



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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President's Corner

What is it with scraps? You put a few leftover pieces in a bin and the next thing you know the bin is overflowing. Kind of the like the Trouble with Tribbles, if you recall the 1967 Star Trek TV show episode.

I had been sorting my scraps into bags of different size ranges, but that doesn't seem very useful. Recently I was distracted by a scrap quilt video on YouTube and inspired to take my scraps on a road trip and cut them into 5-inch squares and 2 and half inch strips. (Don't tell my scraps but then I discarded many of the pieces that were smaller than that.)

I have a long way to go until everything is cut to those sizes, but when I finish, they will be so much more useable. The pattern I plan to make calls for 3 1/4 yards cut into 2 1/2 inch strips. How does my pile of scraps compare to yardage?

Science geek that I am, I weighed several new cuts of fabric of known lengths. The average came out to 5.3 ounces per yard. My pile of 2 1/2 inch strips is up to 7.4 ounces. The pattern needs around 17 ounces (plus some extra for seam allowances, I suppose), so I will keep on cutting.

Okay, a pound of scraps is roughly 3 yards of fabric. Who is brave enough to weigh her scrap bin? That is all "free" fabric, if you just figure out how to use it. Our library has books that might inspire you. Let's see what we can do.

Until next time,
Deb Graves

May 17, 2022 Zoom Meeting

Relax, have a cup of tea or a glass of wine and join our Zoom meeting. A few of our members will share pictures and stories of their family heirloom quilts. It should be a very interesting evening.

Karen Glasthal



Birthdays

May:

- 2 Beth Mancini
- 14 Ruth Heslin
- 27 Linda Jarosz
- 31 Erin Wolfgang

June:

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

Upcoming Programs

June 21 - Once you have enjoyed our annual potluck picnic dinner, you are going to be inspired to create some wonderful items for the quilt show boutique. This program is called Peek-a-Boutique.

Karen Glasthal

WELCOME

WELCOME NEW MEMBER, MARIE ROYDS

Marie heard about our guild from Laura Ocker and at the Oaks Craft Show. Marie's mom taught her how to sew. There were times of making clothes and crafts. As a single mother, she made her daughter's clothes.

Marie bought her first sewing machine at a pawnshop in Oklahoma! A visit to her stepdaughter in Delaware found Marie coming home with an embroidery machine. That was followed by a quilting retreat with said stepdaughter in Lancaster where she became really hooked. She also enjoys crafts, sewing, crocheting, a little knitting, and cooking (and eating).

Marie considers herself lucky to have found a wonderful husband and stepdaughter. Along with her daughter, two furry cats, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and assorted grand-pets, she feels very lucky to have been raised in a loving family and having such a lovely family in her life now.

ONE MORE SUGGESTION FROM YOUR SEWING MACHINE REPAIR MAN

Tension can be a big problem with your sewing machine. If it is too high or too low, there is a problem. Jumping from a tension setting of 2 to 9 to get the job done means there is a Big Problem. Make sure your sewing machine repairman makes sure the tension is just right.

Meeting Minutes - April 19, 2022

WELCOME: Deb welcomed the members present and the 12 members on Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our new member, Marie Royds, gave a brief background of her quilting journey.
- Deb reminded everyone to hand in their Do Not Touch Quilts, then explained that they were to be used for the Quilt Show, that we would vote for our top two favorites during the break, and the Top 10 would be announced during the meeting.
- Anyone willing to give up their extra block from the mystery quilt, please contact Laura Chaplar who will make a comfort quilt with them.
- Ruth took a quick survey of hands about how many people were planning to make mini quilts to donate for the Quilt Show with a good number responding. She informed us that they are due in September.

LIBRARY: Ruth Heslin presented the new books purchased this month. She announced that we have added 90 new books since September to the guild library. A suggestion was made that members submit reviews of new books after borrowing them to be included in newsletter or to post them on the Facebook page.

JUNE MEETING: Deb presented options for our June meeting which is traditionally our picnic and we voted on them. The majority voted to hold the potluck picnic, share tables but for members to wear masks and food service gloves while serving themselves food. She reminded us that you still have a choice not to come, to come later for the meeting, or to bring your own food. CDC recommendations at the time will be taken into consideration.

DOOR PRIZE: The door prize drawing winners were Lou Chandler and Carol Mellom.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine had one quilt donated this month for total of 65 for the year. She will probably have a Saturday meet-up in May. Maxine asked for anyone who has purchased Hobbs batting to donate the UPC codes from the packaging to enable her to purchase batting for the guild at a discount. She needs five before July.

