizon.net



Lisa's T-Shirt Quilt.

Giant Fabric & Quilting Book Sale: September 21, 2010

Clear out your unwanted fabric from your stash - fabrics you liked when purchased them, but that you now know are probably not going to be used. Included in the sale are any quilting books you may want to part with, along with any tools and gadgets. . Why not sell them at our September 21st meeting? All monies realized go directly back to you so that you can buy more new fabric to replace what you just sold. And remember -- one quilter's stash-trash is another quilter's treasure. So whether you're bringing fabric to sell or not, come prepared with cash for those treasures you're sure to find!

Here are the guidelines:

- You set the price.
- Each piece of fabric, "package" of fabrics or quilting books must be clearly labeled with:
 - Your name
 - Price you are asking
 - Yardage or size of fabric (not for books or tools)
- Put all this information on a label or tag so when the buyer goes to pay at the cashier table it can be recorded on the "sellers" sheet.
- You may also sell kits, completed tops or orphan blocks. (Please no U.F.O's) All items must be labeled like above.
- Pre-register your name with Sally Rapp (610-489-6892) by Saturday, September 20, 2010 if you plan to sell. Since we have to plan the set-up in advance, only names registered will be given table space. All items must fit onto one-half of a large table. Be selective in what you bring to sell because it must fit in the space provided.
- Buyers need to pay in cash, so come prepared.
- Bring your own shopping bag to take home your purchases.
- We hope this will give members an opportunity to earn some money for themselves while cleaning out your fabric stash and books. Any items you did not sell will be gladly accepted for "Grandma's Attic" at our upcoming October show.

If you have questions, please call Sally Rapp or Gloria Clark.

September Meeting Preview – Sept 21, 2010

Our challenge quilts will be displayed, voted upon, and ribbons presented. (You have about a month remaining to finish your projects.) It's important that you **notify Judy Snook now** if you plan to bring a challenge quilt (even if you're not yet positive that you'll get it done, notify Judy) so we can gauge how many quilt stands to set up for the evening. As in the past, only one entry per member and next year's challenge will be revealed. We will also have our "5th" giant fabric and quilting books sale. More information about the sale is in this newsletter.

Appliqué Tip

When using the Karen Kay Buckley heat resistant plastic templates for your appliqué, try putting a little of Alene's repositionable glue on the back of the template. This will keep the template from slipping when ironing and the glue lasts through multiple uses.

-Joan Markowitz



Judy with Sunbonnet Sue in Norway.

Meeting Minutes ~ July 20, 2010

Meeting Commenced: At 7:00 p.m. Chris welcomed all members. She also welcomed our new member Linda and our guest Betty. The sign up book was passed around for the raffle ticket sales at Hershey Quilt Show, Oaks Quilt Show, Skippack Day, and Community Days. The quilt show schedule was also being passed around.

Bees: The next evening bee will meet at Laura Chaplar's home on July 27th. The afternoon bee will meet at Nancy Hannum's home on August 10th.

Appliqué Group: Will meet at Judy Snook's home on August 3rd.

Door Prize: The winners were Maryanne Brooke, Jacqui Santangelo, and Mary Matcovich.

BOM: Winner for the monthly drawing was Donna LeBlanc. Next month's blocks are Bear's Paw, Dove in the Window, Love in the Mist, and Providence.

Retreat: Sally reported there are still several openings for the November retreat. The fall retreat theme is "Quilt 'til you Wilt". Lots of fun is being planned.

Membership Dues: Please make sure your membership dues get paid in a timely manner. We have a busy fall planned and would like to get them taken care of as soon as possible. See Nancy Hannum with your fee.

Fat Quarter Raffle: The theme for July, August, and September is "I'll Take Vanilla". Bring in your white background fat quarters and enter the drawing. Jacqui will be on vacation for the August meeting; she will need coverage for the FQR for the month, see Jacqui if you can help her.

Comfort Quilts: Jean C. reported that she made a delivery to the Abramson Cancer on June 19th. A delivery of 26 quilts and 30 chemo caps were dropped off.

Workshop: Gloria reported that she has 3 spaces open for the Linda Poole workshop on August 18th. She will soon be opening this up to other local guilds if she cannot fill the spots. See Gloria to sign up.

Quilt Show: Jean H. said the [quilt show registration form](#) is now available on our web site. You need to fill out one form for each quilt you enter. The forms are to be emailed to Cathy Fennell. Quilt show flyers can be picked up at the back table. When you are visiting quilt shops or shows please take a stack to drop off.

Oaks Quilt Show: We need volunteers to help with the white gloving on the Friday of Mancuso show. See Gloria to sign up.

Quik-kit: Chris showed us the pretty quilt that is going to be offered as a monthly program using our accu-quilt. Becky W. will be heading up this new project. See Becky for more details.

Connecting Threads: Kathy G. said the next order will be submitted on August 16th. Call Kathy if you would like to place an order.

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Digging In!



Jean's Weaver Fever.



Quick-kit Quilt.

Meeting Minutes ~ July 20, 2010 continued



Linda explains the pin-cushion project.

Tonight's Program: Everyone enjoyed our ice cream social. Donna R. did the shopping for the delicious ice cream and all the tasty toppings. We also had some desserts to accompany the ice cream. In addition to the ice cream our social activity was a wool appliqué pincushion. Linda H. had all the supplies, directions, and guidance to make a colorful pin-cushion.

