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Guild Newsletter

December 2011

President's Message

Thanksgiving has passed and Christmas is fast approaching. I am thankful to be a part of this organization of great people! I am looking forward to the Christmas holiday and seeing my family in Ohio.

I have many (probably many of you do as well) projects looming ahead. The block of the month is something very different and is at the top of my "to do" list. Wool projects seem to multiply in the box they are stored in. Which to do first? Many projects to quilt...Steve...here I come! Workshops coming in 2012 will only add to my pile of UFOs. These are great activities and I encourage you all to attend at least one this year if you have never participated. I urge you all to come to one (or all) of our bees. It is a smaller venue and a great way to meet other members in the comfortable atmosphere of a member's home.

I extend warm wishes to each of you and to your family. Be safe and enjoy your holiday.



Candy

Next Guild Meeting – December 20, 2011

Program

Time for the holiday party and gift exchange! Remember **this will begin at 6 p.m.**, not the usual 7 p.m.

For our Christmas holiday spread, members with last names beginning A to H should bring hors d'oeuvres; those with last name beginning J to Z should bring a dessert. Please include a label of ingredients with your item.

Tonight is the night to bring your quilting/sewing related gift (limit \$15). There will be a surprise entertainer to help us pass our holiday gifts. This is an evening of fun, prizes and tasty food!

Set-up

Sally Chillington
Joan Gunder

Harriet Kagen
Mary Marzano

Maureen Pratt
Linda Vanek

Thank you for volunteering to assist with set-up at the December Meeting. Set-up will begin at 5:00 so that we will be ready for the 6:00 meeting.

The refreshment committee is looking for some helping hands. If you want to help out, see Mary Larkin at the meetings.



Guild Meeting – December 20, 2011

What do I do when I arrive at a Guild Meeting?

Members and guests are to check-in at the **Hostess** table just inside the door. The first **Hostess** ensures that everyone signs in and takes new member/guest fees.

New Members and Guests must sign the register and pay the membership fee/\$5 guest fee. New members and guests will receive a paper name badge. New members should have a name badge at the next meeting along with their membership card.

Block of the Month

All your blocks should be completed and the quilt top put together for our December meeting. We will have a special Show-and-Tell of our completed quilt tops. Please remember that anyone who completes their quilt top for the December Holiday meeting receives a chance to win a truly wonderful prize.

Cathy Fennell and Beth Quigley

Members are to place their initials by their name showing they are in attendance. Members should pick up their name badge from the container and return it at the end of the night.

The second **Hostess** sells Door Prize tickets. Winning tickets are drawn early in the meeting.

Candy

Think Pink for Hope – Fat Quarter Raffle

This is the last month to bring in your pink fat quarters, all washed and ironed. Your response to helping bring some cheer into the lives of women facing breast cancer has been more than I could have imagined. Thank you so much. We appreciate all your efforts.

Gloria Clark

VFHQ Inclement Weather Policy

Let it Snow, Let me Sew!

Since we already had a taste of winter weather, here is the guild policy for inclement weather.

In the event of inclement weather, the President and Vice-President will make a decision as to whether or not to hold the guild meeting by 4:30 p.m. of meeting night. If the meeting is to be canceled, I will notify the webmaster to put a notice on the web site. I will notify the Secretary to send an email to membership by 5 p.m.

Any members who do not have email access will be notified by telephone. The most important thing is to have the safety and security of our members.

Jacqui Santangelo

Vice-President VFHQ



The Center for Loss and Bereavement Project

There has been a change in the date for the mini quilt sewing project to December 14th and/or December 20th. Times for both days are 9:30 a.m. until around noon. The Center is located at 3847 Skippack Pike, Skippack, PA.

If you plan to attend, you will need to bring your machine, thread, etc. A table with cutting mat, ruler and rotary cutter will be set up. If you have supplies that you like, feel free to bring them.

If you offered to sew at home after the 20th, we will let you know if this is necessary at the Holiday party.

If you have any questions, contact Sally Chillington.

