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Guild Newsletter

May 2011

Clips from Chris

Life is or maybe my life is survival of the fittest. Whew, I got a lot accomplished in the past few weeks. My niece is officially married, considering it was a torrential rain and we were flooded in but I am thankful I have a four-wheel drive; it was required to leave her reception. She along with her hubby and their baby were gorgeous. All of her hard work showed, it was truly a seamless affair.

I delivered my t-shirt quilt which was a great hit. My patient was speechless but his cat was not happy, she doesn't like change and her bedding has now changed – can you imagine an animal not liking change, I have two of them.

Retreat has come and gone again, the outcome a great hit. Many projects were accomplished by all, even our new retreat goes. Sally Rapp get's a hats off from me each and every retreat. She does an outstanding job coordinating such an event. Keep up the great work, Sally!

Please don't forget May is election time. Our future candidate slate looks awesome. I know I will truly miss being president, but I am happy to take a break and give us all a wonderful change. I am confident that the upcoming executive board will have lots of awesome things up their sleeves for all of us come September.

Chris



Missy & Derrick's wedding



Guild Meeting Information ~ May 17, 2011

Fitting Techniques and Remaking Your "Too Big, Too Boxy" Art-To-Wear and Quilted Garments. Come and learn what changes need to be made to your patterns before you make your next art-to-wear or quilted garment. Learn the most common fitting problems with a commercial pattern and how to correct them. Get tips on choosing just the right pattern for the most flattering way to show off your beautiful work. What do you do with the garments you have already made that are too big and too boxy? Let Pamela give you the courage and knowledge to remake them into something more fitted and wearable! Your quilting friends will all want to know how you did it! Bring a garment with you for suggestions. If you are taking the Quilted Jacket workshop, you will be measured for your custom made pattern after the lecture. We will also have the introductions of the candidates for the guild officers for 2011-2013. **Remember due to Primaries, our meeting will be in the Sanctuary of the Church.**

Refreshment Assignments

Sweets

Winnie Spoons
Patricia Brant
Ann Palmer
Cynthia DiLorenzo
Charlene Hagerty

Savory

Sally Lightcap
Linda Hamel
Sally Chillington
Marebeth Conard

Beverage

Cathy Fennell
Phyllis Manley
Karen Glasthal
Jean Hayden
Mary Larkin
Ethel Hutchinson

Fat Quarter Raffle

April, May, June 2011

Continuing on the theme of creating a safe, peaceful lifestyle, so we can calmly deal with the chaos in the world around us, I was feeling In a Blue Mood. Since our Hunter Star workshop was approaching, I was looking through some of my quilt magazine issues for 2-color quilts and a blue and white quilt caught my eye. The serene and soothing coolness of the blue and white put my mind in a more relaxed state.

Instead of chasing the blues away, gather up your fat quarters of Blue & White, White with Blue or just Blue to put you In a Blue Mood.

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 June meeting.

-Jacqui Santangelo

Block of the Month

Please bring your May block to the meeting for a chance of a great prize from the prize basket. We will also discuss any challenges for the June Block. It may be helpful to bring the calendar/book or the pattern page to the meeting.

-Cathy Fennell, Beth Quigley

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday

May

May 10, 2011, 12:30 – 3:30 pm, at the home of Kate Sevensky, 1 Paxon Circle, Broomall, PA

June

June 14, 2011, 12:30 – 3:30 pm, at the home of Hedy DeMito, 103 Lafayette Road, East Norriton, PA

Evening Bee 4th Tuesday

May

May 24, 2011, 6:30 – 9 pm, at the home of Marge Quinn, 919 Fillmore Road, E. Norriton, PA

June

June 28, 2011, 6:30 – 9 pm, at the home of Charlene Haggerty, 105 Glen Avenue, West Chester, PA

New Group

Wool Appliqué Bee 1st Friday

June

June 3, 2011, 6:30 – 9 pm, at the home of Chris Candello, 322 Vista Drive, Phoenixville, PA.

Our wooly friend/member Jackie Gauker will be coordinating a fun and easy wool project using a wooden box with the wool project on top. As a bonus I will show you a crackle finishing technique...how cool. It will be a fun night for all. Any questions please let me know chriscandello@comcast.net.

Appliqué Bee 1st Tuesday

June

June 7, 2011, 7 – 9 pm, at the home of Gloria Clark, 762 Laurel Lane, Wayne, PA

July

July 5, 2011, 7 – 9 pm, at the home of Judy Snook, 163 Sloan Road, Phoenixville, PA



NOTE: 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. Check your calendar and see if you are 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) or Jackie Gauker (Wool Appliqué Group).

