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# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

October 2011

## President's Message

Fall is fast approaching with colors appearing almost overnight. I was in Amish Country, Indiana for the quilt gardens last week. Even though at the end of flowering, the gardens were gorgeous. I will post pictures on Facebook as soon as I return.

My sister and I visited several quilt shops in Ohio and were amazed at the talent of these shop owners.. One shop owner I met was just returning from a show in New York. There were plastic tubs sitting all around. She invited us to open the tubs and directed us to the ones that she thought we would like. She is the owner of the shop and appears to be the only one who works there. She designs patterns, speaks at local guilds, dies and felts wool, does her own website and Facebook page. She was a true delight.

The next shop was down a very long gravel drive and was in the home of the owner. Her husband invited us in to look around. Rosalie was recovering from surgery but soon joined us. What a pair they were! Rosalie created many of the quilt designs we saw. Her husband was very helpful but not trained to operate the cash register!

I was inspired by these two ladies and encourage you to visit a new shop. So many shops, so little time!

Happy quilting!

Candy

## Guild Meeting – October 18, 2011

Susan Shively will be our speaker for the evening. Susan started quilting about 15 years ago. She loves to design her own patterns and can often be found doodling designs and wondering what they would look like in a quilt. She enjoys buying fabrics and loves to see which fabrics would express her designs best. To achieve the look she wants, of course, she has to buy a lot of fabric. Some fabrics and designs work, and some do not. Perhaps this would explain her large stash and UFO's. As you know, Susan has designed a special pattern for our guild members. At her [workshop](#) on October 22nd you may make any size quilt, from a table runner to a throw to a bed quilt.



## Refreshment Assignments

### Sweet

Dottie Dolgash  
Marsha Bullwinkle  
Paula Pettyjohn  
Sue Nann  
Gail Forster  
Beth Quigley  
Louisa Cresson

### Savory

Ailine McCall  
Sue Levin  
Sandy Dounce  
Kate Sevensky  
Linda Wengerd  
Laura Chaplar  
Peggy Melachrinis

### Beverage

Chris Webb  
Julia Taylor  
Mary Stefanelli  
Beth Quigley  
Charlene Hagerty  
Marie Waters  
Jeanne Dzedzy

## 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 because 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!

## Block of the Month

Please bring your October block to the meeting for a chance to win a great prize from the prize basket. The October block consists of the appliqué flowers you will be using and the top half of the basket. There are four blocks, one for each corner of the quilt. You can do the November block at the same time, if you wish, which is the bottom half of the basket. Both will be accepted in October. You may bring two in October and two in November or all four in October. We will also discuss any challenges for the October/November Block. It may be helpful to bring the calendar/book or the pattern page to the meeting.

*Cathy Fennell and Beth Quigley*

## 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, they were due by Sept. 21.

Thanks, *-Judy Snook*

## Challenge 2011 Winners



1<sup>st</sup> Place: *Becky Weiland*



2<sup>nd</sup> place: *Sandra Dounce*



3<sup>rd</sup> place: *Mary Moltneri*

## Challenge 2012

**Silver Celebration** - We are celebrating our 25th Anniversary in 2012. Your challenge is to use silver in your quilt. One entry per person will be accepted.

- 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.

# Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

## **Appliqué Bee 1st Tuesday**

### **November**

November 1st from 7 – 9 PM,  
at the home of Gloria Clark

### **December**

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

## **Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday**

### **October**

October 11th from 12:30 – 3:30,  
at the home of Judy Snook

### **November**

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

## **Got Wool Bee 1st Friday**

### **October**

October 7th from 6:30 – 9:00 PM,  
at the home of Patti McLain-Fulton

### **November**

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

## **Evening Bee 4th Tuesday**

### **October**

October 25th from 6:30 – 9:00 PM,  
at the home of Jacqui Santangelo

### **November**

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

**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 ).



## Thank You from Chris

I wanted to say thank you for the wonderful quilts...they are truly outstanding. I have attached photos of both of the Quilts. I must say, the past 4 years have been an honor, and I was so honored to head such a wonderful group, best of all the wonderful friendships that developed with many of you. Now onto some fun exciting other ventures...chairing the program, Quilt Show 2012...whoohoo some fun excitement up and coming.

