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Guild Newsletter

December 2014

Presidempress' Message

I'm writing this message from Maine. My husband was sent on a last minute road trip to pick up snow plows and I hitched a ride, a long ride. I had a plan, though. My nieces live in Maine and I wanted to visit them. Last night we had dinner in Portland and drove along the waterfront, which is decorated with holiday lights. Today we are going to the beach. I have never been to a beach that is covered in snow. Plus, I am on the lookout for a moose. Tonight we head to Bangor to pick up the plows and we head home Monday. Supposed to be a 10 hour drive, I think I might Christmas shop on the internet along the way. This wasn't how I planned to spend my weekend, but I'm always up for an adventure. I hope your weekend was as enjoyable as mine.

Jackie



Thank you!



2014 Quilt Show Chairs

Next Guild Meeting – December 16, 2014

Program The December 16th meeting will be our Holiday Party. Please note the time difference. Our party will begin at 6:00 p.m. You may bring a Pollyanna gift (\$15 value) to participate in an exchange guided by A Secret Person.

If you signed up to bring refreshments in December, disregard that sign up. Instead bring the appetizers or desserts according to the first letter of your last name.

A – J - dessert

K – Z - appetizer

Beverages will be provided by the Board

Next Guild Meeting – December 16, 2014

Fat Quarter Raffle: Holiday Fabric

This is the last month to turn in your holiday fabric (holidays that take place in Oct., Nov., or Dec., that is). As you know, we did not collect fat quarters in October because of the quilt show. The pickings are looking quite lean at the moment.

CITRUS BRIGHTS

For Jan., Feb., and March, please bring in a fat quarter (washed and ironed) of bright citrus colors: green, orange, or yellow. We need these bright colors to remind us during the dark winter months that spring and summer will definitely come again. (Thank you, Catherine, for suggesting this idea.)

Gloria Clark

Block of the Month

Following are the December blocks. This wraps up the 2014 Block of the Month. Many thanks to those of you who participated this year. I can't wait to see your finished quilts!



*Lincoln's Platform—
easy*



*Courthouse Square
– Medium*



*Rosebud—
Difficult*

As announced at the November meeting, we will be doing the Sentimental Journey which can be downloaded free of charge from the BlockCentral.com website. The monthly installments are available in pdf format. Since this was run originally in 2010, I recommend downloading the entire years worth as soon as possible.

Charlene Hagerty

January 20, 2015 Meeting Preview

The January 20th meeting will be a speaker, Jody Beck of Jody's Jems. She will talk about her journey into quilting and have a trunk show. She has patterns for sale.

2014 Viewers Choice Winners



1st Place—Linda Hamel "Spice of Life"



2nd Place—Joanne Franklin Batik Applique



3rd Place Jackie Gauker "Woolen Posies"

Bees

Evening Bee 4th Tuesday 6:30-9 PM

December

No bee this month

January

January 27 Donna Raymond hostess

Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday 12:30-3:30 PM

December

December 9 Paula Pettijohn hostess

January

January 13 Joan Shaw hostess

Appliqué Bee 1st Tuesday 7-9 PM

December

December 2 Martine Green hostess

January

January 6 Judy Snook hostess

Northern Bee 5th Tuesday 6:30-9 PM

December

December 30 Joyce Stemple hostess



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), Donna Raymond (Evening Bee), Gloria Clark (Appliqué Bee), or Mary Molettieri (Northern Bee).

Comfort Quilt Gathering

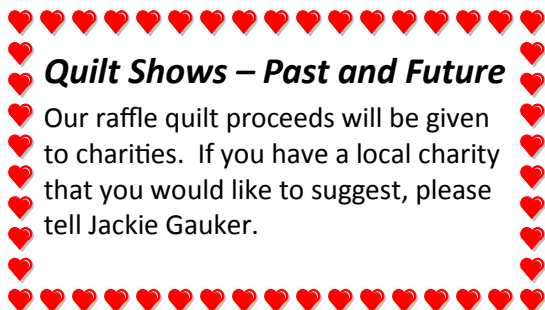
Our next Comfort Quilt Gathering will be December 15 from 9:00 to 3:00. I am going to have a Christmas luncheon and celebrate Dottie's birthday. We have received a lot of donated fabric. I have washed the fabric so now it needs to be ironed, folded, and sorted by color. If a couple of people could bring their ironing board and iron that would be helpful. Some will need to bring their machines to prep for making the kits. If you have an easy pattern that you would like to share, please bring that along.

