



Valley Forge Homestead
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Guild Newsletter

November 2011

President's Message

The rich colors of fall give me a warm feeling. By the time this Newsletter is out, however, Halloween will be over as well as our fall retreat! All of the "inspiration" will soon be on the ground ready to be raked and bagged. This means, get the last of the fall stuff completed and start on the winter projects!

As you begin to plan what to work on next, keep our quilt show in mind. We only have 12 months to complete quilts for our 2012 quilt show! Or, more optimistically, we have 12 whole months to complete quilts for our 2012 quilt show!

Silver fabric will be abundant in the next few months but may difficult to find again before you need it for our 25th Anniversary Challenge. I hope something comes to me soon so I can make my purchases!

Happy Fall Y'all and remember...Quilt 'Till you Wilt!

Candy



Guild Meeting – November 15, 2011

Another fun evening of quilting skills presented, by guild members, in Round Robin fashion:

- Sandy Darlington explains how to prepare a quilt for the longarm quilter.
- Jackie Gauker has a wonderful wool surprise demo...great for gift giving
- Donna LaBlanc demonstrates paper piecing. Try this technique that night if you wish!

Refreshment Assignments

Sweet

Carol Dilks
Karen Glasthal
Deb Graves
Liz Polley
Candy Garrido
Sally Chillington
Susan Gustafson

Savory

Margaret Gingerich
Gerry Higgins
Winnie Spoons
Cathy Fennell
Charlene Hagerty
Chris Candello
Joan Gunder

Beverage

Mary Molettiere
Marebeth Conard
Catherine Morano
Norma Brehbiel
Gerry Fontaine
Jean Hayden
Ruth Heslin

Membership Renewal Time

Time to re-up! Membership renewal runs 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 Judy Snook, 163 Sloan Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460. 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. Thanks, *Judy Snook*

VFHQ Inclement Weather Policy

Let it Snow, Let me Sew!

Since we already had a taste of winter weather this weekend, 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 pm 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 pm.

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

Think Pink for Hope – Fat Quarter Raffle

For the next 3 months we'll be collecting pink fabric for the Think Pink for Hope Project. I'm going to make 2 contradictory statements. Here they are: There will be no winners at the end of 3 months. You will not win any fabric for yourself. Instead, everyone will be a winner in that you will get a good feeling inside that you've contributed in some way to our Comfort Quilt Projects, and, at the same time, you've brought some comfort to women fighting breast cancer.

Your fabrics do not have to be tone-on-tone fabrics. As long as the fabric reads mostly pink, it's fine. We would rather not have "pink ribbon" fabric per se be-

cause some of the fabric may be used in comfort quilts for girls at Children's Hospital.

Now comes the second part of Think Pink for Hope. It is also a reminder to get your breast check-ups, be it professional exam, mammogram, or MRI. Each month you bring in your fat quarter of pink fabric, keep reminding yourself to make those appointments. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. You are important. Please take care of yourself.

Please wash and iron your fat quarters. Thank you!

Goria Clark

Block of the Month

Please bring your November blocks to the meeting for a chance to win a great prize from the prize basket. The November blocks consist of the lower half of the basket combined with the top half that has the appliquéd flowers. There are four blocks, one for each corner of the quilt.

We will also discuss any concerns for the December challenge of putting the quilt top together. It may be helpful to bring the calendar/book or the pattern page to the meeting. 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

Thank You and Patterns from Susan Shively

Dear VFHQ members,

I want to thank you for having me as a guest speaker at your meeting on October 18th. Sharing my original designs with other quilters is quite an honor for me. Many of you have probably quilted longer than I have and consequently have collections of beautiful quilts- so thank you for looking at mine.

Susan Shively

Note: Susan was kind enough to donate 3 patterns for Geese in the Valley. You may purchase one at the guild meeting. Profits will go to the Comfort Quilt project.



Candy's colorful quilt in fall colors

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

November

November 8th from 12:30-3:30 PM,
at the home of Nancy Hannum

December

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

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 (Got Wool).

The Library Shelf

We have a number of new books in our library this month. You will find them in the "New Books" section. Please don't hesitate to drop me an email or tag me at a meeting and let me know of any suggestions you have for a particular book or even for a particular category that we seem to be lacking.

- **Machine Appliqué for the Terrified Quilter** by Sharon Pederson. This is a good basic appliqué technique book for the beginner with 9 projects to practice what you learn.
- **Beautiful Blooms: Quilts and Cushions to Appliqué** and **Another Season of Beautiful Blooms: Appliquéd Quilts and Cushions**, both by Susan Taylor Propst. For quilters a little more familiar with appliqué, these two books offer a garden of 19 different flowers to choose. Gorgeous wall hangings and cushions are featured.
- **A Year of Paper Piecing: 12 Sensational Seasonal Designs** by Beverly A Maxvill. Clever and interesting paper piecing. Patterns are included for 12" blocks and a wall hanging to exchange the featured block each month.

