



Valley Forge Homestead
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Guild Newsletter

February 2011

Clips from Chris

Are you all dug out yet? Wow, what a winter so far, hopefully having all of this snow has permitted you extra time to sew. If not and you want to sew, I hope you are able to come to one of my favorite workshops on February 26 and help us out at our "Comfort Quilts" workshop. Our friend, Jean Corday and her "go to girls" have worked so hard to make this program a success. It is so rewarding when we receive the thank you notes, best of all when you hear the personal feedback on how much the quilts made the recipients feel. Please remember this is a day to get out of the house, be among friends, have lunch, sew, match, cut, and help organize our stash. Just helping in some way is greatly appreciated by many and the end results, well, we'll have to keep you posted on our final quilt count. I hope to see you there!

Chris



Deb Graves shows
Chris her new purse

Guild Meeting Information ~ February 15, 2011

Get ready to enjoy a special evening featuring our yearly fabric/book/pattern sale spearheaded by Sally Rapp. As with many of the things we do in our guild, Sally also suggested having this sale, and it has been quite popular. You may sell all those fabrics, kits, etc., that you have concluded you will not use. Someone else may love the very fabric you no longer want. Please see

the details about the sale is later in this newsletter (you will need to notify Sally R. if you plan to sell items that night so she can reserve table space for you). That same night

Refreshment Assignments

Sweets

Donna Raymond
Linda Wengerd
Beth Quigley
Marsha Bullwinkle
Sally Chillington
Liz Polley
Gail Forster

Savory

Martine Green
Barb Sherman
Cathy Radcliff
Sandy Darlington
Mary Larkin
Ethel Hutchinson
Chris Candello

Beverage

Jean Hayden
Candy Garrido
Lisa Steuer
Beth Quigley
Phyllis Manley
Gerry Fontaine
Barb Jones

we welcome our own Beth Quigley, resident yo-yo queen. Beth will teach you the technique to make easy and perfect yo-yos using Clover yo-yo templates. And Beth has all of them. You may use Beth's templates, or you may purchase your own yo-yo templates at quilt shops, as well as at JoAnn's. Please bring your own needle and thread.

Guild Workshops

Raffle Quilt Workshop

– *Laura Sypniewski, Sandy Darlington*

DATE: February 19, 2011

TIME: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Participate for the entire day or for one of the two shifts: 10 AM to 1 PM or 1 PM to 4 PM

PLACE: Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting– Room 1

PRICE: Free; please bring your own lunch – Contact Chris or Laura for more information

Comfort Quilts—

Jean Corday—Accu-Quilt will be available

DATE: February 26, 2011

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia

PRICE: Free; Light lunch will be provided.

Hunter Star –

Amy and Linda of Generations Quilt shop

DATE: March 25, 2011

TIME: 6:00 – 10:00 PM

PLACE: Trinity Reform Church, Main Street, Collegeville, PA (across from Ursinus College Campus)

PRICE: \$15.00 plus cost of ruler and pattern (approx. \$20.00) – includes a light dinner. Payment is due at the February Guild meeting.

UFO and Accu-Quilt Workshop

DATE: April TBD

TIME: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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

PRICE: Free; please bring your own lunch

Block of the Month

Please bring your February block to the meeting for a chance of a great prize from the prize basket. We will also discuss any challenges for the March Block. It may be helpful to bring the calendar/book or the pattern page to the meeting.
Cathy Fennell, Beth Quigley

Baskets by Anna Faustino

DATE: May 14, 2011

TIME: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

PLACE: Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting

PRICE: \$50.00 includes everything needed for the workshop. Bring your own lunch.

Pamela's Fitted Quilted Jacket— Pamela Leggett (Part I)

Fitting and fabric selection.

DATE: June 10, 2011

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

PLACE: Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting:

PRICE: \$25.00, Pattern is \$20.00 and made especially for VFHQ Guild.

Bring your own dinner or snack.



