



# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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May 2020

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## Chatter with Cathy

Here it is May and the flowers are abundant. Once again, erring on the side of caution, I am canceling the May 19th meeting as well as the May 16th workshop. The board would like to try to stay connected, therefore, on our meeting night we are going to have a virtual Show and Tell via Zoom. If you are interested, please send me an email saying you will be showing a project you have completed and I will add you to the invite list for the Zoom call. I truly miss seeing all of you and your finished quilts and projects. The Zoom call will be on May 19th at 7:00. We will have about 40 minutes to show our projects. I can't wait to see what you have completed during this crazy time. Please stay well and safe. Happy spring and keep on quilting!

Cathy Fennell

## May 19, 2020 Meeting

The usual meeting cancelled

## Virtual Show and Tell

**Date:** May 19, 2020

**Time:** 7:00 PM

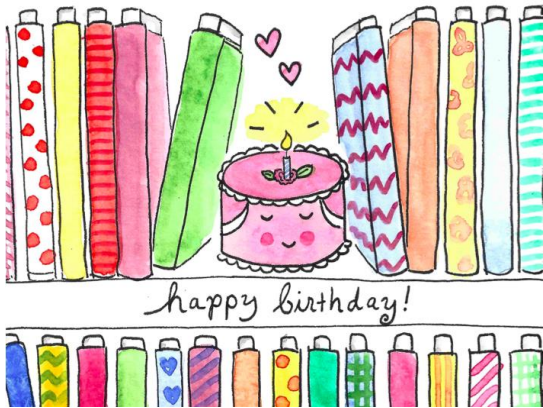
**Place:** via Zoom on your computer, tablet, iPhone, etc.

**RSVP:** Send an email to Cathy Fennell, [fennell@rosemont.edu](mailto:fennell@rosemont.edu), to let her know you want to participate. Even if you don't have a Show and Tell, please consider joining in; email [fennell@rosemont.edu](mailto:fennell@rosemont.edu).

At 7:00 on May 19, you will receive an email from Cathy with the link for the Virtual Show and Tell. Have your projects ready to show through the camera on your device, computer, etc.

Ruth Heslin





## PhD Challenge

At a future meeting, please bring to Show and Tell your completed PhDs (Projects Half Done). The numbers you should complete are 5 for March, 1 for April, 3 for May, and 2 for June. Keep on quilting!

Cathy Fennell

## Birthdays

### **May:**

- 2 Beth Mancini
- 6 Margaret Gingerich
- 14 Ruth Heslin
- 27 Linda Jarosz

### **June:**

- 4 Lisa Lombardo
- 5 Mare Beth Conard
- 6 Sue Fisher
- 8 Nancy Hannum
- 10 Kathie Haney
- 16 Sharon Berry
- 19 Jackie Iglehart
- 23 Joyce Stemple
- 25 Joanne Franklin
- 28 Donna Raymond
- 29 Linda Mitchell

## Comfort Quilts

St. Christopher's asked us to make masks for them. They ordered \$1200 worth of elastic and interfacing, as of now they have not received it. As soon as we receive the materials, a small group has volunteered to make them. Please let me know if you would like to help.

There are many quilt kits available if anyone is interested in sewing one or two of them. I will be glad to drop them off at your house or meet you somewhere.

Maxine Close

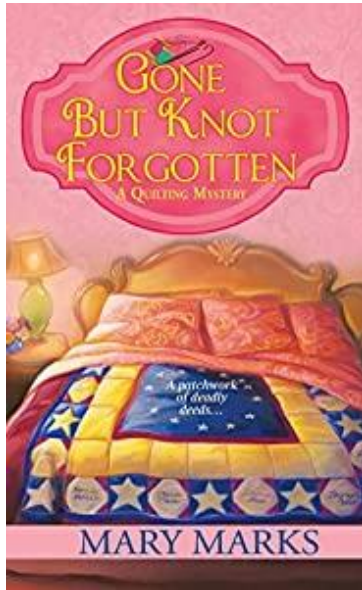


## Bees... Bees... Bees... Bees

Bees are on hold until gathering together is safer.

