



# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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May 2021

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## Chatter with Cathy

It looks like Spring is Sprung! Everything is flowering and turning green. Lawns are being mowed and weeds are growing rapidly. Just looking out the window gives one inspiration for lovely springy quilts. Also, I can't believe that I will be retiring this month after almost 38 years at Rosemont in the library and 23 as Library Director. I'm so looking forward to no alarms in the morning and quilting/sewing whenever I want. I've been making a list of all that I want to do beginning with thoroughly cleaning my sewing studio. My quilt lists ... well, they go on forever but now I'll have the time. I hope this spring gives you inspiration to work on your quilts and your gardens. Now, I'll have more time to do both as well as seeing fellow quilters at times when in the past I had been working.

Until we **Zoom** again, Keep on quilting!

Cathy Fennell

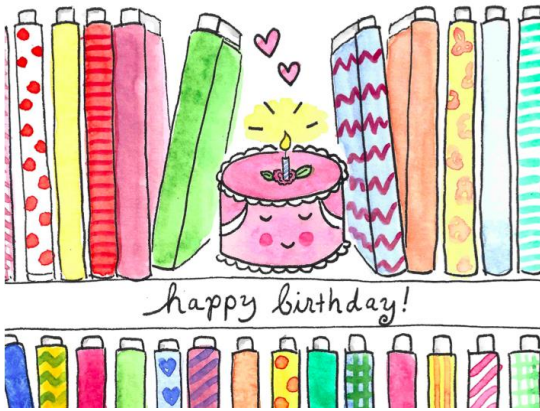
## May 18, 2021 **Zoom** Meeting

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.

## 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 hordes 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 [Redbirdquiltco.com](http://Redbirdquiltco.com)

Ruth Heslin



## **Birthdays**

### **May:**

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

### **June:**

- 4 Lisa Lombardo
- 5 Marebeth Conard
- 6 Sue Fisher
- 8 Nancy Hannum
- 10 Kathie Haney
- 16 Sharon Berry
- 16 Rita Mack
- 23 Joyce Stemple
- 25 Joanne Franklin
- 28 Donna Raymond
- 29 Linda Mitchell

"Follow your curiosity"  
by Elizabeth Gilbert.

Imagine where that will  
take you in your quilt  
journey.

## **Dog Days of Summer BOW WOW!**

Early each week we will send out the invitation and the link for that week's block. We will use a different source for each block, so you may find your new favorite quilt blog or YouTube channel. You are welcome to join the Saturday sessions and work on your own project to keep us company, too.

Make all the blocks, or just a couple. Save them up and make a sampler quilt, or finish them into pillows or mini quilts. Make all 8, plus the Hawaiian-style appliqué from June, and you can add some sashing and make a 3 block by 3 block sampler.

We will share a supply list in June that suggests enough fabric that if you make all the blocks you would have a common background to tie them all together. If you just want to try out some of the blocks, of course you could raid your scraps.

Since we are only making one block per week, we will aim for blocks that are not too easy. There might even be a Y-seam or two (Eek).

Dates, Saturdays: July 3, 10, 17, 31 and August 7, 14, 21, 28 (July 24 is the Comfort Quilts workshop)



Thanks to my fellow quilters for the cards, thoughts and prayers for my mother. Even though sewing was not her thing, she loved going to the quilt stores in the many cities we visited on our trips. Will not be the same travelling without her.

Laura Chaplar

## Meeting Minutes April 20, 2021

**WELCOME:** Cathy Fennell announced her retirement from Rosemont College. Her last day is May 18. Cathy welcomed members to the meeting.

**COMFORT QUILTS:** Maxine said 33 quilts were handed in this month for a total of 57 for the year. See Sandy Dounce, Linda Newpher, or Ann Palmer for kits.

**RETREATS:** Barbara Hughes was pleased 30 people participated. It was so much fun, the retreat was extended to Sunday.

**WORKSHOPS:** Jean Hayden listed several upcoming 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 is cancelled**, May 15 - UFO workshop, June 26 - Hawaiian Applique with Deb Graves, July-August - Summer Camp; Cathy and Deb are working on it, September 18 - the friendship tea with Jean Hayden and Dottie Doldash as hosts and Jacque Paltrineri demonstrating English paper piecing.

