



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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April 2022

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President's Corner

Happy Spring! Sometimes when the weather is lovely and the flowers are blooming it just doesn't seem right to be in the house sewing. I want to go outside and take it all in. Sewing can wait till evening. Maybe.

Thank you members who attended the "please don't touch the quilts" workshop. And thank you to Linda Hamel and Judy Snook for hosting it at Judy's home. I have seen some of the quilts on Facebook and they are all really cute and clever.

If you haven't made one yet but couldn't attend the workshop, please consider making one now. Because they are so small they go very quickly. If you need ideas, check with Linda or Judy or Babette Sutherland. Babette is a fountain of clever phrases. Bring your little "do not touch" quilt to the April meeting to show everyone and vote for your favorite.

Did you watch any of the Global Quilt Connection All Star Sampler presentations? What did you like? If there was one you would really like to see at our guild as a program or workshop, please let Cathy Fennell (workshops) or Karen Glasthal (programs) know. Both of them appreciate hearing what YOU want to do.

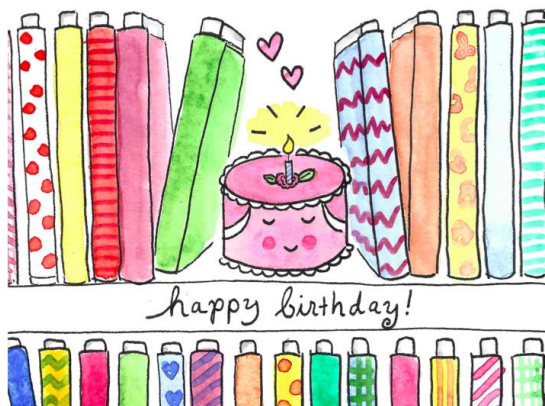
I am looking forward to seeing you IN PERSON at our April meeting.

Until next time,
Deb Graves

April 19, 2022 Meeting

Our speaker this month is Linda Martin-Mills. She has a fascinating tale to tell us of how she is known as The Reluctant Quilter. Join us at the church for a fun and interesting evening.

Karen Glasthal



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
- 14 Ruth Heslin
- 27 Linda Jarosz
- 31 Erin Wolfgang

Upcoming Programs

May 17 - Our **Zoom** meeting in May will be home-grown. Members of our guild will be showing and telling us about the much loved quilts of their families and the people who made them.

Special Note If you have a family quilt you would like to show and haven't contacted Karen Glasthal, please do so. There's always room for more.

Karen Glasthal

BOM Project

Block of the Month- April/May

Molly Lorenz



Refreshments - April

Savory	Sweet Desserts	Beverage
Ann Palmer Karen Glasthal Kayleigh Graff	Gail Forster Susan Gustafson	Charlene Hagerty - diet soda Sheila Brassington - water Donna Raymond - water

If there are 1-2 more people who want to bring a sweet snack, they can contact me at kirsdj@comcast.net.

Joann Kirschenmann

Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022

WELCOME: Deb Graves opened up the meeting welcoming members and guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Connie Stevenson introduced our new member, Carol Mellom, who met guild members at the senior center. Connie also introduced our guest, Colleen Cunningham.
- Deb announced that Good Shepherd Church is now mask optional for services so we are assuming that applies to our meetings. Though masks are optional, please feel free to wear one.
- Global Quilt Connection is this weekend Saturday/Sunday 3:00-6:00 p.m. or watch it for up to 24 hours. All members can attend for free.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine Close reported that 33 dolls and 12 quilts were donated this past month for a total of 64 quilts for the year. She hopes to plan a Saturday gathering for lunch and shopping at The Old Country Store.

RETREATS: Joan Gunder said that the June retreat is canceled. The fall retreat will be November 3-6 at the Amish View Inn. She will send out information in May with rates. Joan will also check to see who wants to go up the night before. Put the dates on your calendar.

WORKSHOPS: Cathy Fennell introduced the upcoming workshops.

- March 19 is the "Don't Touch the Quilts workshop. Judy Snook reminded us that the workshop is at her home and that you can just drop by to get ideas or work on the project. Linda Hamel and Judy have lots of ideas for you to use. Letters are easier to make than they first thought. If making yours at home, please bring them to the April meeting for the Challenge. We would like to have up to 40 signs, approximately 8x8 but close to that size is fine. You can see examples in the last few newsletters or search online.
- April 23 is the Barn Quilt Painting workshop. Photo examples were posted in the newsletter that were done on wood with paint. Supplies will be provided. We need at least 10 people to sign up. The workshop may be outside. You won't need to bring anything. Contact Cathy Fennell. The \$15 cost will be collected at a meeting or at workshop.
- May 21 is the Broderie Perse workshop led by Cathy Fennell. There is a \$10 fee for the church. You need to have your background made ahead of time. You won't need to bring your sewing machine. Cathy will send lots of information in advance when you sign up and plans to guide us with the whole process.
- June 18 is the Dignity Bibs workshop. Linda Mitchell encouraged all to participate. There are lots of different steps prepping the shirts that you could opt to help with if you don't want to sew. Linda asked previous participants to attend to help coach others. We have lots of shirts and need lots of help. The VA really liked the design. This is a wonderful way to serve the residents of the VA facility.