Visit us on [Facebook](#) to see more pictures of the April UFP Workshop and the April Appliqué Bee.

Guild Workshops

Baskets—

Anna Faustino

DATE: May 14, 2011 (Saturday)

TIME: 10 AM – 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: \$50.00 includes everything needed for the workshop

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch

Pamela's Fitted Quilted Jacket—

Pamela Leggett (Part I)

Fitting and fabric selection.

DATE: June 10, 2011 (Friday)

TIME: 7 – 9 PM

PLACE: Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting

PRICE: \$25.00 plus \$20.00 for pattern made especially for VFHQ Guild.

DINNER: Please bring your own dinner or snack



Pamela's Fitted Quilted Jacket—

Pamela Leggett (Part II)

DATE: June 25, 2011 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 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.

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch

An Evening with Ramona— of Chester County Quilting

DATE: July 22, 2011 (Friday)

TIME: 7 – 10 PM

PLACE: [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#)

Note: smoking is not allowed on the premises (inside or out)

PRICE: TBD

DINNER: Please bring your own dinner or snack. Out of courtesy for the church's beliefs, we will not be serving coffee or caffeinated or alcoholic beverages. You may, however, bring an individual container of whatever soda or hot drink you wish.

Trees or Geese in the Valley —

Susan Shively – wall hanging or table runner

DATE: October 22, 2011 (Saturday)

TIME: 10 AM – 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: \$25.00

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch

Annual Quilters Tea Party—

A mixer for new and old members Featuring Cathedral Windows Workshop—Vickie Lopresti or UFO Workshop

DATE: TBD (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4 PM

PLACE: TBD

PRICE: \$10 for Cathedral Windows workshop

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch



Hunter's Star Workshop Show-n-Tell. Visit us on [Facebook](#) to see more pictures of the Hunter Star Workshop.

Quilt Shows

- **Carbon County Quilters Quilt Show**- May 27 - 28, 2011. At Summit Hill Heritage Center in Summit Hill, PA. 10th Annual Quilt show featuring the 2011 mini-contest "Decoration Day. Admission is \$2. For more information: http://www.summithillheritagecenter.com/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13&Itemid=11.
- **Quilters Unlimited 38th Annual Quilters Unlimited Show** - June 3-5, 2011. At [Dulles Expo Center](#), South Building, Chantilly, VA. Be inspired by over 500 quilts and art-to-wear garments made by members of Quilters Unlimited. Our theme this year is – American Beauties. Admission is \$20 for a 3-day pass. For more information: <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/show.htm>.
- **NQA 42nd Annual Quilt Show** - June 16 - 18, 2011. At the [Greater Columbus Convention Center](#), Columbus, OH. Show details: Admission is \$10 for a one-day pass or \$15 for a three-day pass. For more information: www.nqaquilts.org/2011show or call 614-488-8520.
- **Vermont Quilt Festival** - June 24-26, 2011. At [Champlain Valley Exposition](#), 105 Pearl St., Essex Junction, VT. Join thousands of quilt enthusiasts from around the world at the 35th annual Vermont Quilt Festival, the largest quilt show in New England. Admission \$12 for a one-day pass, \$21 for a two-day pass, and \$28 for a three-day pass. For more information: <http://www.vqf.org/>.
- **Quilt Odyssey** - July 28 - 31, 2011. At the [Hershey Lodge & Convention Center](#) in West Chocolate Avenue & University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033. Admission is \$10 for a one-day pass or \$12 for a multi-day pass. For more information: <https://server7.pacecomputing.com/quiltodysseycom/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 the [George R. Brown Convention Center](#), Houston, Texas. Admission is \$10. For more information: <http://www.quilts.com/newHome/shows/viewer.php?page=FallFestival>.

Email List Maintenance

At our past meeting, Chris responded to a suggestion that was submitted by a few members who would prefer to not receive the advertisements that the Guild regularly forwards to members.

After considerable exploration and deliberation, the board determined that it would be prohibitively difficult to accommodate this suggestion because it would require segmenting our membership list. On the face of it, this might appear to be no big deal, but maintaining a list like ours is a time consuming proposition. To begin with, we already have to maintain two separate lists: one that contains our demographic data and one that's associated with our g-mail system. When such lists are divided into multiple segments, the list-maintenance effort becomes exponentially more diffi-

cult and the potential for errors is dramatically increased. If we were a business with paid employees, this might not be a huge issue but we're a community organization with volunteer workers who have significant responsibilities beyond their contributions of time to the guild.