**PROGRAM** Ruth Heslin introduced Valerie Prideaux from Ontario, Canada. Valerie presented her tumbler block quilts.

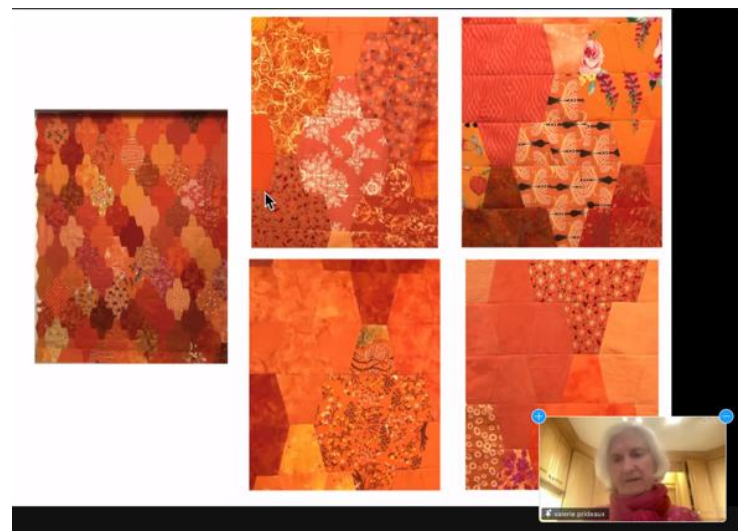
**UFO CHALLENGE:** The UFO number for May is #1.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Followed

**MAY MEETING** Our next meeting is May 18, the 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. Our board nominees will also introduce themselves.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Molly Lorenz



Valerie Prideaux at our April Zoom meeting showing some of the many tumbler block designs.

## Comfort Quilts

For the month of April 33 quilts were turned in making a total of 57 for the year!!! I made a trip to St. Christopher's and dropped quilts off. CHOP is no longer accepting quilts until further notice. We have purchased more of "The Big Stuff" to make stuffing the surgical dolls for St. Christopher's much easier. We also received a thank you note from St. Christopher's.

Maxine Close



Maxine's delivery of quilts to the Coatesville VA Medical Center was cited in their Voluntary Service Winter 2021 newsletter.

# Thank you!

Dear Mrs. Close,

On behalf of our patients, families and staff please accept our sincere thanks for the generous donation of medical play dolls, masks and handmade blankets for our patients at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

We appreciate the generosity and commitment members of your group put into making each handmade item. Please extend a special thank you to all those involved.

You have certainly made a difference during our patient's hospitalization.

Sincerely,  
Barbara A. Licio  
Director of Volunteer Services  
St. Christopher's Hospital for Children



## **Quilt Shows**

### **May 2021**

- **Road@Home May** - May 21-23, 2021. Road@Home May Conference will feature 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 16-19, 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, 100 Station Avenue, 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/>

The Quilt Show schedules for 2022 are being announced, checkout our [website](#) for info!

Cathy Radcliffe

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 VFHO.**

## **Cathy's UFO Challenge 2021 - April's Finally Finished Projects**

Please send a picture of your completed UFO to fennell@rosemont.edu. The number you should complete for the May zoom meeting is **1**.

Keep on quilting!

Cathy Fennell



Linda Jarosz



Sandra Dounce



Judy Snook



Ruth Heslin



Jacque Paltrineri



Meghan Heslin



Lisa Lombardo



Kathie Haney

## Workshops

### **Real Quilters Sew Curves** with Denise Martin from Seamless Sewing Arts

**Zoom** Sunday, May 16, 2021 **Cancelled - to be rescheduled at a later time.**

### **UFO Workshop**

Saturday, May 15, 2021

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

Take advantage of finishing some projects in the company of fellow quilters.

### **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.

### **Bees...Bees...Bees...Bees**

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



<b>Afternoon Bee</b> <b>2nd Tuesday</b> <b>12:30 – 3:30 p.m.</b> Coordinator – Jean Hayden	Fairview Church Bee, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, Pa. <u>Use main entrance</u> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month</b> <b>6:00-8:30</b> Sewing machines welcome. MASKS required.	<b>Northern Bee</b> <b>5th Tuesday</b> <b>6:30-9:30 p.m.</b> Coordinator – Barbara Hughes
May 11 – Jean Hayden June 8 - TBA	May 27 - Ruth Heslin	June 29 - TBA



## Recap of Virtual Spring Retreat

The retreaters had a good time sewing and chatting together for four days. Although the virtual retreat was originally scheduled for Thursday through Saturday there was interest in extending through Sunday and so we added an additional day. However, in person the first and last days would not have been whole days so this was really a good bit longer than usual retreats. Did anyone else wake up on Monday morning a little disappointed that we wouldn't be gathering that day?

About 30 members participated. Some were there for most of the time and some just dropped in briefly and everywhere in between. We saw members who have been at most of our meetings and some we have seldom seen at Zoom meetings which was really nice. We solved sewing machine problems for each other, helped to pick borders, solved problems related to barely enough fabric and developed projects for sharing in other forums. And of course, we worked on making a wide variety of projects--comfort quilts, pillows, scrappy quilts, UFOs, BOMs, you name it.

