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Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

August 2012

President's Message

I can't believe I am writing the President's Message for August...and for the 12th time! A year has passed...whew!

Our UFO workshop was great. I have a top done ready to be quilted. Then, I'll have three guild activity projects completed! Yes, only three out of nine I participated in. I hope everyone is in much better shape for our quilt show than I am. We have another UFO workshop in August and I certainly need it.

Whoops! I haven't paid my dues yet. Oh no, I haven't turned in my raffle tickets either! Have you? I can't win this gorgeous quilt if I don't turn in my tickets.

As I write this message, I am preparing to go to Hershey for four days. I am taking a class on "Quilts with Great Edges" in hopes to get ideas and inspiration to finish a couple quilts (yes, maybe for our quilt show). Also, going to learn how to get my scraps in order! Looking forward to some great shopping too! Yes, I DO need more fabric and maybe a pattern or two!

Happy Quilting! And, quilt 'til ya wilt!! (and with our weather, this won't be difficult)

Candy

Next Guild Meeting – August 21, 2012

Program

Join [Jackie Patton, a designer for Red Rooster fabrics](#), who will talk about being a fabric designer. This is the newest chapter of her creative career. She's still discovering how to turn an idea into a collection of fabrics. Look for a trunk show featuring her quilts. She'll also be selling items including fabric from her new line.

Refreshments

Sweet

Norma Brechbiel
Cathy Fennell
Laura Chaplar
Winnie Spoons
Gail Forster
Susan Gustafson

Savory

Linda Vanek
Maxine Close
Sue Nann
Joan Shaw
Pat Hoffman
Sue Fisher

Beverage

Marge Quinn
Charlene Hagerty
Lisa Steuer
Judy Snook
Ruth Heslin
Joan Gunder

The refreshment committee is looking for some helping hands. If you want to help out, see Mary Larkin at the meetings.

Setup

Set-up for guild meetings start at 6:00 and any help with this is appreciated.

Info about the next guild meeting continues on the next page...

Next Guild Meeting – August 21, 2012

Block of the Month

Pick a watermelon or two! That's the next block of the month. Or whip something up from the alternate book or your imagination. Keep up the good work. Remember to enter your name for the prize.

Jackie and Beth



August block



Members' July block of the month!

Membership Renewal Time

September is our Silver Anniversary Celebration! It will be a busy evening with Challenge quilts (have you begun/finished yours?), a special catered dinner, surprises, and even more fun. Although membership dues don't have to be paid before the September meeting, I would really appreciate receiving your dues (\$25.00) during the August meeting so all this fun could be enjoyed by all.

Judy Snook Membership chair

Pumpkins & Spice & Everything Nice Fat Quarter Raffle

If you win the fall fat quarters for this quarter's fat quarter drawing, you will also receive the pattern for a really beautiful, large wall hanging. And it is what it says – Pumpkins & Spice & Everything Nice. You will reap the fall harvest of members' donations. For each fat quarter you bring in of fall colors (orange, rust, brown, gold, dark green, deep red, dark purple, etc.) your name will be entered in the fall fat quarter drawing. Should you win the fabric and pattern in September and you feel you need help making this quilt, I would be happy to help you. Or, you may decide to do your own thing with fabric. Whatever you choose to do with your winnings, enjoy doing it. Please wash and iron your fat quarters. Thank you.

Gloria Clark



September Meeting Preview - 9/18

It's our Silver Anniversary Celebration! You won't want to miss this delightful evening of celebration. In addition to a semi-formal catered dinner, there will be enchanting entertainment, our Challenge reveal and special gifts for your pleasure. Please note the start time is 6 PM.

2012 Challenge & Silver Celebration

September is a big month – celebrating our 25th anniversary with a fancy dinner, surprises – and decorations by us – the silver challengers!

You can find the "rules" on our [website](#) and past newsletters. I am encouraging you to begin, finish, or be proud you are already finished your silver challenge. The fun of a challenge is to participate in such an array of ideas. Register your quilt by September 1 by calling or e-mailing Judy Snook.



Comfort quilt presented to Jean by the guild.

Valley Forge Homestead Quilters Quilt Show October 19-20, 2012

Getting Ready for the Show!

Before you know it, our show will be here. Are you ready? Now's the time to complete the projects you have started. It's better to enter as many quilts as you think you may have finished as the entries can be pulled if the quilts are not complete. Cathy 19403 No entries can be entered after the cutoff date. If you do not have access to a computer, feel free to work with a buddy. Candy Garrido and Chris Candello have offered to help.