Got Wool Bee 1st Friday

November

November 11th from 6:30-9:30 PM,
at the home of Maxine Close

December

December 2nd from 6:30-9:30 PM,
at the home of Beth Quigley

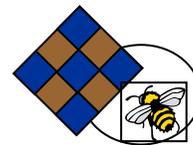
Evening Bee 4th Tuesday

November

November 22nd from 6:30-9:30 PM,
at the home of Donna Raymond

December

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



- **Quiltastic Curves** by Tammy Kelly. If you have ever wanted to try some curved piecing, this book is a nice introduction. With 12 distinctive patterns, there is something for everyone's taste.
- **Small Blocks, Stunning Quilts** by Mary Elizabeth Kinch and Biz Storms. This is less of a how-to book than an inspiration book for scrap lovers, although there are 10 patterns as well. The authors' niche is using small scrappy traditional blocks in making bad size quilts.
- **Points of View: Landscape Quilts to Stitch and Embellish** by Valerie Hearder. This is a wonderful how-to manual for the beginning landscape quilt artist. The author presents 9 different techniques with a pattern and instructions showcasing each.
- **Bold and Beautiful: Artful Quilts from Just One Fabric** by Judi Dains. The author shows how to emphasize the naturally occurring color variations of multi-colored batik through embellishment techniques and create one of a kind floral wall hangings, purses and wearable art.

Diana Heiney

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.

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

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

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

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

Birthdays

November

November 12 Sally Lightcap
November 13 Sandy Darlington
November 15 Amy Frazier
November 17 Aline Hewitt
November 19 Joan Markowitz
November 21 Hedy DeMito
November 22 Sue Levin
November 23 Christine Kling

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

Psst...I heard this at the Oaks Quilt Show

On Thursday, September 15th, I was sitting at a lunch table with Ursula Yeo, Friendship Quilt Guild, Glen Burnie, MD and Billie Blakely, Warwick Quilt Guild, they were discussing the merits of organizing your quilt projects by doing an excel spread sheet. How many times do you say to yourself out loud or to others? I know I did this or that quilt project and can't find it. Ursula and Billie had the same problem until they started using the spread sheet method. As easy or as complicated as you make it. Tracks the project you start, various stages QIP (Quilt in Progress) and when finished where it is stored. Ursula puts notations such as in the yellow bureau – 3rd drawer. This was too good an idea not to pass along.

Jacqui Santangelo

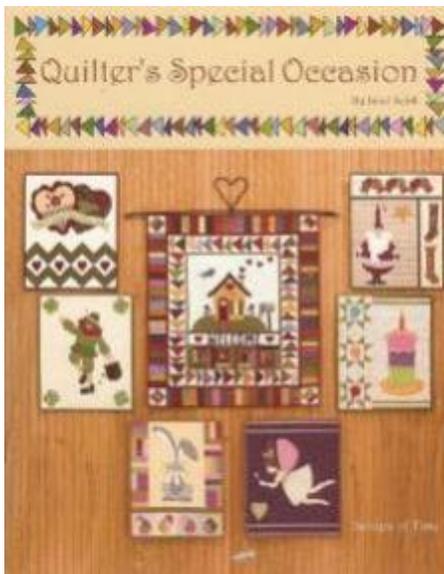
2012 Block of the Month

The 2012 Block of the month is taken from the book “Quilter’s Dozen Plus” by [Janet Selek](#). 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](http://www.scrapsoftimequilts.com/books.html).



There is another book containing 6 holiday designs called “Quilter’s Special Occasions” by Janet Selek. 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.

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

Include with your submission, a typed or neatly hand printed description of your quilt perhaps telling us something interesting about the technique or why you chose your theme. Use 50-75 words in your description on a card or paper no larger than 8x8.

One entry per person will be accepted. Contact Judy Snook for more information.

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.

Brownstone Quilters Guild Show - November 11-12, 2011. presented by Brownstone Quilters Guild at Northern Highlands High School, Allendale, NJ. For more information visit www.brownstonequilters.com/Quilt_show.html.

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.

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 countylinequilters.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/.