*Chris Candello*



## Vickie's Thank You

Words can't express the gratitude that I would like to extend to the Guild for the beautiful quilt that was given to me after my illness this summer. It is a real pleasure to know that I have true friends who really care. Thanks also to everyone who sent cards, phone calls and especially prayers during this unfortunate time of illness. Rest assured that this helped in my recovery. I will never forget you all. Thanks again!

*Vickie Lopresti*

PS. I am already using it on these chilly evenings!

## Thank You from Dorothy Wright

Dear wonderfully talented and generous quilters,  
I received a lovely lap quilt while receiving my chemotherapy at The Jordan Center for Gynecologic Oncology @Penn & The Perlman Center in Philadelphia. Your gift deeply warmed my soul, spirit and heart. It has also warmed my body. Thank you for the devoted, skillful time and effort you give to provide comfort for others.

God Bless each of you always.

Peace, *Dorothy Wright*



## Guild Workshops 2011

***Trees or Geese in the Valley—Susan Shively has designed a special pattern for our guild members.***

You may make any size quilt, from a table runner to a throw to a bed quilt.

**Some seats are still available.**

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 and then park your car in the lower (Acme) parking lot while in class.

PRICE: \$25.00 Give Jean Hayden \$10 to hold your spot and get your supply list.

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.



**Note:** Guild workshops are also listed on the [Workshops](#) web page and the [Dates to Remember](#) web page.

**Workshop Pictures on Facebook:** Check out the pictures from the guild's workshops on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001600266447#!/media/albums/?id=100001600266447>.

## Members Needed

The guild is looking for members to head up the Publicity committee and the Excursion committee. If you are interested in either position, please contact Candy Garrido.



*Cathedral Window Workshop show 'n tell:  
Kate, Judy and Dottie with Candy*

## Guild Workshops 2012

***UFO or Wool Snowmen—Jackie Gauker***

DATE: Saturday, January 28, 2012

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: Saturday, February 25, 2012

TIME: 9:30 to 4 PM

PLACE: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church](#)

PRICE: Free

LUNCH: Light lunch will be provided.

***TBD—Pat Sloan***

DATE: Wednesday, June 20, 2012

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: To be determined.

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

## Connecting Threads Order

Kathy Graff will be taking orders for Connecting Threads (40% off books) at the October meeting. Make check payable to Kathy Graff. Orders can be picked up at the November meeting. Check out [www.connectingthreads.com](http://www.connectingthreads.com).

## Gift Ideas

Last year I received from one of my friends, luggage tags (4) with my last name. It seemed a strange gift, but after putting the tags on my luggage, the bags are easily identifiable at the airport. Most importantly, I put one on my VFHQ bag, no mix-up with the many same bags at guild or workshops.

Here is the information – [www.tagsforbags.com](http://www.tagsforbags.com) or IT'S...IN THE BAG! 1-760-568-6400

*Jacqui Santangelo*

## Quilt Shows

**Quilt Art: International Expressions** - September 10 to December 31. 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 at 138 South Pine St., Doylestown, Pa.. Museum hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 am to 4:30 pm; Saturday 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday noon to 5 pm. For more information visit [www.michenermuseum.org/exhibits/quilt-art.php](http://www.michenermuseum.org/exhibits/quilt-art.php) or call 215-340-9800.

**Quilt Show** - September 17 to October 29. Presented by Chester County Art Association at the Exton Square Studio. Charlene Hagerty will exhibit one of her quilts. Additionally she has put her Veterans quilt in the exhibit (not for sale). A tag will be placed on this quilt indicating it was made in response to a request from the Montgomery County Veterans Home for bed size quilts. This quilt is one of many created by members of Valley Forge Homestead Quilters Guild. Quilts to be given to the Veterans Home on Veterans Day. For more information visit [chestercountyarts.org/exhibit/2011/exton/quilts](http://chestercountyarts.org/exhibit/2011/exton/quilts).

**2011 Quilt Show: Quilty Pleasures** - October 8 to 9 Presented by the Newtown Quilters' Guild at the Maureen M. Welch Elementary School, 750 New Road, Churchville, PA 18966. For more information visit [www.newtownquiltersguild.org](http://www.newtownquiltersguild.org).

