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Guild Newsletter

September 2011

President's Message

I feel very honored and humbled to serve as President of this great guild. Thanks to each of you for your well wishes. This is a fun, activity-packed guild and we need all of you to participate to keep it this way! Thank you to all of the members who have agreed to serve on committees (check out the section in this Newsletter). Thanks also to the outgoing Board for sharing your insights with the incoming Board to make for a smooth transition.

We are a very caring guild who provides comfort through quilts to many people. This being said, it's important we extend this same compassion to our members who may be faced with an illness, surgery, or other life challenge. Please notify me (or have a family member or friend notify me) if you have a surgery or an illness that you would like me to share with our members. If you have information on another member, please let me know. We want to give "hugs" to everyone who needs one!

Please continue to use the suggestion box for suggestions or ideas on future workshops, programs, excursions, or anything. These ideas are reviewed by your Board and we appreciate your comments.

I look forward to an exciting term that includes many workshops, bees, our next quilt show, and our own 25th Anniversary celebration!

Here we go! Hold onto your hats and hope to see you at a guild activity soon!

Candy

Guild Meeting Information – September 20, 2011

The quilts for this year's challenge, Childhood Memories, will be displayed, voted upon, and ribbons presented. If you will be presenting a challenge quilt:

- Please bring your quilt to our meeting in a brown paper bag (with no identification). Cover your label, or leave it off your quilt.
- Bring your quilt no later than 6:30 p.m. Deliver it to the stage area-left.
- Be sure to also bring your typed description (75 words or less) explaining how you used the theme.
- It's important that you notify Judy Snook now at 610-933-8094 if you plan to bring a challenge quilt. Even if you're not yet positive that you'll get it done, notify Judy so we can gauge how many quilt stands to set up for the evening.
- As usual, only one entry per member.

Refreshment Assignments

Sweets

Judy Snook
Peggy Melachrinis
Sally Lightcap
Sally Rapp
Norma Brechbiel
Charlene Hagerty
Cathy Fennell

Savory

Ann Palmer
Irene LeBlanc
Ann Lister
Susan Dryburgh
Sally Chillington
Gloria Clark
Chris Candello

Beverage

Donna LeBlanc
Dottie Dolgash
Marsha Bullwinkle
Liz Polley
Linda Hamel
Jean Corday
Mary Moliterre

Are you up for the Challenge? It's now or never!

- Your quilt is to represent a memory of your childhood.
- 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 2010 to September 2011).
- Include with your submission, a typed or neatly hand printed description of your quilt (including possibly a unique technique or something that occurred during the making). Use 50-75 words in your description on a card or paper no larger than 8x8.
- As usual, one entry per person will be accepted.
- All questions should be directed to Judy Snook, judyann112@verizon.net or 610-933-8094.
- Completed challenge quilts will be displayed and voted on at the September 2011 guild meeting.

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 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 by Sept. 21.

Thanks, -Judy Snook

Block of the Month

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

-Cathy Fennell, Beth Quigley

From the Suggestion Box

A concern has been raised about safety at the meetings. The capacity for our meeting room at the church is 150. Since membership attendance at the meetings ranges from 70 to 80, we are well under the limit. The exits are labeled in case of an emergency. Take time at the next meeting to familiarize yourself with where they are located. The church has been made aware of broken tables and they have been removed.

Set the Tone: Fat Quarter Raffle July, August, September 2011

You know my mantra from Houston Quilt Show, Buy Everything. Here is another interesting fabric collection from the various quilt magazines and comments from guild members. Tone on Tone Fabrics. What is Tone on Tone? The definition: The term tone on tone refers to a printed fabric that is made by combining different shades and tones of the same color. Tone on tone fabrics often appear to be solid when viewed from a distance, but their printed motifs becomes more recognizable on closer inspections. Tone on tone fabrics are popular with quilters, because they add subtle, visual texture to a quilt without the busyness of a multicolor print. White, off-white, ecru tone on tone fabrics also lend themselves to experimental hand dye techniques to highlight the printed pattern.

Liven up your fabric stash with selections of Stonehenge, Moda Marbles, Fusion Blenders, Bali Watercolors, Tonga Treats and a multitude of tone on tone batiks.

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 September meeting.

-Jacqui Santangelo

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Appliqué Bee 1st Tuesday

September

September 6th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM,
at the home of Gloria Clark

October

October 4th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM,
at the home of Judy Snook

Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday

September

September 13, 2011, 12:30 – 3:30 PM, at the home of
Rosemary Geisler

October

October 11, 2011, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Judy
Snook

Got Wool Bee 1st Friday

September

September 9th from 6:30 – 9:00 PM,
at the home of Judy Snook

October

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

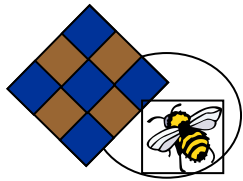
Evening Bee 4th Tuesday

September

September 27, 2011, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, at the home of
Judy Snook

October

October 25, 2011, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Jac-
qui Santangelo



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).