Pamela's Fitted Quilted Jacket— Pamela Leggett (Part II)

DATE: June 25, 2011

TIME: 9:30 – 4:00

PLACE: Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting

Bring your own lunch.

Original Quilt—

Susan Shively – Susan is creating a quilt design especially for VFHQ Guild

DATE: October 22, 2011

TIME: TBD

PLACE: Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting

PRICE: \$25.00. Bring your own lunch.



Sandy and her newest quilt made of treasures from Grandma's Attic.

Giant Fabric & Quilting Book Sale:

February 15, 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 February 15th 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 Sunday, February 13, 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 their fabric stash and books. So contact Sally Rapp for more information and to secure table space.



Jean, Candy, Marge show their completed project from Quilt Club at Steve's.

Spring Retreat

It's time to start planning for spring retreat. This will be our 26th. The dates are April 28 -May 1 at Mensch Mill Retreat Center. The cost for four days is \$205, includes 7 meals and the three day plan is \$155, includes 4 meals. A \$20 deposit (non-refundable) will hold your space. Spaces are still available. Final balance is due by April 1st. Sally Rapp is in charge of arrangements and would be happy to answer any questions about the retreat.



Sally Chillington shows off her Quickit Quilt.

Welcome

Pat Hoffman of King of Prussia rejoins our guild. Pat was our founding secretary. She teaches basic beginning sewing skills at Steve's Sew and Vac and has a quilt business making t-shirt quilts. Pat, also, loves to sew and admits that it is her therapy. She became interested in quilting when her husband suggested she learn to quilt since she loved to sew and took her first quilting class in 1981. She enjoys all types of quilt projects and has completed a bed-size quilt. When not quilting, Pat enjoys reading, walking, garment sewing and napping on the beach. Pat has passed her love of sewing to her daughter, Liz, who is also a new member.

Liz Polley, daughter of Pat Hoffman, joins us from King of Prussia and heard about us from, you guessed it, her mom, Pat. She learned to sew from her mother at five-years-old. Liz has a BA in fashion and theater and a MFA in costume design and technology. She works and teaches at Steve's Quilt and Vac. Liz became interested in quilting by helping her mom and by taking kid's camp at Steve's with Jacqui. She enjoys paper piecing, machine appliqué and t-shirt quilts. She has made a bed-size quilt and in her spare time enjoys garment sewing, costume design and production, singing, piano, board games and wii. She works at Steve's for the past twelve years as an events planner and teaches classes. Liz has a boyfriend, Dave and a cat, Luigi.

Welcome to our new mother and daughter team, Pat and Liz!



Marge is ready for St. Patty's Day



Jacqui shows off her new ruler and works in progress!

Connecting Threads

Book Order

Just a reminder that Kathy Graff will be sending another order into Connecting Threads after our meeting February 15. Please come to the meeting with your order numbers and the money (checks payable to Kathy Graff). P.S. Those that ordered items last month can pick them up with Kathy at the meeting. Thanks, Kathy

Thank You

Dear Friends,

We wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

I wanted to send a note to say "Thank You" for donating quilts and calendars to the residents. As I am sure you are aware, this program would not be possible without people like you. You have helped to make Christmas "special" for our residents.

On behalf of our residents and staff here at the Southeastern Veterans' Center, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your kindness. Thank you for helping to "Serve Those Who Have Served".

Respectfully,, April Harley, Volunteer Coordinator, Southeastern Veterans' Center

Dear Ms. Corday,

Thank you for the generous donation of quilts, therapy dolls and board games. We appreciate your support of St. Christopher's Hospital for children.