"You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them." —Maya Angelou

## Book Review



***Gone But Knot Forgotten***, A Quilting Mystery by Mary Marks was fun to read. There is a long, lost Declaration Quilt from 1776 among other treasures missing or stolen. The main character, Martha Rose, does quilt along with her sidekicks, Birdie and Lucy, although when talking about quilting, the steps mentioned are so basic that you might roll your eyes at the simplicity. The mystery is the fun part with some help from Yossi, the giant of a man that would like to marry Martha. A surprise is the importance of Martha taking care of a former beau's dog.

## Upcoming Programs

**June 16, 2020 Meeting** - Dawn Heefner is a certified quilt appraiser with a vast knowledge and experience in dating and valuing historical quilts. She is excited to speak to us about appraising new quilts with her topic, "I'm a Current Quilter. Why do I need an appraisal?" If you have ever entered a quilt show, mailed one of your quilts, or thought you might like to, you will want to attend this meeting.

**July 21, 2020 Meeting** - Joan Radell of Bucklebee Bags will discuss "Sticks & Stones"- Sewing History, Tips and Tricks. She will have many quilting and sewing items for sale including several new items debuting this spring. Joan's booth at the Oaks Quilt show was always full with eager buyers so bring your wallet!

**August 18, 2020 Meeting** - Gail Kessler from Ladyfingers Sewing Studio will bring her vast Accuquilt knowledge and show us how easy it is to learn to use our guild's Accuquilt Studio for lots of projects. She will have door prizes and will also bring quilting items to sell from her quilt store.

Ruth Heslin



Jacqui Santangelo is making facemasks

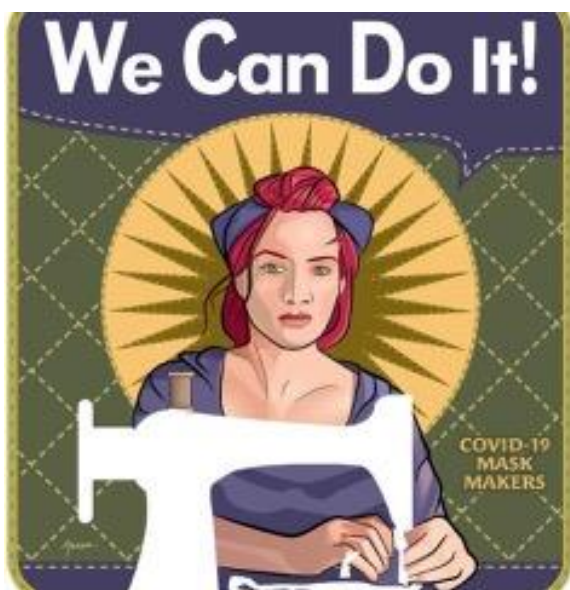


## Potholder of the Month

Here are the potholders for March through September. Have fun making them.

- March:** Lamb Chops, page 16  
and/or Home Sweet Home, page 40
- April:** April Showers, page 22  
and/or Sunnyside Up, page 13
- May:** May Flowers, page 25  
and/or Riblets, page 19
- June:** Happy Camper, page 28
- July:** Stars and Stripes, page 36  
and/or any Christmas potholder in the book
- August:** Grandma's Fan, page 44  
and/or Catch of the Day, page 33
- September:** Apple Harvest, page 49
- October:** Falling Leaves, page 52  
and/or Scaredy Cat, page 57

Molly Lorenz



Gina Arasin posted this.

## History Making Spring Retreat

The weekend of April 2 to 5 was the scheduled date for our Spring Retreat at Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, Pa. Of course, by then the whole state of Pennsylvania was on stay at home orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, not to be deterred from getting together to sew, we set up a VFHQ Virtual Retreat Facebook page so we could gather there as well as five Zoom sessions. There were 16 signed up for the in person Black Rock retreat but all together we had about twice that many participating in the Virtual Retreat as we opened it to the whole guild.

