



Valley Forge Homestead
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Guild Newsletter

March, 2016

Jackie's Musings

Rethink Your Approach to Quilting Through Quilt Blog Inspiration

Quilters always have their antennae up for new quilting ideas. I thought it would be fun to see if I could easily discover a variety of ideas and inspiration through quilt blogs. And if I could, I thought it would be something fun to share with the guild. Here are some fun findings.

One of the big advantages of making a quilt with a contemporary design is that it can be quilted so much more easily on a home machine. Most contemporary quilts use straight line quilting. It looks fantastic and all those parallel quilting seams truly enhance a modern quilt! It's easy! Jacquie Gering authors [Link To TallGrassPrairieStudio](#). I find her thinking, quilts and photos inspiring – perhaps you will too.

Many VFHQ Guild members enjoy making traditional quilts, so I was excited to find a blog by Lisa that incorporates time-saving modern techniques to create those lovely traditional and time-less quilts. You will also enjoy the antique atmosphere and settings of her photos on her blog which can be found at [Link To SimplyTraditionalQuilts](#)

If you are interested in Primitive Folk Art Wool Quilts and might enjoy a mental vacation to the outdoors of Montana, do peruse Nancy's Blog at [Link To TominerFolkArt](#)

For inspiration and step-by-step instructions in creating an art quilt, even if for the very first time, check out Barbara's blog [Link To BSLArtQuilts](#)

I saved the best for last. Elizabeth's blog is my favorite. For the most thought provoking blog about art quilts and a huge variety of art quilt styles, reading Elizabeth's blog is a must. Her writing style is top notch! She will make you think and will therefore influence your creativity and thinking in such a positive way. [Link To ElizabethBarton](#)

Reading quilting blogs lets us in on other artists' designing and working processes. Enjoy exploring the work of other talented quilters through their blogs.

Jackie Iglehart

Next Guild Meeting – March 15, 2016

Our March meeting will have a schedule change. We will not be signing in but don't forget to pick up your name tag, buy raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets. The business meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow at the end of the business meeting followed by our speaker and show 'n' tell.

Program — Robert Cannell - *Ergonomics for the Quilter*

Definition of Ergonomics - an applied science concerned with designing and arranging things people use so that people and things interact most efficiently and safely. With that in mind, Robert will show us how to design a quilting work space in relation to how the body functions in a space performing certain tasks. Also he will show how applying an exercise and stretching program will alleviate muscle aches and strains caused by long hours sitting at a sewing machine or standing at a cutting table.

Refreshments

Savory	Appetizers	Sweet Desserts	Beverage	
Sue Fisher	Darlene Hofmeister	Rosemary Burritt	Joy Brown	Ann Lister
Martine Green	Ann Palmer	Sally Chillington	Susan Dryburgh	Joan Shaw
Gail Forster	Marisa Smith	Sandy Dounce	Susan Gustafson	Karen Wu
Charlene Hagerty	Linda Vanek	April Hostler	Joan Hagerman	
		Barbara Hughes	Shirley Horning	

A word from Cynthia DeLorenze

"I wish to thank the Guild members for their thoughts and prayers for my family on the death of my son. Your support and condolences really helped during this sad time in our lives."

LAST CALL — Spring Retreat — April 7-8-9-10, 2016

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

Coordinator: Sue Fisher (sewingbysue@comcast.net)

A few Spaces Still Available

3 Nights: \$345 // 2 Nights: \$235, meals included

Please email Sue immediately if interested and full payment due.

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

Appliqué Bee

1st Tuesday

7:00-9:00 PM

Host Coordinator: Gloria Clark

April 5th Gloria Clark
May 3rd Molly Lorenz

Afternoon Bee

2nd Tuesday

12:30-3:30 PM

Host Coordinator: Jean Hayden

March 8th Judy Snook
April 12th Ann Palmer

Evening Bee

4th Tuesday

7:00-9:00 PM

Host Coordinator: Donna Raymond

March 22nd Hedy DeMito
April 26th *Do you want to host?*

Northern Bee

5th Tuesday

6:30-9:30 PM

Host Coordinator: Mary Molettieri

March 29th Barbara Hughes
At Granny's Sewing Den



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 any of the Bees this month.

An RSVP to our hostesses would be appreciated to allow them to have an idea of how many to expect. Please don't let a last minute decision keep you from coming to a Bee!

