



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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October 2021

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President's Corner

It's FALL, y'all! I am looking forward to some cooler days, colorful leaves, and shuffling my feet in the dried leaves when I walk. I love that sound.

Perhaps the shapes and colors of fall leaves will inspire your next quilt. Or the cooler weather will encourage you to pick up your hand quilting or binding that was too warm to do in summer weather. Whatever it is, fall is a great time to sew. (OK, it is always a great time to sew.)

The Paint Chip Challenge quilts displayed at our September meeting were delightful. It is amazing to see the talent and creativity that our guild members display in their work. Not only did many of us work outside our comfort zones with "not my colors", but some palettes were low contrast that made the task especially challenging.

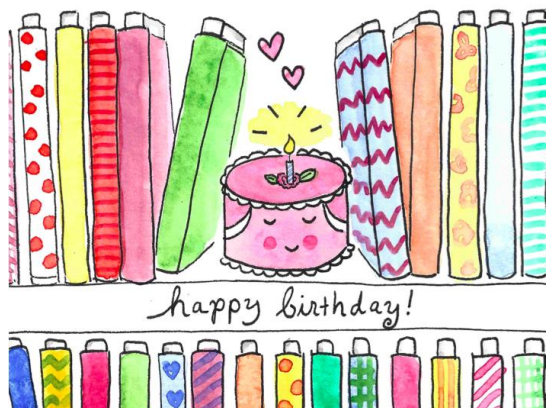
Sandy Dounce announced the new challenge "Picture This." Details will be in the newsletter and of course on our web page. There are so many ways to be creative with this challenge. If you haven't tried the challenge before, make this year's be your first. It is fun to try something new, and it is a small project, so if you don't love it, no big deal. Hmmm.... I wonder what I will do.

Until next time,
Deb Graves

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.

Karen Glasthal



Birthdays

October:

- 2 Mary Stefanelli
- 7 Dara Dinner
- 9 Joy Brown
- 11 Peggy Melachrinis
- 12 Chris Candello
- 18 Karen Glasthal
- 30 Christine Capece

November:

- 13 Sandy Darlington
- 19 Joan Markowitz
- 21 Sheila Brassington
- 29 Sharon Berry

Membership

We have two new members that joined our guild during our September meeting bringing our total membership to 97. I still need to collect dues (\$35) from 28 people - you can either mail them to me at 102 James Circle, East Norriton, PA 19403, or bring them to the October meeting. I will be distributing membership cards at the October meeting.

Connie Stevenson

Refreshments - October

Savory	Sweet Desserts	Beverage
Jean Corday Linda Jarosz Gail Forster Laura Ocker	Joan Shaw Barbara Hughes Becky Weiland Rita Mack	Charlene Hagerty Meghan Heslin Ruth Heslin Joanne Franklin

Comfort Quilts

The VA has asked if our guild would be interested in making Dignity Bibs for the Vets. At the guild meeting Tuesday night there was an interest in making them at a workshop. We will keep you posted when that happens.

It is really comforting to see so many quilts coming in. For the month of September there were 16 quilts turned in making a total of 133!! Thank you again for everyone's dedication

Maxine Close

Upcoming Programs

November 16 - Joan Radell of Buckle-
bee Bags will discuss *Sticks & Stones-
Sewing History, Tips and Tricks*. She
will have many quilting and sewing items
for sale including several new items.

Karen Glasthal

Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021

WELCOME: Deb welcomed everyone including those on Zoom. Kayleigh Graff is new to our area and joined the guild. (Read about our three new members in the newsletter.)

HELP NEEDED: The Refreshment Committee is seeking one more volunteer. A sign-up sheet for bringing refreshments was passed out for October and November. We are asking that food and drinks be prepackaged or individually wrapped at this time.

ONLINE CLASS OPPORTUNITY: The All Star Virtual Sampler Platter is returning October 2-3 from 3:00- 6:00 each day. The link is www.globalquiltconnection.com. All members can attend. It is a great opportunity to learn tips/skills in 15-minute blocks of time with various speakers.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Cathy Fennell asked members to bring book and pattern donations to the October and November meeting. We will hold a Holiday Book Sale during our December guild meeting. The funds will go to purchase new books for our library.

