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Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

April 2013

President's Message

Well, the calendar says it's spring! What's up with this weather? Well, since the weather is not very "springy" I have been inside working on some quilts (rather than cleaning up my gardens). I finished another UFO! It was started 2 years ago at retreat.

Speaking of UFOs, do you have any UFOs? Silly question....even Eleanor Burns has UFOs! I attended her lecture while at the Lancaster Quilt Show. She has a club where you have to finish a UFO before you can start a new project. Are you interested in a similar club?

I'm working on a UFO---but want to start one of the projects I purchased at Lancaster. Wool,,Table Topper,,wallhanging,,which one to do first?

Happy Spring everyone! Happy quilting!

Candy

Next Guild Meeting – April 16, 2013

Program

[Sue Reno](#) is an award winning fiber artist who lives and works in Lancaster County, PA. Her rich and intricate art quilts featuring landscape images, botanical subjects and local wildlife are inspired by her surroundings, incorporating plants from her extensive organic garden and from the fringes of cultivation. She also works with architectural subjects, focusing on historical buildings that are in the process of renovation.

Sue will be showing her quilts and describing the process she used to make them.

Refreshments

Sweet

Maxine Close
 Marsha Bullwinkle
 Ethel Hutchinson
 Arlene McCall
 Chris Webb
 Donna LeBlanc
 Joan Gunder

Savory

Rose Warren
 Chris Candello
 Norma Brechbiel
 Gina Shevchenko
 Mary Larkin
 Mary Molettiere
 Ann Palmer

Beverage

Charlene Hagerty
 Linda Vanek
 Laura Chaplar
 Mary Stefanelli
 Cathy Fennell
 Susan DeVoe
 Winnie Spoons

Setup

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

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

Next Guild Meeting – April 16, 2013

Block of the Month

The “Double T” block was good practice for the upcoming “Mrs. Cleveland’s Choice” block! Read each section carefully and make sure you square each section before beginning the next section. There are ten pages of instructions to help you create beautiful blocks.

There is a change in the schedule of blocks:

- April’s and May’s blocks remain the original schedule.
- June’s block is now Mrs. Roosevelt’s Favorite.
- July’s block is now Lincoln Block.
- August’s block is now Harrison Rose.

Hopefully this will be enough time for the Harrison Rose Accuquilt die to arrive for the July UFO workshop. The Accuquilt die is for the 12 inch block only.

Keep up the good work! And remember to bring your completed blocks to the meeting for your chance to win the prize and share your work with the guild. *Jackie Gauker*



March



April
Mrs. Cleveland's Choice



May



June
Mrs. Roosevelt's Favorite



July
Lincoln Block



August
Harrison Rose

Fat Quarter Raffle

Please bring in a solid fabric to have your name entered in the fat quarter raffle drawing. In addition to that, there's a new twist to the usual. Please send or give any generic basket patterns to Sue Fisher. So-o-o, you may enter your name in the drawing by submitting a solid fat quarter or a basket pattern (picture and directions, please).

The member or members who win the drawing will receive fabrics and patterns. This will be fun.

Gloria Clark

Connecting Threads Order

Anyone wishing to order kits and/or fabrics from Connecting Threads, please have your order and check at the April meeting. Please be sure you check the website at www.connectingthreads.com the night before our meeting to be sure what you are ordering is still available.

Ruler for Starlight Surprise Workshop

The Starlight Surprise workshop being held on June 22nd with Sally Rapp requires the use of a tool from EZ Quilting called Tri-Recs Tools. This is a set of 2 triangle rulers which will be used to make the star points in the workshop. It is now on sale through Connecting Threads for \$13.99 (regular \$17.49). Our coordinator, Ruth Heslin, will be happy to put in an order following our April meeting. If you are interested in purchasing the tool, bring your check made out to VFHQ to the April meeting.

Bees

Appliqué Bee 1st Tuesday

May

May 7th from 7-9 PM,
at the home of Gloria Clark

June

June 4th from 7-9 PM,
at the home of Martine Green

Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday

April

April 9th from 12:30-3:30 PM,
at the home of Karen Glasthal

May

May 14th from 12:30-3:30 PM,
at the home of Sally Rapp

Please register with Jean Hayden for this bee *only*. She will be collecting \$5.00 for lunch and making a list for car pooling.