Challenge: Judy encouraged us to keep working on our fall challenge, which is a 3-P's theme.

50/50 With a Twist: Tonight we played 21 With a Twist. Our contestants were Marge Quinn and Jean Hayden. Each contestant had to pick cards, but not go over 21. Jean went to 18 and Marge went over. Jean was the winner of

\$45.00 and Marge was the runner up winning \$27.50.



Rosemary, Judy and Lou working hard, Cathy not so much!



Charlene and a quilt for her husband.



Sandy and her Tumbler Quilt.



Becky and her wool appliqué piece.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:40p.m.

-Respectfully Submitted: Jean Corday - Recording Secretary

Quilt Shows

Layers: Unfolding the Stories of Chester County Quilts #3: February 27, 2010 through September 25, 2010. The final installation of Chester County community owned quilts will be placed on view in this third installation. Don't miss the chance to see the outstanding work and read the stories that tell us that quilts are about more than fabric. For more information contact the Chester County Historical Society, 225 N. High Street, West Chester, PA 19380, 610-692-4800 or <http://www.chestercohistorical.org>.

World Quilt Show - New England at The Radisson Center of New Hampshire Manchester, New Hampshire, August 19 – 22, 2010, presented by Mancuso Show Management. For more information: <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=18>

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XVII at The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA, September 16 – 19, 2010, presented by Mancuso Show Management. For more information: <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=4>

Quilt Entry Deadlines

American Quilter's Society Show: <http://www.americanquilter.com>

- AQS Lancaster 2011: November 5, 2010
- AQS Paducah 2011: January 3, 2011

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens is having a Quilt Show, ***Celebrating Nature's Beauty in Stitches: a Quilt Show***. Go to the website, www.jenkinsarboretum.org, for show details, rules and application form. Application Deadline November 1, 2010, 4 pm.

Mancuso Show Management: <http://www.quiltfest.com/default.asp>

- Pacific International Quilt Festival XIX, Oct. 14-17, 2010 (Santa Clara, CA): "Escape" quilt competition – August 25, 2010
- World Quilt Show, Nov. 12-14, 2010 (West Palm Beach, FL): "Florida" quilt competition – September 23, 2010

The **National Quilt Museum**, <http://www.quiltmuseum.org>, sponsors an annual New Quilts from an Old Favorite contest. This year's block is Orange Peel and the entry deadline is November 1, 2010.

Thread Tails, Vapor Trails: All quilt makers are invited to create a 40"-square quilt with a Naval Aviation theme, which could include airplanes, aircraft carriers, space, or honoring an aviator or naval aviation veteran. Award-winning and traveling quilts will debut at the Blue Angels Homecoming in Pensacola, Florida. Deadline for online quilt submissions is October 1, 2010. For more details, visit www.NavyQuilts.com. (American Quilter, September 2010, pg.45).



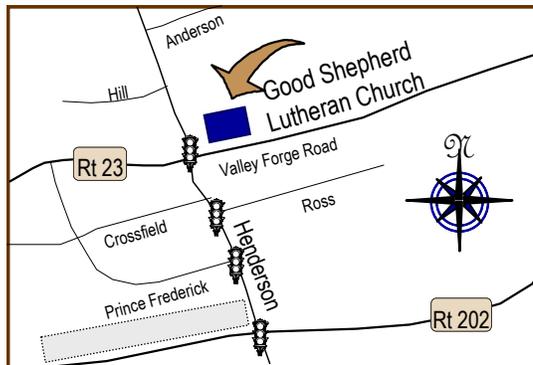
Hand quilting workshop.

Guild Meetings

DAY: Third Tuesday of each month

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
King of Prussia, PA



Newsletter Submissions

Information for the next newsletter must be received by the 1st day of the month. Send to:

Cathy Fennell

fennell@rosemont.edu (preferred)

32 Clearfield Avenue
Eagleville, PA 19430
610-630-8645 (home)

Guild Board

Elected Officers:

President	Chris Candello
Vice President	Marge Quinn
Treasurer	Candy Garrido
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Membership Chair	Nancy Hannum
Immediate Past President	Lou Chandler

Committee Chairs On Board

Program Chair	Gloria Clark
Workshops	Jean Hayden Marge Quinn
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More Committees

Info & Resources

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Historian	Nancy Hannum
Library	Carol Divis
Volume Discounts	Kathy Graff

Guild Meeting Support

Set-up	Cathy Fennell
Refreshments	Laura Chaplar Charlene Hagerty Beth Quigley
Hostess/ Door Prizes	Patti McLain Fulton Marebeth Conard
Hospitality	Vicki Lopresti Paula Pettyjohn Barbara Wright Beth Quigley
Block of the Month	Sally Rapp Beth Quigley
50/50 Game	Kate Sevensky Sally Lightcap
Fabric Raffle	Jackie Santangelo

Guild Events

Quilt Bees	Jean Hayden (day) Beth Quigley (night) Gloria Clark (appliqué) & Martine Green
Retreats	Sally Rapp
Excursions	Linda Hamel
Quilt Show	Jean Hayden

Projects & Support

Challenge	Judy Snook
Raffle Quilt	JoAnn Thomas
Comfort Quilts	Jean Corday
Sunshine	Norma Brechbiel
Member Comfort	Judy Snook & Rosemary Geisler