Those of us who don't wish to get those messages can either delete them as they arrive (they're always preceded by "AD" in the subject line), or we can elect to not receive e-mail messages directly from the guild (and instead, get an e-mail buddy who will forward pertinent guild messages). And to those who make the request, please know that the board sincerely regrets not being able to accommodate it.

- Lou Chandler

Books Too Good to Miss!

The Union Quilters by Jennifer Chiaverini, 2011

If you are a fan of Jennifer Chiaverini's books then you don't want to miss reading her newest Elm Creek Quilts novel, *The Union Quilters*. It comes out at an appropriate historical time, the sesqui-centennial of the start of the Civil War and coincidentally, it is about the people of Elm Creek and their lives during this tumultuous time in American history. *The Union Quilters* is a story of quilting during the Civil War, service by American Northern women particularly those living in Elm Creek, patriotism by the men of Elm Creek and several incidents that keep the reader involved until the very last page of the book. So whether you are a quilter and/or interested in Civil War history, this book is one you will enjoy.

Quilt by Association by Arlene Sachitano, 2011

Love to quilt, love to read about quilting especially when there is a mystery to solve, then you are in for a treat with the new book about Harriet Truman, the long arm quilter who always seems to be in the middle of a murder or some other crime. *Quilt by Association* is the fourth novel in the Harriet Truman/Loose Threads Mystery series. The mystery revolves around an adoption scam that involves Harriet and her boyfriend, Aiden. Suspense abounds and of course, there's a murder to be solved. There is also the competition between the Loose Threads quilt group and their rival group, the Small Stitches. This book will keep you on the edge of your seat and you won't want to put it down until all the mysteries are solved.

- Cathy Fennell

June Meeting Preview – June 21, 2011

Enjoy our wonderful annual picnic as well as listen to Nancy Bills. [Nancy Bills](#) will provide a trunk show of her quilts, as well as selling fabric and patterns. Please remember to make this a successful picnic; we do rely on all our members to bring one of the following:

- If your last name begins with A—F, salad or hors d'oeuvre
- If your last name begins with G—L, bring a main dish
- If your last name begins with M—Z, bring a dessert

Reminder: The meeting starts at 6 p.m.



Judy Snook's Sidelights quilt



Phyllis Manley



Joan Shaw's Sylvia's Bridal Sampler, last year's Block of the Month quilt

AQS Book Orders

Just a reminder that Kathy Graff will be sending another order into AQS; please come to the meeting to view the AQS list and bring money or a check payable to Kathy Graff.

If you are a member of AQS and received a \$3.00 savings coupon for the purchase of books and would like to donate it to the guild to save on postage of books, it would be gladly accepted.

- Kathy Graff



Birthdays

May

May 2	Beth Quigley
May 6	Cynthia DiLorenzo & Margaret Gingerich
May 14	Ruth Heslin
May 22	Carol Dilks
May 28	Karen Evans

June

June 3	Kim Bonanni
June 4	Sally Rapp
June 5	Mare Beth Conard & Phyllis Manley
June 8	Nancy Hannum
June 20	Candy Garrido
June 23	Joyce Stemple
June 28	Donna Raymond



Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2011

Meeting Commenced: At 7:00 p.m. Chris welcomed all members to our monthly meeting.

BOM: Winner for the drawing for Cathy's Basket Quilt block of the month was Nancy Hannum. We also saw Martine's finished basket quilt. She did hers in smaller blocks all paper pieced, very beautiful.

Door Prize: The winners were Beth Quigley, Charlene Hagerty, and Mary Larkin.

Bees: The next evening bee will meet at Patti McLain Fulton's home on April 26th. The afternoon bee will meet at Kate Sevensky's home on May 10th.

Appliqué Group: Will meet at Martine Green's home on May 3rd.

Our new "Got Wool" Bee: Will meet at Chris Candello's home on June 3rd. Jackie Gauker will coordinate projects. The first project will be an appliqué box top.

Fat Quarter: During the next raffle for April, May, and June we will continue our theme of creating a safe and peaceful lifestyle. Start collecting your blue and white fat quarters and let your mind be in a more relaxed state. Bring in your fat quarters and enter the drawing. The drawing will be held in June.

Comfort Quilts: Charlene will be taking over the comfort quilt program. Jean C. thanked everyone for the wonderful charity work they have done over the past 3 years. Charlene and Norma made a delivery of comfort quilts to St. Christopher's Hospital in April and received a very nice thank you from them.