The workshop this year will be March 28 so hopefully we won't have a problem with snow. We have a lot of kits left from last year so my plan is to make a variety of kits available. In order to do that, we will be making some kits that will need to have some of the smaller pieces of the quilt kit sewn together first so the kit will go together fast for the quilter that picks up the kit.

Any questions or ideas, let me know or bring them with you.

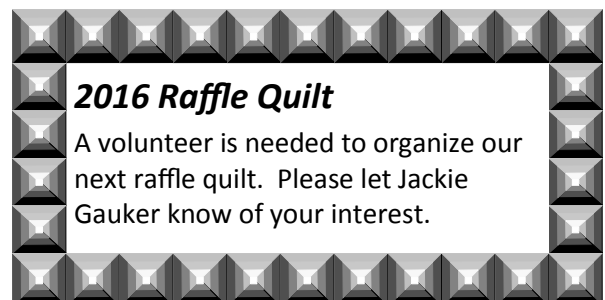
Looking forward to having a lot of fun!!

Maxine Close



Quilt Shows – Past and Future

Our raffle quilt proceeds will be given to charities. If you have a local charity that you would like to suggest, please tell Jackie Gauker.



2016 Raffle Quilt

A volunteer is needed to organize our next raffle quilt. Please let Jackie Gauker know of your interest.



Guild Workshops

January—

Scrap Workshop with Jacqui

DATE: January 24, 2015 (Saturday)
TIME: 9:30 AM to 4 PM (8:30 set up)
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
PRICE: \$10.00
LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

March—

Comfort Quilt Workshop

DATE: March 28 (Saturday)
TIME: 9:30 AM to 4 PM 8:30(set up)
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
PRICE: Free
LUNCH: Lunch will be provided

February—

UFO Workshop

DATE: February 28 (Saturday)
TIME: 9:30 AM to 4 PM (8:30 set up)
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
PRICE: Free
LUNCH: Lunch will be provided.

April—

Stained Glass Window Class with Donna LeBlanc

DATE: April 25 (Saturday)
TIME: TBA
PLACE: TBA
PRICE: \$10.0
LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch

Workshops Notes:

- **Registration Forms** will be emailed to members. 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.

Remember if you signed up for a workshop and find you cannot attend, please phone Jean Hayden to let

Show and Tell



Birthdays

December

- December 2 – Joan Gunder and Karen Wu
- December 3 – Ethel Hutchinson
- December 4 – Kim Girard
- December 5 – Ann Palmer
- December 8 – Gerry Fontaine
- December 12 – Dottie Dolgash
- December 19 – Becky Weiland
- December 24 – Mary Larkin
- December 28 – Chris Webb

January

- January 2 – Dorothy Allen
- January 4 – Maria Smola
- January 5 – Carol McGonigle
- January 9 – Donna LeBlanc and Barbara McLain
- January 14 – Martine Green
- January 21 – Mary Molettiere
- January 30 – Debbie Bianco



New Members

Barbara Sherman

Barbara became interested in quilting from her friend, Joan Markowitz. Joan also told her about our guild. Barbara likes to make small baby quilts that she can quilt herself. She also likes to cross stitch, read, and volunteer with the Tri-State Basset Hound Rescue. She is a supervisor for the Developmental Disabilities Support Coordination Office.

Welcome!

Judith Tokar

Judy saw our table at the Oaks Quilt Show where she was invited to attend our tea the following Saturday. She has been sewing since the age of five when she used a treadle machine to stitch pieces for her grandmother and for doll clothes. She won a blue ribbon at the Indiana, Pa. 4H county fair for her broomstick skirt when she was nine. She was a self taught quilter until she joined a guild in Florida and learned from members and then taught herself. Color is important to Judy as she often designs her own patterns. She knits, cooks, and has been doing scenery repair for the Rail Road Club in Shannondell where she lives. Judy owns her own plane, a Cessna 182 and has 3000 hours in command hours logged. She travels the country with her husband in their motor home

Spring 2014 Retreat

April 9-10-11-12, 2015

Blackrock Retreat Center, 1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville PA 17566 (www.blackrockretreat.com)

Coordinator: Sue Fisher (sewingbysue@comcast.net)

3 Night Pkg -- \$320pp // 2 Night Pkg -- \$220pp

Now Accepting Reservations!