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Appliqué Bee 1st Tuesday

December

December 6th from 7-9 PM,
at the home of Martine Green

January

January 3rd from 7-9 PM,
at the home of Judy Snook

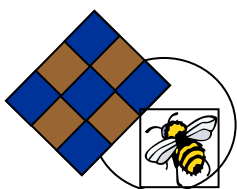
Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday

December

December 13th from 12:30-3:30 PM,
at the home of Paula Pettyjohn

January

January 10th from 12:30-3:30 PM,
at the home of Joan Shaw



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 by suggesting ways to layout quilt blocks, work with colors, etc.; and we enjoy each other's company in a smaller venue. If you would like to host one of the Bees, please contact Jean Hayden (Afternoon Bee); Beth Quigley (Evening Bee); Gloria Clark (Appliqué Bee) or Jackie Gauker (Got Wool).

Got Wool Bee 1st Friday

January

January 6th from 6:30-9:30 PM,
at the home of Laura Chaplar

February

February 3rd from 6:30-9:30 PM,
at the home of Chris Candello

Evening Bee 4th Tuesday

December

December 27th from 6:30-9:30 PM,
at the home of Donna Raymond

January

January 24th from 6:30-9:30 PM,
at the home of Chris Candello

Guild Workshops 2012

NOTE: Workshop fees are non refundable.

UFO or Wool Snowmen—Jackie Gauker

DATE: January 28, 2012 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 to 4 PM

PLACE: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church](#)

PRICE: UFO free. Wool appliqué snowmen \$10.00

DUE Fee due by January 17th

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch

Comfort Quilts—Charlene Hagerty

DATE: February 25, 2012 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 to 4 PM

PLACE: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church](#)

PRICE: Free

LUNCH: Light lunch will be provided

Wild and Free—Pat Sloan

DATE: June 21, 2012 (Thursday)

TIME: 10 AM to 4 PM

PLACE: [Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting](#)

NOTE: Please unload in the upper parking lot then park your car in the lower (Acme) parking lot while in class

PRICE: \$40.00 includes pattern

DUE Fee due by June 19th

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch

UFO or Dottie's Dolls—Dottie Dolgash

DATE: July 21, 2012 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 to 4 PM

PLACE: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church](#)

PRICE: UFO Free. Dottie's Dolls \$10.00

DUE: Fee due by July 19th

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

Workshop Pictures on Facebook: Check out the pictures from the guild's workshops on [Facebook](#).

2012 Block of the Month



The 2012 Block of the month is taken from the book “Quilter’s Dozen Plus” by [Janet Seleck](#). While this project can be made into a traditional quilt top, each month can also be done as an individual quilt. The projects are geared to be seasonal, featuring a design to represent each month. This project gives you lots of options.

- You could make all 12 blocks, sash them, and make one large quilt.
- You could make the background and all 12 little quilts.
- You could make all 12 little quilts with their own border and skip the background quilt.
- You could make only the months that appeal to you.

More pictures from the book are on Janet’s website at www.scrapsoftimequilts.com/books.html.

There is another book containing 6 holiday designs called “Quilter’s Special Occasions” by Janet Seleck. This book’s designs represent Christmas, the Tooth Fairy, St Patrick’s Day, and 3 more. They are the same size as the previous book, and so are completely interchangeable.

The price of the books is \$9.50 for “Quilter’s Dozen Plus” and \$6.50 for “Quilter’s Special Occasion” if ordered from Jackie Gauker. Please have your order in to Jackie by our December meeting.

Jackie Gauker and Beth Quigley



2012 Challenge

We are celebrating our 25th Anniversary in 2012. Your challenge is to use silver in your quilt.

Silver can be shiny, sparkly, or gray. It must be 25% of your quilt. Now might be a good time to check out the silver fabrics in your favorite quilt shops!

Use any design or pattern, original or commercially available and any construction technique. You may piece, appliqué, embroider, cross-stitch, paint, or em-

bellish it.

Your quilt should be no larger than 50” on any given side. It may be any quilted item (quilt, jacket, bag, etc.).

Your quilt should be something made during the coming year (October 2011 to September 2012).

Contact Judy Snook for more information.

