



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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March 2022

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President's Corner

The weather and the temperature seem to be all over the place lately, but the hours of daylight are increasing and the crocuses are starting to bloom so we know that spring is coming. Here are some of the things I am looking forward to this spring:

- guild meetings in person
- pink flowering trees,
- a variety of guild workshops.

Our **March** meeting will be **Zoom**-only, but for April we plan to gather together at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

March is the "please don't touch the quilts" quilts workshop. I have been seeing lots of ideas flying around for this, so we should make a lot of cute quilts for our upcoming show. This workshop is free so please sign up and help out.

April is the barn quilts workshop. This is painting, not sewing, and you should complete the project at the workshop, meaning no homework.

Speaking of our quilt show, do you have the dates on your calendar? It is October 21 and 22. Finish up those quilts to exhibit, and think about items you might want to sell at the boutique. Stay tuned for opportunities to hang out with guild members and support our club.

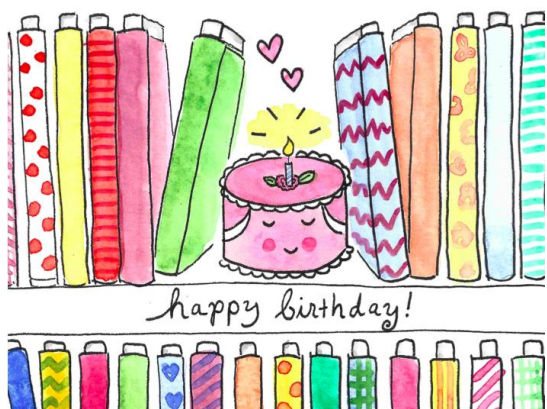
There is still time to make your 'House-#1' blocks for the Village Green block-of-the-month quilt. If you need the pattern, you can get the link on our website (<http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Pro-BlockOfMonth-Pg.html>).

Until next time,
Deb Graves

March 15, 2022 Zoom Meeting

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Karen Glasthal



Birthdays

March:

- 4 Lou Chandler
- 13 Gail Forster
- 15 Lisa Steuer
- 18 Cathy Fennell
- 19 Joan Hagerman
- 29 Miriam Bermudez
- 30 Gale White

April:

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

Upcoming Programs

April 19th - We are in person this month! Yay! 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. See you at the church.

We will also view and vote on our 'Don't Touch the Quilts' challenge

Comfort Quilts

The number of quilts given for the month of February is 52!!

The next pickup/drop-off of quilts will be on Friday, March 11 at 11:00 a.m.. We will meet at Little Sicily Pizza, 26 Crooked Lane, King of Prussia, PA. After we are done with lunch, we will go to Steve's to shop. Please let me know if you need supplies.

Maxine Close



St. Christopher's accepting the quilts, surgical dolls and masks made by Valley Forge members.

Meeting Minutes February 15, 2022

WELCOME: Deb Graves opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Connie introduced our new member, Carolee Rounsaville, who shared her quilting history.

Deb explained how to “pin” someone on a **Zoom** meeting thanks to instruction by Erin Wolfgang.

COMFORT QUILTS Maxine told us that she has been given 52 charity quilts for this year. She set a meet for a lunch date in King of Prussia for March 11th with a trip to Steve’s Sewing afterwards. Check out the upcoming newsletter for details.

WORKSHOPS: The Mystery Quilt Workshop is sold out.

Linda Hamel presented the need for signs saying Do Not Touch for the October Quilt Show. Seven people are signed up so far but she is hoping for more to make at least 30 signs. The workshop is on March 19. The idea is to have fun and go crazy with creativity. No need to fret about designs because she and Judy will have over 35 examples, some templates, and other supplies. She shared what to bring. Times might change for the workshop. Look for more information later.

QUILT SHOW: Deb reminded us that the Quilt Show is October 21-22 and that we want to begin preparing for it. Two categories of needs were presented.

- For the Mini Quilt Raffle, Ruth Heslin showed us some examples of mini quilts for the raffle. She needs 1-2 more people for that committee, 30 members to make mini quilts, and members to sell raffle tickets during the show on Friday and Saturday. The quilts are to be 16×20 inches and include a sleeve. You could use this as an all-in-one quilt for the Challenge, Broderie Perse and a donation.

- Molly Lorenz introduced the Boutique. They need members to consign items they price themselves. The Guild receives 10%. They are looking for new things, not outdated, that people would want to buy perhaps for fall or Christmas. We hope to make items for donations at a future meeting.

BEES: Deb spoke about the new **Zoom** events added to our meetings and encouraged members to check the newsletter and weekly emails for dates of our Bees and Sew-Alongs. There was good attendance at the new First Tuesday Evening Bee and First Saturday Sew-Along.

