



Valley Forge Homestead
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Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

February 2014

Presidempress' Message

Hello Fellow Guild Members,

I know we are all complaining about the cold and the ice and the snow, but the other night I saw another side to our current weather. We have a propane heater in the milk-house to keep the pipes from freezing but the pilot in the heater has been going out. My husband has been getting up around 2am to check on it and I did it for him on Saturday night. It was 5 * outside, but it was beautiful. The moon created a glow over all the snowy fields. The sky was inky black and the stars were extra shiny. Everything was quiet and still. It really was wonderful in a way that doesn't happen at 70 degrees. I stood outside for a few minutes just taking it all in. Then I ran inside as fast as I could and crawled back into my warm bed!



We have had some challenges when it comes to holding our meetings this winter! We try to make the best decision for holding or not holding a meeting, but please be careful when traveling. Hopefully we have had our last cancellation and I will see you all in February.

Jackie Gauker

Next Guild Meeting – February 18, 2014

Program

It's time for the Members' Fabric Sale. One quilter's stash-trash is another quilter's treasure! .Come prepared to shop for quilting books, completed tops, orphan blocks, tools, and gadgets. Come prepared with cash for those treasures you're sure to find.

(See additional information on page 2)

Refreshments

Sweet

Mary Stefanelli
 Becky Weiland
 Gloria Clark
 Meghan Heslin
 Cathy Radcliffe
 Charlene Hagerty
 Peggy Melachrinis

Savory

Cathy Fennell
 Jackie Iglehart
 Molly Lorenz
 Karen Glasthal
 Karen Wu
 Lynn Horne
 Chris Candello

Beverage

Jean Hayden
 Arlene McCall
 Rosemary Geisler
 Ruth Heslin
 Norma Brechbiel
 Ethel Hutchinson
 Susan Drybaugh

Next Guild Meeting – February 18 2014

Fat Quarter Raffle: Scrappy Treasures

Well, we missed another month for our "Scrappy Treasures" drawing. Don't worry. You may bring your fat quarters for that drawing to our February meeting. Also, February was to be our second month for bringing in "The Blues" fat quarters. So, bring in "The Blues," too. Hasn't this been a delightful winter with frozen pipes, car troubles from the bitter cold, shoveling snow, walking carefully on ice, missing meetings, etc.

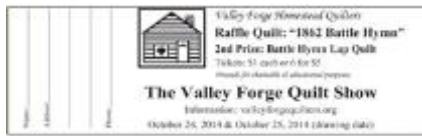
*Keep warm,
Gloria Clark*

Raffle Tickets

Linda Vanek will be selling quilt raffle tickets at the guild meetings. Every member is required to sell/purchase 12 tickets. The tickets are \$10 for 12 tickets. Please pay in advance for these tickets.

Included in your ticket envelope is a picture postcard of the quilt to aide in selling the tickets. Additional tickets are also available for purchase.

~Linda Vanek



Comfort Quilt Gathering

Our Comfort Quilt Chairperson, Maxine Close is arranging monthly comfort quilt gatherings to be held at members homes. Quilts will be made from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Maxine will announce the gathering at each guild meeting. You will need to bring your sewing machine. Please RSVP to Maxine as lunch will be provided. The Comfort Quilt committee donates to the University of

Pennsylvania Cancer Center including chemo caps for adults and children and the Southeastern VA Home in Spring City. Calendars are collected for the VA too. Children's books are collected for CHOP.

February

Tuesday, February 11 from 9:30-3:30 PM, at the home of Maxine Close.

February Fabric Sale with a Twist

It's the Members' Fabric Sale with a Twist! Clear out your un-wanted fabric from your stash—fabrics you liked when purchased them, but that you now know are probably not going to be used. Included in the sale are any quilting books you may want to part with, completed tops or orphan blocks, along with any tools and gadgets. And remember—one quilter's stash-trash is another quilter's treasure. So whether you're bringing fabric to sell or not, come prepared with cash for those treasures you're sure to find.

