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Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

September 2015

Jackie's Musings

ART WITH A HEART

Reading poems and essays about quilts and the people who make them is something I enjoy. In my reading I have noticed two themes that seem to stand out. The first seen most often includes people who write about quilts made from fabrics from the clothing worn by themselves or family members. Inevitably they talk about the importance of the quilt being a source of memories as one contemplates each scrap of fabric worked into the quilt. . . . a piece from Aunt Alice who died recently, another from a baby's bunting (a son who just moved away), this piece from Uncle Ray who traveled the world and brought gifts of rich fabrics, and others representing a myriad of memories.

The second recurring theme has to do with how a modern quilt, meticulously planned and color coordinated is made over a period of time in which the quilter experiences much of life's ups and down, challenges, celebrations, happiness and heartbreak, grief and healing. And while the fabric pieces themselves don't inspire the memories, the quilt overall has great meaning to the quilter since all these emotional experiences became part of the quilt as she pieced, quilted and bound it. When she uses it, looks at it or lovingly touches it – she is remembering and her heart is stirred.

Unlike other creative things we make, quilts somehow seem to take on added importance and meaning because of what they represent to us emotionally. Times have changed. We no longer make quilts from fabric flour sacks bought at the grocery store. The quilts of the depression era were made for survival, not for any artistic purpose. And yet those that survived became art – cherished even by strangers, because even they can easily imagine the memories and love sewn into that piece of art with every stitch.

Jackie Iglehart

Next Guild Meeting – September 15, 2015

Program

The Challenge – bring in your quilted items that meet the Challenge rules by 6:30 p.m. Remember to bring it in a paper bag. Attach a 5x7 (or so) piece of paper with a write up on your quilt leaving off your name. Did something inspire you to make your quilt? Did you use any unusual or new technique? Did anything wonderful or not so wonderful happen when you made your quilt? Everyone, come see, enjoy, marvel, and vote for your favorite challenge quilt.

Refreshments

Sweet

Kate Sevensky
Chris Webb
Maxine Close
April Hostler
Gina Arasin

Savory

Gloria Clark
Barb Sherman
Rose Warren
Sandy Dounce
Sally Chillington

Beverage

Donna Raymond
Julia Taylor
Mary Larkin
Kathy Graff
Paula Pettyjohn
Candy Garrido
Esther Canning
Gerry Fontaine
Carol Olenick
Barbara Hughes
Norma Brechbiel
Gail Davalovsky

Next Guild Meeting – September 15, 2015

Fat Quarter Raffle– BLACK AND WHITE
Last chance to win our fat Quarter raffle!

For the three months of July, August and September, please bring in fat quarters of black and white prints. One of my favorite to collect! Black and white prints can be elegant, versatile and whimsical! They go beautifully in quilts for men and women. And, they are striking in geometrics for baby quilts. Let's stuff and overflow the basket and have several winners for this raffle! You know you have them in your stash. So, pull those pretties out and take a chance!

As always, please wash and iron your fat quarters.

Catherine Morano

Block of the Month

Ladies, since I didn't bring the prize in August, there will be a double drawing in September.

The following people signed in with their August blocks: Laura Chaplar, Candy Garrido, Vickie Lopresti, Martine Green and Marge Quinn.



Here is the September BOM.

Happy sewing!

Charlene Hagerty



YOUR RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS ARE READY!

- ◆ Bring \$10.00 to the September meeting, collect your raffle tickets -- 12 for the price of 10 -- and receive five chances to win a \$100.00 gift card!
- ◆ Wait until October and you'll earn four chances.
- ◆ November gets you three. You must fulfill your obligatory purchase by November to be eligible for the drawing.
- ◆ There will be another prize for the most tickets sold. More info later.
- ◆ Questions? Contact Joy Brown.



JOIN IN ON THE ROUND ROBIN

- ◆ At the September meeting the Round Robin committee will present a brief overview of the format and examples of completed quilts for this new guild program that will begin in January.
- ◆ A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the September and October meetings for those interested in participating.

DUES ARE REALLY DUE

If you haven't paid your \$25.00 dues, please pay it now. You may bring a check payable to Valley Forge Homestead Quilters to the September meeting. If you pay with cash, please put it in an envelope with your name on it, marked 2015-2016 dues. Cynthia will be collecting the dues. You may also mail your check to Cynthia. Her contact information is in the membership directory.



