

Programs Archive 2020 to 2024 Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild

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2024 Programs

December 17, 2024 - Time to party! We'll have our annual holiday party. This is your chance to get to know our new members, play games and enjoy delicious holiday treats. See the [December Newsletter](#) for details.

November 19, 2024 - We will find out the Viewers' Choice winners of our quilt show. The program will focus on reviewing the quilt show. We'll also hear from the heads of the various show venues. It will be a nice opportunity to better understand all the work that goes into making our shows a success and discuss lessons learned to prepare for the 2026 show!

October 15, 2024 - This month we will be focusing on preparations for the quilt show. Have your quilts ready to turn in at the meeting.

September 17, 2024 - Time to reveal our challenge quilts. Also, there will be a member's book sale at the September Guild meeting. Please wait until this meeting to bring in your books.

August 20, 2024 - We will be hosting [Barbara Persing](#). The topic of her lecture is "Pictorial Art Quilts". Perhaps she will inspire us as we plan what quilts we will display in the upcoming quilt show, or sew for the boutique, or guide our fabric selections in Grandma's Attic to create our own art quilts!

July 16, 2024 - Our annual picnic will be at the July meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish according to your last name as follows:

A-G = Entree

H-N = Appetizer

O-Z = Dessert

June 18, 2024 - Dave Sirota, [Quilt Maven Dave](#), will entertain us as he shares his observations of quilters and our idiosyncrasies. The Ice Cream Social will follow the speaker.

May 21, 2024 Zoom Meeting - Our May program will feature Kathryn Groves of [BobCat Quilts](#). She will join us via Zoom to share "How to Eat an Elephant", her approach to foundation paper piecing. She will also provide a trunk show of her quilts.

April 16, 2024 - Our April program will feature Mary Koval, an expert on antique quilts. Mary currently designs fabric for Windham. Her lecture is titled: "Designing Fabrics - the How To". Mary has published several books about antique quilts. She exhibits at antique shows and has designed exhibits for museums and other venues around the world As a bonus, Mary has a quilt shop, [Mary Koval Antique Quilts](#), in Bedford, PA and will be offering fabric for sale at 40% off!

March 19, 2024 - Our March Program will feature a travelogue by our member, Dawn Heefner. She will share her experience attending the 2023 European Patchwork Meeting (EPM) in Alsace, France. The EPM is unique because it is not held in an exhibition hall but in smaller spaces across five villages. Each exhibit is hosted by local organizations.

February 20, 2024 Zoom Meeting - Our February program will be provided by fiber artist [Nancy Hershberger](#). She was the winner of the [Bernina Best Sewing Machine Workmanship Award at the 2023 Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza](#).

January 16, 2024 Zoom Meeting - The January program will feature [Jennifer Houlden](#), a textile artist from Canada. Her lecture is titled: Creating Contrast in Your Quilts: How Is It Done?

2023 Programs

December 19, 2023 - Party Time! Our annual holiday party is this month. Are You Ready? Start time is 6 p.m. (no Zoom). There will be food, Quilter's Bingo, a gift exchange, and prize for the best Ugly Sweater/Shirt. Please see the [December newsletter](#) for me details.

November 21, 2023 - The November program features [Gretchen Gibbons](#). She is an avid quilter, designer, teacher, and author who will share her quilting journey with us.

October 17, 2023 - Our speaker this month is [Michele Scott](#). She is an official 'Aurifilosopher.' We are looking forward to what she will tell us about Aurifil threads.

September 19, 2023 - Time to reveal our challenge quilts.

August 15, 2023 - Our speaker will be Cyndi Hershey. Her presentation is called Barn-In-A-Basket. It is a PowerPoint presentation about the Kutztown Folk Festival's Quilt Barn. This local festival is an old time favorite. It started in 1950 and is still going strong. This will be an in-person and Zoom meeting

July 18, 2023 - After our ice cream social, we will be entertained by [Eliza Hardy Jones](#) presentation called "The Song Quilt Project". She has taken folksongs and transformed them into quilts. She has created a method that translates pitch into color and

rhythm into shape. I'm very curious to see and hear her quilts. Ice cream melts so we will start promptly at 7! This will be an in-person and Zoom meeting.

