



# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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January 2021

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## Chatter with Cathy

Happy New Year! Happy Sew Year! Happy Blue Year! When I write blue, I don’t mean sad but the bright blue of the ocean and the sky. It’s a blue that brings a smile to one’s face as well as warms the heart.



Kona’s color of the year – Horizon Blue. I love it and nothing but blue skies, blue skies. This year of 2021 will be sew improved; better than last year and healthier, too. Now to find the perfect sunny yellow to make the perfectly cheerful and hopeful quilt.

Keep on quilting,

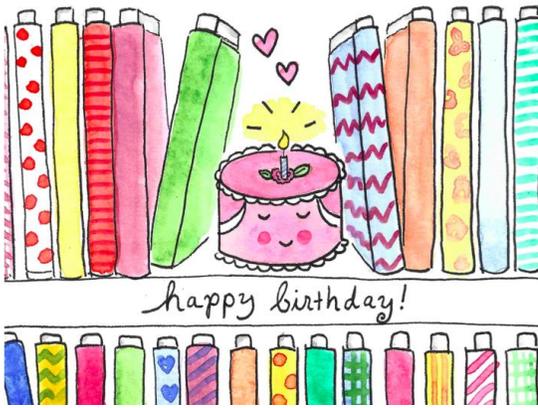
Cathy Fennell

## 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, [www.judikirk.com](http://www.judikirk.com).

Ruth Heslin





## Birthdays

### January:

- 1 Dorothy Allen
- 11 Cindy Kromnes
- 21 Gigi Procario
- 30 Debbie Bianco

### February:

- 3 Arlene McCall
- 9 Molly Lorenz
- 10 Barbara Jones
- 17 Esther Canning
- 19 Ann Lister
- 24 Sandy Dounce
- 28 Linda Venek

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

A Zoom link will be sent out before each bee. Mark your calendar!

<p><b>Afternoon Bee</b>  <b>2nd Tuesday</b>  <b>12:30 – 3:30 p.m.</b>                  Coordinator – Jean Hayden</p>	<p><b>Northern Bee</b>  <b>5th Tuesday</b>  <b>6:30-9:30 p.m.</b>                  Coordinator – Barbara Hughes</p>
<p>January 12<sup>th</sup>                  Judy Snook</p> <p>February 9<sup>th</sup>                  Barbara Hughes</p>	<p><b>TBA</b></p>

## Comfort Quilts

There were 13 quilts picked up for the month of December making a **WHOPPING TOTAL OF 213 QUILTS FOR THE YEAR!!!** When I have dropped quilts off at Paoli Hospital, I always hear how appreciative the nurses are to have the quilts to give their patients in hospice. I have dropped quilts off at Abramson Cancer Center in Chesterbrook three times during the pandemic. I called ahead of time to make sure I was allowed to drop them off. The quilts for the VA went to the nursing home. I have met Barb with St. Christopher's twice in the parking lot of KOP Mall to give them their quilts and masks. Another run to CHOP is in the near future. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Thank you everyone for all you have done in making a record year for Comfort Quilts!!

Maxine Close



Dawn Heefner, who won a prize at our December Holiday Social, said, "Thank you, VFHQ, for the pattern, foundation sheets, and cheery fabric. What a great project to make during winter's gray days!"

## Meeting Minutes December 15, 2020

**WELCOME:** Cathy Fennell welcomed everyone to our Holiday Social. She said that it has become our tradition since she became president, money is donated to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in lieu of holiday gifts to our members. There were 52 people in attendance.

**BEES:** The December Northern Bee will be on December 29<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Barbara Hughes. January's afternoon bee will be hosted by Judy Snook. All bees are by **Zoom**. A link will be sent.

**WORKSHOPS:** Jean Hayden announced that the Comfort Quilt workshop will be on January 23<sup>rd</sup> with Maxine Close. Making Magic, a Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt, with Brita Nelson will be February 27<sup>th</sup>. It is free for 21 members signed up. Contact Kate Sevensky to sign up and receive information on ordering the \$8.00 pattern. April 24<sup>th</sup> is the UFO/Dresden workshop.

**SPRING RETREAT:** The spring retreat is the second weekend in April. Barbara Hughes said there is a possibility of it being virtual.

**HOLIDAY DRAWING:** Every member attending was given a number and the five lucky members will receive a prize in the mail. The winners are Dawn Heefner, Sandy Dounce, Gail Forester, Sue Fisher, and Donna Raymond.