PROGRAM: Joan Shaw introduced our guest who is her sister, Liz Dicrescenzo. Liz and fellow guild members, Joyce and Heather, spoke about how their quilt guild made the blocks and created a barn quilt trail for their community in Canada. Their Guild is the Chatham-Kent Quilters Guild. They made a trail of 30 eight foot square quilt blocks along the Thames River. Their Facebook page is Thames River Barn Quilt Trail. They published a book called the *Thames River Quilt Barn Quilt Trail Book*. The trail they made was part of a larger trail along the river. See www.barnquilttrails.ca

SHOW AND TELL: Members shared their Show and Tell projects through power point photos.

MARCH MEETING: Our next meeting is March 15, 2022. 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.

Respectfully submitted

Laura Ocker



Welcome Carolee Rounsaville

Carolee heard about us through Jean Hayden at Good Shepherd. (Jean must be our membership recruiter! How many members have joined our guild because of Jean!) Carolee has been sewing since she was eight years old. For 30 years she had her own business doing interior drapery and window treatments. She has made several quilts for family and friends and now is focusing more on table toppers and runners along with gift items. Carolee placed at the Oaks show three times! Now that she is retired, she is looking forward to having time to quilt plus making crafts and cards with her Scan-n-Cut. She also enjoys music, dancing, and playing her ukulele.

Guild Challenge 2022

It's time to think about the "Picture This" Challenge due in September. Be sure to **Zoom** our March meeting to get some great ideas from our speaker.

Also, sign up for the multi-guild "Light" challenge. You received an email about it in late February. Talk to Sandy Dounce for more information. They are still allowing people to sign up for it. Quilts will be collected in September, just in time for the "picture this" challenge.

Sandy Dounce

Quilt Shows

March

AQS Quilt Week - March 23-26, 2022. Presented by AQS at the [Branson Convention Center](https://www.bransonconventioncenter.com/), 200 Sycamore Street, Branson, MO. For more info visit <https://www.quiltweek.com/>.

Lancaster Quilt Show - March 23-26, 2022. Many vendors at the [DoubleTree Valley Resort](https://www.thelancasterquiltshow.com/), 2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA. Now offering classes too. For more info visit <https://www.thelancasterquiltshow.com/>.

Art Quilt Elements 2022 - March 27 – April 20, 2022. At the Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave, Wayne, PA. For more info visit <http://artquilelements.org/>.

April

2022 Relief Sale – April 1-2, 2022. 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 man-made and natural disasters. At the [Farm Show Complex](http://www.pareliefsale.org/), Harrisburg, PA. For more info visit <http://www.pareliefsale.org/>.

AQS Quilt Week - April 27 - 30, 2022. Presented by AQS at the [Schroeder Expo Center](https://www.quiltweek.com/), 415 Park Street, Paducah, KY. For more info visit <https://www.quiltweek.com/>.

Quiltfest Greenville, SC - April 28-30, 2022. Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the [Greenville Convention Center](https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-greenville-sc/), Greenville, South Carolina. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-greenville-sc/>.

With so many changes to quilt show dates and locations it is difficult to keep this list up to date. As of Monday, 2/21, the above quilt shows were scheduled.

Please let me know if you see any errors on the [Quilt Show web page](#).

Cathy Radcliffe



ANOTHER SUGGESTION FROM YOUR SEWING MACHINE REPAIR MAN

Often sewing machine repair people don't check your bobbin. Plastic ones can get nicked. Bobbins get scratched. Thread doesn't flow as easily with small imperfections. If this is happening to you, change the bobbin.

Workshops

March 2022

1st Saturday Sew Along -Zoom

Date: March 5.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Your home via Zoom

Project: One of your own choosing

***'Do Not Touch' Fabric Signs* with Linda Hamel and Judy Snook**

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2022

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Place: Judy Snook's house

Fee: Free

Fusible and batting will be provided

Methods of putting words on your quilt will be demonstrated.

There will be help with ideas and the making of the small quilts.

Please call or email Cathy Fennell to sign up for this workshop.

Wooden Barn Quilt Blocks with Gigi Procaro

Date: Saturday, April 23, 2022

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: \$15 (All materials included with the cost.)

Lunch: Please bring your own

Please call or email Cathy Fennell to sign up for this workshop.