Here are the guidelines:

- ◆ You, the seller, will be your own cashier. (That's the twist.) Bring your own cash box so that you can make change if necessary. Decide if you will accept checks.
- ◆ You set the price.
- ◆ Each piece of fabric, "package" of fabrics, orphan blocks or quilting books must be clearly labeled with:
 - Your name
 - Price you are asking
 - Yardage or size of fabric if appropriate

Order a full table or half table by calling Chris Candello by Saturday, February 18th, if you plan to sell some of your treasures. Since we have to plan the set-up in advance, only members registered will be given table space. Be selective in what you bring to sell because it must fit in the space provided on the table or under it.

⇒ Buyers need to pay by cash or check (up to seller).

⇒ Bring your own shopping bag to take home your purchases.

We hope this will give members an opportunity to earn some money for themselves while cleaning out their fabric stash and books.

If you have questions, please contact Chris Candello at chriscandello@comcast.net.

Bees

Appliqué Bee 1st Tuesday 7-9 PM **Afternoon Bee** 2nd Tuesday 12:30-3:30 PM **Evening Bee** 4th Tuesday 6:30-9 PM

February

February 4 hostess Martine Green

February

February 11 hostess Judy Snook

February

February 25 hostess Judy Snook

March

March 4 hostess Rosemary Geisler

March

March 11 hostess Hedy DeMito

March

March 25 hostess Mary Molettieri



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.

The Library Corner

This month I'd like to introduce you to an exciting new public library service I just became aware of, Zinio. It provides digital copies of magazines for computers and other e-reading devices. I found the site through the Luddington Library home page. There is a button marked 'Zinio' at the bottom of the page. Apparently it is only for Montgomery County residents, of which I am one, but residents of other counties might check with their library. I only had to enter my library card information, my name, email and a password and voilà! there were the current and some back issues of American Patchwork & Quilting, Modern Patchwork, Quilting Arts and Cloth, Paper, Scissors instantly!

They also have magazines available for Crosstitch, Scrapbooking, Knitting, Crochet, Beading and many other subjects not involving handwork or crafting. Zinio seems to have additional selections that the library does not sponsor that can be purchased or rented but I haven't really explored the whole site that well. The library selections are by no means all inclusive of the available magazines, but it has a little bit for everyone and it sure beats standing in the supermarket or having an overpriced coffee at Barnes & Noble while paging through to see if there is anything super interesting enough to actually plunk down hard earned dollars.

The pages are also printable if you find a cool pattern or article you would like to keep for reference. There is a print icon in the lower left with choices for open page, the pair open on the desktop the entire magazine or your choice of a series of pages. I successfully printed directly and also downloaded a cross-stitch pattern into a .pdf on my desktop. The fidelity of the little squares was pretty good. I don't know if I would guarantee exact sizing for applique patterns but everything else should work.

Next month we will be back with some new books for your reading pleasure. Please remember that this is your library. If you are not finding what you would like in our library or have suggestions for either books or topics of interest, let your librarians, Diana Heiney or Sally Chillington know.

Happy Reading!

Diana



Guild Workshops

Comfort Quilt—

DATE: February 15, 2014 (Saturday)
TIME: 9:30 AM to 4 PM (8:30 set up)
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
PRICE: Free
LUNCH: Lunch will be provided.

Sliver Quilts—

Lisa O'Neill (*Lisa was the speaker in January 2013*)

DATE: March 29, 2014 (Saturday)
TIME: 9:30 AM to 4 PM (9:00 set up)
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
PRICE: \$35
LUNCH: BYOL (Bring your own lunch)

Mark your calendar for these future workshops!

April 16—Deb Karasik

June 13—Sally Rapp

July 19—UFO

August 23—UFO

September 27—Friendship Tea



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

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.

