



Valley Forge Homestead
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Guild Newsletter

May 2014

Presidempress' Message

I think it is finally safe to say spring has arrived! This is always a crazy time of year for me because I can't decide what to do. I want to sew but I also want to work in my gardens. I want to paint windows and clean up the porch and patio but I just bought a new quilt kit. I've got some new ideas for wool projects and daylilies to transplant. It seemed like there was nothing to do in January and February and now my calendar is overflowing! I guess I could do mornings in the sewing room and afternoons on outside projects.

What are your favorite springtime projects? Do we have a lot of gardeners in the guild? Quilters are often also gardeners. If you are a green thumb, let me know what you are growing.

Jackie

Next Guild Meeting – May 20, 2014

Program

Jenny from Steve's will talk about needles and threads and what we can do with them.

Reminder: The meeting is at the Upper Merion Township building at 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia (kitty corner from our normal meeting location). We must park in the rear of the building and enter through that door. The meeting will be on the second floor in Freedom Hall and there is an elevator available for use.

Refreshments—Light, not messy refreshments

Sweet

Joan Gunder
 Barb Sherman
 Becky Weiland
 Phyllis Manley
 Charlene Hagerty
 Arlene Greenwald
 Marebeth Conard

Savory

Linda Wengerd
 Gail Forster
 Gerry Higgins
 Winnie Spoons
 Molly Lorenz
 Sally Chillington

Beverage

Jean Hayden
 Linda Hamel
 Sally Lightcap
 Paula Pettyjohn
 Lisa Steuer
 Mary Molettiere
 Ruth Heslin

Next Guild Meeting – May 20, 2014

Fat Quarter Raffle: Welcome Spring with Bright Colors

After such a long, snowy winter, let's celebrate the arrival of spring with very bright fabrics, those fabrics that remind us of all the beautiful colors that will soon be popping out of the ground. What a beautiful sight that will be! Please wash and iron your brightly colored fat quarter.

Gloria Clark

Block of the Month



#37 Fort Sumter
- difficult

#15 Apple Tree -
easy

#12 Louisiana
- medium

Charlene Hagerty

**Do you
have
yours?**



Raffle Tickets

There are 28 members who have not yet picked up your required raffle tickets.

Please stop by my table at the next meeting to pick up your tickets.

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

June 17 Meeting

Our Picnic! Our speaker will be Barbara Dann of Alley Cat Quiltworks. "Diva Detectives!" - ~Become a quilt detective. How is that block made?? How can I make it in a different size? How can I make small changes to my quilts for big impact? Answers to these questions and many more during this fun, lively and informative lecture and trunk show!



Chinese Auction Donations for the Quilt Show

Our quilt show is quickly approaching and we are getting ready to snap into action. Donations are now being accepted for the Chinese Auction, one of our most popular activities of the show and the one with the most fun items. You can help out by searching your stash for items that can be included such as fabric, quilted bags, table runners, or other desirable quilted items.

Other things that are fun to include might be hand creams, chocolate, teas or coffee, gift cards, and any other thing you can think of ...the sky's the limit.

You may consider contacting the manager of your favorite restaurant for a donation of a gift card. Or...check at work for any possible donation.

Please bring these items to the next guild meeting or workshop. No need to wait until September. We will be assembling our gift baskets as soon as the gifts come in. Thank you and have fun with this.

Mary Stefanelli and Arlene McCall

Bees

Appliqué Bee 1st Tuesday 7-9 PM

May 6

Gloria Clark hostess

June 3

Dottie Dolgash hostess

Evening Bee 4th Tuesday 6:30-9 PM

May 27

Jackie Iglehart hostess

June 24

Jean Hayden hostess

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

May 13

Dottie Dolgash hostess

June 10

Sally Rapp hostess

Northern Bee 5th Tuesday 6:30-9 PM

July 29

Lisa Steuer hostess

September 30

Candy Garrido 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 Molettiere (Northern Bee).

Comfort Quilt Gathering

May 12 and June 9

Maxine Close hostess

Lunch is provided. Please bring your sewing machines.

RSVP to Maxine so she knows how many to prepare for lunch..

Maxine and her crew have been making comfort quilt kits with the AccuQuilt. If you would like to use the AccuQuilt, contact Maxine.

Birthdays

May

May 2 – Beth Quigley

May 6 – Cynthia DiLorenzo

May 6 – Margaret Gingerich

May 14 – Ruth Heslin

May 22 – Carol Dilks

June

June 4 – Sally Rapp

June 5 – Marebeth Conard

June 5 – Phyllis Manley

June 6 – Sue Fisher

June 8 – Nancy Hannum

June 19 – Jackie Iglehart

June 20 – Candy Garrido

June 23 – Joyce Stemple

June 28 – Donna Raymond

June 30 – Linda Watson

Happy Mother's Day!

