



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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April 2021

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Chatter with Cathy

This time last year we were in lockdown due to the Coronavirus. It's so hard to believe that it has been over a year and yet, we continued to meet with the help of **Zoom**. I wish I had some good news to share but unfortunately, we will continue to meet via **Zoom** probably until September but that is not a guarantee. I'm so grateful to Sue Fisher for her knowledge of **Zoom** Technology and her assistance with our meetings and also to Ruth Heslin for finding us some of the best speakers from various parts of the world. Although the virus has been a real drawback to meeting in person, it has given us new opportunities to tap quilters we would not be able to bring to Valley Forge. Please continue to send me your pictures for our Show and Tell, that, too has been an enhancement to our online meetings. Thanks to Karen Glasthal and her nominations committee for providing a wonderful slate of members who are willing to serve on our next Guild Board, thanks to them for stepping up. Lastly, I wish you and your families a happy and blessed Easter and Passover. Until we **Zoom** again, Keep on quilting!

Cathy Fennell

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.

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.

Ruth Heslin



Birthdays

April:

- 4 Rosemary Geisler
- 6 Marge Quinn
- 8 Carol Olinick
- 8 Babette Sutherland
- 9 Jean Corday
- 23 Kate Sevensky
- 27 April Hostler

May:

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

Comfort Quilts

I would like to thank everyone that participated in the Comfort Quilt Workshop Saturday. One good thing about being virtual is not having to clean up at the end and carrying our heavy machines. Hearing others' life adventures is also interesting for me.

On Friday some of us stopped at Seamless Sewing Arts. I would like to thank them for quilting our Comfort Quilts.

Maxine Close

Spring Retreat

Have you decided on what project or projects you are going to work on during our three days of virtual retreat? It is only a few days away now. I hope to see many of you there **April 8, 9 and 10**. The **Zoom** Room will be open from **9 am to 9 pm each day** for as much time as you want to spend. We will be able to chat and share our work. This time of concentrated focus can lead to great progress on a UFO or get well into a new project. Maybe you want to work on a variety of things. Since you don't have to pack your supplies up, you can work on many different things or change your mind.

In addition to the sewing and visiting we are planning some activities and the Virtual Retreat Facebook page will be active again for posting pictures of your progress. There will also be some challenges and other fun activities to play along with.

Remember there are always great snacks at retreat but you must supply your own. Again, I hope to see many of you there!

Barbara Hughes
Spring Retreat Coordinator

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



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

Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Coordinator – Jean Hayden	Northern Bee 5th Tuesday 6:30-9:30 p.m. Coordinator – Barbara Hughes
April 13 th Rosemary Geisler May 11 th Jean Hayden	June 29 th TBA

Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021

WELCOME: Cathy Fennell greeted new members and veterans with St Patrick's Day wishes.

WORKSHOPS: Jean Hayden told us about the coming workshops: March 27, Comfort Quilts with Maxine Close; April 24, Dresden Plate Houses or UFO with Judy Snook and Molly Lorenz; May 16, Real Quilters Sew Curves with Denise Martin; June 26, Hawaiian Applique with Deb Graves. September is our annual friendship Tea.

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER OR TWO TO HOST THIS EVENT. PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING ON THIS TASK.

RETREATS: Barbara Hughes reported Our Virtual Spring Retreat is April 8 – 11. Everyone is invited. Last year it was a lot of fun. You can come for the whole thing or just part of the time. Watch your e-mail for the links. (Next spring's retreat is March 31 to April 3, 2022, hopefully in person.)

NOMINATIONS FOR GUILD OFFICERS: Karen Glasthal and her committee have filled a slate for the 2021-2023 term: **President** - Deb Graves, **Vice President** - Linda Mitchell, **Treasurer** - Babette Sutherland, **Secretary** - Laura Ocker, **Membership** - Connie Stevenson. Candidates will introduce themselves at our May meeting, and the election of the slate will be at the June meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Linda Newpher encouraged us to sell raffle tickets and reported our bank balance. Contact Linda or Cathy Fennell to get tickets.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine Close received 22 quilts this month, bringing the total to 24 for the year. For the Comfort Quilt workshop on March 27, Ruth Heslin, Sandy Dounce, Ann Palmer, and Maxine have kits. Please contact one of them to arrange to pick up a kit. The kits include backing and batting so you can finish the quilt. If you don't wish to do the quilting, return the top with the batting and backing to your contact, and another member may quilt it. Denise at Seamless Sewing Arts in Phoenixville has volunteered to quilt some Comfort Quilts for us.