Quilt Registration for Members

If you're a member, complete one [Quilt Show Registration form](#) per entry (See submission instructions on pg 2 of form.) and return by e-mail to [Cathy Fennell](#) no later than August 21.

The completed forms are due by August 21, 2012.

Quilt Show Sign-up

There are still many opportunities to work at our quilt show. See Chris at the Quilt Show table at the next meeting and find that perfect job. All help is appreciated.

Tickets for Raffle Quilt

Raffle tickets are now available for member pickup. Members are required to purchase and sell tickets for our raffle quilt. Get 12 tickets for \$10. Pay for them at time of pickup. See Chris Candello.

A picture of our raffle quilt is on our website at www.valleyforgequilters.org/Pro-Raffle-Pg.html.

Grandma's Attic

This is an area of our quilt show where one can purchase inexpensively and gently used donated items that have to do with quilting, sewing, knitting and crafting. Anyone can donate these items. It is reminiscent of what was called a "White Elephant". Also, think of a "garage sale". The money raised from Grandma's Attic sales goes to the guild to support our programs.

Doing your spring cleaning in your sewing room? Gather all your all unwanted items and bring them to Laura Chaplar. She'll be collecting items for Grandma's Attic at our quilt show in October.

Chinese Auction Donations

Chinese Auction is a combination of a [raffle](#) and an [auction](#). Ticket buyers purchase tickets at 25 for \$5.00. The prizes are numbered and have a corresponding ticket box. The buyer then places their tickets into the box of the "prize" or "prizes" they would like to win. Guild members may donate prizes such as wall hangings, quilting bags, table runners or other desirable quilted items. Other things that are fun to include might be hand creams, chocolates, teas, or coffee, gift cards, and any other thing you can think of. You may consider contacting the manager of your favorite restaurant for a donation of a gift card.

Our October quilt show is coming soon and we are well on our way to assembling all the goodies we have received for the Chinese auction. The shop owners, quilting vendors, and our members have been very generous with donations. Wait till you see all the wonderful fabrics, kits, notions and pampering items you can win!

As a member, feel free to donate items you may have purchased in the past and know you'll never get to...you've moved on. Or, how about those spa items you received as gifts but may not use? Remember, the quilt show is fast approaching and we are ready to package up those fun items. See you at the quilt meeting. *The sisters, Nancy Hannum and Kate Sevensky*

Boutique

This area of our quilt show is a consignment shop of your handmade items. Please remember that 10% of what you sell goes to the guild. Also, all members are asked to donate an item for sale in the boutique and those profits also go to the guild to support our programs.

Quilts in the Library

The Upper Merion Library is now decorated and ready to publicize our quilt show. Becky Weiland, Sally Chillington, Hedy DeMito and Jean Hayden hung quilts in the library and displayed quilts on the three hallway tables. Stop by and check it out this month only.

Monday-Thursday 9 am - 9 pm

Friday 9 am - 5 pm

Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Appliqué Bee 1st Tuesday

September

September 4th from 7-9 PM,
at the home of Judy Snook

October

October 2nd from 7-9 PM,
at the home of Gloria Clark

Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday

August

August 14th from 12:30-3:30 PM,
at the home of Jean Hayden

September

September 11th from 12:30-3:30 PM,
at the home of Hedy DeMito

Got Wool Bee 1st Friday

September

September 7th cancelled

October

October 5th from 6:30-9:30 PM,
at the home of Judy Snook

Evening Bee 4th Tuesday

August

August 28th from 6:30-9:30 PM,
at the home of Jean Hayden

September

September 25th from 6:30-9:30 PM,
at the home of Rosemary Geisler

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

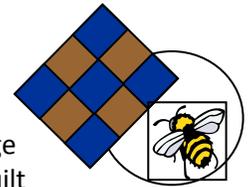
other's company in a smaller

venue. If you would like to host

one of the Bees, please contact

Jean Hayden (Afternoon Bee);

Beth Quigley (Evening Bee); Gloria



Guild Workshops 2012

Welcoming New Members Tea Party and UFO— Joan Gunder

DATE: August 18, 2012 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 to 4 PM

PLACE: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church](#)

PRICE: Free

LUNCH: Members sign up to bring tea sandwiches or dessert.
Joan Gunder, Membership Tea Hostess, will be calling
members signed up for the tea in order to have a fair
distribution of menu offerings.