Guild Workshops

June

Labyrinth—Sally Rapp

DATE: June 13, 2014 (Friday)
TIME: 6:00 PM to 9 PM
PLACE: Trinity Reformed United Church, Collegetown
PRICE: \$20.00 - Pattern \$4.50 required
LUNCH: Pizza/salad will be provided

July

UFO

DATE: July 19, 2014 (Saturday)
TIME: 9:30 AM to 4 PM (9:00 set up)
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
PRICE: Free
LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

August

UFO

DATE: August 23, 2014 (Saturday)
TIME: 9:30 AM to 4 PM (9:00 set up)
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
PRICE: Free
LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

September

Friendship Tea

DATE: September 27, 2014 (Saturday)
TIME: 9:30 AM to 4 PM (9:00 set up)
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
PRICE: Free
LUNCH: TBA

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 her know.

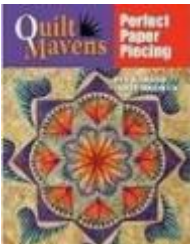
Library Corner

One of our members was looking for something on Amish quilting in anticipation of our 2014 guild challenge and to our dismay, we had nothing! We have searched for the best out there, which is very slim pickings indeed but found two jewels: *Amish Quilts: The Adventure Continues*, by Lynn Koolish and *Amish Quilting Patterns: Full-Size Ready-To-Use Designs And Complete Instructions*, by Gwen Marston.



Amish Quilts, The Adventure Continues is a compilation of Amish style quilts ranging from traditional to modern interpretations of the Amish style chock full of eye candy. Just the thing for some inspiration!

Amish Quilting Patterns contains 56 ready to use Amish patterns for quilting and instructions on how to transfer them to your quilt top.



Our third book this month, is a special gift from our April speaker, Deb Karasik. Thanks Deb! It's a copy of her newest book that she co-authored with Janet Mednick, *Quilt Mavens: Perfect Paper Piecing*. I've only had a chance to page through it, but the quilts are stunning! I'm sure this one will be borrowed a lot.

We have also updated the listing of our 322 library books on the guild website. They are listed alphabetically by title.

Without our member's request, we wouldn't have noticed the lack of a subject. We try to have a little of everything so please don't be shy about asking. This is your library!

From your librarians

Diana Heiney and Sally Chillington

Local Quilt Shows

Shore Points - May 16-17, 2014. Presented by Rebecca's Reel Quilters at Poricy Park, 345 Oak Hill Road, Middletown, NJ. For more info visit http://rebeccasreel.org/quilt_show.

Quilt Odyssey - July 24-27, 2014. At the [Hershey Lodge & Convention Center](#) in Hershey, PA 17033. For more info visit <https://server7.pacecomputing.com/quiltodysseycom/www/index.php>.

Quilts from the Heart of Berks - September 12-13, 2014. Presented by the Berks Quilters Guild at [Leesport Farmers Market](#), 312 Gernant's Church Rd., Leesport, PA. For more info visit <http://berksquiltersguild.org/Webpages/2014QuiltShow.html>.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XXI - September 18-21, 2014. 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 <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=4>.

Valley Forge Quilt Show - October 24-25, 2014. Presented by the Valley Forge Quilt Guild at [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church](#), 132 E. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. For more info see the [VFHQ Quilt Show web page](#).

For info about more quilt shows...

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

Other Events

In June, Homemaker's Country Quilters will have **Pat Knoechel** (Eleanor Burn's sister) for a presentation. It is scheduled for Friday, June 20 from 10 to 12. It is not a meeting, so there will be no visitor fee. We guarantee that there will be no snow! Come early for good seats and try to car pool. Contact Kathy Graff for more details.

An Opportunity

Would you like your quilt or quilts considered for exhibit at International Quilt Festival in Houston, Chicago, and at our new Quilt! Knit! Stitch!™ in Portland, Oregon? Maybe you didn't know that many of the thousands of amazing quilts and textiles we display every year come from our various calls for exhibit entries and our contests. And we're always looking for more amazing quilts. . . maybe yours!

We would like to encourage you and members of your guild to consider entering your work for possible inclusion in one (or many) of our upcoming exhibits.

We would also like to keep you and your guild members up to date on any future Quilt Festival contests and calls for entry. If you are interested in receiving emailed updates, please reply with your name and email address. You are welcome to include email addresses for as many of your guild members as would like to receive information from us.