June 20, 2023 - The June meeting starts at 6 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Church. We will enjoy a picnic and Appli-pay It Forward demonstrations. We will also vote to elect officers.

- **Picnic** - Members are to bring a dish based on your last name. A-F is to bring salads: G-M, entrees, and N-Z, desserts.
- **Appli-pay It Forward Demonstrations** - After our annual picnic dinner, we will gather in rotating groups to see 5 different methods of applique. Our members Debbie Bianco, Jen Fillman, Linda Hamel, Jacque Paltrineri and Judy Snook have graciously agreed to demonstrate applique methods. Now for the "pay it forward" part: at each station you will receive the supplies to make a block using each method. Please try these methods at home and complete the blocks, then bring them back to club and we will use them to make charity quilts. It's a win-win for everyone.
- **Election of Officers** - The slate of candidates for the board was introduced at the May meeting: President - Linda Mitchell, Vice President - Kayleigh Graff, Treasurer - Kathie Haney, Secretary - Jen Felman, Membership - Karen Glasthal. A vote will take place at the June meeting.

May 16, 2023 Zoom Meeting - For May, our speaker will be internationally known quilt teacher Karen Combs. Her topic will be Quilts of Illusion. It will be on Zoom. Please check out the quilt gallery on her website www.Karencombs.com.

April 18, 2023 - Stella Singleton, the owner of [Needles and Bolts](#), has a fun presentation planned for us in April. She will be doing a follow-a-long Sashiko demonstration. Kits will be provided, just remember to bring scissors and glasses (if you need them). She will also have a selection of items from her store available for purchase. This will be an in-person and Zoom meeting.

March 21, 2023 - This month we'll be back at the church (and Zoom). Our speaker this month is [Trisha Moller](#). She will be talking about her quilting journey and how she learned to create her own designs.

February 21, 2023 Zoom Meeting - [Erin Wolfgang](#) will talk about foundation paper piecing.

It is recommended that you sign up for her [Fabric Silhouettes workshop](#) on February 25th. It will be a Zoom workshop, so you don't have to pack up anything and you can enjoy this class from the comforts of home.

January 17, 2023 Zoom Meeting - In January we will be warm and cozy at home as we have a Zoom meeting. Our speaker will be [Christina Cameli](#). She will show us how to combine machine quilting designs. Please have a pen and paper ready to practice these skills.

2022 Programs

December 20, 2022 - Party Time! Our annual holiday party is this month. This will be an in-person meeting only, sorry no Zoom.

November 21, 2022 - There is lots going on this month. We'll reveal the viewer's choice quilts from our quilt show. We'll have a quilt show wrap-up. We'll al-so celebrate the 35th anniversary of our quilt club. Join us in-person or on Zoom for a fun evening.

October 18, 2022 - Our program this month is dedicated to our Quilt Show preparations and turning in our quilts. Please bring your registered quilts, items for the boutique and grandma's attic (baked goods should be dropped off the mornings of the show). The process to submit your quilts may take some time. You might want to bring a hand project to work on while you wait.

September 20, 2022 - Our [challenge quilts](#) will be revealed.

August 16, 2022 - Kathryn Jenson White will be sharing her passion for ABC quilts. She has a talk and trunk show with over 60 quilts to show us.

July 19,2022 - Civil War Potholder Quilts and Our Ice Cream Social. This meeting will be in person and on Zoom. [Kate Mulberger](#) will be talking about Civil War Potholder Quilts (a quilt as you go technique that began before the civil war).

June 21 - Once you have enjoyed our annual potluck picnic dinner, you are going to be inspired to create some wonderful items for the quilt show boutique. This program is called Peek-a-Boutique.

May 17, 2022 Zoom Meeting - Our Zoom meeting in May will be homegrown. Members of our guild will be showing and telling us about the much loved quilts of their families and the people who made them.

April 19, 2022 - We are in person this month! Our meeting will be a hybrid with Zoom for those who can't attend the meeting. Our speaker, Linda Martin-Mills will tell us about her journey into quilting and why she is known as [The Reluctant Quilter](#). We will also view and vote on our Don't Touch the Quilts challenge.