Sincerely, Barbara Luceo, Director of Volunteer Services, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

Quilt Shows

Celebrating Nature's Beauty in Stitchery: A Quilt Show - Friday, February 4 to Sunday, February 27, 2011. Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens is hosting an event to celebrate the many moods, colors and expressions of nature through quilting. The quilts will be displayed in the John J. Willaman Education Center. For more information: http://www.jenkinsarboretum.org/news_events.html

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXII - February 24 - 27, 2011. Presented by Mancuso Show Management all under one roof at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, Virginia, Greater Chesapeake Bay / Williamsburg Area. For more information: <http://www.quiltfest.com>

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey VII - March 3 - 6, 2011. Presented by Mancuso Show Management. The majority of workshops will be held at the Holiday Inn Somerset. Free parking is available at the hotel and at the Garden State Exhibit Center. Although within walking distance for some, free shuttle bus service will operate between the Holiday Inn Somerset and the Garden State Exhibit Center. For more information: <http://www.quiltfest.com>

Quilt Preview for the 2011 Pennsylvania Relief Sale Quilt Auction. The Quilt Preview will be held March 3 - 5 at the MCC Ephrata Material Resources Center. **The Pennsylvania MCC Relief Sale** will be April 1 and 2 at the PA Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA. More information will be available on the [PA Relief Sale website](#).

Loose Threads Tea - March 12, 2011. Watch for more information or contact a member of Loose Threads.

AQS Lancaster Quilt Show - March 16 - 19, 2011. Registration is now open for this quilt show. For more information: http://www.americanquilter.com/shows_contests/lancaster/2011/general_info/

Homemaker's Country Quilters present Showcase of Quilts XIV - March 25 - 26, 2011. Hours are Friday and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Montgomery County 4-H Center, Route 113, one mile south of Route 73 in Creamery, PA. Donation is \$7.00.

Love Apple Quilters present A Tisket, A Tasket - Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, March 27, 2011. At the Blue Barn in Marlton, NJ. Admission is \$6.00 or \$10.00 for a two day pass. For more information email: LoveApple-Quilters@yahoo.com or visit <http://www.loveapplequilters.com>.

Penn Oaks Quilters Quilt Show "For the Love of Quilting VI" - April 29 - 30, 2011. At Griffith Hall at Ludwig's Corner in Glenmoore, PA. Admission is \$8.00. For more information: <http://www.pennoaksquilters.org>.

Carbon County Quilters Guild - May 27 - 28, 2011. Presents their 10th Annual Quilt show featuring the 2011 Mini-contest "Decoration Day at Summit Hill Heritage Center in Summit Hill, PA. For more information: www.summithillheritagecenter.com.

NQA 42nd Annual Quilt Show - June 16 - 18, 2011. Greater Columbus convention Center, Columbus, OH. Show details: Entry, registration forms and information will be available at www.nqaquilts.org/2011show or call 614-488-8520.

Quilt Odyssey - July 28 - 31, 2011. At [Hershey Lodge & Convention Center](#) in West Chocolate Avenue & University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033. Admission is one-day pass for \$10 or a multi-day pass for \$12. For more information: <https://server7.pacecomputing.com/quiltodyssey.com/www/index.php>.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XVIII - September 15 - 18. At the greater Philadelphia [Expo Center](#), 1601 Egypt Road Phoenixville, PA 19460. For more information: <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=4>.

International Quilt Festival/Houston - November 3 - 6, 2011. At George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, Texas. For more information: <http://www.quilts.com/newHome/shows/viewer.php?page=FallFestival>. <http://www.quilts.com/newHome/shows/viewer.php?page=FallFestival>.



50 - 50 with a Twist



New member, Pat Hoffman and Esther Canning play Find the Thimble in our 50-50 with a Twist Game.

Gus, the second most famous groundhog in Pennsylvania, left a lottery game for guild members to play at the January meeting. Find the THIMBLE and win extra cash in addition to a prize. Jacqui Santangelo picked Esther Canning and Pat Hoffman to play the game. Esther selected the first box and found THIMBLE and instantly won \$10. Pat chose the next box and won the 50 -50 cash prize of \$18. The remaining box, containing the prize of a rabbit felted wool candle mat kit, belonged to Esther. May these rabbits help her to catch her breath and calm her nerves in this Year of the Rabbit. Buy your tickets (one for a dollar, 6 for \$5) for a chance at another exciting game at the February meeting.