See pictures of previous workshops on [Facebook](#).

Dottie's Links

Here is the link to the quilt, [Mountain Magestic](#), I showed at the July meeting: http://3dudesquilting.com/free_patterns.html. It is a larger block but all directions are there with different pattern arrangements.

The tutorial that Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Co. did is on YouTube and it is called [Amazing Jelly Roll Quilt Pattern by 3 Dudes Quilting](#). She basically sews 4 jelly roll strips together of different fabrics or at least 8 different fabrics /fat quarters /1/3 yard cuts. Then she measures the height of the strips sewn and cuts them into squares and follows the directions to make a border or borders, quilt and bind. In 3 or 4 minutes you'll see how to make the block.

Another great YouTube video is by [heirloomcreations.net](#), "How To Bind a Quilt 6 Simple Steps- Start to Finish."
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWh90tXr7g4>.



Dear Sew-n-Sew *The Ripper is your friend*

*Dear Sew-N-Sew,
Sometimes I am unable to pull out the entire strand of thread after clipping the stitching on the opposite side of a seam, which leaves me with a zillion very short pieces that should be removed in order to proceed with my project. Do you have a secret method to pick out the short pieces of thread left after ripping out a seam?*
Signed,
Rip and Clip



Dear Rip,
While none of us wants to be considered an expert at ripping out, the truth is "the ripper is your friend". Candy Garrido offered using "the 'fuzz naber' which is a lint roller...the kind you wash when it gets full. Painters tape works too!" Sandy Dounce takes a practical approach, "Masking tape or a masking tape lint remover picks up most of the pieces. Those plastic or rubber type lint removers did not work as well for me in this situation." Sue Fisher agreed and encouraged "laying out the fabric and run a piece of tape or lint roller over the little pieces -- doesn't get all but most!"

Olympic Fabric Buying

Seems last month's theme of buying fabric has been elevated to an Olympic sport and generated an overflow of mail. Cynthia DiLorenzo spoke in riddles when she wrote:

*Dear Sew-N-Sew,
I have found that money is easily parted with when dealing with "clearance" or "inventory reduction" fabrics. How can I keep my credit card in my wallet? While the smart mouth in me says "Leave your wallet home" I like her answer better, she continues: In case you have not spent enough money on fabrics, may I suggest the following websites. They are inexpensive, quick to send and shipping priced as weighed: Quiltfabriccloseouts.com and Stitch-n-frame.*

Sew-N-Sew also heard from our own VP Jacqui Santangelo, "My mantra is 'Buy Everything', advice from Mary Sorensen. She recommends looking at your stash and buy what you don't have. So if you have an overload of blue and greens (maybe your favorite colors) look into purchasing some pinks, oranges and yellow (or colors you have very little in your stash). Mary also recommends for the applique group to buy fat quarters. For quilting projects, I recommend buying at least 2 yards. Barb Jones speaks the truth when she wrote "I purchase a yard or more if I like it, as it may not be there when you come back."

Just when you thought this discussion would never end.....

*Dear Sew-N-Sew
My stash will require three lifetimes to finish using. Do you have any suggestions about how to sew fast enough to finish three lifetimes worth of fabric before I pass away?*

*Sign me
Zoom Zoom*

Dear Zoom Zoom,
May I refer you to the above "the Ripper is your friend".

Next Month: Jelly Rolls

Dear Readers: Please send in your advice for next month's column for our fellow member who writes:

*Dear Sew and Sew:
I recently read a pattern using charm squares that instructed you to wash them in a bag in cold water, pat them dry, and press so as not to stretch. If using charm squares or jelly roll strips, is it really necessary to wash them if using for a quilt? If so, it seems better to buy fabric, wash and cut it yourself. Seems like if making a wall hanging, it may not be necessary. What is your recommendation?*

Thanks everyone!! Please send your questions, problems or solutions to valleyforquilters@gmail.com with the subject "Dear Sew-N-Sew". Signed, Sew-n-Sew



Quilt Shows

The **Art Quilt Gallery** presents contemporary art quilts shows at 133 West 25th St, New York City. For more info visit www.artquiltgallerynyc.com/.