Birthdays

February	March
February 2 Arlene McCall	March 4 – Lou Chandler
February 9 Theresa Martini	March 4 – Susan Glaser
February 9 Molly Lorenz	March 6 – Marie Waters
February 10 Barbara Jones	March 9 – Patti McLain-Fulton
February 12 Sheila Randall	March 13 Gail Forster
February 17 Esther Canning	March 14 – Dawn Heefner
February 19 Ann Lister	March 15 – Lisa Steuer
February 22 Caia Iglehart	March 16 – Lynn Radliff
February 24 Sandy Dounce	March 18 – Cathy Fennell
February 28 Lynn Horne	March 26 – Barbara Wright
February 28 Linda Vanek	March 27 – Pat Brant
	March 28 – Irene LeBlanc
	March 31 – Julia Taylor

Visit New York

Calico Cutters of West Chester, Pa. is offering a bus trip to New York City on March 26, 2014. The cost is \$70 which includes an East Walk (guided) and an Adventurous Walk (on your own) to see the wonderful sewing sites of NYC. Contact Georgette Copes at gcopes@verizon.net with questions and reservations.

Something Wonderful

Undercover Quilters is once again presenting a special event, Something Wonderful, on Saturday, February 22,

at St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church, 400 Lynbrooke Road, Springfield, PA 19064. It is a day-long series of mini-workshops and exhibits. This year they have also included a speaker and more idea sharing opportunities. A box lunch is included. The cost is \$50.00.

You may go to their website, www.undercoverquilters.org to get more information and request that a form be emailed to you.



Spring 2014 Retreat
Spring Retreat: April 10-13, 2014
Black Rock Retreat Center, Quarryville PA
3 Nights \$300; 2 Nights \$210 (Double/Triple Occupancy)
Contact: Sue Fisher
February 18th: Final Balance Due
Still Accepting New Registrations with Full Payment until February 18th
No cancellations or refunds after February 18th
Registration Form & Information on VFHQ website – Events, Retreats
~Sue Fisher

Country Fair and Auction in Souderton

For over 50 years, Penn View Christian School in Souderton, Pa. has held a Country Fair and Auction which benefits the school and its quality, Christian education. Many from the community attend, not just for our delicious food and family fun, but also to view and bid on the area's largest selection of quilts. This year, the Country Fair and Auction will be held May 16 and 17, 2014. As part of our Country Fair and Auction, the sale of quilts helps to raise thousands of dollars for our school each year. Quilts are sold during our live, indoor merchandise auction on Friday evening, May 16 beginning at 6:00pm.

This year, we will hold our second annual *Quilt Celebration* to highlight the donated quilts that will be for sale in the auction. The purpose of the *Quilt Celebration* is to renew local interest in the art of quilt-making and to rejuvenate enthusiasm for the purchase of handmade quilts. We believe your guild also holds these common goals, so we want to welcome your participation in our efforts.

Save the date!

Our 2014 Quilt Show will be October 24-25, 2014. Get ready to help. Sign up sheets are around the corner.

Chris Candello

Membership List

Our membership list is solely for the use of the Valley Forge Homestead Quilters and its general membership. If there is a need for any corrections, changes or additions, please forward them to Mary Molettiere at 2marymolly@gmail.com Thank you!

March Meeting Preview

At our March 18th meeting, Lonni Rossi will be our speaker. Lonni has a new fabric line to show us. You can learn more about Lonni Rossi on her website, www.LonniRossi.com

Chris is looking into rescheduling Barbara Dann, our January speaker.

Local Quilt Shows

Annual Quilt Competition & Display - January 13-April 6, 2014. At the Village Gazebo, Peddler's Village, Lahaska, PA. Handmade quilts compete for over \$1,500 in prizes in eight categories: Traditional, Applique, Creative, Amish, Quilted Clothing, Student, Kids Only, and "Potluck." For more info visit http://www.peddlersvillage.com/festivals/quilt_competition_display.aspx.

Our Susquehanna Vally - February 28-March 2, 2014. Presented by Susquehanna Valley Quilters, over 100 quilts made by guild members will be on display, a Quilter's Corner featuring hand-crafted items, vendor booths at Hughesville Fire Hall, Hughesville, PA. For more info visit <http://susqvalleyquilters.org/quiltshow.html>.