Check the VFHQ Member Directory for addresses

Guild Workshops

Tapestry Bargello with Teresa Fusco

DATE: Saturday, April 16, 2016

TIME: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM (8:30 AM Set-Up)

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

PRICE: \$25 plus \$5 Pattern Fee

Some prep work is necessary so please sign-up and get your supply list early!

Quilter's Boot Camp with Stacy Koehler

All the basics in one stress-packed, nerve-wracking nightmare of a day!

DATE: Saturday, May 21, 2016

TIME: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM (8:30 AM Set-Up)

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

PRICE: \$35

Beginning quilters learn techniques to complete blocks with accuracy. Quilters with some experience pick up some techniques to improve the quality of quilts. The project is a 16 inch square that includes 4 of the most common piecing units: 4 patch, 1/2 square triangle, 1/4 square triangle and flying goose. A twenty-five page booklet with the tips and techniques that were covered in class is included in the price.

Sashiko with Nancy Long

DATE: Saturday, June 18, 2016

TIME: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM (8:30 AM Set-Up)

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

PRICE: \$25 Kit fee of \$35 payable to Nancy Long

Learn the Japanese art of Hand Stitchery, including how to stitch straight lines and curves, how to plan for and navigate intersections, how to transfer more elaborate designs to dark fabric, tips for using stencils successfully.

Workshop kit includes needles, thread, 14" Sashiko design preprinted on indigo fabric.

Abstract Landscape Quilt with Jackie Iglehart (and UFOs)

DATE: Saturday, July 16, 2016

TIME: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

PRICE: \$10 Abstract Landscape // UFO Free

Help with UFOs

DATE: Saturday, August 20, 2016

TIME: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

PRICE: Free

Friendship Tea

DATE: Saturday, September 24, 2016

TIME: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

PRICE: Free

Workshops Notes:

- **Workshop fees are non refundable.**
- Fees can be given to Jean Hayden at meetings or mail her a check.
- Look for pictures of the projects for the 2016 workshops on our website.
- Remember if you signed up for a workshop and find you cannot attend, please phone Jean Hayden to let her know.



FINANCES

Have you purchased something for the guild that needs to be reimbursed? Fill out the reimbursement form from our website, attach the receipt from your purchase, and submit to Joan Gunder, our treasurer.



CHARITY GATHERING

Maxine Close, our Charity chairman, would like to thank Laura Chaplar for all the quilts she has been making. She also thanks Beth Quigley, Ruth Ann Joslin, and Linda Wengerd for donating beautiful fabric.

The next mini workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 30th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Maxine's.**

- She says this will be like a retreat; you can work on whatever you like.
- Lunch and dessert will be provided.
- Please let Maxine know that you are coming so she can set up enough tables and chairs.

Quilt Shows

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey XII - March 3-6, 2016. Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the [Garden State Exhibit Center](#), Somerset, NJ. For more info visit <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=30>.

AQS QuiltWeek - March 16-19, 2016. 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 16-19, 2016. Many vendors at the [Continental Inn](#), Lancaster, PA. For more info visit <http://www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com/>.

Art Quilt Elements 2016 - March 18 –April 28, 2016. At the Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave, Wayne, PA. For more info visit <http://artquilelements.org/>.

2015 Relief Sale - April 1-2, 2016. 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/>.

A Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition - April 5-6, 2016. 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>.

Garden of My Dreams 2016 Quilt Show and Sale - April 9-10, 2016. 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/>.

AQS Quilt Week - April 20-23, 2016. Presented by AQS at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Expo Center, 1 Executive Blvd, Paducah, KY. For more info visit <http://aqsshows.com>

Shore Points - May 13-14, 2016. Presented by Rebecca's Reel Quilters at Poricy Park, 345 Oak Hill Road, Middletown, NJ. For more info visit http://rebeccasreel.org/quilt_show.

The Celebration of Quilts 2016 – May 20-21, 2016. Presented by the York Quilters Guild at the York College of Pennsylvania, York, PA. For more info visit <http://www.yorkquiltersguild.com/>.

For info about more quilt shows...

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

February Guild Meeting



Gina Shevchenko's
Binding
Demonstration



Marge Quinn was short on some fabric to finish her quilt.
So she copied the fabric on her printer and finished it!
Closer looks could not tell!
Ingenious Marge!!!