March 15, 2022 Zoom Meeting - [Jane Haworth](#) is going to tailor her fabric collage lecture to help inspire us with our "Picture This" challenge. She has a unique method of transforming a picture into a quilt.

February 15, 2022 Zoom Meeting - Have you ever done a quilt block barn tour? They are quite fun. You'll never know what you'll discover along the way, lots of hidden treasures. Liz Dicrescenzo (Joan Shaw's sister) is going to tell us how her quilt guild coordinated the project to establish quilt barn blocks in their community.

January 18, 2022 Zoom Meeting - It's a new year. Let's learn about some new techniques, tips and products. Our Zoom speaker this month is Adele Scott of [Ask Adele](#). Her lecture/demo covers a lot of topics to make our quilting/sewing projects more enjoyable.

2021 Programs

December 21, 2021 Meeting - Our Holiday Party! In light of the current Covid surge, we have decided not to have refreshments so that we can keep our masks on for the entire

event. We kindly ask unvaccinated individuals to refrain from attending for their own protection.

The Holiday Meeting begins at 7PM, but arrive early for the Book sale that begins at 6 pm.

Events during the evening include optional cookie exchanges and gift exchanges, games, and show and tell.

- Gift exchange: Bring a wrapped quilt/sewing related gift (\$20)
- Cookie exchange: package 3 cookies each in 12 bags for 36 total and take home 12 bags. You may include a recipe with your cookies.

November 16, 2021 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.

And for members unable to attend, you will be able to join us via Zoom.

October 19, 2021 Meeting - Gail Kessler of [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.

And for members unable to attend, you will be able to join us via Zoom.

September 21, 2021 Meeting - The Paint Chip Challenge quilt display and voting.

And for members unable to attend, you will be able to join us via Zoom.

August 17, 2021 Meeting - This is our first in-person guild meeting since February 2020! Our speaker is Denise Martin, whom many members may know from [Seamless Sewing Arts Ltd](#) in Phoenixville. Among other topics, Denise will tell us how she happened to open her quilt store in the middle of a pandemic!

Tonight will also be our ice cream social!!

The church asks that we wear masks and we will social distance.

And for members unable to attend, you will be able to join us via Zoom.

July 19, 2021 Zoom Meeting - Our speaker this month is Dana Jones, who will be speaking to us from Colorado. Dana is a former editor of Quilters Newsletter Magazine. She is also a published author of "Patinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island" and this is the topic we will learn about during our **last scheduled Zoom meeting of 2021**.

June 15, 2021 Zoom Meeting - We welcome Karen Miller from Redbird Quilt Company. Her lecture is titled "Align Your Free Motion Quilting Stars." In this program Karen says "I will share hoards of quilts and projects from my trunk and talk in detail about the projects that I quilted on my home machine. I point out key factors that help you become successful at domestic machine quilting. Let's avoid those FMQ Pitfalls and align YOUR Free Motion Quilting Stars!! It's informative, fun and inspiring!" For more information, check out www.Redbirdquiltco.com.

May 18,2021 Zoom Meeting - Presidential Trunk Show presented by current and past presidents. We will see their early quilts, favorite quilts, new quilts, and find out how they began quilting and also how they became involved in the guild.

April 20,2021 Zoom Meeting - Our speaker in April will be Valerie Prideaux from Ontario, Canada. During the pandemic Valerie made thousands of tumbler blocks and used them to make an incredible variety of quilts, from traditional to modern to art quilts. There will be a drawing for a door prize of pre-cut tumbler blocks and an acrylic template for one lucky attendee at this month's Zoom meeting. For advance information about Valerie and her current projects, check out www.CozyFunkyCool.com.

March 16,2021 Zoom Meeting - Sue Sherman joins us from Canada to share her Quilting Journey of a Renaissance Woman with our guild. Sue has won quilting awards on several continents. Many of her art quilts feature endangered animals. For additional information, check out Sue's website at www.sueshermanquilts.com.

February 16, 2021 Zoom Meeting - Our speaker, Carrie Zizza, is a high-energy quilter from Amesbury, Massachusetts. Carrie's topic is "A Deep Dive into Thread, Batting and Fabric." She will be sharing a video with us in early February as an introduction to her talk, so get ready to be entertained and possibly laugh until you cry. You can check Carrie out at www.ItsAZizza.com.

