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# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

September 2012

## President's Message

Happy Anniversary Valley Forge Homestead Quilters Guild! A 25th anniversary is also called a Silver Jubilee or how about a Quadranscentennial! The traditional gift is silver and the flower, Iris. Thank you Wikipedia!

I'm trying to get the quilts finished that I have registered for our quilt show in October. I think I may have been overly optimistic!

My annual outing with my sister and niece will be in September. We plan to re-visit Berlin, Ohio (Amish country!) where they'll be having their Harvest Festival and, if we have time, we will visit Millersburg for an Amish Country Challenge.

To top off my visit, my sister and I will do the 10 year anniversary of the Tri-State Shop Hop. We'll visit shops in Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. Whew! I expect a box or so will need to be shipped home.

Enjoy the Oaks Quilt Show! I'm sure there will be something that you will just have to have from this great show! I am sorry to miss this show and the white gloving. It's always a nice time.

I wish you all success in your quilting journeys and look forward to seeing you in September to celebrate our 25th Anniversary!

Happy Quilting! *Candy*

## Next Guild Meeting – September 18, 2012

### Program

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.

**Important:** Please note the start time is **6:00 PM**.

### Challenge 2012 Silver Celebration

Have you finished your Challenge quilt? I hope so! Please bring your quilt in a paper bag at 5:30 p.m. on the evening of our September meeting. Cover up anything that identifies you such as your label or a photograph on your quilt. Include a write up about your quilt on a card no larger than 8x8. We will hang the quilts for all to enjoy and vote on. You can claim your quilt at the end of the meeting.

I'm looking forward to the wonderful array of quilts that the challenge inspires.

*Judy Snook*

Challenge Chair

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

## Next Guild Meeting – September 18, 2012

### Block of the Month

Time to sharpen the pencils for the next block of the month. Maybe you'd like to make an alternate pattern for September. Keep up the good work. Remember to enter your name for the prize.

*Jackie and Beth*



*September block*



*Members' August block of the month!*

### Membership Renewal Time

Have you paid your dues? Remember your dues must be paid by our September meeting to enter quilts in the quilt show and participate in the show. You can send me your dues ahead of time if you like.

*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*

### Thank You

Dear member quilters,  
Thank you for the lovely quilt Judy Snook and Rosemary Geisler presented to me in memory of Arthur. It is very patriotic with eagles and stars. It is a beautiful addition to my home. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.  
Sincerely, Ethel Hutchinson



### UFO Guild Workshop

DATE: September 29, 2012 (Saturday) from 10AM to 4 PM

PLACE: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church](#)

PRICE: Free

LUNCH: Bring your own.

### Birthdays

#### September

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

#### October

October 9 Mary Marzano  
October 10 Denny Shaw  
October 11 Peggy Melachrinos  
October 12 Chris Candello  
October 17 Beverly White  
October 18 Karen Glasthal  
October 24 Sally Chillington  
October 25 Gerry Higgins

## Valley Forge Homestead Quilters Quilt Show October 19-20, 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](http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Pro-Raffle-Pg.html).

### Chinese Auction Donations

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. Have you looked through your stash for the unused kits, patterns or unusual items? Feel free to donate them for this fabulous auction. See you at the quilt meeting.

*The sisters, Nancy Hannum and Kate Sevensky*

### Grandma's Attic

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.

### Boutique

Message for all members selling items at the Boutique at our October Quilt Show!

Please turn in the items you are planning to sell as soon as possible. This includes your list of these items, the tag pinned to each item, and a donation sheet.

You are asked to donate the sale of one of your items to the guild.

We will take items as late as the October meeting, but we would appreciate your items sooner. No items will be accepted Thursday of that week, when we will be setting up the items to be displayed. For your convenience, you may drop off your sale items at the following places: Gloria Clark - Wayne, Linda Hamel - Colleville, Catherine Morano - Glenmore.

Thank you! Questions? Call Gloria, Linda, or Catherine

## Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

### Appliqué Bee 1st Tuesday

#### October

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

#### November

November 6th from 7-9 PM,  
at the home of Martine Green

### Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday

#### September

September 11th cancelled

#### October

October 9th from 12:30-3:30 PM,  
at the home of Candy Garrido

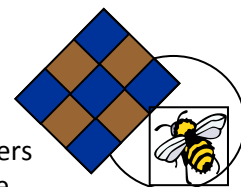
### Evening Bee 4th Tuesday

#### September

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

#### October

October 23rd from 6:30-9:30 PM,  
at the home of Judy Snook



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).

## 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/](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://www.airingofthequilts.com/).

## Flower Show Invitation

You're invited to "Party Time", the Norristown Garden Club Standard Flower Show, at the Central Community Center. It is located at 2067 Steelman Road adjacent to Central Schwenkfelder Church at 2111 Valley Forge Road, Lansdale, PA. Come admire over 45 floral designs by Norristown Garden Club members, horticulture entries, as well as educational exhibits and work of our youth exhibitors. The show is free and open to the public. Hope to see you there.