-Kate, Sally, and Nancy

Celebrate the New Year & the Chinese New Year

with Asian Fabric Fat Quarter Raffle for January, February, March 2010

2011 is the Year of the Rabbit in the Chinese Zodiac which begins February 3, 2011 and ends January 22, 2012. According to Chinese tradition, The Rabbit brings a year in which you can

catch your breath and calm your nerves. It is a time for negotiation. Don't try to force issue, because if you do you will ultimately fail. To gain the greatest benefits from this time, focus on home, family, security, diplomacy, and your relationships with women and children. Make it a

goal to create a safe, peaceful lifestyle, so you will be able to calmly deal with any problem that may arise. The Rabbit believes in Quilt Therapy. What better calming way than to use some sumptuous Asian fabrics to sew up that Kimono robe you've always wanted to make. Or check out Keepsake Quilting brochure that features a pattern "Sidelights" which you can use your raffle winnings and an Asian fabric panel to make a stunning quilt.

Here are the guidelines for the Fabric Raffle:

Fabric should be fat quarter for this raffle.

It should be washed and pressed.

It must keep the announce theme.

It should be "quilt-shop" quality.

Fill in your name on the entry slip for every fat quarter you contribute to the raffle basket and the drawing will be held at the March meeting.



Meeting Minutes ~ January 21, 2011

Meeting Commenced: At 7:00 p.m. Chris welcomed all members. She also welcomed our 3 new members, Liz, Pat and Regina. Refreshment list is being passed around.

BOM: Winner for the drawing for Cathy's Basket Quilt block of the month was Jacqui S.

Door Prize: The winners were Jean Hayden, Deb Graves, and Jacqui Santangelo.

Bees: The next evening bee will meet at Laura Chaplar's home on January 25th. The afternoon bee will meet at Carol Dilk's home on February 8th.

Appliqué Group: Will meet at Gloria Clark's home on February 1st.

Fat Quarter: The next raffle for January, February, and March will be Asian fabrics. As Jacqui stated; 2011 is the year of the rabbit. Bring in your fat quarters of Asian prints to be entered in the March drawing.

Comfort Quilts: Jean C. read thank you notes from St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and Southeastern Veterans Home. She also reminded everyone to save the date of February 26th for the annual comfort quilt workshop.

Workshop: Jean H. said the Hunter Star workshop will be held March 25th. Pamela's jacket workshop will be held in two parts on June 10th and June 25th. We will also have a workshop with Anna Faustino, date has not yet been determined.

AQS/Connecting Threads – Kathy will be putting in an order for Connecting Threads on Friday.

Call for entries

Sacred Threads Exhibition 2011 featuring quilts exploring joy, inspiration, spirituality, healing, grief, and peace. Entries can be entered between January 9 and March 9, 2011. The show dates are June 22 – July 4, 2011 at a new location in Fairfax, Virginia near Washington D.C. and Dulles Airport. For more information visit www.SacredThreadsQuilts.com.

Entry Deadline: March 7, 2011: Theme - "Alliances: People, Patterns, Passion," a broad theme that celebrates cooperative relationships that work towards a common goal. For more information: www.AllianceforAmericanQuilts.org

Please contact her if you would like to order something.

Tonight's Program: Gloria introduced our guest speaker Nancy Cosmo who is an award winning quilt maker and resides locally in Malvern, PA. Nancy showed us many of her beautiful quilts using bold colors and geometric shapes. Her tumbling block quilts shows off the textures in quilting. Nancy had a beautiful and interesting trunk show for us.