Evening Bee 4th Tuesday

April

April 23rd from 6:30-9 PM,
at the home of Jackie Iglehart

May

May 28th from 6:30-9 PM,
at the home of Patti McLain-Fulton



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 lay-out 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), Donna Raymond (Evening Bee) or Gloria Clark (Appliqué Bee). Donna Raymond is looking for some members to complete the list for this year for the evening Bee.

May Meeting Preview

Our program will feature two of our members. Mary Mollietieri will share her secrets for successful binding. Gina Shevchenko will tell us how to get our quilts ready to take to our favorite longarm quilter. Come with your questions.

May Meeting Reminder:

Different Location Due to Election

Due to May 20 being Election Day, our monthly guild meeting will be held at the Upper Merion Township Building across Henderson Road on Rt. 23. We must park in the rear of the building and enter through that door. Our meeting will be held on the second floor in Freedom Hall. An elevator is available for use. See the [map...](#)

Fall 2013 Quilting Retreat!

Date: Thursday, October 3, to Sunday, October 6, 2013

New location: Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, PA

Check out the website at www.blackrockretreat.com. It looks very comparable to our previous retreat location at Mensch Mill. To give you a point of reference—Quarryville is approximately 45 miles west of King of Prussia, 15 miles southeast of Lancaster Quilt Show location, 15 miles south of Intercourse, and 30 miles south of Denver, PA.

Full details will be presented at April & May guild meetings.

\$30 non-refundable deposit due at April or May meeting.

Balance due by August 20.

3 night and 2 night packages available with varying number of meals included:

- 3 nights/8 meals: Double Occupancy \$307 pp, Triple/Quad Occupancy \$287 pp
- 3 nights/7 meals or 5 meals: Double/Triple/Quad Occupancy \$316 pp or \$280 pp
- 2 nights/5 meals, 4 meals or 3 meals: Double/Triple/Quad Occupancy \$237 pp, \$219 pp or \$201 pp

Coordinator, *Sue Fisher*



2013 Guild Workshops

Pineapple Blossom Stash Buster—

Linda and Amy from [Generations](#)

DATE: April 5, 2013 (Friday)

TIME: 6 PM to 10 PM

PLACE: [Steve's Sewing Vacuum & Quilting](#)

PRICE: \$20.00

DINNER: Pizza will be provided.

NOTE: See Bonnie Hunter's (the pattern designer) [website](#) for examples of the Pineapple Blossom quilt.



UFO or Dottie's Dolls—

Dottie Dolgash

DATE: May 18, 2013 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4 PM (8:30 set up)

PLACE: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church](#)

PRICE: UFO free or...

Purchase Dottie's Dolls pattern for \$10.00:

[Sweet Meadows Farm Annie's Cat Bag holder doll](#)

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.



[Sweet Meadows Farm Annie's Cat Bag holder Doll](#)



[Blume pattern free](#)

Starlight Surprise—

Sally Rapp

DATE: June 22, 2013 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4 PM (8:30 set up)

PLACE: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church](#)

PRICE: \$20.00 pattern included.

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.



Workshops Notes:

- **Registration Forms** will be emailed to members and also on the [website](#). Print it, fill it out, and bring it to the meeting with your check. You can also mail the signup sheet and check to Jean .
- **Workshop fees** are non refundable.
- When attending workshops at [Steve's Sewing Vacuum & Quilting](#) please unload in the upper parking lot then park your car in the lower (Acme) parking lot while in class.

UFO—

Jackie Gauker with Block of the Month ideas: Harrison Rose Block, silhouettes and other ideas for the center.

DATE: July 20, 2013 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4 PM (8:30 set up)

PLACE: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church](#)

PRICE: Free

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

UFO

DATE: August 17, 2013 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4 PM (8:30 set up)

PLACE: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church](#)

PRICE: Free

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

UFO or Friendship Tea "Apron Strings"—

Jacqui Santangelo

DATE: September 28, 2013 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4 PM (8:30 set up)

PLACE: [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church](#)

PRICE: UFO free / Friendship Tea \$10

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

Pineapple Wallhanging—

Nancy Bills

DATE: October 26, 2013 (Saturday)

TIME: 10 AM to 4 PM

PLACE: [Steve's Sewing Vacuum & Quilting](#)

PRICE: \$25.00

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.