BEES: Please see the newsletter for information on our bees with 3-4 opportunities per month. Most of the bees are on **Zoom** with Thursday evening bee in person where you can bring your machine.

QUILT SHOW: Deb opened the conversation about the Quilt Show introducing two categories that need help.

- The Grandma's Attic is headed by Carol Olinick. Carol said our objective is to make money selling good quality quilt fabric and notions, current books and magazines. We can begin preparing our fabric

Meeting Minutes, continued

donations at least fat quarter size, tagged with size and price based on \$3/yd. Tie each fabric bundle with yarn. No storage is available so you will need to bring your items the week before the show.

- The "Fabulous gift basket auction" is headed by Rita Mack. Rita presented a variety of ways to help such as sending letters or emails to potential donors either sent from home or from a group gathering. Rita asked for suggestions for who to contact for donations and baskets. People are needed to prepare and wrap the baskets, to set up and tear down for show, and to contact winners. She is open to any ideas/suggestions/volunteers. Contact her via email or Guild Facebook page.

PROGRAM: Deb introduced our guest speaker, Jane Haworth, who was a presenter at a Global Quilt Connection event in the fall. Jane presented her background, photos, quilts made from photos, and methods of transforming photos into fabric collages and quilts. She primarily primarily uses raw edge applique, glue, and Pellon 830 as her foundation. Her website is www.janehaworth.com.

BOM: We saw slides of the small house blocks made by members for the Block of the Month project. The winner for the month was Linda Mitchell. The next BOM is the large house blocks. You can still join in. See newsletters on website for details.

SHOW AND TELL: The regular Show and Tell included quilts from the Mystery Quilt workshop and other lovely quilts and items. Lisa Lombardo shared about her donations to Quilts to the Rescue. Villa Rosa Designs were also topic of Q&A.

APRIL MEETING: Our next meeting is April 19 at Good Shepard Church. We are in person this month! 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. A Reminder - you can make these at home, quick and easy. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Ocker

ANOTHER SUGGESTION FROM YOUR SEWING MACHINE REPAIR MAN

Presser feet and the needle plate can cause problems. Plastic feet have a different pressure on the fabric that can create problems. The needle plate is like the bobbin – nicks can catch your fabric as you sew. Nicks and dings on the front of the plate? You might be sewing over pins. On the back of the plate? You might be pulling your fabric.



BOM Quilt Top completed by Molly Lorenz

Quilt Shows

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](#), 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](#), 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](#), Greenville, South Carolina. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-greenville-sc/>.

Penn Oaks Quilters Open House – April 30, 2022. Penn Oaks Quilters is hosting an open house at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 400 Lancaster Ave, Malvern, PA. Quilts will be on display and there will be live demonstrations. A large selection of items will be available for purchase. For more info visit <http://www.pennoaksquilters.org/>.

Quilt Show 2022 – April 30, 2022 (Rain date: May 14, 2022). Presented by County Line Quilters outdoors at the New Britain Baptist Church, 22 East Butler Ave. (Tamanend and Butler Avenues), New Britain, PA. Please enter the parking area from Woodland Drive. For more info visit <https://countylinequilters.org/>.

Check out [website](#) for upcoming local and regional shows.

Cathy Radcliffe

February's Mystery Quilt Workshop



Laura Chaplar



Judy Snook



Linda Jarosz

Workshops

April 2022

1st Saturday Sew Along -Zoom

Date: April 2

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Your home via Zoom

Project: One of your own choosing

Wooden Barn Quilt Blocks with Gigi Procario

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

Broderie Perse Workshop with Cathy Fennell

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2022

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

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: \$10

Lunch: Please bring your own

Please bring a completed background to the workshop. Supply list will be made available when you sign up.

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

Dignity Bib Workshop with Linda Mitchell

Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: Free

Lunch: Please bring your own

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



Comfort Quilts

We received 12 quilts and 33 dolls for the month of March making a total of 64 quilts and 33 dolls for the year. Since we are meeting in person at our next meeting, please let me know ahead of time if you are in need of any supplies. Meeting for lunch will be determined at a later date.