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November Retreat Participants

Balance of retreat fee is due to Sally Rapp by Friday, October 14th. Total cost is \$155 for Friday to Sunday and \$205 for Thursday to Sunday. Remember to subtract your deposit when sending your final payment. Please note any dietary restrictions or special needs regarding food so I can alert the kitchen staff.

We have no openings at this writing, but I am taking names for a wait list and you may get a call if someone needs to cancel at the last minute (it happens).

Final details will be distributed at the October meeting.

Sally Rapp

Guild Workshops

Saturday Sampler— Demonstrations of various techniques by our guild members

Beth Quigley: Gadgets galore! Members can also bring their favorite gadget to share.

Charlene Haggerty: Tumbler Tricks

Kathy Graff: What to do with all those Charm Squares? Members can bring 2 pairs of charm squares to join in the fun.

Chris Candello: Finishing the ends of the bindings

Mary Molettieri: Binding by machine with piping and NO handwork and finishing quilts without borders; landscape quilts, for example

Bring your machine and sewing supplies to work on these new techniques.

DATE: September 24, 2011 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4 PM

PLACE: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, Pa](#)

PRICE: \$5.00

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

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.

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.



Chris's baby quilt from the Quick Jelly Roll Strip Quilt workshop.

Calico Cutters Workshops

Wendy Etzel: "Kite Revue", machine pieced one template scrap triangle method: October 11.

A check for \$40 will hold your spot and can be refunded if you cancel ten days prior to the workshop. Sign up early to be assured of a spot since we will be actively advertising to other guilds.

Contact Christine Kamon (484-341-8559; kamon75@yahoo.com) and mail check payable to Calico Cutters to Christine at 180 Windgate Drive, Chester Springs, PA 19425.

Workshop will be held at the Good Will Fire Co., 552 E. Union Street, West Chester, beginning @ 9 AM and ending between 3 and 4 PM.

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>.

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 or call 215-340-9800.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XVIII - September 15 - 18. 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](http://www.greaterphiladelphiaexpo.com), 1601 Egypt Road Phoenixville, PA 19460. For more information visit www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=4.

Airing of the Quilts Outdoor Quilt Show - Saturday, October 1, 9 AM - 5 PM Rain or Shine. Presented by [Endless Mountain Quiltworks](http://www.endlessmountainquiltworks.com) at Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. For more information visit www.airingofthequilts.com/.

2011 Quilt Show: Quilty Pleasures - October 8 - 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.

Quilt Show 2011: A Fiber FAN-tasy - October 14—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 or call 267-377-9542.

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.

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.

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

Mancuso Quilt Show Entry Deadline

The postmark deadline for entries to the **World Quilt Show** – Florida's newly expanded "Southeastern States Quilt Competition" is **Thursday, September 23, 2011**.

For more information visit the Mancuso website at www.quiltfest.com.



50 - 50 with a Twist

At the August meeting, the last 50-50 With a Twist game was played. The contestants, Marge Quinn and Sue Nann had to answer True/False questions in the game "Test Your Memory." Sue had a perfect score and won \$26.00. Marge won \$25.00. The Survivor prize was drawn and Liz Polley won \$24.06, a U.S. postage stamp from the Chinese New Year, a couple of yo-yos, chocolate and money fabric.

A check was presented to the guild for \$100, profit from the yearly game.

Milk and dark chocolates were offered, as a thank you, to the members for their support.

Kate, Nancy and Sally

Letter from the Outgoing Newsletter Editor

Dear friends,
Thanks for your support of me and the newsletter for the last seven years. I am now passing the newsletter responsibilities on to Kate Sevensky. I hope that you will support her, share your information with her and any quilt worthy tidbits that will enhance the newsletter. I will certainly continue to contribute to the newsletter.
Thanks, *Cathy Fennell*

Note from the Incoming Newsletter Editor

Dear members,
I am now taking on a new role in the guild and am looking forward to this challenge. There will be no twisting going on with this job! Please send me information that would be helpful to the other members at kate7sky@verizon.net.
Kate Sevensky

VFHQ Web Page Highlight

Wondering if your next quilt project could be cut with the guild's Accuquilt Studio Fabric Cutter?
The [Accuquilt web page](#) on the VFHQ web site lists the guild's collection of dies and also includes links to a few free patterns on the Accuquilt web site.
- *Cathy Radcliffe*

Birthdays

September

September 2 Linda Hamel
September 5 Deb Graves
September 12 Cathy Radcliffe
September 13 Laura Sypniewski
September 15 Diana Heiney, Jacqui Santangelo
September 20 Tamara Rommel
September 22 Jean Hayden
September 23 Pat Hoffman
September 27 Sherlee Hilberg
September 28 Maryanne Brooke

October

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

Workshop Thank You

Dear Jean,
Thank you again for letting me join you guild's "Quilted Jacket" class. I finished my jacket and wore it to work last week. It's exactly what I wanted to make! Now I have to try my hand-dyed fabric.
Thanks, *Katrina Branting*