Pennsylvania Quilts II: Patterns and Variations - June 12-October 16, 2012. Packwood House Museum presents antique quilts on display in addition to 34 in the exhibition gallery at 15 N Water Street, Lewisburg PA. For more info visit www.packwoodhousemuseum.com.

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 info visit www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=4.

Airing of the Quilts Outdoor Quilt Show - October 6, 2012. Rain or Shine. Presented by [Endless Mountain Quiltworks](#), hundreds of quilts hanging from buildings, homes, storefronts, and porches all along the street of a scenic town known as the gateway to the Endless Mountains, at Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. For more info visit www.airingofthequilts.com/.

The Library Corner

We have eight new books for your delight this month. A big Thank You to Mary Larkin for donating **Patchwork Pantry**. Take a moment to check it out. It's unprepossessing title and cover does not do justice to the author's nice twists on old blocks.

Another heartfelt Thank You to author Kathy Azeez who has gifted us with an autographed copy of her **Action Karate Quilts** featuring paper pieced figures with interchangeable head designs depicting various karate stances.

Also new this month:

Organizing Solutions for Every Quilter: An Illustrated Guide to the Space of Your Dreams by Carolyn Woods. Not just a list of clever ideas to pick and choose from although there are those, but also a method of thinking about arranging your studios.

Best in Show: 24 Applique Quilts for Dog Lovers by Carol Armstrong. These 24 paper pieced patterns from the queen of dog appliqué will take your heart.

Valley Forge Quilt Show - October 19-20, 2012. Presented by Valley Forge Homestead Quilters at the [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church](#), 132 E. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA on Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info visit our website at www.valleyforgequilters.org/Evt-QShow-Pg.html.

Quilts from the Heart of Berks - October 19-20, 2012. Presented by the Berks Quilters Guild at Designer's Place at VF Outlet Center, 801 Hill Ave., Reading PA. For more info visit www.berksquiltersguild.org.

Making Memories...a fat quarter century of quilts - October 20-21, 2012. Presented by Brandywine Valley Quilters to honor their 25th anniversary as a guild. For more info visit www.brandywinevlyquilters.org/.

International Quilt Festival/Houston - November 1-4, 2012. QUILTS, INC. produces this show at the [George R. Brown Convention Center](#), Houston, Texas. For more info visit www.quilts.com/home/shows/viewer.php?page=FallFestival.

Perfect-Fit Pieced Borders by Sheila Snyder. Ideas to take your borders from frames to fabulous.

French Braid Transformation: 12 Spectacular Strip-Pieced Quilts by Jane Miller. Try some of these with your leftover 2½" strips and scraps. Easy and lovely.

Flip Your Way to Fabulous Quilts: Take Folded Corners to New Heights by Donna Thomas. For anyone not familiar with the folded corner technique, this is a way to take the stress out of half square triangles by using squares and rectangles. No more matching points!

Dear Jane: The 225 Patterns from the 1863 Jane A. Stickle Quilt by Brenda Papadakis. This is a classic among quilting circles and although the Janiacs in our guild will already have their prized copy, this is for the rest of us who like to dip our toes in and see what it is all about.

As always, please send me any suggestions you have for new books! A library is nothing without its devoted readers.

Diana Heiney - Librarian

Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2012

Standing Business

Candy welcomed members & guests

Distributions :

Connecting Threads – Kathy is circulated clipboards. Make checks payable to Kathy Graff; the order will be placed on Friday 7/20 and will be available for pick-up at the August meeting.

Fons and Porter Subscription – please let Kathy Graff know if you have not received the magazine or the spools of thread.

Everybody enjoyed an ice cream social

Challenge/Membership – Judy Snook is collecting the annual membership dues now

Please notify Judy of how large your quilt is so she can arrange the displays for the challenge

Retreat – Joan Gunder encouraged all members to attend

Dates: Thursday, 11/1/12 to Sunday, 11/4/12

Cost: \$231.00 for Thursday night to Sunday afternoon; \$160.00 for Friday night to Sunday afternoon. The amounts include Breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning; Lunch on Friday and Saturday; and Dinner both Friday and Saturday night. No dinner is offered for Thursday night.

Gals may opt out of dinner on either or both Friday or Saturday night. Deduct \$10.00 from your total for the nights you prefer to eat out and get dinner on your own.

Normally we take 24 gals, at two to a room. Three gals want to room together, so we can have a total of 25 “overnighters.” There are seven spots left.