PRESENTATION: A Presidential Proclamation was made by Deb Graves to present two quilts to our outgoing president, Cathy Fennell, with gratitude for her service of two back-to-back terms. After receiving the quilts Cathy shared that her terms were very satisfying.

MEMBERSHIP: Our membership chair, Connie Stevenson, introduced herself. We currently have 97 members. 28 still owe dues. She will be sending an updated membership list soon that will contain her contact information with her address to send dues.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine Close announced eight comfort quilts were donated this month with a total of 117 for the year. The VA has asked if we would be interested in making shirt bibs. Members expressed great interest in doing that and perhaps making it into a workshop.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: • A Giant Fabric sale benefiting the 4H Creamery Crafters is this coming Thursday-Sunday. An email will be sent out with details.

- We had good raffle ticket sales at the Oaks Quilt Show last week.

WORKSHOPS: Cathy Fennell listed the workshops. The Friendship Tea for this Saturday is full. **October 23** will be the Accuquilt/UFO workshop with dies from the guild and members to be used. Signup was available at the meeting. There is a \$10 cost for the church fees. Look at the guild website to see available dies using our guild studio die cutter. Some of the member dies include bibs, bowl cozies, and Christmas themes. **November 20** will be a **Zoom** UFO. An Early Alert was given that our May workshop will require a background, something like the jelly roll race, so keep this in mind.

PROGRAM: During refreshment time, viewing and voting on the challenge quilts occurred. We were encouraged to practice safe masking and distancing. Karen Glasthal introduced the history of previous challenges and the paint chip challenge organized by Nancy Hannum. Sixteen members participated. The winners were first place, Mary Molettiere for her inspired cross quilt; second place, Joann Kirschenmann for her *Italian Village* from a Karen Eckmeier's *Happy Villages* workshop, and third place, Deb Graves for her sunset view of her cat looking at birds on a wire.

2022 CHALLENGE: Sandy Dounce announced the 2022 Challenge, "Picture this". Details will be available in the newsletter and on the website.

UFO CHALLENGE: The UFO challenge winner was Ruth Heslin. The UFO number for October is 2.

50/50: Won by Lisa Steuer.

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Meeting Minutes, continued

OCTOBER MEETING: Gail Kessler of Ladyfingers Sewing Studio. Gail 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 also bring quilting items to sell.

Show and Tell followed being sure to show each show and tell to the Zoomers.
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Ocker

New Members



JEN FILLMAN

Jen attended one of our meeting years ago. With an internet search, she found us again. Jen began sewing at the age of 8. Her grandmother let Jen use her old sewing machine and helped Jen at the age of 10 to make a quilt for her baby sister. Her great aunt made quilts out of whatever fabric she could find to make quilts for the less fortunate in Coal County/Potter County, Pennsylvania. 2013 began Jen's real passion for quilting and so far she has made 400 quilts. She likes intricate designs like bargello, pineapple blocks, and the double wedding ring pattern. Once upon a time she hand quilted quilts for her kids. Jen also likes to garden, hike, camp, and attend her daughter's soft ball games. She is a BSA/AML Analyst. Basically, she works to catch fraud and money laundering attempts for a credit union.

KAYLEIGH GRAFF

A google search brought Kayleigh to our guild. Kayleigh's grandmother taught her to quilt when she was 12 years old. She taught some English paper piecing and then Kayleigh found a full-size quilt in a magazine she wanted to make for her mom. Her first quilt won Judge's Choice at the Keystone Quilters quilt show! Now she mainly makes quilts for her two kids, friends' babies, and Project Linus. If Kayleigh had to choose a favorite type of quilt to make, she would probably choose paper piecing. She enjoys listening to music, cooking, and gardening.

BARBARA SNYDER

Barbara found us at the Oaks Quilt Show. Many thanks to the members who encouraged Barbara to join our guild. She made a t-shirt quilt for her daughter before she went to college and was hooked. She has been quilting for ten years. Barbara follows many of the patterns from Missouri Star Quilt Company. She is a retired nurse.

Paint Chip Challenge

There were 16 colorful entries and everyone's was unique. They covered a wide range of techniques and styles from traditionally pieced, paper-pieced, applique, landscape, modern and even included a 3D candle mat. After votes were tabulated the three favorites were made by Mary Molettiere, Joann Kirchenmann and Deb Graves.