Raffle Quilt: Sandy Darlington and Laura Sypniewski will be the coordinators of the raffle quilt for our quilt show to be held in October, 2012. Sandy showed us the pattern that we will be making, along with the fabric samples. A raffle quilt workshop will be held on Saturday, February 19th at Steve's Sewing Center. The sign up sheet was passed around; please join

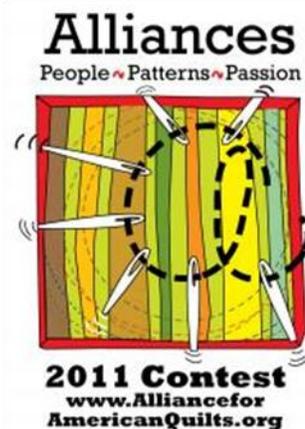


us on the 19th.

Sister Act: Tonight we played lottery. Esther Canning and Pat Hoffman were the contestants. Question is the thimble in the box? Esther is the winner of a Bareroots wool project and \$10.00. Pat wins \$18.00

Program in February: Is our annual fabric sale coordinated by Sally Rapp. Beth Quigley will be doing demos on making yo-yos. If you would like to join in the fun of the fabric sale, please contact Sally about pricing, packaging, and reserving a table.

Show and Tell
Meeting Adjourned:



March Meeting Preview ~ 3/15/11

Cheryl Lynch began to quilt in earnest after a corporate career and some child rearing. It didn't take long before she started to design her own quilts. At the request of her students, she developed her own line of Judaic quilt pattern. She was fascinated by the color and texture of fabric and discovered that she could create art and folk art without knowing how to paint with a brush. Inspiration for her quilts comes from the emotions she feels for her family as well as her love of nature and cycling. You may see some of her quilts at cherylynchquilts@yahoo.com.

- Gloria Clark

Snow Policy

Just a reiteration of our policy in the event of inclement weather on the day of our guild meeting:

- We'll make a determination by 5pm on a snowy day.
- We'll e-mail that determination to guild members at that time.
- If you normally get notification regarding newsletter availability, then you will get one of these e-mail messages.
- If you do not have e-mail, then you'll simply identify a buddy who does have access to e-mail and call that person to verify whether or not we'll be meeting
- If your e-mail access is through your work and you've been sent home early due to snow, then you'll identify a buddy who has e-mail access at home to find out our meeting status.
- We'll also put notification of storm-related determinations on our web site (if our web master is available to do so at the time needed)

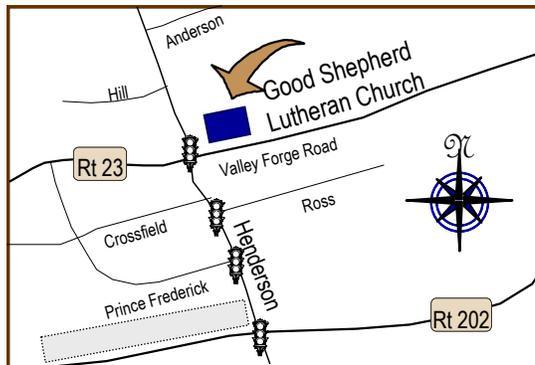
Hopefully our meeting nights will be free of snowy complications, but it will be nice to have a clear-cut way of determining our status in the event of inclement weather.

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

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610-526-2973 (work)

Guild Board

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Hospitality	Vicki Lopresti Paula Pettyjohn Barbara Wright Beth Quigley
Block of the Month	Cathy Fennell
50/50 Game	Kate Sevensky Sally Lightcap
Fabric Raffle	Jackie Santangelo

Guild Events

Quilt Bees—Day	Jean Hayden
Night	Beth Quigley
Appliqué	Gloria Clark & Martine Green
Retreats	Sally Rapp
Excursions	Linda Hamel
Quilt Show	Jean Hayden

Projects & Support

Challenge	Judy Snook
Raffle Quilt	Sandy Darlington Laura Sypniewski
Comfort Quilts	Jean Corday
Sunshine	Norma Brechbiel
Member Comfort	Judy Snook Rosemary Geisler