January 19,2021 Zoom Meeting - We continue our international speaker's series with Judy Kirk from Canterbury, England. Her topic for our meeting is "What Makes It Modern?" She will also include tips and tricks she's picked up during her 25 years of quilting. Judy is a member of the Modern section of the Quilters Guild of the British Isles and also the US-based international Modern Quilt Guild. You can learn more at [Judy's website](#).

2020 Programs

December 15,2020 Zoom Meeting - Our Holiday Social - Come celebrate the holidays with chatter, fun, games and a mini workshop. Be sure to wear your most festive sweater and don't forget those reindeer antlers! Mark your calendar to join everyone at 7:00.

During the December social we are going to make one block for a Shadow Box quilt. You can make one block and use it as a mug rug or keep making blocks until you have a king size quilt!

You can use 10 inch squares (a Layer Cake), 5 inch squares (a Charm pack), or 2 1/2 inch squares (a Mini Charm pack). You'll also need a medium to dark fabric for the "shadow" and also a background fabric.

Go to [Jordan fabrics Shadow Box pattern](#) to:

- Download a [free pattern](#) using 10" squares (plus shadow and sashing strips) to make a 61" X 85" quilt.
- Watch Donna Jordan's [Shadow Box video](#).



- If desired, purchase a pattern that has instructions for a throw, twin, queen, and king size quilt by using more blocks.

Note that you will soon receive an email with supplies and cutting instructions to use for the 5 inch and 2 1/2 inch squares.

November 17, 2020 Zoom Meeting - Melissa Marginet joins us from Manitoba, Canada. Her topic for our November Zoom meeting is "Myth-Quilting is an Expensive Hobby." Melissa will show quilts she's made at a very low cost and tell us all her money making secrets. Check out her "free stuff" at melissamarginet.ca/.

October 20, 2020 Zoom Meeting - Our speaker for the October meeting is [Lisa Walton](http://lisawaltonartist.com) from Sydney Australia. Lisa's Zoom topic is "Leap and the Net Will Appear." She will share her creative journey with us and encourage us to move beyond our quilting comfort zone. To learn more about Lisa's amazing quilt career, visit her website at lisawaltonartist.com.

September 15, 2020 Zoom Meeting - Our September Zoom meeting will feature [Brita Nelson](#) speaking on the topic "Now You See It, Now You Don't, The Magic of Disappearing Blocks". She will show members how to use easy-to-put-together blocks and magically change them. Brita is a member of [Main Line Quilters](#) and has many enthusiastic supporters from that guild.

August 18, 2020 Zoom Meeting - Our August Zoom meeting will feature our newest members who have joined Valley Forge Homestead Quilters within the last three years. Each one will share their story of how they became interested in quilting and joined our guild.

July 21, 2020 Zoom Meeting - Dawn Heefner is a certified quilt appraiser with a vast knowledge and experience in dating and valuing historical quilts. Dawn also appraises recently made quilts and she is excited about presenting her new topic "I'm a Current Quilter. Why do I need an appraisal?" If you have entered a quilt show, mailed one of your quilts or thought you might, you will want to attend this virtual meeting. Look for your Zoom invitation several days ahead of our meeting. You may recognize several of the featured quilts from previous guild show and tells!

June 16, 2020 Zoom Meeting - [Cheryl Lynch](#) will present "On Becoming a Fabric Designer."

May 19, 2020 Our first Zoom meeting!

March and April meetings were cancelled.

February 22, 2020 - Our first "Saturday Special" from 9 to 10 am

- [Karen Eckmeier](#) will present "Happy Villages and Accidental Landscapes".
- Karen will bring her books and patterns for sale, including her newest items.
- Open to all guild members for free.

- Welcome to visitors for a \$5.00 fee.

Note that the [Happy Villages workshop](#) will follow from 11 am until 5 pm for those who signed up and paid.

February 18, 2020 - An in house program with demonstrations of free-motion quilting, a special totally machine-sewn binding, and intro to Silhouette Cameo. All demos will be via our projector onto the big screen!

January 21, 2020 - Cyndi Hershey, representing the [Kutztown Folk Festival Quilt Barn](#), will discuss how to enter a quilt (from wall-hanging to king size) in a competition.