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Guild Newsletter

April 2015

Jackie's Musings

"Art is not a thing, it is a way." ~ Elbert Hubbard.

Do you define yourself as an artist? Do you study and attempt new techniques? Are colors and shapes and the play of one fabric against another important to you? Do you exhibit your work? Do you require or dream of owning a sewing or quilting studio? Have you ever sold one of your creations?

I have a friend who is an artist. She not only paints, she is creative in so many ways – yet she cannot bring herself to utter the phrase, "I am an artist". For one year, I have been encouraging her to say aloud those four magic words. I believe she would find it liberating, opening the door to so many more creative and positive possibilities and influences.

If an artist is anything, I believe they are inspired. And in turn, they (and their work) are inspiring. They inspire themselves and others to create, to think, to feel passionate, to experiment with their own expression and bring more beauty into their lives. If you have never thought of yourself as an artist, try an experiment: For one month say out loud to yourself each day that you are an artist! Let that thought nourish and influence you in some concrete way each day – let it make a difference in how you see things – how you do things – what you wear and eat – the music you hear – the quilts you make. Live in an artistic way for one month and take note of the difference it makes in your life. After thirty days of "being" an artist, ask yourself once again – do I now define myself as an artist? I am confident that the answer will be a resounding "YES" because art is a way.

Jackie

Next Guild Meeting – April 21, 2015

Program

Joyce Hughes is a self taught quilter and fiber artist. She designs pictorial landscape quilts using raw edge applique, thread painting and embellishments. She also likes to design one-of-a-kind handbags. She is an award winning quilter.

Refreshments

Sweet

Karen Glasthal
 Carol Dilks
 Kate Sevensky
 Karen Wu
 Maxine Close

Savory

Dottie Dolgash
 Nancy Hannum
 Sandy Dounce
 Cathy Fennell
 Joy Brown

Beverage

Donna LeBlanc
 Gerry Higgins
 Jean Hayden
 Marebeth Conard

Set up – (please come early and help Ethel)

Clean Up – (please volunteer at the meeting)

Next Guild Meeting – April 21, 2014

Fat Quarter Raffle:

LAVENDER FIELDS

Let's welcome spring (finally) and think of fields of lavender. For the next three months please bring in fat quarters in all shades of purple - light, medium, dark, solids, tone on tones, floral prints.

As always, please wash and iron your fat quarters. Thank you.

Gloria Clark

Block of the Month

Congrats to Candy Garrido for winning the March BOM drawing.

The May Block is a little more difficult than previous blocks. You will see there are two different sizes of flying geese in the May block. The first one finishes at 2 x 4". The second one finishes at only 1 x 2". I checked her website, she does make a ruler that size. I don't have it so I'm working around it and I can show you how to do using the 2 x 4" ruler plus a regular ruler.

I want to remind you all to put a piece of tape on your block with your name on it each month. This is a good way to avoid losing your block.



HELP WANTED

Help is needed in several committees. One of these just might be up your alley. Please contact the chairman of the committee you would like to give a helping hand to.

- ☺ Cynthia DiLorenzo needs additional help on the Hospitality Committee. You would be greeting members and visitors. Friendly faces please contact Cynthia.
- ☺ Linda Vanek would like a back up historian especially when she can't come to a meeting or other activity. You would take photographs of the event to put in the newsletter. Amateurs welcome.
- ☺ Soon our raffle quilt will be ready to "go on the road" to quilt shows. Guild members are needed to form a Raffle Quilt Exhibition committee. These members will coordinate the display of our beautiful raffle quilt and the sale of raffle tickets. The raffle quilt is coming together with the help of many guild members. It's time to schedule its debut. Call Jackie Iglehart to volunteer.
- ☺ The June meeting is a picnic. Call Ethel Hutchinson to volunteer to help decorate, set up, or clean up this delicious event.



Bees

Evening Bee 4th Tuesday 6:30-9 PM

April

April 28 Jean Hayden hostess

May (Note change in date!)