While we missed out on shopping excursions, the Left, Right, Center game and the s'mores at the campfire we did chat and share ideas and information. We showed each other our at-home sewing spaces and the projects we were working on. We helped each other solve problems or make design decisions and of course got to know each other a bit better. I think it was a great success given the circumstances.

Much thanks to Sue Fisher, meeting planner extraordinaire, for setting up the Facebook group and the Zoom sessions. I couldn't have done it without your help.

We have a reservation at Black Rock for next year's spring retreat. It will be April 8-11 so save the dates!

Barbara Hughes

## Paint Chip Challenge

Are you working on your paint chip challenge and need to add some fabrics to round out your stash? Now is the time to shop on line and help your favorite quilt shop. You can order supplies and fabrics from the comfort of your home. Check out the list compiled by VFHQ members. You may even have more to add to our list. An extensive list is on our website including New Jersey and Maryland.

Happy quilting.

For questions about the challenge contact Nancy at [ndhannum@verizon.net](mailto:ndhannum@verizon.net)

Nancy Hannum

Business Name	City	State	Telephone	Website
Burkholder's Fabric Shop	Denver	PA	717-336-6692	<a href="http://www.burkfabric.com">www.burkfabric.com</a>
Byrne Sewing Connection	Doylestown	PA	215-230-9411	<a href="http://www.byrnesewing.com">www.byrnesewing.com</a>
Ladyfingers Sewing Studio	Oley	PA	610-689-0068	<a href="http://www.ladyfingerssewing.com">www.ladyfingerssewing.com</a>
Mook Fabrics Outlet	Leola	PA	717-556-8546	<a href="http://mookfabrics.com/">mookfabrics.com/</a>
Olde City Quilts	Burlington	NJ	609-747-0075	<a href="http://www.oldecityquilts.com/">www.oldecityquilts.com/</a>
Pennington Quilt Works	Pennington	NJ	609-737-4321	<a href="http://penningtonquilts.com/">penningtonquilts.com/</a>
Pottstown Sewing & Crafts	Pottstown	PA	610-326-5055	<a href="http://www.pottstownsewing.com">www.pottstownsewing.com</a>
Steve's Sewing Vacuum Quilting	King of Prussia	PA	610-768-9453	<a href="http://www.stevessewandvac.com">www.stevessewandvac.com</a>
Stitch Central	Huntingdon Valley	PA	267-277-4148	<a href="http://www.mystitchcentral.com/">www.mystitchcentral.com/</a>
The Old Country Store	Intercourse	PA	717-768-7101	<a href="http://www.theoldcountrystore.com">www.theoldcountrystore.com</a>
Zinks Fabric Outlet	Goodville	PA	717-445-6123	<a href="http://www.zincksfabric.com/">www.zincksfabric.com/</a>
Zook's Dry Goods	Intercourse	PA	717-768-8153	<a href="http://www.saudersfabric.com/">www.saudersfabric.com/</a>



## Local Quilt Shows

The May quilt shows that I have listed are all cancelled. I will continue to keep our [website](#) up to date, so check there for the latest news.

**Cancelled: 2020 Annual Quilt Show** - May 7-9, 2020. Three Rivers Quilters sponsors an annual quilt show at The Meadows Racetrack and Casino, 210 Racetrack Rd, Washington, PA. For more info visit <http://www.threeriversquilters.org/quiltshow.html>.

**Cancelled: Celebration of Quilts 2020: A Quilter's Journey: Then and Now** - May 29-30, 2020. Presented by the York Quilters Guild at the York College of Pennsylvania, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center, 899 South Richland Ave, York, PA. For more info visit <http://www.celebrationofquilts.com/>. Note that the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, District IV, invites you to its Flower Show, which is being held at the same time and location. There is one admission for both events.