UFO CHALLENGE: Members shared their finished item for #6 during Show & Tell. Sandy Dounce won the drawing for a surprise. UFO project number for April is 10.

PROGRAM Ruth Heslin introduced Sue Sherman, Quilt Artist, who joined us from Ontario, Canada to share her *Quilting Journey of a Renaissance Woman*. Sue had a career as a mechanical engineer and was always doing crafts, including crochet, tailoring, and lace knitting. She began quilting while she was still working, and a post in Hawaii allowed her to study Hawaiian appliqué on location. She told us: if you are in Honolulu on a Saturday, go quilt at the beginners' table. In addition to fabulous quilts, Sue showed her shell shopping bag. There is a tutorial on her You Tube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYf0AOJ2uu0>). She has Facebook/Instagram (sueshermanquilts) and an Etsy store (SueShermanQuilts) with kits and patterns. Sue's current work includes dye painting, quilting, and embellishing portraits of animals she has photographed on her travels. Ann Lister and Cathy Fennell's names were drawn for door prizes that Sue provided.

SHOW AND TELL: Dresden Plate ideas – Judy Snook previously sent an email with some project ideas. For options, try searching the internet for "Dresden plate ideas" (for example: <https://www.pinterest.com/jpatton55/dresden-plate-ideas/>). A tip is to have the fabrics for roofs, doors, etc. backed with fusible material. An option will be to fuse the houses, too.

Cathy shared pictures of quilts from the *Brita Nelson Making Magic Disappearing Blocks* workshop.

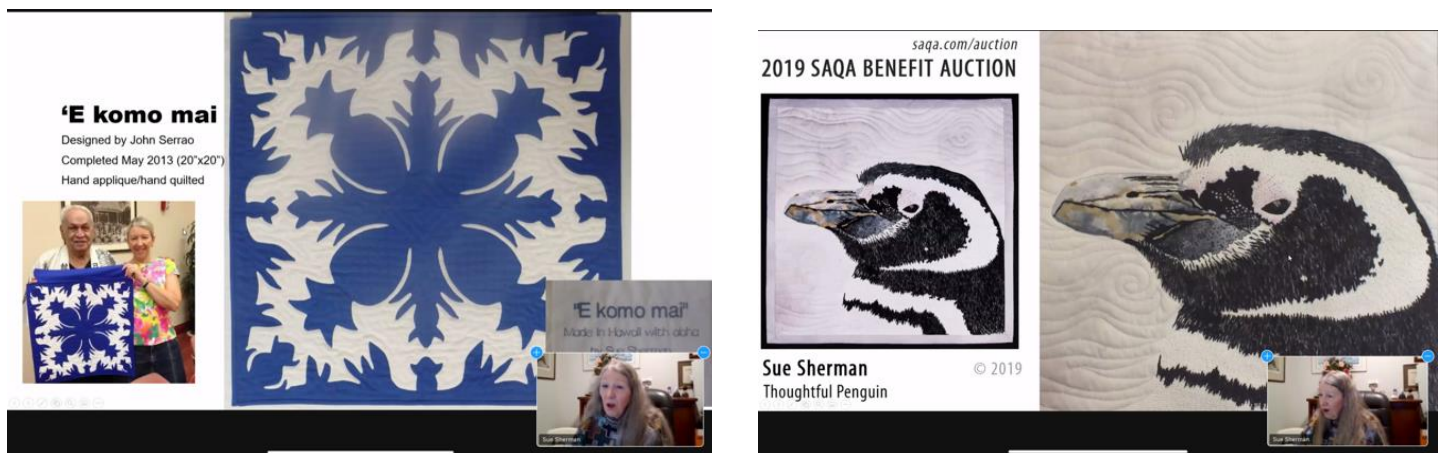
Meeting Minutes, continued

There were lots of finishes in Show and Tell. If you missed the meeting look to the April newsletter for some examples. Gail Dovalovsky has been using up stash making comfort quilts. She donated 30 last year!

APRIL MEETING Our next meeting is April 20, 2021. Our speaker 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. She will be sharing these and her future projects with us.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted for Molly Lorenz
Deb Graves



Sue Sherman at our March Zoom meeting

Valley Forge Homestead Quilters is giving you an opportunity to learn some new things "from some of the best teachers the virtual world has to offer." Through the **Global Quilt Connection** we have signed up for a 2 day event, *The All Star Virtual Sampler Platter*. This event is FREE to all guild members. The dates are May 22 and 23 from 3-6 pm so mark your calendar now.