Bees....Bees....Bees....Bees....

Appliqué Bee 1st Tuesday 7:00-9:00 PM

September

September 1 Gloria Clark hostess

October

October 6 Hedy DeMito hostess

Evening Bee 4th Tuesday 6:30-9:00 PM

September

September 22 Rosemary Geisler hostess

October

October 27 Beth Quigley hostess

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

September

September 8 Mary Larkin hostess

October

October 13 Rosemary Geisler hostess

Northern Bee 5th Tuesday 6:30-9:00 PM

September

September 29 Mary Molettieri hostess

December

December 29 Sue Fisher 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 Gatherings

There are many opportunities to participate in the Charity Quilt Mini-Workshops.

Please bring your sewing machine, etc.

- ◇ Wednesday, September 9th – 5:00p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Dounce (dinner provided)
- ◇ Saturday, September 12th – contact her for times at the home of Sandy Dounce (lunch provided)
- ◇ Monday, September 28th – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the home of Maxine Close (lunch provided)
- ◇ Thursday, October 1st – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the home of Ann Palmer (lunch provided)



Lisa Calle
August
Speaker

October Meeting Preview

**October 20th – Cynthia West and Jan Brown
from The Quilt Block in Exton**

Cynthia & Jan will have some exciting product demonstrations from Quilt Market. They will also have items from the shop to sell, so bring along your quilter's cash to purchase items that will be a "must have" for your next project and your sewing room.

You know Jacqui's motto from Mary Sorensen – "Buy everything".



**Farewell Gandy!!
We'll Miss You !!**

Guild Workshops

October—

You're a Gem Friendship Tea UFO with Marebeth Conard and Gems

DATE: Saturday, October 17, 2015

TIME: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

PRICE: Free

LUNCH: Provided by attendees.

Please bring the sandwiches, salad, or dessert that you signed up to bring.

WEAR: Make sure you wear your favorite piece of jewelry and a hat!

JEWELRY EXCHANGE: you may bring a piece of jewelry for the jewelry exchange.

MAKE: A seed bead bracelet — Sign up with Marebeth

Bracelet Supply List:

44-50 4mm crystal, pearls, or beads

21-55 6 mm Crystals, pearls, beads

5 gm size 15 Seed beads

Clasp

Beading mat

November—

Last Minute Make and Take Holiday Gifts with Kate Sevensky and Friends

DATE: Saturday, November 21, 2015

TIME: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

PRICE: \$10.00

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch

PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- New technique to transform orphan blocks (or not) into a table runner
- Creating a small bag with set-in zipper
- Scrappy clothesline fabric bowls
- Potholders for the last minute gift

Bring 2 nonperishable food items and receive a coupon (to be revealed at the workshop). If you know of an organization that could use the donation, let us know. Otherwise, it will go to the Delaware County Food Bank.

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.

We Have A New Member! Please welcome Marisa Smith.

She heard about us on Facebook. Marisa likes both traditional and modern quilts. Her future mother-in-law introduced her to quilting. She likes to make themed sampler quilts and nerdy baby quilts although she has also made a bed size quilt. She is a software developer who likes to help people with computers. She likes to learn about most anything. She likes programming, running, brewing beer, reading and video games.

Happy Birthday Ladies!

September

Sept 1st Meghan Heslin
Sept 2nd Linda Hamel
Sept 5th Deb Graves
Sept 12th Cathy Radcliffe
Sept 15th Jacqui Santangelo & Diana Heiney
Sept 22nd Jean Hayden
Sept 24th Bonnie Watton
Sept 25th Mandy Gauker
Sept 27th Marie Politowski

October

October 2nd Mary Stefanelli
October 9th Joy Brown
October 11th Peggy Melachrinos
October 12th Chris Candello
October 17th Beverly White
October 18th Karen Glasthal
October 24th Sally Chillington
October 25th Gerry Higgins

Local Quilt Shows

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](http://www.greaterphiladelphiaexpo.com), *Phoenixville, PA*. For more info visit <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=4>.

Colorburst - October 9-10, 2015. Presented by Keystone Quilters Guild at the Quakertown Christian School, 50 E. Paletown Road, *Quakertown, PA*. For more info visit <http://www.keystonequilters.org/show.html>.