May 19 Judy Snook hostess

Appliqué Bee 1st Tuesday 7-9 PM

May

May 5 Gloria Clark hostess

June

June 2 Jean Hayden hostess

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

April

April 14 Ann Palmer hostess

May

May 12 Nancy Hannum hostess

Northern Bee 5th Tuesday 6:30-9 PM

June

June 30 Linda Vanek hostess

September

September 29 Mary Molettiere 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

Congratulation and thank you to Maxine and her committee for participating in Mad Max and getting the kits ready for the workshop and providing such a delicious lunch for us at the workshop. Maxine said, "we had fun getting to know one another a bit better". Maxine would like to thank everyone that came to the workshop.

The next gathering will be April 9th. Maxine asks that people bring their machines and work on their UFOs.

Maxine Close

Results from Scrap Workshop with Jacqui - March 7, 2014

I want to thank everyone who attended the rescheduled Scrap Workshop. The show and tell at March guild meeting was outstanding. I have about 6 each of the 2 patterns (Wistfull & Paradise) leftover for members who still want the patterns. Norma Brechbiel has a set reserved. So give Jean Hayden or Karen Glasthal the cost \$4.00. You will receive the patterns at the next guild meeting.

Here are the results of my survey:

23 members attended

* 13 members used - Wistful

* 10 members used - Paradise

* 13 used Jelly Rolls

* 10 used from their stash

and a few used a combination of Jelly Roll plus from their stash.

Jacqui Santangelo



Guild Workshops

April—

Stained Glass Window Class with Donna LeBlanc

DATE: April 25
TIME: 9:30 AM to 4 PM (8:30 set up)
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
PRICE: \$10
LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

September—

Friendship Tea
DATE: TBA
TIME: 9:30 AM to 4 PM (8:30 set up)
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
PRICE: Free
LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch

July and August—

UFO Workshop—Details to follow.

DATE: TBA
TIME: 9:30 AM to 4 PM (8:30 set up)
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
PRICE: Free
LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.



Workshops Notes:

- 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.



Birthdays

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| April | May |
| April 2 – Marsha Bullwinkle | May 2nd – Beth Quigley |
| April 4 – Rosemary Geisler and Catherine Morano | May 5th – Shirley Horning |
| April 6 – Arlene Greenwald and Marge Quinn | May 6th – Cynthia DiLorenzo and Margaret Gengerich |
| April 7 – Norma Brechbiel | May 14th – Ruth Heslin |
| April 8 – Carol Olinick | May 22nd – Carol Dilks |
| April 9 – Jean Corday | |
| April 15 – Linda Wengerd | |
| April 16 – Sally Lyn | |
| April 23 – Kate Sevensky | |
| April 27 – April Hostler | |



AN AWARDING WINNING QUILTER
 Congratulations to Becky Weiland for receiving an Honorable Mention for Home Machine Quilter for her "Swiss Cheese" quilt at the AQS show in Lancaster and Best Use of Color for her "Red Sky at Morning" quilt at the New Jersey Quilt Fest. It's always exciting to see a guild member be recognized!

WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER
 Kathy Finch heard about our guild from Jackie Iglehart. Twenty five years ago a friend introduced Kathy to quilting. She likes to make wall hangings, pot holders, and baby quilts although she has also made a bed size quilt. Kathy likes to travel, mold chocolate, and dabble in other crafts. She is a buyer for Brandywine Hospital.

May Meeting Preview
May 26th – Note the **CHANGE IN DATE** – We will meet in the Upper Merion Township Building. Come hear from our new members and enjoy a beautiful, inspiring Show and Tell.



WHY QUILTING IMPROVES YOUR HEALTH
 The University of Glasgow studied hobbies to consider their mental and physical benefits. They discovered quilters found the activity helped their cognitive, creative, and emotional wellbeing. Quilters gained confidence. There were more opportunities to be with friends. Remember doing something you enjoy keeps you busy and is fun.

Local Quilt Shows

A World of Quilts XXXVI - May 2-3, 2015 – Presented by the Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Kennedy Catholic High School, Route 138, Somers, NY. Becky Goldsmith of Piece of Cake Designs and Paula Nadelstern will give lectures. For more information, visit www.nothernstarquilters.com.