SELLING RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS

I had an "aha" moment while driving home from our meeting. Perhaps some of you are not purchasing additional raffle tickets for the same reason I haven't purchased any extra tickets. We hate asking people to buy them. I thought I'd do my part by providing the sales incentive prizes and leave the selling to the rest of you.

Then I started to think about all the gift wrap, coupon books, cheesecakes, frozen pizzas, magazine subscriptions, hoagies, etc. I was asked to buy by colleagues, friends and family over the years. Lately there's been a stream of people wanting to be sponsored for climbing stairs, races for various cures, and even a request to sponsor my great niece, age five, in a race to earn money for classroom supplies the state of North Carolina is too cheap to provide! So, as they say, "what goes around, comes around."

Let's recoup some of our investment in others and ask them to support us and take chances on our beautiful quilt. I'll be ready to provide the tickets at our next meeting.

Joy Brown

2015 Block Of The Month



A NEW MEMBER

Linda Mitchell heard about our guild from Joan Gunder. She sewed garments in her teens. Linda went on a quilt cruise with friends about nine years ago which sparked her interest in quilting. She especially enjoys paper piecing and making small quilt projects such as wall hangings and lap quilts. Linda also likes to do needlepoint and cross stitch projects along with a love of reading.



APRIL 19, 2016 MEETING PROGRAM

Grace Katz - A quilter for 20 years and a teacher at North Penn High School for Family and Consumer Sciences. As an active member of County Line Quilters, Grace has participated in many award winning quilt shows. She is honored to present her program, " Why I Quilt, Connecting the Quilter with the Quilt."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 17, 2016

Nancy Long - The Fiber Art of Japan

June 21, 2016

Pottstown Sewing - Ron and Barbara Spaulding
Something New for Featherweights



LIBRARY NEWS

Please return any books that you have finished reading/getting creative thoughts from as soon as you can.



Especially for those participating in the Round Robins, there are books on borders in our library that you might want to check out.

Joanne Franklin

5B's

THE FIVE B'S CHALLENGE – seven months remaining before displaying our challenges.

Here is the challenge. The kit Dottie Dolgash gave you includes the following that must be used in your 18" square quilt:

1. Batik fabric – must be recognizable on the front of your quilt
2. Beading – must be hand sewn using a minimum of 25 beads, not Svorski or hot melt
3. Some applique using a machine blanket stitch or hand sewn buttonhole stitch
4. Buttons – must be sewn on, not glued
5. The theme, title, or design must include a word with the letter B in it

There are further instructions on our website. If you have any questions, ask Dottie Dolgash at dolgash@comcast.net.

Happy Birthday Ladies!

March

March 4th – Lou Chandler and Susan Glaser
March 9th – Patti McLain
March 13th – Gail Forster
March 15th – Lisa Steuer
March 16th – Lynn Radliff
March 18th – Cathy Fennell
March 19th – Joan Hagerman
March 26th – Barbara Wright
March 27th – Patricia Brant
March 31st – Julia Taylor

April

April 2nd – Marsha Bullwinkle
April 4th – Rosemary Geisler
April 6th – Arlene Greenwald and Marge Quinn
April 7th – Norma Brechbiel
April 8th – Carol Olinick
April 9th – Jean Corday
April 15th – Linda Wengerd
April 16th – Sally Lyn
April 23rd – Kate Sevensky
April 27th – April Hostler

Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2016

The meeting started with refreshments and conversation from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30pm. Jackie gave a ten minute warning at 7:20 reminding the fellowship to buy their 50/50 and door prize tickets. The regular business meeting started on time at 7:30pm with a quiet, attentive group. Jackie asked for a show of hands of members who like this early start for refreshments and those who prefer the refreshments later. No consensus was determined. However many felt half an hour was too long. Next month we will cut the refreshment time back to fifteen minutes. Sign-up sheets for refreshments for March and April were passed around.

Announcements

- Jean Hayden gave an overview of the guild workshops for 2016:
 - March 5---Comfort Quilt with Maxine Close.
 - April 18---Tapestry Bargello with Theresa Fusco
 - May 21---Basic Techniques Boot Camp.
 - June 18---Nancy Long, Sashiko by hand.
 - July 16---UFO and Jackie Iglehart showing us how to do “easy” landscaping quilts.
 - August 20---UFO
 - September 24---Friendship Tea. (Jean is looking for co-chairmen to organize this yearly fun time. Grab a friend and call Jean at 610-279-2911 to volunteer.)
 - October 21-13 Our quilt show!