Over the course of the two days 18 quilt teachers will demonstrate one of their favorite techniques. Each demo will be 15 minutes and the guild will also have PDF documents to share that go along with each teacher's presentation. Additionally, there will be a page of tips for making the most of the live demonstrations.

The written materials will be sent to membership with the Zoom link close to the event. We hope that many of you will participate in this opportunity at least for some of the presentations. One of the presenters will be Sue Sherman who was our amazing guest speaker at the March meeting. Joyce Hughes, who is a local quilter, will also be a presenter.

REMEMBER THIS EVENT IS FREE TO YOU AS A MEMBER OF VFHQ.

Quilt Shows

April 2021

65th Annual Pennsylvania Relief Sale VIRTUAL EVENT - Saturday, April 10, 2021. 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 manmade and natural disasters. For more info visit: <http://www.pareliefsale.org/>.

Spring Quilt Festival Online - April 28 - May 4, 2021. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, for their 5th online event, virtual show-goers will view competition quilts as well as quilts in special exhibits, 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//>.

May 2021

Road@Home May - May 21-23, 2021. Road@Home May Conference will features Classes and Events with an emphasis on education via Zoom. We have sought out professional teaching in the quilting world to give you a great experience! For more info visit: <https://online.roadtocalifornia.com/>.

June 2021

Vermont Quilt Festival Online - June 17-27. The Vermont Quilt Festival is going virtual! Join VQF for 10 days of online quilting classes, exhibits, gallery talks, vendor shopping & demos, with many more exciting surprises to come. For more info visit <https://www.vqf.org/home/>.

September 2021

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - September 2021. 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, Phoenixville, PA. For more info visit: <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/>.

November 2021

14th Annual Exhibition of Quilts - November 12-14, 2021. Presented by Lebanon Quilters Guild at the Lebanon Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. For more info visit: <http://lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/>.

Live Quilt Shows

The Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza in September and the 14th Annual Exhibition of Quilts in November are currently scheduled as live shows!

Cathy Radcliffe

April 2021

Cathy's UFO Challenge 2021 - March's Finally Finished Projects

Please send a picture of your completed UFO to fennel@rosemont.edu. The number you should complete for the March zoom meeting is **10**.

Keep on quilting!
Cathy Fennell



Linda Jarosz



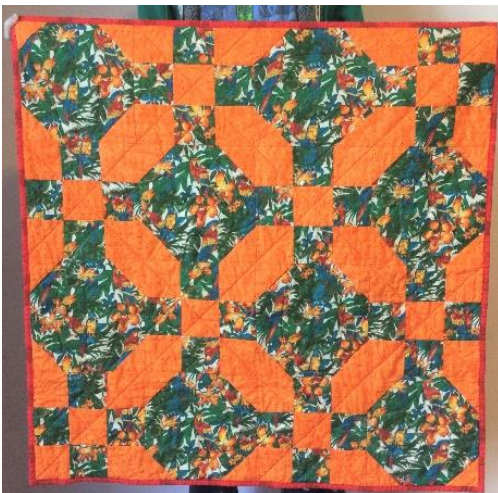
Sandra Dounce



Judy Snook



Linda Ulinski



Susan Gustafson



Meghan Heslin



Ruth Heslin



Jacque Paltrineri



Kathie Haney

Workshops

Dresden Plate Houses or UFO with Judy Snook and friends

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Zoom link from 9:30 to 4:00

Join Judy and Molly as they show us how to make Dresden Plates Houses and other designs using the Dresden Plate. If you choose to do a Dresden project, you will need an 18" Dresden ruler. Or feel free to sew along on your UFO.



Real Quilters Sew Curves with Denise Martin from Seamless Sewing Arts Sunday, May 16, 2021 Yes, a Sunday workshop. Not a Saturday.

Zoom link from 9:30 to 4:00

Learn new techniques to sew those curves you've been avoiding. More information to follow.

Hawaiian Applique with Deb Graves

Saturday, June 26, 2021

Zoom link from 9:30 to 4:00

Learn an easy way to make a Hawaiian appliqué.
Turn it into a pillow or table topper.



Comfort Quilt Workshop with Maxine Close

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Zoom link from 9:30 to 4:00

Contact Maxine if you need a kit, batting or backing.
Try a cheesecake recipe you have been meaning to bake! Let us know if it's good.