RETREATS: The 2023 Spring Retreat dates were announced. The retreat will be from March 30 to April 2, 2023.

CHALLENGE: Sandy Dounce offered to help members print out pictures on fabric for the 2022 quilt challenge, **Picture This**. Contact her for a get-together.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops were presented by Cathy Fennell.

- April 23 Barn Quilts with Gigi Procaro
- May 21 Broderie Perse with Cathy Fennell. Cathy showed a variety of beautiful examples in different sizes.
- June 18 Dignity Bibs with Linda Mitchell
- July 23 Comfort Quilts with Maxine Close and Boot Camp demonstrating/helping members with new skills
- August UFO

Volunteers are needed to be the hostesses for the September Member Tea.

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Meeting Minutes, continued

WORKSHOPS, continued: If you have ideas for workshops, contact Cathy. One Block Wonder was suggested and then explained by a member.

BEES: (see the newsletter)

RAFFLE QUILT: Dawn Heefner made a video presentation of the raffle quilt which is an excellent promotion for ticket sales. It can be seen on the Facebook page and a link on our website.

QUILT SHOW:

- Rosemary Geisler is in charge of the Raffle Baskets for our quilt show. She asked for donations of NEW quilt shop quality fat quarters and NEW notions for the basket. You can bring them to meetings and give them to her or Deb.
- Steve will be donating an Accuquilt Go for a raffle product.
- Volunteers are needed in all areas and members are encouraged to contact Committee Chairs.
 - Boutique: Molly Lorenz and Joann Kirschenmann
 - Grandma's Attic: Carol Olnick
 - Chance Auction: Rita Mack and Joan Markowitz
 - Raffle Quilt: Cathy Fennell
 - Miniature Quilt Raffle: Ruth Heslin and Deb Bianco
 - Basket Raffle: Rosemary Geisler
 - Product Raffle: Lou Chandler
 - Comfort Quilt Exhibit: Maxine Close
 - Cafe/Bake Sale: Linda Mitchell
 - Quilt Appraisals: Dawn Heefner
 - Demos: Judy Snook
 - Viewers Choice: Susan Gustafson

PROGRAM: Karen Glasthal introduced our speaker, Linda Martin-Mills. She entertained us with her story of how she became the Reluctant Quilter and showed us a beautiful progression of her quilting skills and endeavors.

DO NOT TOUCH MINI-QUILTS: During the refreshment break members viewed and voted on their two favorite 'Do Not Touch' Quilts. Linda Hamel presented the top 11 Do Not Touch quilts. It was difficult to choose with about 60 submitted tonight for a total of 70. Gail Forster made 23!

SHOW AND TELL: Members presented beautiful quilts and projects at Show and Tell.

50/50: The 50/50 winner was Joann Kirschenmann.

MAY MEETING: Our next meeting will be May 17. It will be by **Zoom** due to facility conflicts. Members of our guild will be sharing the much-loved quilts of their families and the people who made them. If you want to participate, please contact Karen who will be collecting photos for the **Zoom** presentation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Ocker



Linda Martin-Mills



'DON'T TOUCH' MINI-QUILTS



Makers of the member favorites were Linda Hamel, Laura Ocker, Debbie Bianco, Joan Gunder, Elsa Scherphorn and Deb Graves.



Linda Hamel arranging the Don't Touch mini-quilts for display. The member response was amazing!

Quilt Shows

May

Spring into Quilting Bazar - May 6-7, 2022. Presented by Ladybug Quilt Guild at St. Philips Lutheran Church Social Hall, 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE. For more info visit <https://ladybugquiltguild.weebly.com/quilt-show.html>.

Sharing the Quilts XXXVII – May 15, 2022. Presented by Harvest Quilters of central New Jersey. Please join us for our annual Quilt Show, which has been moved outdoors. Details forthcoming on this page: <http://www.harvestquilters.com/quiltshow.htm>.

Garden Party Quilt Show – May 19-21, 2022. Presented by the Faithful Circle Quilters at the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, Md. For more info visit <https://faithfulcirclequilters.com/quilt-show-2022/>.

June

2022 Online Quilt Exhibit – June 3-5, 2022. Presented by Quilters Unlimited online at <https://quiltersunlimited.org/2022-quilt-exhibit/>.

A Quilter's Journey Then and Now – June 10-11, 2022. Presented by the York Quilters Guild at the York College of Pennsylvania, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center, 899 South Richland Ave, York, PA. Note that the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, District IV, invites you to its Flower Show, which is being held at the same time and location. There is one admission for both events. For more info visit <http://www.celebrationofquilts.com/>.