Birthdays

December

December 2 Joan C. Gunder
 December 3 Ethel Hutchinson
 December 5 Ann Palmer
 December 7 Carol A. Divis
 December 8 Gerry Fontaine
 December 12 Dottie Dolgash

December 14 Maureen Pratt
 December 19 Becky Weiland
 December 24 Mary E. Larkin
 December 28 Chris Webb

January

January 4 Maria Smola
 January 5 Carol McGonigle
 January 9 Donna LeBlanc
 January 14 Sharon Miller
 January 21 Mary Molettieri
 January 24 Mary Cramsie
 January 30 Debbie Bianco



Quilt Shows

Quilt Art: International Expressions - September 10 to December 31, 2011. This exhibition of 40 quilts brings together 24 contemporary quilt artists from nine countries is at the James A Michener Art Museum, in the Fred Beans Gallery located in Doylestown, Pa.. For more information visit www.michenermuseum.org/exhibits/quilt-art.php or call 215-340-9800.

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXIII - February 23-26, 2012. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, a compilation of quilting, fiber arts, and wearable arts. It's the perfect place for quilt enthusiasts and textile artists to meet, shop, learn and explore their art all under one roof at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, Virginia. For more information visit www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=8.

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey VIII - March 1-4, 2012. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, featuring a Merchants Mall offering the best in fabrics, notions, sewing machines, wearable art, embroidery and everything for the quilter and home sewer at the Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ. For more information visit www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=30.

Garden of Quilts - March 2-4, 2012. Presented by Susquehanna Valley Quilters, over 100 quilts made by guild members will be on display, a Quilter's Corner featuring hand-crafted items, vendor booths at Hughesville Fire Hall, Hughesville, PA. For more information visit susqvalley-quilters.org/our2012quiltshow.html.

Loose Threads Tea - March 10, 2012. Presented by the Loose Threads Quilt Guild at the First United Church of Christ located in Spring City, PA. For more information visit www.theloosethreadsquilters.org/quilters-tea.html.

Quilt Museum Closing

The Heritage Center of Lancaster County announced Friday, November 18 that the 7 year old Lancaster Quilt & Textile Museum will cease daily operations at the end of the year and its historic building at 37 N. Market Street will be offered for sale. The museum owes \$750,000 on the building and faces falling attendance.

Sally Rapp

AQS Lancaster Quilt Show - March 14-17, 2012. At the Marriott at the Lancaster County Convention Center. For more information visit aqss-hows.com/AQSLancaster/.

Celebrate 25 - March 24-25, 2012. Presented by County Line Quilters at Archbishop Wood High School, Warminster, PA. For more information visit countylin-quilters.org/pages/quilt-show.

2012 Relief Sale - April 13-14, 2012. Since 1957, all sale day proceeds, benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee which include aid to the victims of poverty and other man-made and natural disasters. At the Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA. For more information visit www.pareliefsale.org/default.aspx.

Quilters Unlimited 39th Annual Quilters Unlimited Show - June 1-3, 2012. At Dulles Expo Center, South Building, Chantilly, VA. For more information visit www.quiltersunlimited.org/show.htm.

NQA 43rd Annual Quilt Show - June 14-16, 2012. At the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH. For more information visit www.nqaquilts.org/.

Vermont Quilt Festival - June 29-July 1, 2012. At Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, VT. For more information visit www.vqf.org/.

Quilt Odyssey - July 26-29, 2012. At the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center in Hershey, PA 17033. For more information visit server7.pacecomputing.com/quiltodysseycom/www/index.php.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XVIII - September 13-16, 2012. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most prominent quilting arts event in the Northeast all under one roof at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Phoenixville, PA. For more information visit www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=4.

Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2011

Standing Business

Candy welcomed 2 guests.

Block of Month–winner: Marge Quinn.

Door Prize – winners: Linda Vanek,, Ann Palmer, Vickie Lopresti.

Fat Quarter – Think Pink for Hope.

Comfort Quilts – since October 100 quilts have been donated.

Retreat –Rescheduled for December 1 - 4.

Bees – 6 people are planning on attending Got Wool Bee 12/2.

Shed – Will be delivered next week – Wednesday, November 23.

Secret Pal – please notify Candy, if you are interested in participating by Nov. 28.

QuickKit kits available for the Amish quilt (\$25) and the Halloween table runner (\$18)– see Display Board by refreshments for photos – see Candy to purchase.

New Business

Bereavement Center –Sally Chillington spoke about volunteers needed to make mini quilts at the Bereavement Center on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 9:00 to 12 noon and Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 9:00 to 12 noon.