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/.

2013 Relief Sale - April 5-6, 2013. Since 1957, all sale day proceeds, benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Menonite 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 info visit www.pareliefsale.org/default.aspx.

A Showcase of Quilts XV - April 5-6, 2013. Presented by Homemaker's Country Quilters at the Montgomery County 4-H Center, 1015 Bridge Street, Collegetown, PA, Route 113, 1 mile South of Route 73.

11th Annual Juried Spring Fine Arts and Craft Festival - April 6-7, 2013. presented by the Reading-Berks Chapter of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen at Trexler Avenue and Baldy Street, Kutztown, PA. For more info visit www.rbcrafts.org.

Quilts on the Mountain XIII - April 20-21, 2013. Presented by the Pocono Mountain Quilter's Guild at the Stroudsburg Junior High School, 1901 Chipperfield Drive, Stroudsburg, PA. For more info visit www.thepmkg.com/.

Denver National Quilt Festival VIII - May 2-5, 2013. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, a unique collection of quilt and textile art from across the country, a juried and judged competition, fascinating workshops and lectures, plus the Merchants Mall, in Denver, CO. For more info visit www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=35.

For the Love of Quilting VII - May 3-4, 2013. Presented by Penn Oaks Quilters at 1325 Pottstown Pike, Glenmore, PA. For more info visit pennoaksquilters.org/.

A World of Quilts XXXIV - May 4-5, 2013. Presented by Northern Star Quilters' Guild, more than 200 fabulous, judged quilts featuring NSQG Red and White Invitational Exhibit at John F. Kennedy High School, Somers, NY. For more info visit www.northernstarquilters.com.

My Mother's Stitches - May 9-10, 2013. Presented by Calvary United Church of Christ at 1231 Route 100, Barto, PA. There will be over 90 quilts exhibited with some dating into the 1800s. They will include the Boyer/Endy quilt created in the 1890s and featured in the crazy quilt display at the Berks County Museum in

the 1990s. This project started two years ago as part of our churches 150th anniversary. All of the quilts came from the closets and cedar chests and attics of our church family. It was such a success that we have searched further and asked our extended family to join us for this repeat project. We ask for a \$5.00 donation. For more info call Pauline Weller at 610-845-8059.

A Quilted Garden Quilt Show - May 31 - June 1, 2013. Presented by the Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore Guild at St Paul's Church, 225 S. Morris Street, Oxford, MD. For more info visit www.baysidequilters.com.

Fabulous at Forty - May 31 - June 2, 2013. Presented by Quilters Unlimited at [Dulles Expo Center](#), South Building, Chantilly, VA. For more info visit www.quiltersunlimited.org/show.htm.

Sounds Like New Jersey - June 1-2, 2013. Presented by Garden State Quilters Guild at the William G Morris Sports Arena at 161 Hanover Ave, Morristown, NJ. For more info visit www.gardenstatequilters.com/quiltshow.html

Amish Country Quilt Show - June 6-8, 2013. Presented by [ProShow, Inc](#) at the Buckeye Event Center, 624 Henry St, Dalton, OH. For more info visit www.amishcountryquiltshow.com/.

Quilts by the Bay 2012 - June 15-16, 2013. Hosted by the Annapolis Quilt guild at the Annapolis Senior High School, 2700 Riva Road, Annapolis MD. For more info visit www.annapolisquiltguild.org.

West Virginia Quilt Festival - June 20-23, 2013. Presented by the Quilt Guild of West Virginia at the [Summersville Arena & Conference Center](#) in Summersville, WV. For more info visit www.wvquilters.org/.

NQA 43rd Annual Quilt Show - June 27-29, 2013. At the [Greater Columbus Convention Center](#), Columbus, OH. For more info visit www.nqaquilts.org/.

Vermont Quilt Festival - June 28-30, 2013. At [Champlain Valley Exposition](#), Essex Junction, VT. For more info visit www.vqf.org/.

Dear Sew-n-Sew

Dear Sew-n-Sew

Here's something I wondered about:

"Steam or No Steam" and why?