**Quilt Show 2011: A Fiber FAN-tasy** - October 14 to 15. Presented by Keystone Quilters an NQA Judged Quilt Show at the Quakertown Christian School, 50 E. Paletown Road, Quakertown, PA. For more information visit [www.keystonequilters.org/show.html](http://www.keystonequilters.org/show.html) or call 267-377-9542.

**Got Quilts?** - October 22 to 23. Presented by Berry Basket Quilters at the "Blue Barn" at the Memorial Sports Complex, 1006 Tuckerton Road, Marlton, NJ 080503. For more information: [www.berrybasketquilters.com](http://www.berrybasketquilters.com).

**Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow – Piecing Across Generations** - Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23. presented by Undercover Quilters at the Brookhaven Municipal Building, 2 Cambridge Road in Brookhaven, Pennsylvania 19015. For more information: [undercoverquilters.com/?page\\_id=97](http://undercoverquilters.com/?page_id=97).

**International Quilt Festival/Houston** - November 3 - 6. QUILTS, INC. produces this show at the [George R. Brown Convention Center](http://www.georgebrownconventioncenter.com), Houston, Texas. For more information: visit [www.quilts.com/newHome/shows/viewer.php?page=FallFestival](http://www.quilts.com/newHome/shows/viewer.php?page=FallFestival).

**Celebration of Quilts 2011** - November 11 - 12. Presented by the [Brownstone Quilters Guild, Inc.](http://www.brownstonequiltersguild.com) at Highlands Regional High School, 200 Hillside Ave., Allendale NJ. For more information, contact Margaret Farabaugh at 973-202-9780 or email [mmfarabaugh@optonline.net](mailto:mmfarabaugh@optonline.net).

**Note:** For your convenience, quilt shows and guild events are also listed on the [Dates to Remember](#) web page.

## Birthdays

### October

October 10	Denny Shaw
October 11	Venessa Garst, Peggy Melachrinous
October 12	Chris Candello
October 17	Beverly White
October 18	Karen Glasthal
October 21	Martha Nawrocki
October 24	Sally Chillington
October 25	Gerry Higgins

### November

November 8	Hedy DeMito
November 12	Sally Lightcap
November 13	Sandy Darlington
November 15	Amy Frazier
November 17	Aline Hewitt
November 19	Joan Markowitz
November 23	Christine Kling

## VFHQ Web Page Highlight

Check out our list of local quilt shops at [www.valleyforgequilters.org/Res-Shop-Pg.html](http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Res-Shop-Pg.html).

## Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2011

**Meeting** began at 7 PM. Candy welcomed 3 new members at the start of the meeting.

**Block of Month**—Cathy Fennell explained the October BOM. The winner of the monthly drawing was Marge Quinn. Candy introduced next year Block of Month Chair Jackie Gauker and Beth Quigley

**Door Prize**- winners are Marebeth Conard, Ann Palmer and Candy Garrido. Patti McLain-Fulton, Cynthia DiLorenza and Aline Hewitt were introduced are the chairpersons

**Fat Quarter** The winners of the raffle were Gail Forester and Cathy Fennell.

Gloria Clark, the new chairperson, introduced the challenge for next quarter; THINK PINK. All pink fat quarter fabric will be donated to Project Hope. The guild will make pink quilts for this project. All pink fabric is acceptable, please wash and iron the fabric shop quality fabric before donating.

**Comfort Quilts** – Charlene Haggerty introduced committee – Maxine Close, Jackie Iglehart, Paula Pettyjohn, and Joan Shaw. To date 98 quilts had been completed. Last month 14 were donated to HUP, and 12 to CHOP. Charlene is going to the VA on 11-11-11 to donate quilts. If anyone is interested in accompanying her, please contact her.

**Retreat** – Sally Rapp introduced Joan Gunder as co-chair – final payment due by **Friday, October 14** There is a wait list, so don't be late! (\$205 Th to Su \$155 Fr to Su) – Final details will be distributed at the October meeting. Day Trippers can attend on Saturday, the cost is \$25.00 to cover lunch and dinner. It is recommended that you bring a hand project due to space limitations. Please contact Sally Rapp, if interested.