Workshop: Jean H. said we will have a workshop with Anna Faustino on May 14th, there are still openings available. We will have a workshop with Ramona from Chester County Quilting in July. In October we will have a workshop with Susan Shively making a wall hanging.

AQS/Connecting Threads – Kathy will be putting in an order for AQS, see Kathy if you would like to order anything.

Excursion: Linda has the tickets for the Alex Anderson lecture; see her for your ticket.

Suggestion Box and Facebook: Don't forget to put your suggestion for our club in the box on the back table. Check us out on Facebook. Erin is doing a terri-

fic job of keep information updated and has some great pictures there too.

Email "ads": Unfortunately we will not be able to compile a separate list for people who do not wish to receive our email ads. Our only solution at this time would be to take a member's name off the emails completely. See Chris if you would like to have your name removed going forward.

Raffle Quilt for Japan: Linda was selling tickets for a raffle quilt to benefit the Japan victims.

Challenge: Judy reminded us to keep working on our upcoming challenge in September. This year's theme is "Childhood Memories".

Member Comfort: Judy asked if members would contact her or Rosemary if they feel a member is in need of some member comfort due to sickness or surgery.

Retreat: Sally reported that someone will be bringing a lap top computer to retreat next weekend so everyone will be able to watch the royal wedding.

Our New Shed: Chris explained our guild has given thought to purchasing a small shed to be kept on the church property. We will use it to store our equipment for the quilt show, workshops, and other activities. Chris answered member's questions and then took a vote; yes we will purchase the shed.

Tonight's Program: We saw yo-yo demos from Beth and worked on our yo-yo making skills. Chris walked around the room to ask if anyone had questions or needed help. We also had plenty of time for socializing and snacking on some yummy foods.

Sister Act: Tonight we played Family Feud. Susan Nann and Jacqui Santangelo were the contestants. According to Kate's survey...how many people like dark chocolate and how many like milk chocolate? Susan guessed correctly, more people like dark. Susan won \$25.00 and Jacqui won a needle threader and some needles.

Show and Tell

Meeting Adjourned: 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: *Jean Corday - Recording Secretary*



Thank You!

Dear Ms. Hagerty,

Thank you for caring enough to make a difference. Thank you for the beautiful hand made quilts and medical play dolls for our patients.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Luceo

Director of Volunteer Services
St. Christopher's Hospital

50 - 50 with a Twist

Family Feud was the game at the April meeting. Contestants Sue Nann and Jacqui Santangelo came to their signaling devices. The question; did the members of the Valley Forge Homestead Quilters prefer milk chocolate or dark chocolate?

Sue was first to signal and correctly answer dark chocolate. She won \$25.00 and her choice of the milk chocolate bar. Jacqui won a needle threader and needles and the dark chocolate bar. Considering that the guild preferred dark chocolate to milk chocolate 2 to 1, it was funny that both ladies wanted milk chocolate as a prize. Many members offered to take the dark chocolate! Sue also got a bonus of learning how to make the signaling devices work so that she can use them in her classroom.

Thank you to the 70 members who took the time to answer the survey questions. Shoes or no shoes will be an upcoming question in a game. Stay tuned!

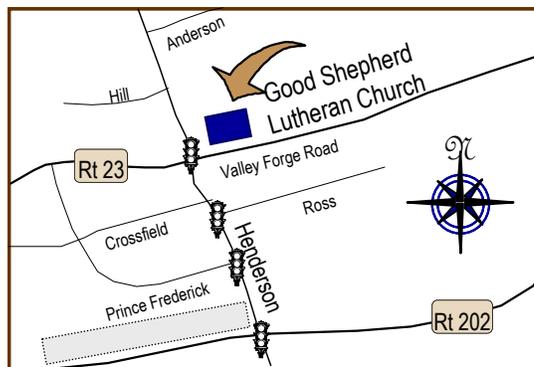
-Kate, Sally, and Nancy

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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Eagleville, PA 19430
610-630-8645 (home)
610-526-2973 (work)

Guild Board

Elected Officers

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

Appointed Officers

Program Chair	Gloria Clark
Newsletter	Cathy Fennell

Additional Board Member

Jean Hayden (chair of multiple committees & founding member)

More Committees

Info & Resources

Newsletter Editor	Cathy Fennell
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Facebook	Erin Holvoet
Publicity	Nancy Hannum
Historian	Nancy Hannum
Library	Carol Divis
Group Purchases	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	Cathy Fennell & Beth Quigley
50/50 Game	Kate Sevensky & Sally Lightcap
Fabric Raffle	Jackie Santangelo

Guild Events

Workshops	Jean Hayden
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