Round Robin: Jackie asked three groups that are also doing the Round Robin Quilts if they wanted to show their first row or center medallion. These groups are waiting until the quilt tops are completed to bring to show ‘n’ tell.

Block of the Month 2015: Charlene Hagerty was the chairman for the “Sentimental Journey” block of the month. Charlene Hagerty and Vicki Lopresti made full size quilts in beautiful color combinations using their stash supplies. Louise Glaser, Marge Quinn, Martine Green, Ruth Heslin and Meghan Heslin each made the half size blocks and therefore made smaller quilts. It was interesting to see the same blocks in different color combinations and how they looked completely different when put together. We also learned that you can copy a piece of colored fabric with your color printer when you don’t have enough of a particular fabric. You can use different border ideas to make your quilt larger. You can use fabric you purchased while on vacation. France, Martine?

October Bi-annual Quilt Show: Chris Candello, chairman, thanked all who have already agreed to chair different events for the show. Some chairmen are still needed. Please call or text Chris if you are interested in leading a committee. Chris will contact all chairmen regarding the date for the first meeting.

Visitors and New Members:

Emily Royal and Marisha Frail were welcomed as visitors, encouraged to become members, and hopefully enjoyed their

evening with us.

- Linda Mitchell from Collegeville and Debra Saraceni from Phoenixville joined us as new members.

Hospitality Door Prizes and 50/50 Drawing:

- Joan Gunder and Debbie Saraceni won the door prizes.
- Sally Lightcap said this “was her lucky day” when she won the 50/50.
- Rose Warren won a special prize of a book, “A Quilt for Christmas” donated by Jackie Iglehart.

Our Program

The program, *How do you bind your quilt?*, included a demonstration by Gina Shevchenko. Gina has her own longarm business. She has found her customers often wish her to bind their quilt but are hesitant about the added cost of having Gina hand whipstitch the back down. Gina has developed a new method of sewing both the front and back together on her regular machine. Gina showed us the steps in preparation. Then, in 45 minutes, she sewed the complete binding on her lap size quilt. Many hints were shared with samples and verbal suggestions. Thank you, Gina, for an interesting and informative program!

Show ‘N Tell: Wow, what a talented group!

We saw an Australian wall hanging with beading, a Jenny Doan layer cake full size quilt made on a quilting cruise, a double sided sea/crab memory quilt, and a hand dyed panel shaped to fit a special table quilted with silver metallic thread. We then were treated to a Jimmy Buffett t-shirt quilt, a fleece backed full size quilt, and a charm pack minion quilt and a memory quilt both made to be given away. Debbie Saraceni, our new member, shared her first quilt top and table runner.

Reminders:

- Please sign in when you arrive.
- Check the new membership list. Let Cynthia DeLorenzo know of any needed corrections.
- Linda Wengerd is moving to North Carolina but will come back to visit. We will miss you.
- If you have any idea where the quilt show guest book might be, please contact a board member, Jean Hayden or Chris Candello.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Chillington, Secretary

Next Meeting
March 15, 2016 @ 7:00PM

**“Something Wonderful”
Thank You Undercover Quilters!
About 15 VFHQ members attended.**



Are you going on a quilt-related trip?
Do you want to go on a quilt-related trip?
Do you want to let others know about it
to see if anyone else is interested?

Talk It Up at a meeting OR Send an Email

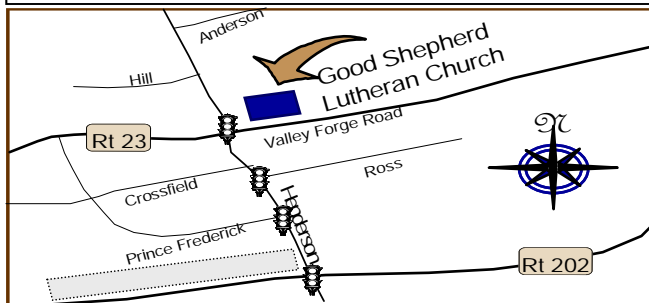
We bet there are so many trip ideas out there and
that someone else could be interested!

Guild Meetings

DAY: Third Tuesday of each month

TIME: 7 p.m.

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



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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
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Newsletter Submissions

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

Send to: Judy Snook