By-Laws Amendment – Judy Snook explained reason for change in By-Laws – Article VI Dues – Section 6.4. Fiscal year (page 7 of the By-Laws).

Striking out “December 1” and inserting “October guild meeting”. A motion to accept was submitted by Lou Chandler and seconded by Barbara Wright. The revision was unanimously accepted and adopted.

Program - Chris Candello introduced the Round Robin leaders: Sandy Darlington “Long Arm Quilt Preparation”, Jackie Gauker “Wool Demo”, Donna LaBlanc “Paper Piecing”.



Inclement Weather Policy - reviewed.

50/50 – Winners: Louisa Cresson won the money and Liz Polley won a consolation prize.

Show and Tell

Next meeting – Candy reminded us that we will meet December 20 at 6:00 for our holiday party and gift exchange. For our Christmas holiday spread, members with last names beginning A to H – hors d’oeuvres; J to Z - dessert. Please include a label of ingredients with your item.

Bring your quilting/sewing related gift (limit \$15) for a gift exchange.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully submitted by

Marebeth Conard Secretary

Long-arm Handout

Sandy Darlington has been kind enough to provide us with a copy of her handout

[Working with Your Longarm Quilter to Obtain the Best Results for Your Quilt](#), from last month’s meeting.

For future reference, the handout can be found on the guild’s web site [Program page](#) or [Long-arm Quilters page](#).

Thanks Sandy.



January Meeting Preview – 1/17/2012

Are you wondering if your sewing machine could use a little cleaning before starting that next project? Not sure where to begin or have a couple of questions about technique? Our favorite, Steve, from Steve's Sew and Vac, will talk about maintaining your machine and answer any questions.

A sharpening station will be set up at a cost of \$3 per items. Find your scissors or pinking shears and bring them!

Steve will also give us the details of his sewing machine/serger basic service offer for the members who attend this meeting.

New Members

Maria Smola joins us after learning about the guild from shopping at Steve's Sew and Vac. Her quilting started in 1980 and she enjoys making baby quilts. While not sewing, Maria enjoys gardening.

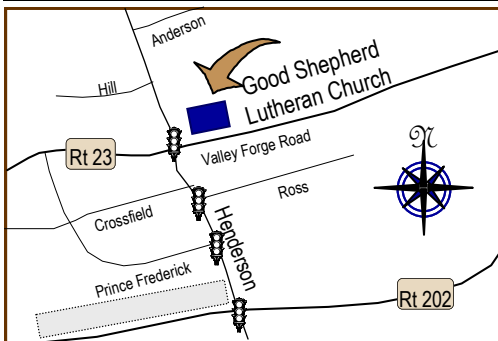
Sue Fisher was doing an internet search and found our website. She first began sewing by making color guard flags for the Abington High School Marching band. When she completed the flags, she discovered quilting and found it was a close progression. Making patterns that grow, hand piecing and small projects are some of the things she enjoys. Sue machine pieced 4 bed sized quilts and had them long-arm quilted. Camping "in luxury" in the Mid-Atlantic region and reading are some other ways she enjoys her free time. Sue has been married for 25 years and has two children. In July 2011 she had a great trip to Alaska.

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 December 29th.

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Guild Meeting Responsibilities

Hospitality	Norma Brechbiel, Jean Corday, Deb Graves, Catherine Morano & Barb Wright
Hostess/Door Prizes	Patti McLain Fulton, Cynthia DiLorenzo & Aline Hewitt
Programs	Chris Candello
Refreshments	Mary Larkin, Ann Palmer & Ethel Hutchinson
Set-up	Cathy Fennell

Guild Events Responsibilities

Bees	
Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Beth Quigley
Appliqué	Gloria Clark, Martine Green & Judy Snook
Got Wool	Jackie Gauker
Excursions	TBD
Quilt Show	Chris Candello & Jean Hayden
Retreats	Sally Rapp & Joan Gunder
Workshops	Jean Hayden
Projects & Support	
50/50 Raffle	Marge Quinn & Sally Lightcap
Block of the Month	Cathy Fennell & Beth Quigley
Challenge	Judy Snook
Comfort Quilts	Charlene Hagerty
Fabric Raffle	Gloria Clark
Member Comfort	Judy Snook & Rosemary Geisler
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