**UFO CHALLENGE:** Number 11 is the first UFO to be completed for January.

**PROGRAM:** Ruth Heslin led our program in making one block for a Shadow Box quilt using mini charm squares, charm squares, or a layer cake.

Judy Snook led a game, *Never Have I Ever or Maybe I Have*. Carol Olnick was the winner.

Deb Graves read a poem entitled *The Night Before Covid* by Carol Campbell.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Presented using a Power Point with each member telling a little bit about her quilt.

**JANUARY MEETING:** In January we continue our international speaker's series with Judy Kirk from Canterbury, England. Her topic is What Makes It Modern? She will also include tips and tricks that she has picked up during her 25 years of quilting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Lorenz

## Remember Our Beautiful Raffle Quilt

It is the responsibility of all guild members to purchase raffle tickets. This requirement is part of the member responsibilities that can be found under Information/membership on our website. The cost is \$10.00 for 12 tickets. You can put your name on them or give them as a gift. Even better, you can buy more to sell to your friends and family. Please contact Cathy Fennell to buy tickets.

## Cathy's UFO Challenge 2021

Please send a picture of your completed UFO to [fennell@rosemont.edu](mailto:fennell@rosemont.edu). The number you should complete for the January **Zoom** meeting is 11. Keep on quilting!

Cathy Fennell

## New Year's Resolutions

**Sue Fisher** - One of my NYR is to really learn how to use the embroidery functions on my Brother machine. I've had it for about 3 years and have done only a few very basic items.

**Joann Kirschenmann** - My resolution is to learn collage quilting. I have a Laura Heine pattern to complete by next Christmas!

**Joan Markowitz** - To walk more. To get rid of some of my scraps. (Probably won't happen.) To clean my quilt room more often. (Probably also won't happen. LOL)

**Dawn Heefner** - As we always advised viewers in HealthCheck, keep your resolutions realistic, make them small steps - and don't hate yourself for not fulfilling them. So, most of mine are on finishing projects, not biting off big new ones. Plenty of new challenges will roll down the pike!

- The first to accomplish is to help a co-worker's daughter learn about her sewing machine. Priscilla wants to design clothes!!!
- Put labels on more quilts, both mine and antique ones
- Finishing the spreadsheet inventory of my quilt & textile history books (somewhere around 200)
- Read more of those quilt history books
- Finish the inventory of my antique quilts and fabrics (and refold items in the process)
- Have fun!!! - more unusual fabrics, threads, yarns, embellishments, hand-dyeing, and painting

**Marebeth Conard** - for the past several years, I did not make resolutions, BUT I have a word of the year. For 2021, I choose "tidy up". My word for 2020 was "focus" and that really helped me. However, I think I will make a resolution for 2021...to keep a running list of everything in my freezer.

**Linda Newpher** - This is just so easy: lose weight, exercise more, eat healthier, be more productive, clean up my "craft room," FINISH something (anything), watch more educational television (instead of old reruns), and basically be a better person.

**Meghan Heslin** - To get my quilting "mojo" back. (I haven't been quilting lately as I haven't been motivated to do so.)

**Kathie Haney** - Be more grateful for the little things – like a day with nice weather, or a harvest from my garden, or a good book – things I used to take for granted but now especially appreciated in 2020. Take better care of myself. I'd like to read more, and then pass on the books I read for someone else to enjoy. Sew and quilt more!

**Linda Hamel** – I have a lovely bed-size hand appliqued quilt top (started in 2012) that is 2/3 done. I vow to complete that project this year!

## Fun Stuff from Around the Web

### Carpenter Star Quilt Patterns from Around the Web

If you Google Carpenter Star Quilt patterns you will find many patterns and tutorials and several variations. Here are a few...



Moda Love Quilt



Double Carpenter's Wheel Bed Quilt



Controlled Scrappy

- **Moda Love Quilt** - Jordan Fabrics website has the Moda free quilt pattern at <https://jordanfabrics.com/pages/moda-love-quilt>. Donna Jordan has a tutorial for the Moda Love Quilt at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYSTiQGM-2w&feature=youtu.be&mc\\_cid=551fc68f1&mc\\_eid=272667ff28](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYSTiQGM-2w&feature=youtu.be&mc_cid=551fc68f1&mc_eid=272667ff28).
- **Double Carpenter's Wheel Bed Quilt** (72" X 86") - Donna Jordan's free pattern at <https://jordanfabrics.com/pages/carpenters-wheel>. Her tutorial is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXRigIYUNTY>.
- **Controlled Scrappy Carpenter's Star Tutorial** at <https://patchworksampler.com/carpenters-star-tutorial/>.