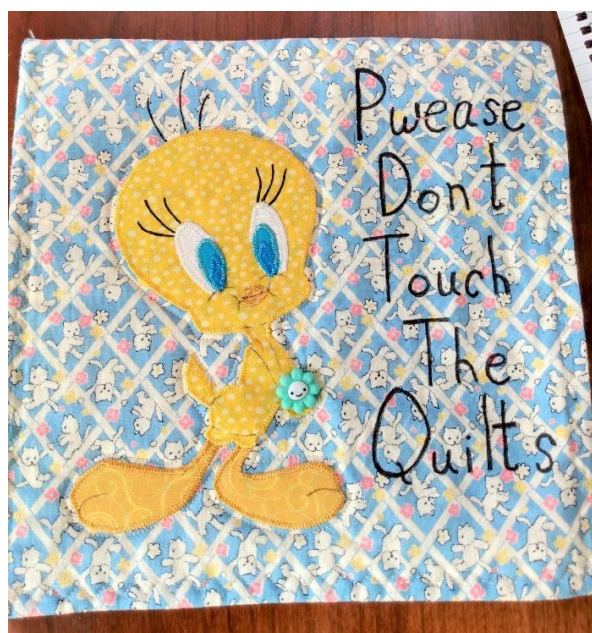
New Challenge

Our **Don't Touch the Quilts** has become a Challenge!

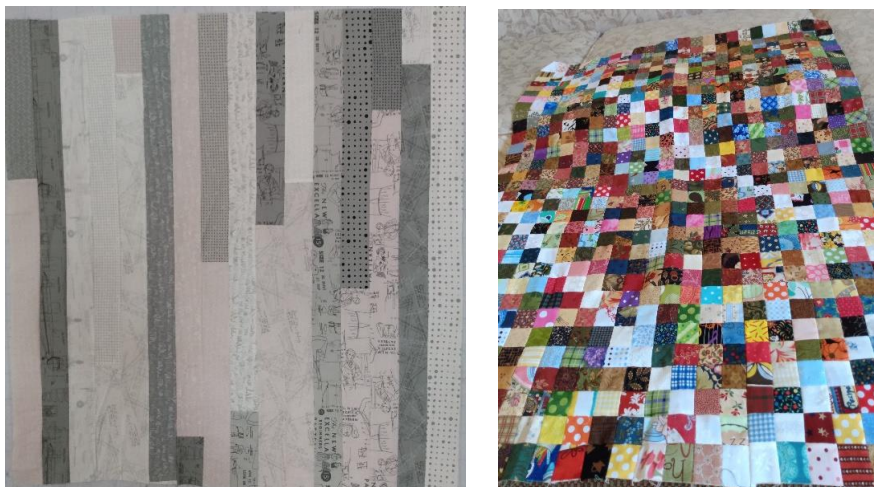
For all members, the challenge is to make a clever, friendly reminder for our quilt show guests not to touch the quilts in the form of an approximately 8 x 8 inch mini-quilt. This does not have to be an original design – look for inspiration online! You can use any technique you like. It can be bound or pillow cased. Please sign your name on the back of your quilt.

Bring your quilt(s) to the April meeting to be displayed and voted on. Prizes will be given in various categories. All quilts will be used in our quilt show and saved for future shows. You may enter more than one quilt.

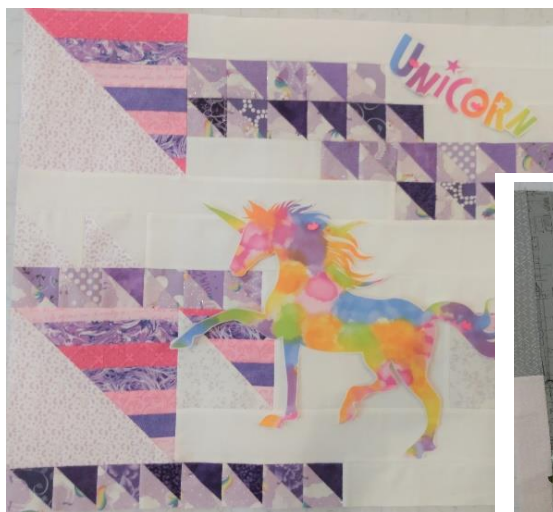
There will be a morning workshop at the home of Judy Snook on March 19th with Linda and Judy to learn how to letter, to fuse, to applique, and you can make a mini-quilt if you wish. See the newsletter for more information under Workshops.



May Broderie Perse Workshop with Cathy Fennell



Sample Backgrounds



Samples with Broderie Perse Applique



Our Quilt Show October 21 - 22, 2022

At our March meeting:

- Carol Olinick will talk about how you can help with Grandma's Attic.
- Rita Mack will let you know about our Unnamed Auction (previously called Chinese Auction). All members can be involved to help make our quilt show successful.
- Mini Quilts Raffle - We are asking members to consider making a mini quilt to donate this September for our show in October. Raffle tickets will be sold at a special display of these quilts. From recent personal experience (buying lots of tickets!) and talking with members from other guilds, this is a very successful fund raiser.