**Cancelled: QU Goes to the Zoo** - May 29-31, 2020. Presented by Quilters Unlimited at the [Dulles Expo Center](#), Chantilly, VA. For more info visit <https://quiltersunlimited.org/quilt-show/>.

## Shop Hops

**New Jersey Shop Hop - Rescheduled:** 9/11/2020 to 9/20/2020.

For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/NJShopHop/>.

**Quilter's Trek (previously Row by Row Shop Hop) - Rescheduled Start Date:** 6/21/2020 - 8/31/2020 (US and Ontario).

For more info visit <http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com/>.

**Explore the Jewels of West Virginia** - 6/1/2020 - 6/13/2020

For more info visit <http://www.wvmountainquiltquest.com/>

Cathy Radcliffe

## Check Out Our Website

Our webmaster, Cathy Radcliffe, has added opportunities for us to see what our members have accomplished. This is a wonderful way to keep in touch. You can post your completed PhD projects and your Potholder of the Month by emailing Cathy Radcliffe ([cathysews@verizon.net](mailto:cathysews@verizon.net)). Look under Projects to see these. The extensive quilt shop list is also on our website. It is under Resources.

Cathy Radcliffe

## Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2020

Our April guild meeting was cancelled.

## Workshops

### Mystery Quilt with Barb Jones

CANCELLED

### Rainbow Riot with Deb Graves

CANCELLED

### One Block Wonder and Stack & Whack with Lori Mukai

DATE: Saturday, June 20, 2020

TIME: 9:30 AM - 4:00 pm

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

FEE: \$25

LUNCH: Please bring your own.

Before class, Lori will meet participants at Steve's to pick out fabric for the class. Date will be determined in May.

### Comfort Quilts with Maxine Close

DATE: Saturday, July 11, 2020

TIME: 9:30 AM - 4:00 pm

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

LUNCH: Provided by Comfort Quilt Team

### Workshop Notes:

Workshop fees are non-refundable. Fees can be given to Jean Hayden at guild meetings or mail her a check. Remember if you sign up for a workshop and find you cannot attend,

## Potholder Production!



Joan Kirschenmann



Marge Quinn



Cathy Fennell



Rosemary Geisler

# May

# 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Afternoon Bee Cancelled	13	14	15	16 Rainbow Riot Workshop Cancelled
17	18	19 Guild Meeting Cancelled	20	21 Thursday Evening Bee Cancelled	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



Molly Lorenz made placemats from orphan blocks.



# At Home - Members Keep Busy

May 2020



Barbara Hughes – A gift for a friend with musical notes in the sashing



Linda Hamel - OLD(!) BOM *Victory Garden* in progress

Judy Snook – My mini churn dash made with dozens and dozens of half square triangles



Joan Shaw's quilt made for her sons using her late husband's shirts



Jean Corday's "Welcoming Spring During the Coronavirus Pandemic" quilt.



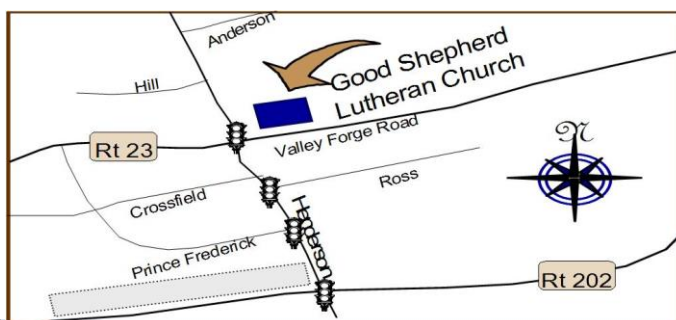
Kate Sevensky's Stay at Home quilt



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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M. at the Good Shepard Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



**Newsletter Submissions**

Send to: Judy Snook  
Information for the next newsletter must be received by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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**Guild Committees and Resources**

50:50	Debbie Bianco
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Bees:	
Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Judy Snook
Northern	Barbara Hughes
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