February Workshop Show and Tell

Making Magic, a Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt with Brita Nelson



Ruth Heslin



Nancy Hannum



Rosemary Geisler



Gail Dovalovsky



Deb Graves



Deb Bianco

What Else Has Zoom Meant?

We have members that live far away that have been able to join in our fun because of Zoom. One is Mary Molettiere. Here is what she has to say about herself.

"I heard about VFHQ through Lisa Steuer in 2007. I joined the guild after attending the "Ricky Tims, Alex Anderson, Libby Lehman" fabulous weekend with some of the guild members. I then got very involved and served on the Board.

However, I moved to the Delaware Beaches in 2019 after retiring. Since guild meetings and Bees are on Zoom now, I decided to join the guild again to see all the familiar friendly faces that I miss!

I made my first quilt in 1989. Queen size. Hand quilted. Took a year to complete! The next two quilts I made were twin size and also hand quilted. Then I discovered you can put them on the wall as Art! Once I learned machine quilting, I was totally hooked!

I enjoy many aspects of quilting but mostly love challenging myself with original designs that portray my thoughts and feelings about a particular subject.

I am also a weaver and spinner. My husband and I both enjoy traveling, reading, and playing with our five little grandchildren who live nearby us in Delaware."



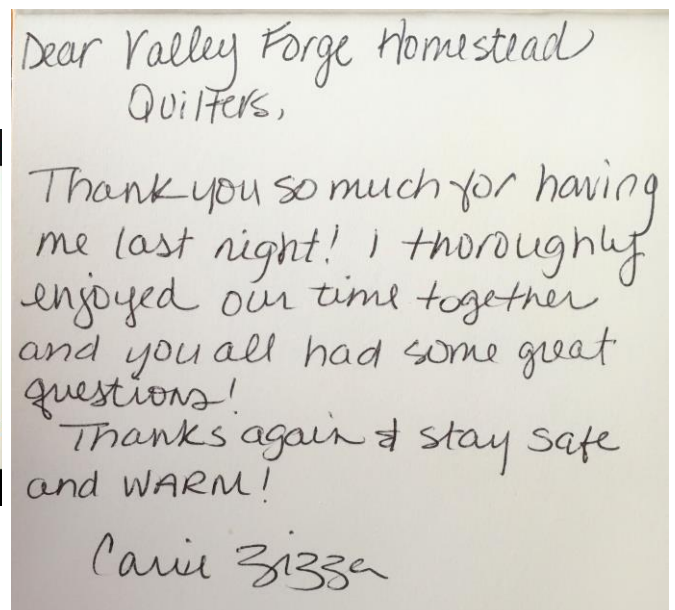
Extensive Accuquilt Items For Sale

Ruth Ann Joslin would like to sell all her Accuquilt cutters and dies. Here is the list of items. Ruth Ann originally paid \$1390.88 (20% off from the list price of \$1649.86.

Go Cutter and 8" e	\$449.99
Go Me Cutter	129.99
8" Companion Set	129.99
6" Companion Set	129.99
6" Block Cube	219.99
4" Strip Cutter #55054	89.99
5" Square Cutter #55010	39.99
2 1/4" Square Cutter #55395	34.99
4" x 8" Rectangle Cutter #55160	39.99
8" Square Cutter #55058	44.99
6 1/2" Square Cutter #55000	44.99
1", 1 1/2" 2" Strip Cutter	79.99
2 1/2" Strip Cutter	79.99
4" Strip Cutter	89.99
TOTAL	\$1649.86
20% Less	1390.88

ASKING \$700 for everything

Phone 610-265-7027 (Cell) 484-686-2739



April

2021

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



Laura Chaplar - I made 7 pillows out of a family tablecloth. My sisters, mother and nieces were thrilled to get them. They also each got the document showing the tablecloth.