Requirements for mini quilts are 16"-18" width and 20"-24" length.

Include a sleeve, a label is optional.

There is no specific theme. Quilts must be finished, quilted, and bound. It can be pieced, appliquéd, modern or traditional. No cheater cloth. These requirements will be repeated in the June newsletter. Quilts must be donated by our September meeting so a photograph can be taken to attach to the front of each numbered small gift bag holding tickets. There will be a sign-up sheet at our June meeting so we have an idea of how many mini quilts to expect.

Questions, contact Ruth Heslin

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

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



Evening Bee 1st Tuesday Zoom 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Coordinator – Deb Graves	Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday Zoom 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Coordinator – Jean Hayden	Thurs. Evening Bee 4th Thursday 6:00-8:30 p.m. Coordinator – Ruth Heslin	Northern Bee 5th Tuesday Zoom 6:30-9:30 p.m. Coordinator – Barbara Hughes
March 1 st	March 8 th TBA	March 24 th Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, PA Masks required	March 29 th TBA

March

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Zoom Evening Bee	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Zoom Afternoon Bee	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Zoom Guild Meeting Jane Haworth	16	17	18	19 In Person <i>Don't Touch the Quilts</i> Workshop
20	21	22	23	24 In Person Thursday Evening Bee	25	26
27	28	29 Zoom Northern Bee	30	31		



Connie Stevenson - The strips with multi-colored squares started as borders for a quilt - but then I didn't like that, so decided to turn them into a comfort quilt. I added strips of polka dot squares, but surrounded those with black - what a mistake! Luckily some bright yellow thread and a decorative stitch from my machine saved the day!



Meghan Heslin used a kit for this appliqued elephant quilted by Sandy Darlington.



Joan Shaw made placemats from the maple leaf kit given to her by her sister.



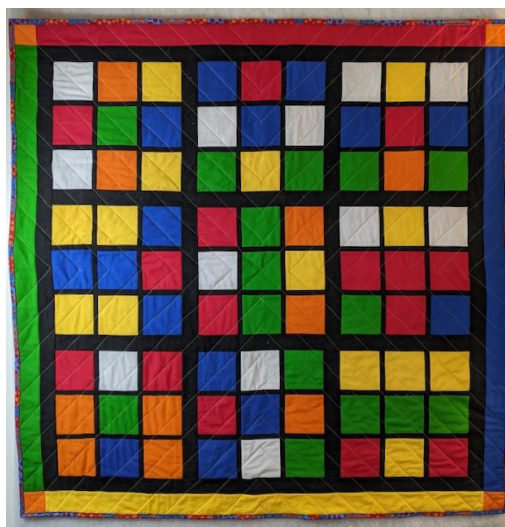
Jen Fillman finished up a friend's colorful quilt blocks for a comfort quilt.



Linda Jarosz made this as a comfort quilt.



Ruth Heslin completed this quilt originally seen displayed at the Quilted Crow quilt shop.



Rita Mack - Rubik quilt for her great nephew.

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Meghan Heslin made this quilt from her Dad's T-shirts.



Dawn Heefer finished this tablerunner, a belated Christmas gift, for her niece.



One of a pair of snowmen made by Linda Jarosz from a book purchased at the guild book sale.



Kate Sevensky made this adorable Gnome Place Like Home wallhanging.



Sandy Dounce



Laura Ocker is all ready for her new granddaughter with this baby quilt and Accuquilt bibs and burb cloths.





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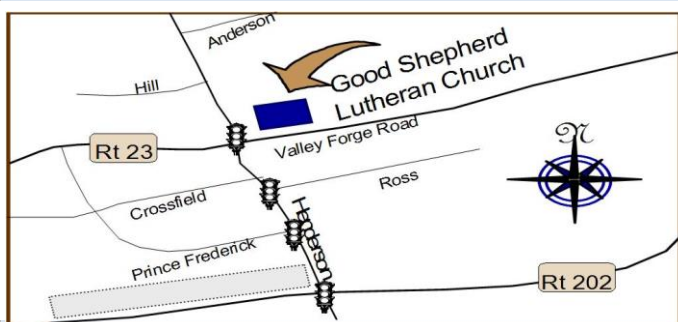
Monthly Guild Meetings are held
on the **Third** Tuesday of every
month at 7 P.M. at the
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
in King of Prussia, PA

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Information for the next newsletter
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