Quilting Up a Storm Show - October 16-18, 2015. Presented by South Shore Stitchers Quilt Guild at the Upper Township Community Center, 1790 Route 50, *Tuckahoe, NJ*. For more info go to <http://www.southshorestitchers.com/>.

9th Annual Exhibition of Quilts 2015 - November 13-15, 2015. Presented by Lebanon Quilters Guild at the [Lebanon Expo Center](http://www.lebanonexpo.com), 80 Rocherty Road, *Lebanon, PA*. For more info visit <http://lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/>.

Every Quilt Has a Story - November 21, 2015. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Main Line Unitarian Church, 816 S Valley Forge Rd, *Devon, PA*. For more info visit <http://mainlinequilters.org/>.

November 2015 to February 2016 Quilt Exhibit Blanket Statements: New Quilts by Kaffe Fassett and Historical Quilts from the Collection of the Quilt Museum and Gallery, York, UK – 11/14/2015 – 2/21/2016. Presented by the Michener Museum at 138 South Pine Street, *Doylestown, PA*. Textile exhibition of 35 historical and contemporary quilts. The exhibition features fifteen new quilts, designed by the American-born, internationally-known textile artist Kaffe Fassett, that were created in response to fifteen historical quilts, dating from 1780 to 1949, that he selected from the collection of the Quilt Museum and Gallery, York, UK. For more info visit <http://www.michenermuseum.org/exhibition/blanket-statements-new-quilts-by-kaffe-fassett-and-historical-quilts-from-the-collection-of-the-quilt-museum-and-gallery-york-uk?>

For info about more quilt shows...

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

Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2015

Welcome: As it was the meeting of our 2-year term Jackie shouted our appreciation to our exiting board: Jean Hayden, Karen Glasthal, Deb Graves, Mary Molettieri, Chris Candello and Judy Snook. Next month our new board will spring into action with Ann Palmer (VP), Joan Gunder (Treasurer), Sally Chillington (Secretary), Cynthia DiLorenzo (Membership Secretary). Our new Program Chair will be Jacqui Santangelo and Judy Snook will be returning as our Newsletter Editor.

2015-2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Thank you for your willingness to serve.

REFRESHMENT SIGN-UP SHEETS were passed for September and October – last person leave it on table in back. Check the newsletter for reminder whether you signed up, if you forget.

ANNOUNCEMENT: (from Joy Brown) **Your Raffle Quilt Tickets are Ready!**

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DUES: should have been paid in July or August. If you missed the meeting, please get your payment to Cynthia DiLorenzo.

CHARITY QUILTS: The board voted to add Paoli Hospital Hospice to the list of organizations to which we donate charity quilts (others are Abramson Cancer Center at Chesterbrook, St. Christopher's, the VA Center, and CHOP). Last year we had 108 quilts made and donated by guild members. This year our goal is 125 quilts, based on having 116 members, some of whom make and donate multiple quilts. Currently we have had 48 completed quilts turned in this year. Members are encouraged to finish up their charity quilts, or to get started if they haven't done so yet. To make this easier, we have 20 kits – if you need one, you can pick it up tonight. We have quilt tops that need quilting if you can help with that and others that are quilted but need binding if you can help with that. SEE MAXINE TONIGHT.

If you would like to attend a mini-workshop we have a handout that lists 5 mini-workshops scheduled for September and October at the homes of some of the committee members. There are an evening and a Saturday workshop at Sandy Dounce's home and other workshops on weekdays at Maxine Close's and Ann Palmer's homes. Meals are provided at all of these workshops. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN REACHING OUR GOAL OF 125 QUILTS FOR 2015. MAXINE passes around a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in serving on the charity quilt committee for the next two years. Stay tuned for more work sessions.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES:

- FB Page – We will be changing the settings so members can add guild and quilting related photos and posts.
- Library – Did you know our web page has pictures of every book in our library? Neither did I. Check it out: <http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/library/index.html>.
- Workshops – Jean Hayden: October 17 “You're a Gem Friendship Tea and UFO” run by Marebeth Conard and her committee.

Free. You can sign up to participate in making a bracelet (supply list was on the back table). This is a potluck lunch; you sign up for a category of food. November 21: “Make and Take” led by Kate Sevensky. \$10. More info next month.