Cathy Radcliffe

## Quilt Shows

### Notes

- **All AQS QuiltWeek Shows Scheduled for 2021 Are Cancelled**  
See a letter from AQS at <https://www.quiltweek.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2021-cancellation-.pdf>.
- **Lancaster Quilt Show in 2021 is Cancelled**  
Our next show will be March 23-26, 2022. Visit their website at <https://www.thelancasterquiltshow.com/>.
- **MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat in 2021 is Cancelled**  
The MAQ board is looking forward to bringing a great educational seminar in July 2022. Visit their website at <https://www.facebook.com/MAQ-Mid-Appalachian-Quilters-159952331027/>.

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## **January 2021**

- **Create DIY** - January 13-16, 2021. Quiltfest presents ... Create DIY, a comprehensive journey into the magical world of the textile arts. Indulge yourself with Create DIY! This online festival includes educational workshops, studio tours, live presentations, and more. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/create-diy/>.
- **Craft NAPA 2021: Uncorked at Home** - January 13-17, 2021. Craft Napa Uncorked at Home will be a virtual event, with special events (such as the Artist Market) taking place in December so we can mail all students their materials in time for the live, January event. For more info visit <https://craftingalifelc.com/>.
- **Road@Home** - January 20-23, 2021. This is Road to California's first ever virtual quilting event. The event will feature both old time favorites and new activities to bring something to quilters everywhere. Road has always been the place for all quilters, but with Road@Home we can reach quilters all over the globe! For more info visit <https://online.roadtocalifornia.com/>.

## **February 2021**

- **QuiltCon Together** - February 18-22, 2021. Hosted by the Modern Quilt Guild, this is a special virtual event that will focus on providing many of the same things you've come to expect from QuiltCon in a virtual format.
  - Live lectures will be broadcast throughout each day and recorded for playback throughout the event.
  - Standard workshop access includes recorded video lessons as well as pdf handouts.
  - Interactive Vendor Hall and Quilt ShowMore info at <https://www.quiltcon.com/>. View the QuiltCon Together Catalog for more details, including registration fees.

**Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival – Online** - February 24-27, 2021. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, for their 4th online event, virtual show-goers will view competition quilts from around the world, shop the Merchants Mall vendors online, and take virtual, interactive workshops from the comfort of home. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/httpswww-onlinequiltfestival-com/>

For updated info between newsletters, checkout our [website](#).

Cathy Radcliffe

## **Tuesday, 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](http://www.ItsAZizza.com).

Ruth Heslin

## Workshops

### **Comfort Quilts** with Maxine Close **Postponed until a later date**

New January Workshop - TBA

Saturday, January 23, 2021

**Zoom** link from 9:30 to 4:00

### **Making Magic, a Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt**

with Brita Nelson

Saturday, February 27, 2021

**Zoom** link from 9:30 to 2:30



Here is a link to Brita's website and the class. <https://questioningquilter.com/classes/>

Members will make 9 blocks before the workshop. Then the fun will happen as we cut them up in class

**Sign up is limited to 21 members.** If interested, contact Kate Sevensky. A supply list will be sent along with a code for a discount on the pattern that is needed for the class. The cost of the pattern is \$8.00. Contact Kate with any questions.

### **Dresden Plate Houses or UFO** with Judy Snook and friends

Saturday, April 10, 2021

**Zoom** link from 9:30 to 4:00

Feel free to sew along on your UFO. Or learn more ways to use Dresden Plate templates.



One Dresden Plate possibility



Ruth Heslin's Snowman wallhanging  
from **Sew...This is a Panel?**  
Workshop with Jacqui Santangelo

## International Quilt Association (IQA) Disbanding

January 2021

The IQA Board has come to the regrettable conclusion that 2020 is the right time to disband IQA. See the announcement on their home page at <http://www.quilts.org/home.html>.

IQA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the art of quilting, the attainment of public recognition for quilting as an art form, and the advancement of the state of the art throughout the world. It was founded in 1979 by Karey Bresenhan, Nancy O'Bryant, and their mothers, Jewel Patterson (1910-2002), and Helen O'Bryant (1914-2005). Among other activities, IQA hosts the annual World of Beauty quilt show at the International Quilt Festival in Houston every fall.