10th Anniversary Quilt Exhibit - March 4 - April 30, 2015. Presented by Main Line at Newtown Public Library, 201 Bishop Hollow Road, Newtown Square, PA. For more info visit <http://mainlinequilters.org/>.

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/>.

AQS Quilt Week - April 22-25, 2015. Presented by AQS at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Expo Center, 1 Executive Blvd, Paducah, KY. For more info visit <http://aqsshows.com>.

For the Love of Quilting VIII - May 1-2, 2015. Presented by Penn Oaks Quilters at 1325 Pottstown Pike, Glenmore, PA. For more info visit <http://www.pennoaksquilters.org/quilt-show-2015>.

In Full Bloom - May 30-31, 2015. Presented by Garden State Quilters Guild at the William G Morris Sports Arena at 161 Hanover Ave, Morristown, NJ. For more info visit <http://www.gardenstatequilters.com/quiltshow.html>.

Celebrate Quilts. July 1-31, 2015 at The Bob Evans Farm Event Barn, Rio Grande, Ohio. See Deb Graves for a brochure and entry form.

CQG Quilt Show 2015: Quilted Treasures - July 17-18, 2015. Presented by the Chambersburg Quilt Guild at the Falling Springs Presbyterian Church, 221 North Main Street, Chambersburg, PA. For more info visit <http://chambersburgquiltguild.org/event/cqg-quilt-show-2015-quilted-treasures-2/>.

Quilt Odyssey - July 23-26, 2015. At the [Hershey Lodge & Convention Center](#) in Hershey, PA 17033. For more info visit <https://server7.pacecomputing.com/quiltodysseycom/www/index.php>.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XXII - September 17-20, 2015. 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>.

For info about more quilt shows...

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



CRAFTSY

Did you know Craftsy offers many classes online and some of them are FREE! Check out these classes taught by well known quilters at craftsy.com.

Meeting Minutes – March, 2015

Welcome: HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!

Jackie shouted out a thank you to ETHEL HUTCHINSON! Ethel got a big round of applause recognizing her hard work making sure we always have our refreshments. One of our new members, Kathy Finch, has joined the refreshments committee.

Those who missed the December meeting could pick up their holiday gift from the guild at this meeting.

Announcements:

- **May's Meeting:** Because of the primary election the May meeting had to be moved – both date and location. It will be May 26 at the Upper Merion Township Building.
- Our **New Vice President** is Jean Hayden.
- **SUGGESTIONS:**
 - ⇒ Joan Gunder reminded us that we should be quiet during the program and announcements. Obviously, we all agreed. Also we should remind members to turn phones off.
 - ⇒ Barbara Wright: (1) would like show and tell earlier because sometimes she and others have to leave early and (2) is there anyway to speed up the drawings? We didn't have a good alternative for show and tell, since out of respect for the speaker we put her/him first. We have taken steps to definitely improve time spent on drawings.
 - ⇒ 3rd suggestion, from Joy Brown, which the board approved: Joy will announce (special project for Gauker family).

GREAT SUGGESTIONS! THANK YOU!

Special Request: Mary Larkin is starting a project "*Angel Gowns*". She shared a sample, stories and pictures. Anyone who would like to participate by sewing or by donating bridal style fabric (wedding gowns, communion dresses) should contact Mary.

Publicity Committee: Catherine Morano reported that the Guild will sponsor (through the donation we made from raffle quilt revenue) a hole at the Upper Merion Library mini-golf fund raiser on March 28. We will decorate the hole with quilts and our banner, and have our bookmarks available. Catherine asked for a volunteer to help set up and for loan of very small quilts on stands.

Raffle Quilt: Linda Hamel and committee Jean Corday and Cathy Fennell have started our new raffle quilt. It needs to be ready for Hershey, so it is time to start sewing. Members were asked to help make this quilt either by taking a star block kit home (must be returned at April meeting or mailed to Linda) or to come and sew at a work session at Steve's (Thursday April 2 from 10 am to 3 pm and/or Monday April 27 from 6 to 9 pm). Sign up was available. If you are interested but didn't sign up at the meeting, please contact Linda.