**50/50 tickets** -Marge Quinn and Sally Lightcap are now responsible for this, Sue Nann was the winner of \$20.00.

**Bees** A New Display board with scheduled bees will be located back by refreshments  
Evening: 4<sup>th</sup> Tues – September 27 Judy Snook @ 6:30.  
Appliqué: 1<sup>st</sup> Tues – October 4 – Judy Snook @ 7:00.  
Got Wool: 1<sup>st</sup> Fri – October 7 – Patti McLain-Fulton.  
Afternoon: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues – October 11 – Judy Snook@12:30

**Workshops** – Saturday Sampler on September 24 at Good Shepherd. October 22, 2011: Geese in the Valley” 10:00 am at Steve’s.

**Quilt Show** - Great time at Oaks at the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza 18 Congratulations to Becky Weiland **for her blue ribbon win for her quilt "U-taupe-ia"** – Laura Sypniewski "The Amazon Star of Friendship" - Gail Forster "Saturday Morning with Linda" – Mary Molettiere New Quilts for the Delaware Valley

**Dues** – please remember to pay your membership dues to Judy Snook

**QuickKit** kits available for the Amish quilt (\$25) and the Halloween table runner (\$18)—see Candy to purchase

**Suggestion Box** — Guild size – cap on membership – There is a maximum of 125 active member limit per our By-Laws. Should we hit the 125 mark, we would create a waiting list. Associate Membership – move those members who qualify to open up.

Room safety limit –Fire rating is 150 people.

**Secret Pal** – a suggestion received to bring back an old favorite. Information about the Secret Pal was left on the information table. Please sign up if you are interested in participating.

**2012 – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – If interested in serving on the committee, please sign-up at the information table.

**December Meeting – Holiday Party** – We will start the meeting at 6 o'clock to give us more time for our fun evening. \$15.00 limit for gift.

**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.

### **New Committee introductions:**

Please see the list at the end of the newsletter.

**Program** – Judy Snook announced the winners of the 2011 challenge:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Becky Weiland

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Sandra Dounce

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Mary Moltineri

2012 challenge announced. 25% of quilt needs to be silver/gray to honor the guild's silver anniversary.

### **Show and Tell**

**Next meeting October 18** – speaker is Susan Shively

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:50 PM.

*Marebeth Conard Recording Secretary*





## November Meeting Preview –

11/15/2011

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 shows us more exciting wool techniques.
- Donna LaBlanc demonstrates paper piecing.

Note: Upcoming meeting programs are listed on the [Programs](#) web page.

## December Meeting Sneak Peek –

11/20/2011

This year's holiday party will begin at 6 PM. Start shopping for your holiday gift with a \$15.00 limit. More information to follow next month.

## Welcome

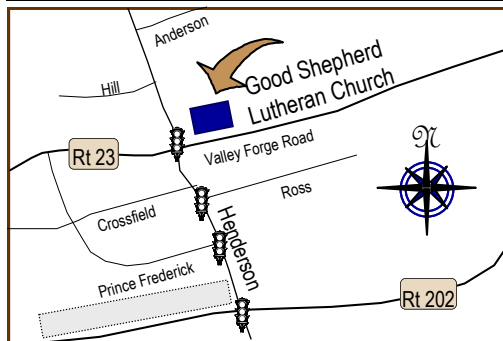
Our new member, Louisa Cresson, started sewing as a youth. She began by sewing clothes, then moved on to crewel, needle-point and crewel point. In 1983 she took her first quilting class and has been going strong ever since, making 4 bed size quilts as well as assorted other size quilts and wall hangings. She lives with her two cats and enjoys knitting, reading, music, walking and bike riding. Louisa discovered the guild by some internet surfing and talking to our friends at Steve's.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month.

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### Board of Directors

President	Candy Garrido
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### Committees

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Publicity	TBD
Web Site	Cathy Radcliffe

#### 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, Ethel Hutchinson & Ann Palmer
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
Raffle Quilt Exhibiting	Chris Candello
Sunshine	Norma Brechbiel