\$50 Deposit Due by December 16

Sue will have Registration Forms or you can find it on our website (Events, Retreats)

Sue Fisher

Local Quilt Shows

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey XI - March 5-8, 2015. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, featuring a Merchants Mall offering the best in fabrics, notions, sewing machines, wearable art, embroidery and everything for the quilter and home sewer at the Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ. For more info visit <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=30>.

AQS QuiltWeek - March 11-14, 2015. Presented by AQS at the Marriott at the Lancaster County Convention Center, Lancaster, PA. For more info visit <http://aqsshows.com>.

Lancaster Quilt Show - March 11-14, 2015. Many vendors at the Continental Inn, Lancaster, PA. For more info visit <http://www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com/>.

Expo 2015 - March 14-15, 2015. Presented by the Baltimore Heritage Quilters Guild at Goucher College, Towson, MD. For more info <http://www.baltimorequilters.com/>.

Loose Threads Tea - March 21, 2015. Presented by the Loose Threads Quilt Guild at the First United Church of Christ located in Spring City, PA. For more info <http://www.theloosethreadsquilters.org/quilters-tea.html>.

2015 Relief Sale - April 17, 2015. Since 1957, all sale day proceeds benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite 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 <http://www.pareliefsale.org/>.

For info about more quilt shows...

Checkout our [website](#) for local and regional quilt shows.

Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2014

Standing Business

Announcements

- * Thanks everyone for the quilt show help!
- * The snowflake die cut has been ordered, but it is on back order.
- * Jackie had information on “Kilts and Quilts – Meet Me in Scotland”. Make a block and win a quilt. Contact Jackie for information.
- * The guild has guest passes (because of our AQS membership) for the museum in Paducah. The passes are good until Oct. 1, 2015. If you will be in Paducah it is worth visiting.
- * Endless Mountains Quiltworks in Tunkhannock, PA is closing. Everything is on sale.
- * We need volunteers for the 2016 raffle quilt. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Gauker.
- * Our December meeting is the Holiday Party – you may bring a sewing/quilting related gift to exchange – value \$15. If your last name starts with letters **A-J bring a dessert**, and if your name starts with the letters **K-Z bring an appetizer**. Board members will bring beverages. **The meeting starts at 6 pm.**

Membership – We have three new members – Barbara McLain (Patti’s sister), Shirley Horning, and Barbara Sherman.

Comfort Quilts – The VA in Spring City has enough quilts so Maxine is checking on the needs of VA in Coatesville.

Retreat – The deposit for the April 2015 retreat is due at the December meeting. Fifteen members were already confirmed. Sue would appreciate hearing from others their intention to attend.

Attendance, New members, Visitors and Door prize – 69 signed in, one guest (Margaret McCloskey). Door prize winners: Joan Shaw, Catherine Morano, and Sally Lightcap.

Fat Quarter Raffle – The theme is fall holiday. There were no entries for Oct./Nov., so bring one in December...your odds of winning could be pretty good.

Block of the Month – There are about 7 people participating. The December blocks are Lincoln’s Platform (easy), Courthouse Square (medium-ish) and Rosebud (harder). The winner for October was Meghan Heslin, and Gloria Clark was the November winner.

- ⇒ Next year’s block of the month is **Sentimental Journey**, a free download from www.Blockcentral.com. Charlene suggested downloading it all soon, in case it doesn’t stay up all year. She printed the patterns out and had it bound at Staples. The blocks are 16 ½ inches, and the finished quilt shown is 86 x 104.

Jackie G. thanked members for their concern and support around the early birth of her granddaughter, and reminded us that other members need support right now, including Ann Lister, Norma Brechbiel, and Donna Raymond.

New Business

Program – Quilt Show Recap, by Chris Candello and Jean Hayden.