Note from Gloria

If you ever wondered what a quilt you make for someone who is seriously ill does for that person, I can tell you. The person feels loved and special and gives her hope for a future. A quilt does all these things. I absolutely love the quilt you gave me. Your wishes for good health, your prayers and hugs, and your telling

Thank You

I am truly grateful to be a member of VFHQ. Your best wishes, cards and visits were very special to me during this recuperation. I have never met a more giving and caring group of people. Thank you all for your support.
Cynthia DiLorenzo

me that I was a strong woman and would get through breast cancer made me feel strong and that I just might get through this. I appreciate the goodies as well as the smiles when you saw me. You are the best!
Love, *Gloria*

Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2011

Meeting Commenced: At 7:00 p.m. Chris welcomed all members. She also greeted two new members and two guests that joined us for the evening. We also said a big welcome back to Vicki. Chris thanked all the members who sent condolences for Tina.

Door Prize: The winners were Jacqui S., Candy G., and Linda V.

BOM: Winner for the monthly drawing was Gail Forster. Cathy said the September block is the center 19" block. This block is on the bias so watch for stretching.

Bees: The next evening bee will meet at Chris Candello's home on August 23rd. The afternoon bee will meet at Rosemary Geisler's home on September 13th.

Appliqué Group: Will meet at Gloria Clark's home on September 6th.

"Got Wool" Bee: Will meet at Judy Snook's home on September 9th. The dying demo was a huge success; we hope Jackie will repeat the lesson soon.

Fat Quarter: Jacqui's theme for the next 3 months is tone on tone fat quarters such as Stonehenge and Moda Marbles. The drawing will be held in September. Bring in your fat quarters! Jacqui is also looking for someone to take over the Fat Quarter program starting in September. If you are interested please talk to her.

Comfort Quilts: Charlene was on vacation this week, but Maxine brought in some tops that are ready for quilting.

Workshop: Jean H. reported we will have our annual tea party along with a UFO and cathedral window workshop in August. In September we will be doing a Saturday Sampler and in October we will have a workshop with Susan Shively making a wall hanging.

Challenge: Judy reminded everyone that in September our program will be the yearly challenge. Let Judy know if you will be entering a challenge so we are prepared for set up that night.

Raffle Quilt: Chris reported that our raffle quilt did exceptionally well at the Hershey show in July. On Thursday it brought in \$377.00; Friday, \$366.00; and

Saturday, \$387.00.

President's Quilt: Candy presented Chris with two quilts for her two terms as president. One quilt was a throw size and the second quilt was a king size. Sandy Darlington and Shelley Blake did a beautiful job quilting them.

Membership Dues: Please make sure your membership dues get paid in a timely manner. We have a busy fall planned and would like to get them taken care of as soon as possible. See Nancy Hannum with your fee.

Suggestion Box: Don't forget to use our suggestion box. And check us out on Facebook!

Retreat: Sally said the fall retreat has filled up; however, she is starting a waiting list. The finally money will be due by October 14th.

Tonight's Program: Gloria introduced our speakers Arlan and Pat Christ. Their topic for the evening was Pennsylvania Quilts-Folklore and Superstitions. Arlan and Pat have over 600 antique quilts in their collection. They gave an in depth talk about the history of Pennsylvania Dutch quilts. Arlan told us the history about the 8 point stars, the very popular 4 big block design, and the colors most used in the quilts. This was followed by a very colorful trunk show along with Pat talking about superstitions and folklore.

Sister Act: Tonight we played Test Your Memory. Our contestants were Marge Quinn and Susan Nann. The memory questions were: 50/50 was originally called? Cash for Stash Jacqui S. has won the most prizes? Yes. Nancy, Sally, and Kate are sisters? No. According to the survey most members prefer to sew in the morning, with their shoes on, and like dark chocolate? Yes Sue had all the answer correct and won \$26.00. Marge won \$25.00. Our survivor winner was Liz Polley, she won \$24.06. The profits from Sister Act this year were \$100.00 and a check was presented to the guild.

Show and Tell:

Meeting Adjourned: 9:50 p.m.

-Jean Corday - Recording Secretary



October Meeting Preview ~

10/18/2011

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.

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



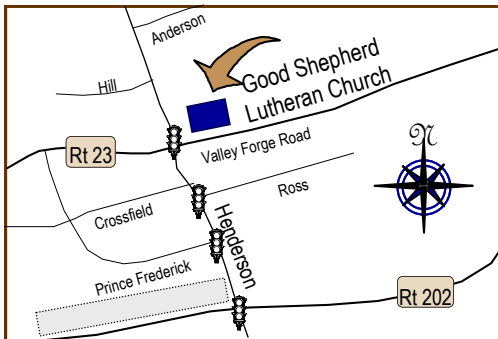
New Board members left to right: Chris Candello (Immediate Past President), Jacqui Santangelo (Vice President), Judy Snook (Membership Chair), Candy Garrido (President), Gail Forster (Treasurer), Marebeth Conard (Secretary)

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:

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kate7sky@verizon.net
(preferred)

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Broomall, PA 19008

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Board of Directors

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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, 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