Thank you for everyone's support,

Maxine Close

Sharing two notes from grateful people.



February 24, 2022

Maxine Close
Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Dear Mrs. Close:

On behalf of our patients, families and staff please accept our sincere thanks for the generous donation of handmade blankets and masks for our patients at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. We appreciate the generosity and commitment members of your group put into making each quilt and mask. Please extend a special thank you to all those involved.

You have certainly made a difference during our patients' hospitalization.

Sincerely,
Christine Soder

Thank You

I want to thank you all for the hard work put into the quilt that was given to my husband during his hospice at Paoli Hospital. Kurt was a caring man with a 40 year career as a Respiratory Therapist. He graciously helped me care for my parents as well as the patients he cared for. He also liked to sew. He used an antique Singer, making kilts, bags, cushion covers and was working on a lined coat when he succumbed to cancer. Your beautiful gift really meant a lot to me during hospice.

Thank you,
Simone Martin



WELCOME NEW MEMBER, CAROL MELLOM

Carol found out about our guild from friends at the Senior Center. Team fabric was on sale at JoAnn's and that prompted Carol to make her first quilt, a Flyers quilt, for her grandson. She always thought quilts "were cool" and now she may be hooked. Carol made about fifteen "pandemic" quilts to add to the 20 or so quilts she has made. Carol likes to personalize her quilts for each person she gives a quilt to. She also likes to read and bake.

Carol is a retired Air Force Flight nurse. Their daughter and her family prompted her husband and Carol's move to Pennsylvania eleven years ago from Georgia.

Our Quilt Show October 21 - 22, 2022

A Quilt Show Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 23 by **Zoom**. Many questions were asked and information shared. We have a good idea of how the quilt show is going to be put together.

All members are encouraged and expected to be a part of the quilt show and much information will be given on ways you can be involved. The quilt show is in six months giving you time to make and choose three quilts to enter in the show. One can be a bed size quilt including large lap quilts. That is your first task.

Don't Touch the Quilts Challenge

Guests at our quilt show are encouraged to view of all our exhibited quilts, but the rules are "please no touching". In an effort to get this message across to our guests in a creative and humorous way, we have been asking members to make a small Do Not Touch mini-quilt. The quilts are generally 8 x 8" in size, but anything close is fine. We hope you are joining in the fun.

Please bring in all your Don't Touch quilts to the April meeting to be viewed and voted on. The Ten Best will be recognized and all will be cheered for. There will be a prize for participation.

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
April 5 th	April 12th Laura Chaplar, hostess May 10 th Nancy Hannum, hostess	April 28th Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, PA Masks required	August 30th TBA

April

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Zoom Saturday Sew Along
3	4	5 Zoom Evening Bee	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Zoom Afternoon Bee	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Guild Meeting Linda Martin- Mills	20	21	22	23 In Person Barn Quilt Workshop
24	25	26	27	28 Thursday Evening Bee	29	30 Spring Retreat



Laura Chaplar made these quilts for her neighbor's twins.



Deb Bianco made this for her aunt's 100th birthday.



Joan Gunder made this quilt for her sister.



Charlene Hagerty - Robin Pandolph Log Cabin



Jen Fillman



Joan Shaw

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Kate Sevensky finished her Brita Nelson workshop quilt



Charlene Hagerty made a February table runner



Joan Gunder - Pincushions



Erin Wolfgang



Meghan and Ruth Heslin each did a Bitty Churn Dash.



Molly Lorenz - Comfort Quilt



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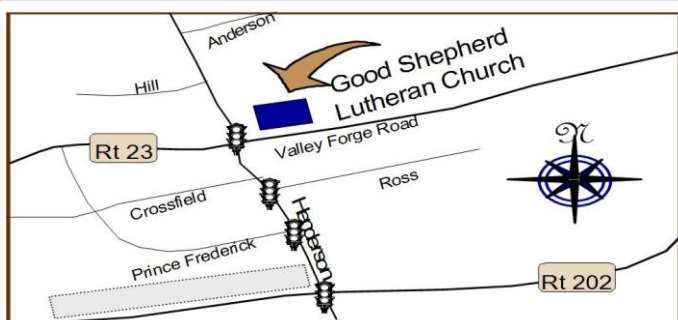
Monthly Guild Meetings are held
on the **Third** Tuesday of every
month at 7 P.M. at the
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
in King of Prussia, PA

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50:50	Debbie Bianco
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Afternoon	Jean Hayden
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Thurs Evening	Ruth Heslin
Block of the Month	Molly Lorenz
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Newsletter Submissions

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