We hope to see your work at one of our shows! Thank you!

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Show and Tell

Retreat Pics



Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2014

Standing Business

Announcements

- ◇ May Meeting is at the Township Building at 7pm. Park at the lower lot and enter at the back.
- ◇ Becky Weiland had a technique article published in the latest NQA Quilting Arts Magazine (Spring 2014 issue).
- ◇ Reminder on copyright issues: you can't copy and share a pattern without written permission from the copyright owner. It is illegal and unethical to reproduce patterns. Guilds have been sued over this. Even if you share a free pattern from a website, share the web address, not the pattern. Remember pattern sales are the author's livelihood.
- ◇ Board meeting change to Monday, April 28.
- ◇ Sally Chillington passes a signup sheet for the Skip-pack Bereavement Center. (May 5 and May 14 were the options.) They want our help binding memory blocks.

Bees—Mary Molettiere announced a new bee – the “Northern” bee. Starting in April, Valley Forge Quilters is adding a new Bee to our guild. It is going to be on the 5th Tuesday of the month. It is called the Northern Bee. The idea of this Bee is to have it HOSTED at a home NORTH of the King of Prussia area. There are many members that would love to attend the Bees but the long drive deters them sometimes. The Northern Bee is OPEN to everyone in the guild to attend but will be HELD in a Northern area home.

Remember all are welcome to attend but the host's home must be located NORTH of the King of Prussia area!

Here are the 2015 dates in case you are interested in signing up to host a Northern Bee. Contact Mary.

March 30; June 29; August 31

Comfort Quilts – Charlene reminded us to sign up for the May 3 workshop and passed a sign up sheet. Also, be sure to sign in quilts when you bring them in.

Block of the Month – Next month's blocks are: Fort Sumter (hardest), Louisiana (moderate), and Apple Tree (easiest). This month's winner was Joy Brown.

Retreat – The spring retreat was a great success! Fall retreat will be Oct. 30 – Nov. 2 at St. Mary's in Elverson (southern Berks County). Next spring retreat is booked for April 9 – 12, 2015, at Blackrock.

New Members, Visitors and Door Prize - 71 members

signed in, plus we had 4 visitors (Barbara McLain, Joan Hagerman, Wanda Heim, and Frances Brewka). Door prize winners: Marge Quinn, Becky Weiland, and Frances Brewka.

Raffle Tickets – Quite a few members still need to pick up their minimum number of tickets.

Quilt Show – Set up will be Thursday October 23.

- ⇒ Grandma's Attic sale is recycling quilting/sewing/craft supplies you don't need anymore, and the proceeds benefit the guild.
- ⇒ Boutique is a sale room for our handmade items. The member sets the price and keeps 90% of the selling price, with the guild keeping 10%. Each member is expected to donate one item to Boutique for the guild's benefit.
- ⇒ Members can donate items for the Chinese Auction.
- ⇒ More information can be found on our website, as well as forms for putting items for sale in the Boutique. You should keep a copy of your form. The next committee chairs' meeting is June 9.

Fat Quarter Raffle – Sue Fisher reminded us this quarter the theme is Spring Brights. Please wash and iron the fat quarters you are bringing.

Suggestion Box – none this month.

New Business

Program – Deb Karasik: Deb started her lively and humorous presentation with the story of her desire to make baby quilts when she learned that her daughter was expecting triplets in 2000. She and her husband Jeff provided a handout on “paper” piecing cotton with a pattern, and she directed us to her pattern “Baby's Breath” which is a free download on her website (www.debkarasik.com).

Tip: for paper piecing use a size 90/14 needle and 1.2 mm stitch length.

Refreshments

50/50 Tickets – Winner was Ruth Heslin.

Show and Tell

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 20, 2014: Jenni Hamilton will be speaker.

Respectfully submitted

Deb Graves



Speaker Deb Karasik



Newsletter Submissions

Information for the next newsletter must be received by May 28

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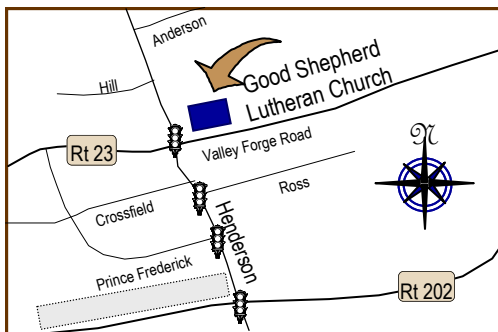
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Guild Meetings

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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Workshop Chair	Jean Hayden

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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	Open
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	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