First Place – Mary Molettiere

2022 'Picture This' Challenge



The goal of this challenge is to use a photo as an inspiration for a quilted item. Use a photo of your own or one from a magazine or website. Include the photo in your challenge submission.

Follow these rules to make a quilt or quilted object.

1. The item you create may use any quilting techniques, fabrics, and embellishments.
2. It can be a quilt, clothing, or any other quilted item.
3. If you make a quilt, it should be between 16 inches to 30 inches on any side.
4. Table runners can be more than 30" long.
5. Your creation should be made between October 2021 and September 2022
6. One entry per person will be accepted.
7. Completed quilts will be displayed and voted on at the September 2022 meeting.
8. All questions regarding this challenge should be directed to Sandy Dounce.



Second Place - Joann Kirchenmann



Third Place – Deb Graves

Paint Chip Challenge Entries



Babette Sutherland



Jean Hayden



Carol Olinick



Sheila Brassington



Joan Shaw



Jacque Paltrinieri



Joanne Franklin



Debbie Bianco



Cathy Fennell



Molly Lorenz



Barbara Hughes



Gail Forster



Linda Jarosz

Quilt Shows

October 2021

International Quilt Festival Houston - October 28-31, 2021. Quilts, INC. produces this show at [George R. Brown Convention Center](https://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/quilt-festival-houston/) at 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, Texas. For more info visit <https://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/quilt-festival-houston/>.

November 2021

Postponed until 2022 14th Annual Exhibition of Quilts - November 11-12, 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/>.

Cancelled Quilt & Sewing Fest of New Jersey - November 17-20, 2021. Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the [New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center](http://www.quiltfest.com/), 97 Sunfield Ave, Edison, NJ. For more info visit <http://www.quiltfest.com/>.

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

Cathy Radcliffe

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	4th Thursday of the month 6:00-8:30 Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, Pa. Machines welcome. MASKS required. Coordinator – Ruth Heslin	Northern Bee 5th Tuesday 6:30-9:30 p.m. Coordinator – Barbara Hughes
October 12 Jean Hayden November 9 TBA	October 28 Ruth Heslin <u>Use main entrance</u>	November 30 TBA



- **Refreshments Committee Member:** The refreshments committee is looking for another member to help set up snack tables at our regular meetings, and pick up after the meeting.

To apply for this job please talk to, text, or e-mail any board member.

Library

Our library is open for business again! Next month take a few minutes and maybe you'll find a book to check out for a month. In addition to quilting books there are rulers that can be borrowed.

If you learn about a book you think would be a great addition to the library, let me know and I'll purchase it. If you would like to donate a book and the publication date is within the last 5 years, please look for me at our next meeting. I'll add your book to our system and it will be available for our members to enjoy.

Ruth Heslin

Quilt Book/Pattern Sale

The Guild will hold a quilt book/pattern sale at the December meeting. But we need your help. Please consider going through your quilt books and quilt patterns and donate those that you no longer are using to the guild. You can bring the quilt books/patterns to either the October or November Guild meeting. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Guild library to purchase new books. Any questions, please contact Cathy Fennell. Thanks in advance for your donations.

Cathy Fennell

Workshops

Accuquilt Workshop

with Cathy Fennell, Judy Snook & Maxine Close

Saturday, October 23

Time: 9:30-4:00

Location: Good Shepherd

Lutheran Church, King of Prussia

Cost: \$10

Please bring your own lunch.

More information on how you can participate to follow.

Cathy's UFO Challenge

Please bring your completed UFO to the October meeting. The number you should complete for the October meeting is 2. Keep on quilting!

Cathy Fennell

Presentation of President's Thank You Quilts

Quilt label reads: The members of Valley Forge Homestead Quilters present this sunflower quilt with love and gratitude to Cathy Fennel to recognize and celebrate your four years tenure as President. Cathy, thank you for leading us with grace and skill through two terms, even handling our social group and keeping us active and together while apart through a pandemic that was never in the job description.



I was perplexed trying to think how to make a group participation secret President's thank you quilt when we were only getting together by Zoom. How on earth could I secretly exchange fabric pieces with 90 people? Knowing Cathy loves sunflowers, I started to sketch sunflower designs, and other board members supported me and helped me improve the design, select fabrics, create mailing labels, embroider the vase, and cut the petals. Judy Sneak (I mean Snook) came up with a ruse to borrow Cathy's Dresden plate die to cut the fusible flower petals!