Sign me, "Misty"



Dear Misty,

Thank you for your proverbial question! When posed to a few quilters at a recent meeting we got mixed responses.

Beth Quigley feels steam sets a seam better than dry while for Sally Rapp it really depends on the project. She mostly presses with a dry iron since she knows all too well that steam does first to the fingers what it does to the seam. She saves steaming (and screaming) for the completed top.

Sheila Randall uses a hot dry iron but fine sprays with water before pressing.

If you ask Hedy DeMito she uses mostly dry to prevent distortion, especially bias edges, but will steam to rescue her fabric from a persistent crease.

Lynn Radliff uses a dry iron but sprays w/ "Best Press" because it smells good, leaves no residue on fabric or iron and feels the stitches won't pull out.

Laura Chaplar prefers the natural feel a steam iron gives and she avoids spray starch.

Jackie Iglehart "steams everything". I used to always steam till my favorite iron stopped steaming...now I do dry pressing. I can't say I see much difference.

No one said they finger press only (like famous author and prolific quilter Judy Martin does).

Moral of the story is there are no rules!! Just keep quilting. So thank you Misty for your kind question.

Please everyone keep sending your questions, comments or whatever to valleyforgequilters@gmail.com.

Fondly, *Sew-n-Sew*

For Sale:

New Janome Horizon Memory Craft

A friend of a friend of mine is selling a new Janome Horizon Memory Craft 8900 (still in the carton). Retail value of approximately \$4,000. Asking price \$2,000. Many features including 11" of space to the right of the needle and 975 different stitches.

If you are interested in this machine, please contact Barbara Wright.

Flower Show Winner

The Hannum's won third prize at the Philadelphia Flower Show "Brilliant". The overall theme for the miniature setting was "British Invasion." Our setting depicts a city scene of a garden enthusiast's lovely courtyard invaded by her son's British sports car. The buildings were meticulously designed and crafted by Paul, the MG sports car was made from scratch by Nancy's brother Richard of Glendale, AZ, and Nancy was consultant, arranger, and maker of little things.

Our intent: Pleasures Shared

Sandwiched amidst downtown businesses, the semi-private courtyard behind my historic colonial townhouse is one of my greatest joys. Ongoing repairs to his old sports car fuels my son's passion. Coexistence, though often difficult, proves harmony has a value all its own. *Paul and Nancy Hannum*



Four Seasons 2013 Challenge

I read an interesting article in Quilt Life called "Timeline for the Quilt-Challenged". The author mentions some phases she goes through in accepting the theme of the challenge. She says she goes through excitement, panic, procrastination, design, deadline, reality, relief, and then repeat. Are you excited about designing your Seasons Challenge quilt? Are you procrastinating? Are you in a panic – you can't think of a design or you are wondering how you are going to accomplish what you have in mind?

The reality is this: September seems way off but if you work on your challenge quilt right now and even finish it, you will feel relief – and then you will want to repeat the process with next year's challenge! So – go forth and do it!

For details about the 2013 challenge go to our website at <http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Pro-Challenge-Pg.html>.

Any questions, ask Judy Snook

Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2013

Standing Business

Candy welcomed members & guests

Congratulations! –

- Becky Weiland received a blue ribbon for best use of color for her Utopia quilt in the NJ quilt show.
- The Hannums won third prize at the Philadelphia Flower Show for their miniature titled “British Invasion”.

Distributions – Quilt in a Day sales and refreshments

2014 Raffle Quilt –Sally Chillington showed the 2nd place prize; a very large lap quilt

Comfort Quilts – Charlene Haggerty updated us on the Comfort Quilt Workshop which included 50 members. Please see February newsletter for details.

Library –Dianna is looking for an assistant to help go through our books and discard out of date/out of interest volumes. If interested, contact Dianna directly.

Spring Retreat – has been cancelled due to lack of interest

Bees - see page 3

Door Prize Winners: a visitor, Laura Chaplar, Deb Bianco

Guests: 8 and **Members=** 81

Workshops – See our website for all workshops and programs

Fat Quarter – winners for Jan-March – Landscape Fabrics were: Sally Chillington, Carol Olenick and Lynn Radcliff
Gloria Clark Introduced challenge for next quarter – A Tisket, A Tasket, Solids for a Basket

Dear Sew-n-Sew – Did anyone take a class at Lancaster? Contact Dear Sew-n-Sew and tell her about it.