Friday evening we played three rounds of Quilto (like Bingo but with quilt related terms in the boxes). Lots of prizes were awarded. There was a two-way tie for first place in the first round and a four-way tie in the second round. The last round had only one winner. Prizes will be in the mail. Thanks so much to Sue Fisher for setting us up with cards and being the caller. M&Ms seemed to be the most popular thing to use to cover the squares. I wonder why? Also, thanks to Cathy Fennel for handling the prizes.

This was our second and hopefully last virtual spring retreat. Reservation at Black Rock Retreat Center for 2022 is for March 31 to April 3.

**Barbara Hughes**  
Spring Retreat Coordinator

## Retreat on Zoom 2021

Thanks to the organizers of the retreat ... because I must say it was really neat.

I certainly had lots of fun...  
And I sure got lots of projects done.

Members were on Zoom from near and far...  
It was a perk not having to load our car.

I chatted, stitched, laughed and shared...  
Told stories and found the company of those who cared.

Won a Quilt-O game and a little prize...  
And couldn't believe how four days could fly.

So, thanks again to all who worked on this...  
Spring retreats... I don't ever want to miss.

Thanks,

**Mary Molettiere**



This is what I worked on during the 4-day retreat. Satin stitching each one! Still need finishing touches of course but even though it takes a lot of time I really like the look!

Mary Molettiere



# May

# 2021

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

Singer portable in domed wooden case (definitely not Featherweight!) circa 1940. Comes with card table size table with insert for flush sewing surface, accessory kit and manual. Traveled with my mother from Fort Monmouth, NJ to The Desert Training Center in CA in the early 1940's. Has been cleaned and tuned up at Hinkletown Sewing.

**Paula Pettijohn**  
484 351 8786

I have a Wilcox and Gibbs chain-stitch only treadle that needs a new home. No charge.

**Joan Markowitz**

## Member's Show and Tell

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Deb Graves



Charlene Hagerty - Made this with the 3" house template from Missouri Star. This was my weekend retreat project.



Elsa Scherper - Here are 2 baby quilts I just finished. The orange bordered one is for a friend's new granddaughter, the aqua one is for comfort quilts.



Judy Snook



Joan Gunder – Cosmetic / whatnot bags



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Judy Snook



Joan Gunder –  
Wedding bag



Laura Chaplar - Shadowbox quilt  
courtesy of Jean Hayden. She cut the  
butterfly blocks out of her fabrics.



Jacqui Santangelo - I just finished my Spring Mountains/ Spring Buzz quilt top which I did a Zoom Workshop with my Quilters by the Sea guild. Each month I receive a Subscription Box from Fat Quarter Shop. They sent a Moda Bella Solids Panel and 12 Fat Eighths with a pattern. It wasn't my cup of tea. And I wanted to use it and not get it lost in my stash. Pinterest to the rescue. I chose the Delectable Mountains and the Buzz Saw block patterns for options on using up your stash. On my quilt, the lower right bottom has the Spring Buzz Block and the rest is Spring Mountain.





Linda Jarosz - Purple comfort quilt and cowboy print comfort quilt



Laura Chaplar - This is a comfort quilt. It is the 3rd quilt made with a BOM Kim Girard had bought.



Laura Chaplar - This from the Brita Nelson workshop, all finished.



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Joan Gunder - The never-ending saga of catching up with last year's potholder of the month!



Joan Gunder - a reversible apron



Joan Gunder - Embroideries made into a pillow and tea towels



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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

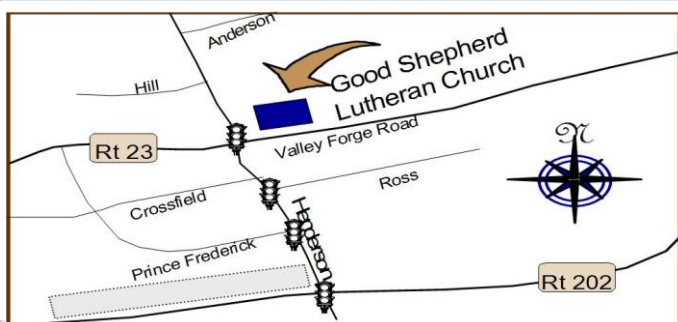
## ***Board of Directors***

President	Cathy Fennell
Vice President	Deb Graves
Treasurer	Linda Newpher
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Membership	Barbara Hughes
Programs	Ruth Heslin
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## ***Guild Committees and Resources***

50:50	Debbie Bianco
AccuQuilt Die Cutter	Chris Candello
Bees:	
Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Judy Snook
Northern	Barbara Hughes
Thurs Evening	Ruth Heslin
Challenge	Nancy Hannum
Comfort Quilts	Maxine Close
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Retreat/Spring	Barbara Hughes
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Sunshine	Joan Shaw
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Welcoming	Charlene Hagerty
Workshops	Jean Hayden
Zoom/Technology	Sue Fisher



## **Newsletter Submissions**

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