Guild Business: Lou Chandler addressed concerns about wording in the by-laws restricting officers to one term of 24 months in one office. Concern has been raised about nominating Jackie

Iglehart for the office as she is currently serving as president. Lou clarified that the legislative intent of the by-laws was not to restrict an "acting" officer who was filling a partial term from being nominated.

Nominating Committee: Candy Garrido reiterated that nominations are open. Forms plus a list of those eligible for president were available on the back table. You can also make nominations by e-mailing Candy. You should check with the nominee before submitting her name.

Committees: We have been adding one or two members to committees. They were formed 18 months ago, and availabilities have changed. In an effort to make sure all chairs have the help they need & to involve more members new committee people were added. No one has been removed from any committee; only additions here and there. This also gives everyone involved a chance to get to know more people – most people get to know the people we work with the most.

Bees: Donna Raymond passed sign up sheet for evening bees. It is normally the 4th Tuesday (except May, when the bee will be the third Tuesday). There may still be dates available, so contact Donna if you would like to host.

Comfort Quilts: Maxine Close has two more gatherings at her home in advance of the workshop on March 28.

Welcome to new members and visitors – Three visitors were in attendance: Betty, who likes to quilt and cross stitch and who heard about us from Candy; Elsa from Glenside, a friend of Barb and Sue; and Linda from Maryland.

Door Prizes: – winners were Barb Jones, Carol McGonigle, and Donna Raymond.

Workshops: Jean Hayden – 50 are signed up for the Comfort Quilt workshop on March 28. See the Workshop section of the newsletter for upcoming events. Molly Lorenz, Kate Sevensky, and Jacqui Santangelo are also on the workshop committee. Kate reminded us to return our surveys that came by e-mail. Paper copies were available at the meeting. If you would like to try teaching, please consider leading a workshop for our guild.

Fat Quarter Raffle: Gloria Clark – Catherine Morano is new to the committee. The winner of *citrus brights* was Rose Warren. For April to June the theme is **LAVENDER FIELDS**, so bring anything purple.

Block of the Month: Charlene Hagerty showed the April block, which is pretty straightforward. May is trickier, with smaller flying geese units. Charlene will demo how to do it at Maxine's or at the March 28 workshop.

Program: Erin Underwood, from Maryland, showed us many lovely quilts and shared tips and techniques. One "slaplique" which you slap on fusible and don't stitch it down until you quilt. She also suggested trying wash-away appliqué and Fun-dations, since you don't have to remove those. Check out Sharon Schamber You Tube videos.

50/50 tickets: Laura Chaplar – the winner was Kim Girard.

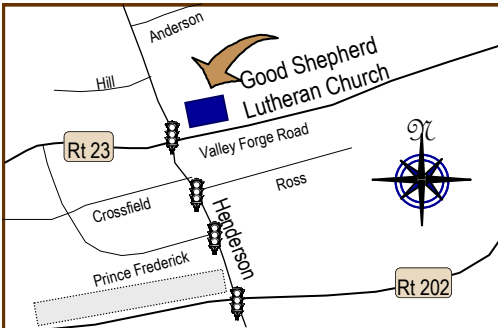


Newsletter Submissions

Information for the next newsletter must be sent to:
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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

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| President | Jackie Iglehart |
| Vice President | Jean Hayden |
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| Membership Secretary | Mary Molettieri |
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| Newsletter Editor | Judy Snook |
| Program Chair | Chris Candello |
| Workshop Chair | Jean Hayden |

Committees

Info & Resources

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| Facebook | Peggy Melachrinis |
| Graphic Arts/Brand | Lou Chandler |
| Group Buying Coordinator | Ruth Heslin |
| Historian | Linda Vanek |
| Librarian | Diana Heiney, Sally Chillington, Susan Gustafson |
| Newsletter Publisher | Candy Garrido |
| Publicity | Catherine Morano |
| Webmaster | Cathy Radcliffe |

Guild Meeting Responsibilities

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

Guild Events Responsibilities

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| 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, Jacqui Santangelo, & Kate Sevensky |

Projects & Support

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| 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, & Catherine Morano |
| Member Comfort | Rosemary Geisler & Judy Snook |
| Raffle Quilt Coordinator | Linda Hamel |
| Raffle Quilt Exhibiting | |