I had my fingers crossed that the postal service could get the petals to our members and back to me in a reasonable amount of time. That was the slowest part of the project as I checked the mail every day and counted the envelopes.

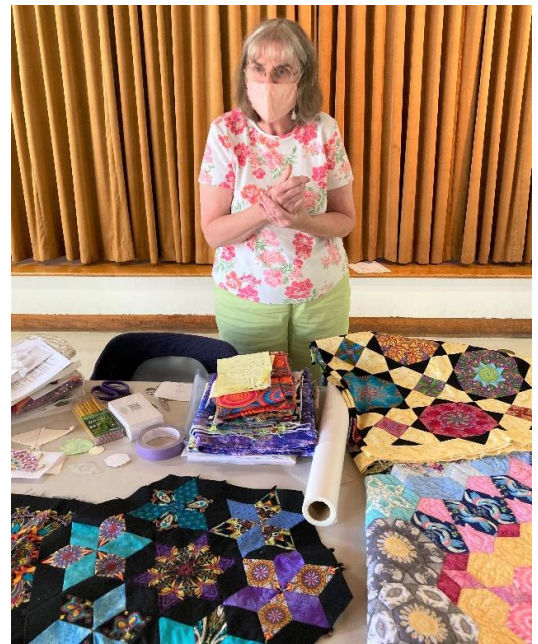
Cathy Fennell certainly knew about the guild tradition of the President's quilt, but we still managed to surprise her with the two quilts for her two terms.

Deb Graves

Workshop - Friendship Tea

Saturday, September 25, was our Friendship Tea. It was so nice to be able to sew in person with some of our newer members. Jacque Paltrinieri offered a wonderful class on a new type of English Paper Piecing (EPP). A majority of the attendees participated in this hand sewing experience and several actually finished at least one "flower". We all brought our own lunch and distanced ourselves but we still enjoyed each other's company. Dottie Dolgash refereed the afternoon activity of a "half jelly roll" race. Several of us made these wonderful quilts but Charlene Hagerty showed her speed as she won the race. Dottie Dolgash and Jean Hayden are to be commended for a wonderful event.

Cathy Fennell



Jacque Paltrinieri taught English paper piecing



Ready, set, go!



Jelly Roll Race Winners – Dottie, Karen, Cathy, Ruth and Charlene



October

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Zoom Afternoon Bee	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 IN PERSON Guild Meeting Gail Kessler	20	21	22	23 Accuquilt Workshop In person
24	25	26	27	28 Thursday Evening Bee	29	30
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Jacqui Santangelo -
Flower Show fat quarters
using Villa Rosa Ebb Tide
Pattern and Urban Elementz
Ebb and Flow Pantograph.

Member Show and Tell

October 2021



Rosemary Geisler



Jacqui Santangelo finished her summer camp quilt taught by Deb Graves

Peggy Melachrinou participated in a Ricky Tims online project for this striking piece.



Becky Weiland showed her wall hanging that won a blue ribbon at the recent Mancuso show in Oaks.



Charlene Hargerty



Laura Ocker



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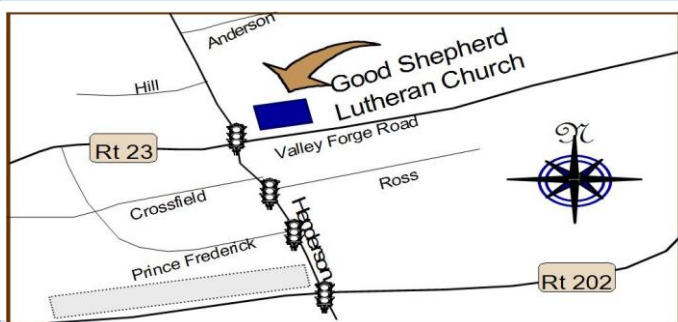
Monthly Guild Meetings are held
on the **Third** Tuesday of every
month at 7 P.M. at the
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
in King of Prussia, PA

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50:50	Debbie Bianco
AccuQuilt Die Cutter	Open
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Afternoon	Jean Hayden
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Send to: Judy Snook
Information for the next newsletter
must be received by the 25th of the
month.