- Fat Quarter Raffle – Peggy Melachrinis: Black and White. September is the last month.
- Set Up: Sandy Darlington is looking for a co-volunteer who can sub for her when she can't make the meeting.
- Retreats/Excursions – Sue Fisher: we have enough for the fall retreat (16). There is room for 8 more so if you were interested you could still sign up. The committee includes: Sandy Darlington, Carol Olinick, Joyce Stemple. Please pass on your ideas for excursions to anyone on the committee.
- Group Buying – Ruth Heslin: Renewal/subscriptions to Fons and Porter (\$15 for one year with bonus booklets and 3 spools of thread) sign up in SEPTEMBER. (Deadline is right after the meeting.) Check made out to the guild or cash in an envelope with your name please. Ruth is planning to look for other deals for the guild. If this is your idea of fun, please consider joining this committee.
- Block of the Month – Charlene Hagerty; showed the September block. Will draw the August winner in September.
- Challenge Quilt: Judy Snook: Please let Judy know the size of your challenge quilt entry. Send her an e-mail. She needs to have enough display area for all the projects. Bring your challenge quilt to the September meeting at 6:30 pm in a brown paper bag.
- Welcome to new members and visitors – Marisa Water Smith, a King of Prussia quilter who found us on FaceBook. Sandy McKenney visited. 73 members signed in tonight.
- Door Prizes – Patti McLain Fulton: Winners were Mary Larkin, Molly Lorenz, and Barbara Hughes.
- Raffle Quilt – Sandy Dounce: We still needed a white glove on Sept. 19 and ticket sellers on the 19th and 20th at Oaks..

NEW BUSINESS:

- Program – Chris Candello: Lisa Calle from Pottstown presented “Divide and Design: Quilting my Way through Tops one Section at a Time.” Lisa started quilting in 1997 and did over 3000 client quilts on her long arm machines. She shared some tips, including: take a picture of your quilt and sketch ideas on it. Don't stop after your first idea. Square up your backing before you give it to your long-armed. Don't enter a quilt in a show until the quilt is finished! See her webpage: <http://www.stonehousequilting.com>.
- 50/50 Drawing – Laura Chaplar: and the winner was....Dorothy Allen!
- Show and Tell
- Next Meeting: September 15 (Challenge Reveal)
- Members were invited to help clean-up. Did the quilt fairy leave \$\$ for any of you who helped last month?

Show And Tell



Newsletter Submissions

Information for the next newsletter must be received by the 25th of the month.

Send to:

Judy Snook

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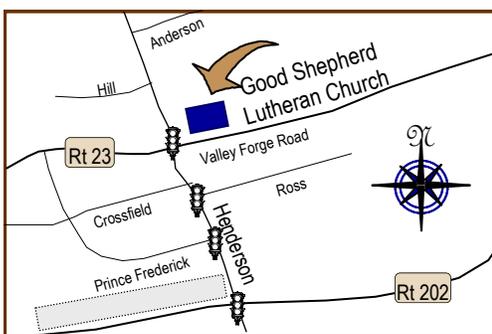
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Guild Meetings

DAY: Third Tuesday of each month

TIME: 7 p.m.

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



Board of Directors

President	Jackie Iglehart
Vice President	Ann Palmer
Treasurer	Joan Gunder
Secretary	Sally Chillington
Membership Secretary	Cynthia DiLorenzo

Guild Committees and Resources

50:50	Gail Forster
AccuQuilt® Die Cutter	Maxine Close
Bees: Applique	Gloria Clark
Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Donna Raymond
Northern	Mary Molettiere
Challenge	Dottie Dolgash
Comfort Quilts	Maxine Close
Facebook	Peggy Melachrinis
Graphic Arts/Branding	Lou Chandler
Group Purchasing	Ruth Heisler
Historian	Deb Graves
Hospitality	Laura Chaplar
Library	Joanne Franklin
Member Comfort	Rosemary Geisler/Judy Snook
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Programs	Jacqui Santangelo
Publicity	Catherine Morano
Quilt Show	Chris Candello
Raffle Quilt Coordinator	Linda Hamel
Raffle Quilt Exhibition	Sandra Dounce
Refreshments	Ruth Heslin/Nancy Hannum
Retreat/Excursions	Sue Fisher
Round Robin	Linda Hamel
Set-Up	Cathy Fennell
Sunshine	Norma Brechbiel
Webmaster	Cathy Radcliffe
Welcoming	Charlene Hagerty
Workshops	Jean Hayden