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey X - March 6-9, 2014. 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 12-15, 2014. Presented by AQS at the Marriott at the Lancaster County Convention Center. For more info visit <http://aqsshows.com>.

Lancaster Quilt Show - March 12-15, 2014. Many vendors at the Continental Inn, Lancaster, PA. This is located across the street from the Lancaster Spring Quilt show with a free shuttle between the two resorts. For more info visit <http://www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com/>.

Art Quilt Elements - March 21-May 3, 2014. The 11th Exhibition of this internationally acclaimed show that has been widely praised by reviewers and artists not only for exhibiting the quilts in a gallery setting but also for promoting the art quilt as an art form. At the Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave, Wayne, PA. For more info visit <http://artquilelements.org/>.

2014 Relief Sale - April 4-5, 2014. 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/default.aspx>.

Making Traditions Old & New - April 5-6, 2014. Presented by County Line Quilters at Buckingham Friends School, located right next to Peddler's Village, Lahaska, PA. For more info visit <http://countylinequilters.org/pages/quilt-show>.

Birds of a Feather Quilt Together - April 5-6. Presented by Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore at Tom River Elks Lodge #1875, 600 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ. For more info visit <http://www.beachplumquilters.org/2014quiltshow.html>.

For info about more quilt shows...

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



check this out!

FHQ Website Highlight: Links to designers and teachers sites

I would like to tell members about a web page where I have listed the quilt designers and teachers who have presented at guild meetings and/or conducted a workshop. The web page includes links to the teachers web sites. It is quite an impressive list, I hope you enjoy it!

To find the web page, go to the VFHQ website at <http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/index.html>, click "Resources" at the top, click "Links" on the left menu, and then click "Designers and Teachers". Or use this link (<http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Re-Link-Designers-pg.html>) to go directly to the web page.

Cathy Radcliffe

January Meeting Minutes

Snow! Meeting cancelled!

* *If you had a gift for December but did not attend because of the inclement weather, bring that gift in February to exchange.*

Also, see Jackie Gauker for your Guild Holiday Gift!



Newsletter Submissions

Information for the next newsletter must be received by February 25, 2014

Send to:

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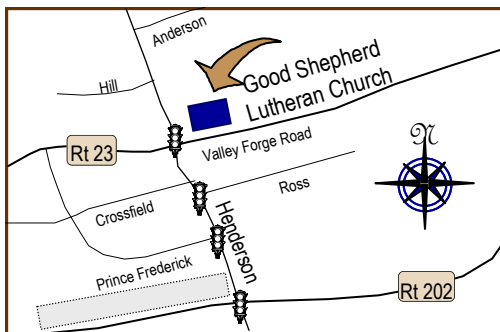
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Guild Meetings

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
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Program Chair	Chris Candello
Workshop Chair	Jean Hayden

Committees

Info & Resources

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Guild Meeting Responsibilities

Hospitality	Cynthia DiLorenzo, Marebeth Conard, & Winnie Spoons
Hostess	Cynthia DiLorenzo, Sue Fisher, Patti McLain-Fulton, Ailene Hewitt, Gerry Higgins, & Winnie Spoons
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 & Linda Wilson

Guild Events Responsibilities

Bees	
Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Donna Raymond
Appliqué	Gloria Clark
Excursion Coordinator	
Quilt Show Chair	Chris Candello
Retreat Coordinator	Sue Fisher & Candy Garrido
Workshops	Jean Hayden, Marilyn Lorenz, & Kate Sevensky
Projects & Support	
50/50 Raffle	Laura Chaplar
AccuQuilt Coordinator	Chris Candello
Block of the Month	Charlene Hagerty & Donna Raymond
Challenge	Judy Snook, Carol Olinick & Rose Warren
Comfort Quilts	Maxine Close, Marsha Bullwinkle, Sandy Dounce, Susan Dryburgh, Charlene Hagerty, Paula Pettyjohn, & Carol Olinick
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