- ◆ Jean related the history of the “modern” VFHQ guild show, which was restarted in 2000, and how the show has grown to the present version with 500 visitors recorded over two days.
- ◆ Chris had the members thank all of the committee chairs who helped make our show a success.
- ◆ The viewers’ choice winners were revealed: 1st: Linda Hamel, for Spice of Life, 2nd Joanne Franklin, for Batik Appliqué, and 3rd: Jackie Gauker, for Woolen Posies. Linda and Jackie told us the stories behind their quilts. We look forward to hearing from Joanne at a future meeting.
- ◆ Karen Glasthal provided a financial report on the show. The net was about the same as in 2012.
- ◆ The guild makes charitable contributions with some of the proceeds from the quilt show. Some will go to the church, and member suggestions are welcome.
- ◆ Discussion:
 - ◇ Donna: would the committee entertain the idea that members could take raffle tickets to sell without buying them outright. That would facilitate selling them, for example, at work.
 - ◇ Catherine: what was the cost of the raffle quilt?
 - ◇ Barbara: what is the budget for Comfort Quilts, which is part of our charitable work?
 - ◇ Who won the raffle quilt? Kathleen Lopez, a quilter from Bethlehem. The bed scarf went to Nancy Kline, a non-quilter from Haverton. Both winning tickets were sold at Hershey. Didi Carr won the Bernina.

50/50 Tickets – Laura Chaplar; the winner was Judy Tokar.



More Show
and Tell



Door Prize Winner Catherine Morano

Newsletter Submissions

Information for the next newsletter must be received by X

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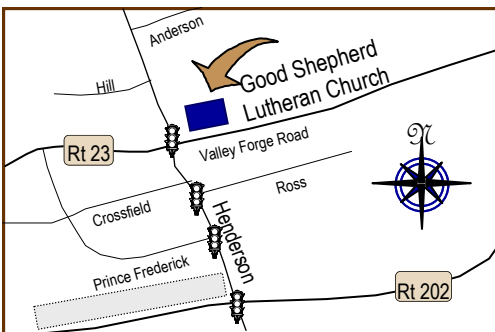
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Guild Meetings

DAY: Third Tuesday of each month

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
King of Prussia, PA



Board of Directors

President	Jackie Gauker
Vice President	Jackie Iglehart
Treasurer	Karen Glasthal
Secretary	Deb Graves
Membership Secretary	Mary Molettieri
Immediate Past President	Candy Garrido
Newsletter Editor	Judy Snook
Program Chair	Chris Candello
Workshop Chair	Jean Hayden

Committees

Info & Resources

Facebook	Peggy Melachrinis
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Group Buying Coordinator	Ruth Heslin
Historian	Linda Vanek
Librarian	Diana Heiney & Sally Chillington
Newsletter Publisher	Candy Garrido
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Webmaster	Cathy Radcliffe

Guild Meeting Responsibilities

Hospitality	Cynthia DiLorenzo, Marebeth Conard, & Winnie Spoons
Hostess	Cynthia DiLorenzo, Sue Fisher, Patti McLain-Fulton
Programs	Chris Candello, Laura Chaplar, Gloria Clark, Jean Corday, Rosemary Geisler, Beth Quigley, & Judy Snook
Refreshments	Ethel Hutchinson, Kim Girard, Arlene McCall, & Joyce Stemple
Set-up Coordinator	Cathy Fennell

Guild Events Responsibilities

Bees	
Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Donna Raymond
Appliqué	Gloria Clark
Northern Bee	Mary Molettieri
Excursion Coordinator	Open
Quilt Show Chair	Chris Candello
Retreat Coordinator	Sue Fisher
Workshops	Jean Hayden, Marilyn Lorenz, & Kate Sevensky

Projects & Support

50/50 Raffle	Laura Chaplar
AccuQuilt Coordinator	Maxine Close
Block of the Month	Charlene Hagerty & Donna Raymond
Challenge	Judy Snook, Carol Olinick & Rose Warren
Comfort Quilts	Maxine Close, Marsha Bullwinkle, Sally Chillington, Sandy Dounce, Susan Dryburgh, Charlene Hagerty, Mary Larkin, Catherine Morano, Carol Olinick, Ann Palmer, Paula Pettyjohn, Joan Shaw, Barb Wright, & Karen Wu
Dear Sew-N-Sew	Deb Bianco
Fabric Raffle	Gloria Clark & Sue Fisher
Member Comfort	Rosemary Geisler & Judy Snook
Raffle Quilt Coordinator	Sally Chillington
Raffle Quilt Exhibiting	Linda Vanek
Sunshine	Norma Brechbiel