Member's Show and Tell

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Linda Jarosz



Gail Dovalovsky



Lisa Lombardo



Gail Forester – Quilt for a niece's first baby



Kate Sevensky – Paper-pieced abstract floral

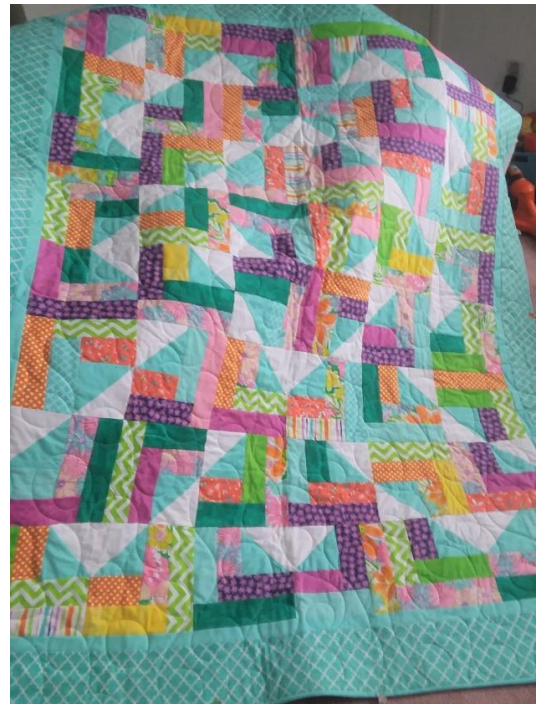


Nancy Hannum

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Gail Dovalovsky – Using up her solids



Dottie Doglash – Summer Camp Workshop



Rosemary Geisler



Joanne Kirschermann Comfort Quilt



Cindy Krommes – Gifts for a son's new home

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Gail Forester



Sue Fisher



Gail Dovalovsky



Rita Mack

Ruth Heslin –
Comfort Quilt



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Rita Mack



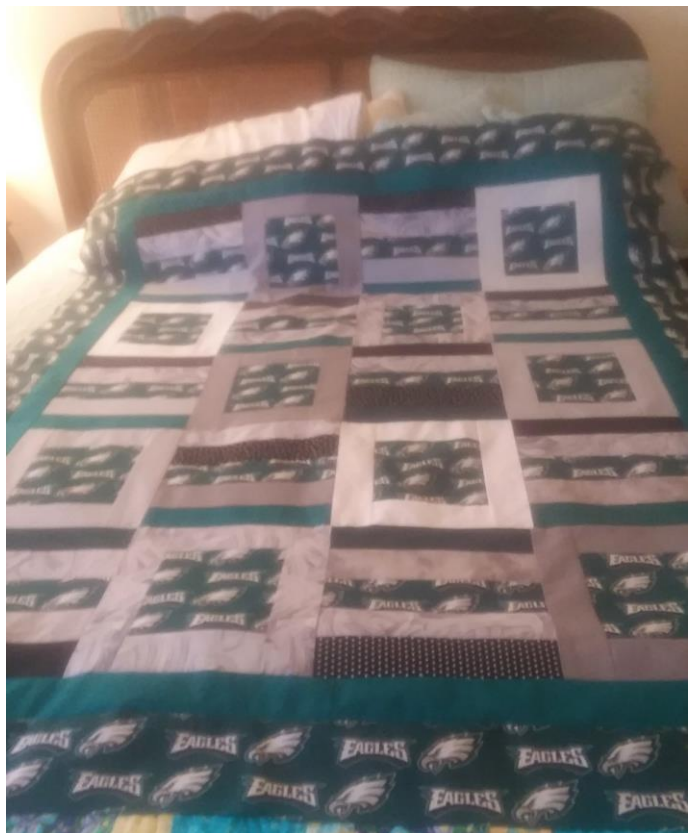
Dottie Doglash - Using up her 2 1/2 " squares to make an 'I Spy' quilt.



Jacqui Santangelo – Runner using St. Patrick's fabrics



Laura Chaplar - Simpler than original but one of my favorite small quilts. Birthday gift for friend in Texas.



Dottie Doglash – Eagles' quilt for a cousin who's a big fan



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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

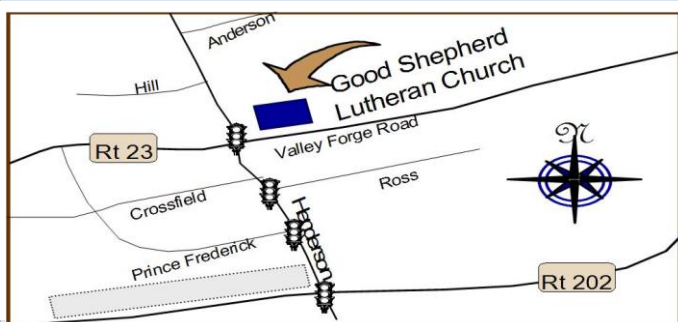
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Guild Committees and Resources

50:50	Debbie Bianco
AccuQuilt Die Cutter	Chris Candello
Bees:	
Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Judy Snook
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Thurs Evening	Ruth Heslin
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Comfort Quilts	Maxine Close
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Newsletter Submissions

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