Deposit of \$20.00 is due now to hold your spot. The \$20.00 deposit must be paid by 10/1/12. Then spots will be opened to the gals from Homemaker’s that have faithfully attended in the past, and then to any friends/family of guild members. Final payment is due 10/16/12.

The \$20.00 is non-refundable. If final payment is not made to Joan Gunder by 10/16/12, your deposit will be forfeited and the spot open for anyone else.

Bees - Display board with scheduled bees located back by refreshments. See page 4 for details.

Workshops – See Display Board back by refreshments for upcoming workshops

Dottie’s Dolls Workshop – postponed to 2013 as everyone is busy preparing for our Quilt Show. The Tea Party and UFO Workshop will continue as planned on 8/18. See page 4 for details.

Comfort Quilts – Charlene gave an update: 73 quilts and 118 surgical dolls have been donated to date this year.

Hide and Seek – We have another winner! Susan Gustafson – found her name in the 50/50 article

Door Prize Winners: Jacqui Santangelo / Dottie D /Judy Snook

Guests: 2

Membership count = 72 present

Fat Quarter – Pumpkins & Spice and Everything Nice! July – Sept: fall colors

Quilt Show – August 21 is final date for registration of quilts

Boutique – forms for consignment or donations are on website, tags are available; please include name of item, your 3 initials, price, and

number to match the form. Members are encouraged to copy form before submitting to Gloria Clark, Linda Hamel, or Catherine Morano.

25th Anniversary – Chris Candello gave updates; 64 members have signed up for the event

Dear Sew-n-Sew - Did you enjoy our new column? Send your questions or suggestions for topic to valleyforgehomesteadquilters@gmail.com

Block of Month–Jackie Gauker is looking for suggestions for next year’s BOM. Winner: Candy G.

50/50 tickets - If you would like to take over selling the 50/50 tickets, please see Candy. If no one volunteers August will be the last of the 50/50.

Program – Christmas in July! Wool project

50/50 – winner : Ester Canning winnings \$29.00

Show and Tell

Meeting adjourned 9:15

Next meeting August 21– speaker is Jackie Patton – Red Rooster Fabrics

Respectfully submitted Marebeth Conard, secretary



Birthdays

August

August 3	Barbara Sherman
August 4	Louisa Cresson
August 9	Martha Klein
August 13	Susan Dryburgh
August 14	Kathy Graff
August 15	Vickie Lopresti
August 30	Charlene Hagerty
August 31	Mary Matcovich
August 31	Jan Thierfelder

September

Sept 2	Linda Hamel
Sept 5	Deb Graves
Sept 12	Cathy Radcliffe
Sept 15	Diana Heiney
Sept 15	Jacqui Santangelo
Sept 22	Jean Hayden
Sept 23	Pat Hoffman
Sept 28	Maryanne Brooke

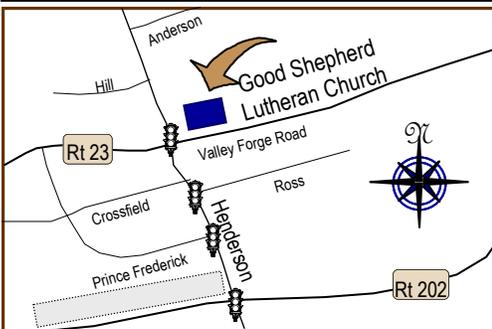
For Sale

This machine is available from Sally Rapp for only \$350.00

- The last-of-the line Featherweight 221 - White model.
- Everything about it is original, including the green and white leatherette carrying case.
- Machine was made in Great Britain in the early 1960's.
- No attachments, but includes 3 bobbins and original manual.
- White paint in excellent condition and sews beautifully!

Guild Meetings

DAY: Third Tuesday of each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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Newsletter Submissions

Information for the next newsletter must be received by August 31st.

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Guild Meeting Responsibilities

Hospitality	Norma Brechbiel, Jean Corday, Deb Graves, Catherine Morano & Barb Wright
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Hostess/Door Prizes	Patti McLain Fulton, Cynthia DiLorenzo & Aline Hewitt
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Programs	Chris Candello
Refreshments	Mary Larkin, Ann Palmer & Ethel Hutchinson

Set-up	Cathy Fennell
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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	Joan Gunder
Workshops	Jean Hayden

Projects & Support

Dear Sew-N-Sew	Deb Bianco
Block of the Month	Jackie Gauker & 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