Block of Month—Winner: Mary Larkin

Next month: Mrs. Cleveland’s Choice – page 45

AccuQuilt die pattern is available for the “Harrison Rose”. Enough members were interested in purchasing this. It will be the August BOM.

Jackie Gauker will show how to do the Silhouette for the center block. Will also help with what to do if you don’t want the Eagle or Silhouette in the center.

Old Business

May 21 meeting – Reminder that due to Election night in May our meeting will be held across the street at the township building. We need to park in the back and enter the building. Go to the 2nd floor to Freedom Hall. An

elevator is available.

Nominating Committee for slate of officers – Lou Chandler – written nominations due by next meeting

New Business

Suggestion Box -

Book from Dianne Springer titled Scrap-o-later was purchased at Lancaster Quilt Show. Dianne was there and autographed the book to the guild.

MLK Day-if interested in doing charity work, please organize a private bee

Reminder for all to be more hospitable during workshops and meeting

Newsletter - items to Kate by March 31, 2013

Program – Donna Lynn Thomas

50/50 – Winner: Jacqui Santangelo

Show and Tell

Next meeting April 16– speaker is Sue Reno – fiber artist

Meeting Adjourned at 9:35

Respectfully submitted

Marebeth Conard

Secretary





Birthdays ***

April ***

- *** April 1 Regina Shevchenko ***
- *** April 2 Marsha Bullwinkle ***
- *** April 4 Rosemary C. Geisler ***
- *** April 4 Catherine Morano ***
- *** April 6 Arlene K. Greenwald ***
- *** April 6 Marge Quinn ***
- *** April 7 Norma R. Brechbiel ***
- *** April 8 Carol Olinick ***
- *** April 9 Jean Corday ***
- *** April 15 Linda Wengerd ***
- *** April 23 Kate Sevensky ***

May ***

- *** May 2 Beth Quigley ***
- *** May 6 Cynthia DiLorenzo ***
- *** May 6 Margaret Gingerich ***
- *** May 9 Harriet Kagen ***
- *** May 14 Ruth Heslin ***
- *** May 22 Carol Dilks ***



Board of Directors

- President Candy Garrido
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- Immediate Past President Chris Candello
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- Newsletter Editor Kate Sevensky
- Workshop Chair Jean Hayden

Committees

Info & Resources

- Facebook Maxine Close
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- Group Purchases Ruth Heslin
- Historian Nancy Hannum
- Librarian Diana Heiney
- Newsletter Editor Kate Sevensky
- Newsletter Publisher Cathy Radcliffe
- Publicity Catherine Morano
- Website 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, Ann Palmer & Ethel Hutchinson

- Set-up Cathy Fennell

Guild Events Responsibilities

- Bees
 - Afternoon Jean Hayden
 - Evening Donna Raymond
 - Appliqué Gloria Clark, Martine Green & Judy Snook

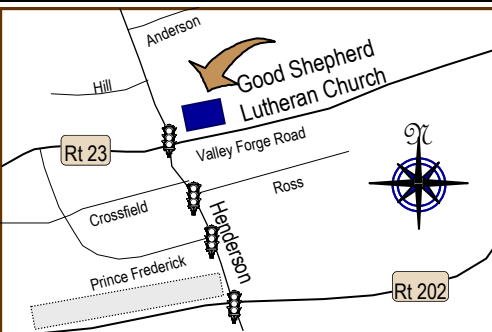
- Excursions TBD
- Quilt Show Chris Candello & Jean Hayden
- Retreats Joan Gunder
- Workshops Jean Hayden

Projects & Support

- 50/50 Raffle Laura Chaplar & Barb Jones
- Block of the Month Jackie Gauker & Beth Quigley
- Challenge Judy Snook
- Comfort Quilts Charlene Hagerty
- Dear Sew-N-Sew Deb Bianco
- Fabric Raffle Gloria Clark
- Member Comfort Judy Snook & Rosemary Geisler
- Raffle Quilt Sally Chillington & Jackie Iglehart
- Raffle Quilt Exhibiting Linda Vanek
- Sunshine Norma Brechbiel

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 April 30th.

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