32nd Quilt and Fiber Arts Show - June 25-26, 2022. Presented at the Historic Cold Spring Village, Cape May, NJ. For more info visit <https://hcsv.org/quilt-fiber-arts-show/>.

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

Cathy Radcliffe

Workshops

1st Saturday Sew Along -Zoom

Date: May 7

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

Place: Your home via Zoom

Project: One of your own choosing

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

The number of quilts I picked up Tuesday night was 14 making a total of 79 for the year.

There has been a request to meet on a Saturday instead of during the week to collect quilts. I have chosen to go to Amos' Place for breakfast on Saturday, May 14. Amos' is behind the Old Country Store. I would like to know if you are planning on coming.

Hobbs Batting has a Charity Batting Program. Anyone using Hobbs batting, please save the UPC Codes for me. I need five UPC codes per roll. You can send them to me or bring them to the meeting.

Maxine Close



Comfort Quilt made by Joyce Stemple



May 2022

Spring Retreat



First we had our campfire and s'mores



Sue won the fat quarter round of Left, Right Center



April won the \$1 round



Group photo in the lobby by the big fireplace

Mary was working on appliqué on banners for her daughters



Barn Quilt Workshop



Kathie Haney



Cathy Fennell



Elsa Scherphorn



Becky Weiland



Our instructor, Gigi Procario, got to do one too!



Our Quilt Show is October 21 – 22, 2022

WORDS FROM OUR GRANDMA'S ATTIC COORDINATOR, CAROL OLINICK

Linda Martin-Mills, our April speaker, had an appropriate quote, "When you join a guild, you are an owner, not a renter." Our Grandma's Attic needs your help. It can be a very successful, lucrative part of the quilt show but it needs participation.

We are looking for fabric that is languishing in your stash but is still vibrant and usable. When you search, think about whether you would buy it or not. It would be very helpful to have it already measured and priced as we have no storage and will only have a day or two to organize it. When you fold it, make it small, but big enough to see the pattern. Then wrap it like a present with yarn, twine, etc. and put a tag on showing the amount such as 1 yard. If it is irregular, mark it like 22 X 38. Think of what you would like to know if you were buying it. Attach the tag and put it in a bag or box to bring in in September. Prices are \$3 a yard for cotton, fat quarters are \$1.

If you have questions, call me or email me. Carol Olinick, 610-287-8624. A goody bag or box from each member would be wonderful. We will also take yarn, quilting notions, batting, coordinating scraps that are packaged in sandwich baggies and marked \$1. Thanks for your help. Granny is hungry and wants to be filled.

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
May 3 rd	May 10 th Nancy Hannum, hostess June 13 th	May 26 th Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, PA Masks required	August 30 th

May

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Zoom Evening Bee	4	5	6	7 Zoom Saturday Sew Along
8	8	10 Zoom Afternoon Bee	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Zoom Guild Meeting Family Quilts	18	19	20	21 In Person Broderie Perse Workshop
22	23	24	25	26 Thursday Evening Bee	27	28
29	30	31				



Ann Palmer and Sue Fisher finished their Mystery quilts from the February workshop with Beth Mancini. Sue said hers includes a 'plot twist'.

April Show and Tell

May 2022



Linda made this with strips she 'sort of' won at Loose Threads Tea several years ago



Sue Gustafson repaired a coworker's old quilt with appliqué over the holes and it will be used for story time at their library.



Joyce Stemple



Another finish for Sue Gustafson.



Deb Graves



Barn Quilt Projects



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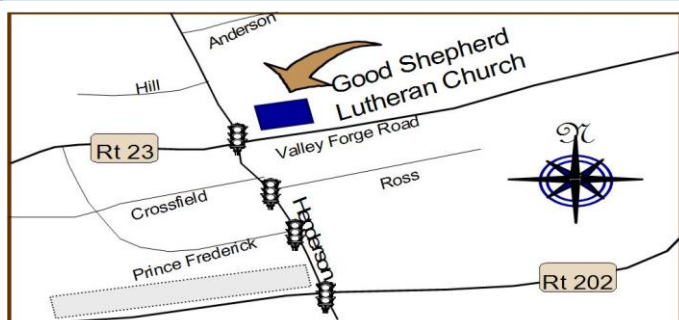
Monthly Guild Meetings are held
on the **Third** Tuesday of every
month at 7 P.M. at the
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
in King of Prussia, PA

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