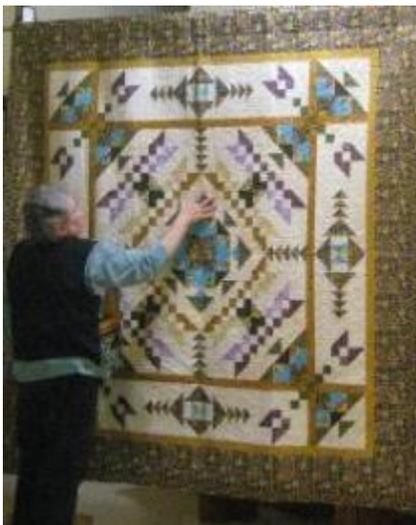
Vermont Quilt Festival - June 29-July 1, 2012. At Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, VT. For more information visit www.vqf.org/.

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 – October 18 2011



Meeting: Candy welcomed membership, and 3 new members & 3 guests

Block of Month: Gail Forster is the winner this month. Cathy Fennell displayed her finished top and informed us that there will be a special drawing for all those who bring in finished top in December. She also advised the corner blocks to be finished 8" and then cut down.

Jackie Gauker explained next year's block of month and sent around a sign up list. She also announced she is having an open house on November 12.

Door Prize winners were Linda Vanek, Mary Larkin and Jacqui Santangelo

Fat Quarter: Gloria Clark thanked everybody for their pink fabric. "Think Pink for Hope" Gloria announced to contact Carol Dilks for a free mammogram in Norristown on 10/21/11.

Comfort Quilts: Charlene Haggerty will be delivering quilts to the VA Center on Nov. 10 at 1:00 – All welcome to accompany her.

Retreat: Sally Rapp distributed information tonight. Anyone interested in a road trip on Thursday on way to retreat, see Candy.

50/50 tickets winner was Rosemary Geisler

Workshops: Jean Hayden announced upcoming workshops, as well as, upcoming for next year. Sign up will begin next month.

Membership: Judy Snook reminded those that need to "re-enlist"

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

Secret Pal: a suggestion received to bring back an old favorite. Please visit the information table to read about the Secret Pal and please sign up if you are interested in participating.

2012 – 25th Anniversary: If interested in serving on the committee, please see the sign-up sheet on the information table.

Accuquilt: A book has been prepared showing the dies we have and some suggested blocks. This book will be on the information table each meeting. Please feel free to look through the book but please do not take it home

Keystone Quilters quilt show: Congratulations to member Becky Weiland. 1st Place (Aunt Hattie's Doily) and 3rd Place (Yen for Japan) in the Mixed Techniques Wall Hanging category. Aunt Hattie's Doily also won "Viewer's Choice"

Undercover Quilters, Brookhaven, Pa. are having a quilt show Oct. 22 and 23.

Program: Chris Candello introduced Susan Shively who gave a lively talk on her approach to quilt making.

Show and Tell

Next meeting November 15 – Round Robin – bring show and tell. December meeting is our Holiday Party – starts at 6:00 - \$15 gift

Meeting adjourned 9:10pm

Marebeth Conard Secretary



December Meeting Preview – 12/20

This year's holiday party and gift exchange will begin at 6PM. For our Christmas holiday spread, members with last names beginning A to H should bring an hors d'oeuvres; those with last name beginning J to Z should bring a dessert. Please include a label of ingredients with your item.

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

New Members

Harriet Kagen joins the guild after attending the holiday fairs. Her first quilt was 18 years ago for her future daughter-in-law's wedding shower and she has been quilting since. Some of the activities that she enjoys include knitting, working with fleece, beading and stuffed animal creatures. Her family members include 3 children, each with 1 boy and 1 girl and a total of 3 dog. Harriet is happily retired and enjoys traveling.

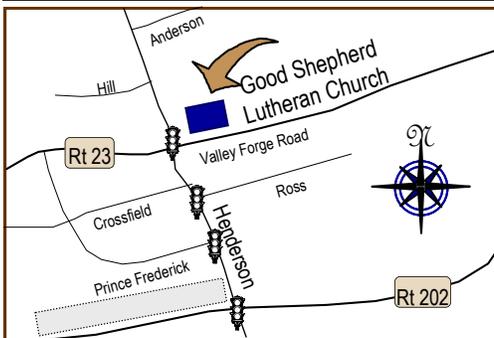
Sue Levin is a retired office manager who is a former member. Over the 22 years of quilting, Sue has made over 100 quilts plus numerous tote bags, jackets and vests. She enjoys appliqué, embroidery and piecing and being at the beach when not quilting. Sue has been married for 23 years and has 1 daughter, 2 step-daughters and 3 grandchildren. Introduce yourself to these new members and make them feel welcome.

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 November 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
Raffle Quilt	Laura Sypniewsk & Sandy Darlington
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