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012 --- 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Friday, September 21, 2012 --- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

*Nancy Hannum*

**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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://www.quilts.com/home/shows/viewer.php?page=FallFestival).

**17th Annual Quilter's Day Out** - November 11, 2012. Presented by Mountain Laurel Quilter's Guild at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort. Reservation necessary. Send \$35 check, payable to Mountain Laurel Quilter's Guild, by November 1, 2012. Mail to Mountain Laurel Quilter's Guild, Jeanne Ladner, 127 Split Rock Road, Newfoundland, PA 18445.

## October Meeting Preview 10/16/2012

We'll have two simultaneous activities at our October guild meeting. Those who have registered to exhibit quilts at our quilt show will be checking in their quilts on a first come first serve basis. Bring each quilt in a cloth bag (like a pillow case), labeled with your name, quilt name, and category, written on masking tape. Please write big. Please make sure you have a label on your quilts, as well. Your quilts will be formally checked in and you'll receive a receipt.

While we're collecting quilts for the show, we'll have an informal bee. Bring something to work on and join a chat circle. For our newer members, we'll share information about our various activities, workshops, etc. Take the opportunity to talk to someone you don't know and make a new friend



## Dear Sew-n-Sew

Dear Sew -n- 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?

Sign me,

Love those Jelly Rolls.

Dear Jelly Roll Lover,

As quilters we appreciate matched points, exact seam allowances, non-wavy borders, and small even quilt stitches, AND say this is a relaxing form of self expression. Sometimes, especially after trying 3 times to match a little seam, I think I am nuts - tee-



tering on the brink of being out of touch with reality. Just thinking about the stringy mess you'd get pulling out 40 of those cute little 2.5 inch strips out of the dryer has me pulling at my hair. Should you hand wash them or put them in a laundry bag on the gentle cycle or not? Some quilters (not in OUR guild) say you should sew them to white fabric before washing to check for colorfastness. Not to mention ironing each one individually (oh no, dry or steam!!) - all the while expecting them to resemble their original shape and size. You are so right & truly wise Jelly Roll Lover, when you ask "is it really NECESSARY". Pardon my going all philosophical on you but "What is REALLY necessary"? My best advice is from someone's grandmother when she said "don't let anyone ever SHOULD on you". Sorry I don't have a better answer and know I had a hard time finding anyone from the guild admitting to any expertise here. Whether you choose to pre wash jelly rolls or not, is one of those individual preferences like Tomato, to-MAto; Shower or Tub; Jockey or Boxers.

Fondly, Sew-n-Sew

## Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2012

### Standing Business

Welcome members & guests

Distributions – Refreshments for October and November

**Kimberton Fair** – Recognition was given to several members who earned ribbons at the Kimberton Fair. All were present with the exception of Marebeth Conard. They shared their quilts with the members:

- **Laura Chaplar** – 2<sup>nd</sup> for original design for "Study in Yellow" and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the mystery table runner (workshop by Generations)
- **Barb Jones** – 3<sup>rd</sup> for Holiday Table Runner (class from Steve's)
- **Becky Weiland** – 1<sup>st</sup> for quilt "U-Taupe-ia"; 2<sup>nd</sup> for quilt applique "Southwest Sunrise/Sunset"; 1<sup>st</sup> quilt mixed techniques "Aunt Hettie's Doily"; 4<sup>th</sup> for "Pheasant Road"; 1<sup>st</sup> for paper foundation AND Best of Show for "Purples, Plaids, and Polka Dots"



- **Ann Lister** – won 4 ribbons: 1<sup>st</sup> for applique "Congratulations Ryan" (her nephew's quilt); 1<sup>st</sup> for baby quilts "Jacob Express" (the train quilt for her grandson); 2<sup>nd</sup> for paper foundation piecing "Patriotic Beauty" from Linda Hahn's NY Beauty workshop; 2<sup>nd</sup> in wall quilts "Philadelphia" (Philadelphia stamp)
- **Susan Glaser** – 1<sup>st</sup> in Mixed Technique "Nathan's Smile" (white chocolate quilt with applique in border); 2<sup>nd</sup> in Miscellaneous for "Flower's and Triangles" (original redwork design)
- **Gail Forster** – 1<sup>st</sup> in wall quilt and a white ribbon for mixed techniques
- **Marebeth Conard** – won 16 ribbons – one 4<sup>th</sup> place for Perkiomen Valley; one 2<sup>nd</sup> for quilted handbag and a clothesline basket. Other ribbons were for knitted, crocheted, jewelry and other hand crafts.

Members joined in congratulating these winners!

## Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2012 *continued*

### Comfort Quilts – Charlene Haggerty

To date, we have donated 28 kids quilts to St. Christopher's Hospital and 76 surgical dolls. An additional 49 surgical dolls were made in collaboration with Girl Scout Troop #77290 led by Anna-May Pensabene.

50 additional surgical dolls are ready to be sewn. The Girl Scout troop will stuff them.

Additional donations: University of PA : 22 lap quilts and 16 breast cancer quilts; Southeastern Veteran's Home: 7 lap quilts, 2 bedsize quilts, 2 afghans; CHIOP: 5 kids quilts; 63 children's books; 6 chemo caps for kids.

If you receive unwanted calendars in the mail, please consider donating them to Southeast Veteran's Home.

### Retreat – Joan Gunder

20 have registered for retreat; 5 spots left  
Paula Pettyjohn asked for show of hands in interest of basket-weaving at retreat or at a workshop. Good interest by members so she will get information. More to follow.

### Membership /Challenge – Judy Snook

Membership – 80 people have renewed; deadline is September meeting

Challenge – 26 members have registered an entry. Reminder to get size to Judy and to bring to the September meeting in a brown bag (or something that can't be seen through) as early as 5:30.

**Bees** - see schedule on page 3.

### Door Prize - Patti McLain-Fulton/Cynthia DiLorenza/Aline Hewitt

Guests 4

New members: 3 new members: Carol Olinick; Linda Ulinski; and Rose Warren.

Membership count 79

Door Prize Winners: Beverly White; Mary Larkin; Jackie Gauker

**Upper Merion Community Fair** – September 8 - 10 to 2 – we will sell raffle tickets for our quilt and Ethel Hutchinson has organized a "Make and Take" project for the children. If you can help out, see Chris

**Workshops** –Jean Hayden thanked Joan Gunder for a very nice UFO/Tea workshop.

A new UFO workshop is scheduled for Saturday, September 29 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church from 10 to 4 with setup at 9:30.

### Quilt Show – Chris Candello/Jean Hayden –

Jean showed a sample of the pillowcase for quilt entries. A tag on the outside of the pillowcase must show the members name, name of quilt, and category. You can use masking tape or pin a label to the quilt. Please write big. One quilt per pillowcase. Large quilts will need to have a

bag made or the plastic zip top bags would be accepted. Quilts will be checked in at the October meeting on a first come, first served basis beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meeting will start at regular time, 7:00.

Deadline for quilt registration forms is August 21, 2012.

**Boutique** – Gloria reminded members that everything sold in the boutique must have a tag. See committee members for tags. The deadline for items is the October meeting. You can get items to Gloria Clark, Linda Hamel, or Catherine Morano. Items will NOT be accepted on Thursday of quilt show set-up.

**Raffle Quilt** – sold 1200 tickets at Hershey!

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Chris Candello – Chris reviewed details for new members. Cost is \$15 and the meeting begins at 6:00.



## Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2012 *continued*

### Hide and Seek – We have another winner!

**Cathy Fennel** – found her name in the “Getting Ready for the Show” article

**Newsletter** – articles due to Kate Sevensky by August 31

### Fat Quarter – Gloria Clark

Pumpkins & Spice and Everything Nice! July – Sept

**Dear Sew-n-Sew** – Remember to send your advice for next month’s column on Jelly Rolls to valleyforgequilters2gmail.com with “Dear Sew-N-Sew” in the subject line.

**Block of Month**—Jackie Gauker – Next month pattern involves paper piecing. Winner: Margaret Gingerich

**Library** – Diana Heiney indicated four new books were added to our library.

**Program** – Jackie Patton, designer for Red Rooster Fabrics. All enjoyed a wonderful walk though Jackie’s trunk show which included many interesting stories. Jackie also brought many patterns, kits and fabric for members to purchase.

**Thank you to our refreshment committee for “Summertime at the Beach”**

### 50/50 – Marge and Sally –

Winner: Maxine Close

### Show and Tell was enjoyed by all.

Meeting adjourned 9:15

Next meeting is our Silver Anniversary meeting starting at 6:00 on 9/18 and the 2012 Challenge entries will be revealed and a winner selected.

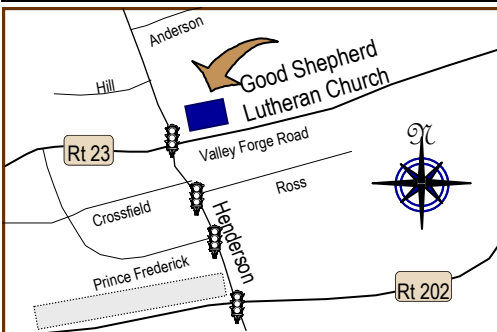
Respectfully submitted, *Gail Forster*, acting secretary

### 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 September 30th.

Send to:

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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