**Cathy's Note:** I've seen a lot of confusion in social media about the International Quilt Association (IQA) and the International Quilt Festival in Houston.

- The IQA is disbanding so will no longer host the World of Beauty quilt show that has been a *part of* the International Quilt Festival in Houston.
- The International Quilt Festival in Houston is NOT closing. It is run by Quilts, Inc and is currently scheduled for October 28-31, 2021. For more info about the Quilt Festival go to <https://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/quilt-festival-houston/>.

Cathy Radcliffe

I like to think of my family as a big, beautiful patchwork quilt – each of us so different yet stitched together by love and life experience.

Barbara Johnson

## New Members

### **WELCOME BACK JACQUE PALTRINERI**

Jacque along with four others started our guild. She is happy to see it still is going. Jacque has been sewing since junior high. She took her first quilting class at the Upper Merion School District Night Class and started teaching there when the teacher left and has been quilting and teaching ever since. Jacque loves all sorts of quilting and is always trying whatever is new although hand quilting is not for her! When she is not quilting, she loves to spend time with her granddaughters. She is a long-arm quilter. We're glad you are back, Jacque!

### **WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER CINDY KROMNES**

Cindy met Arlene Greenwald at the grand opening of Seamless Sewing Arts in Phoenixville. As a teenager, she made most of her clothes. When she was a college student intern at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, she was introduced to quilting by a women's group that quilted each week. Cindy likes to read, walk, garden, cook, and go to the Philadelphia Orchestra concerts. She is a retired Lutheran pastor. We are glad you have joined us, Cindy, and look forward to meeting you in person.

# January

## 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Zoom Afternoon Bee	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Zoom Guild Meeting Judy Kirk	20	21	22	23 Zoom Workshop TBA
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Original photo from 15 years ago

Restored yellow flower

Deb Graves – My wallhanging faded after 15 years hanging in my office under fluorescent lighting. I used a highlighter to restore the color to the yellow flower.

## Member's Show and Tell

January 2021



Dottie Doglash - Table runner made for a Florida friend who likes penguins.



Barb Hughes - Wool applique kit bought at Jackie's Woolens.



Lisa Lombardo - – Carpenter's Star made with background fabric bought at the 4-H sale.



Kate Sevensky - Christmas tree pillow was a 'quick project' sent out by email to the guild by Molly Lorenz.



Joan Shaw - Placemats made from scraps. Elephant pattern bought with a gift certificate to Ladyfingers made as a gift for a longtime friend.





Kate Sevensky – Cactus quilt made from an AQS kit for Kate and Nancy's brother.



Sue Fisher - Twin size T-shirt quilt



Deb Graves - Drunkard's Path UFO finished during this year.



Deb Graves - Hawaiian-style applique. 13.5" x 17.5". I used a hybrid of Donna Jordan's and Susan Claire's (Gourmet Quilter) YouTube videos: fusible appliqué, short zig-zag on the edges, echo quilting.



Dottie Doglash - Snowman quilt made using strips and snowman panel.



Dottie Doglash - Lorelai quilt made from a panel. Framed the blocks to make them all the same size.



Dawn Heefner - Notions holder fits over a 5 x 7" acrylic picture frame.



Linda Hamel - Felted wool Santa Christmas tree ornament from pattern by Larissa Holland



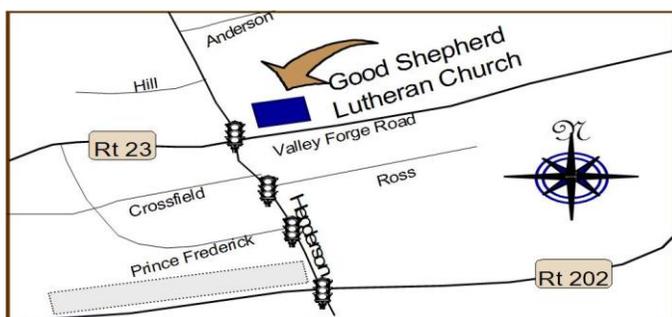
Dawn Heefner - A 'plain' Christmas tree pattern embellished with presents with bows, decorations on the tree and metallic embroidery threads.



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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.

**Board of Directors**

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**Guild Committees and Resources**

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Northern	Barbara Hughes
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