

Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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August 2022

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President's Corner

Well, this is weird! I just found another tree frog in my house. I trapped him in a dish and took him outside like the last one. Maybe they are sneaking in get away from the heat? I know in the hot weather I would rather stay inside and sew than bask in the sun's rays. I recently had a great



day of air conditioned inside sewing at the Comfort Quilt workshop. About two dozen of us showed up to make donation quilts, stuff dolls, see demos, and have lunch. Thanks 'sew' much to Maxine and the comfort quilt committee for organizing the day and feeding us so well. Yes, there was cheesecake.

September is going to be busy with the challenge and quilt show preparations, so on these hot August days if you can find some air conditioning see if you can stay indoors to finish up your quilts for the show and fill out your entry forms. Remember the entry forms are due September 20, so you might be submitting a form before you even finish the quilt. That is OK.

Speaking of filling out the form before your quilt is finished, there is still plenty of time to start your 2022 *Picture This* challenge quilt. Find a picture that inspires you and create a quilt!

Until next time, Deb Graves



Membership Dues Are Due

Thank you to members that have recently paid their dues! If you don't want to have to remember to bring them to the August meeting, make it easy on yourself and send them to:

Connie Stevenson

102 James Circle

East Norriton, PA 19403

Connie Stevenson



<u>Birthdays</u>

August:

- 2 Marie Royds
- 7 Elsa Scherphorn
- 9 Marjorie Gavitt
- 13 Gina Arasin
- 19 Rose Warren
- 20 Linda Newpher
- 21 Linda Ulinski
- 30 Charlene Hagarty

September:

- 1 Meghan Heslin
- 2 Linda Hamel
- 5 Deb Graves
- 12 Cathy Radcliffe
- 15 Jacqui Santangelo
- 22 Jean Hayden
- 23 Barbara Snyder

I'm creative - you can't expect me to be neat too.

August 16, 2022 Meeting

Our speaker this month is Kathyrn Jenson White. She has a passion for ABC quilts. She spoke at the Oaks quilt show last September to great reviews. I'm looking forward to seeing her and her many, many ABC quilts. I hope 'A'll Be Ceeing' (sorry) you there too.

P.S. We will probably need a few tall quilt holders to help out that evening, please step forward.

September 20, 2022 Meeting

Our challenge quilts will be revealed.

Karen Glasthal



WELCOME LYNN TELSON

Lynn was introduced to our guild by Lisa Lombardo. In 1994 Lynn took a class to make a Trip Around the World pattern and has been sewing ever since. She likes to make quilts that are going to be used. She enjoys gardening and traveling. Lynn was an occupational therapist for over 20 years. Now she works at the YMCA.

<u> Refreshments - August</u>

Sweet	Savory	Beverage	
Maxine Close	Maxine Close	Ruth Heslin	
Esther Canning	Esther Canning	Meghan Heslin	
Gail Forster	Gail Forster	_	
Becky Weiland	Becky Weiland		
Ethel Hutchinson	Ethel Hutchinson		

Meeting Minutes - July 19, 2022

WELCOME: Deb Graves opened the meeting with a welcome to all. We began our meeting with the ice cream snack and social time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deb introduced our guest, Lynn Telson.

- She reminded everyone to put the date of our quilt show on our calendars, October 21 and 22.
- The sign-up sheet for refreshments for August was passed around.

DOOR PRIZES: Jen Fillman, Laura Ocker, and Sharon Berry won the door prizes.

MEMBERSHIP: It is time to pay your dues. Connie Stevenson has a table to receive your dues or you can mail it to her. You must pay your dues by the September meeting to register your quilts for the show.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine Close said 28 quilts were given last month for a total of 128 for the year. Linda Mitchell and Maxine went to the VA last week with the quilts and dignity bibs. They have asked for 48x56 quilts for the VA nursing home.

RETREATS: The November retreat is closed. The next retreat will be in spring, 2023.

WORKSHOPS: Cathy Fennell introduced the new comfort quilt pattern that can be used at the July 23 Comfort Quilts and Boot Camp. Other skills will be presented to enhance our comfort quilt techniques.

• There might be surprises during the August 20 UFO workshop on Zoom. It is a lot of fun and you are encouraged to join in

• September 24 will be the Secret Garden Friendship Tea to welcome new members. It is a time to finish quilts for the quilt show with games and prizes. Please bring a teacup. The theme is a flower garden. Please sign up to bring food.

BEES: See the newsletter for when the bees occur.

QUILT SHOW:

• Please send in your quilt show entry forms to Sue Fisher by email or print them out and send to her by mail. Sue would appreciate receiving the forms way before the September 20 deadline. Send all that you are considering entering; it is easy to delete an entry. The forms are on our web page.

• There will be quilt show meetings in August and September. Ruth Heslin is collecting mini quilts. Rosemary Geisler is collecting fat quarters and new notions. Molly has forms and tags for the boutique. Judy Snook presented volunteer categories and responsibilities. Volunteer shifts are for two people for two-hour times slots. The sign up for the volunteers will be coming soon. There are opportunities in registration, boutique, grandma's attic, snacks, chance auction, mini quilt raffle, other raffles, and white gloves. We need lots of help.

• A question was asked if there will be overnight security for Thursday and Friday nights. This will be discussed.

• We will have our raffle quilt in the Oaks Show Sept 15-18 which requires volunteers to sell raffle tickets all days and to white glove the quilt show quilts one day.

• Flyers for the quilt show are available to be distributed.

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Meeting Minutes, continued

PROGRAM: Karen Glasthal introduced our speaker, Kate Mulberger. Kate talked about Civil War Potholder Quilts. She told the history of quilting and potholder quilts. We learned that "potholder quilting" is a quilt- as –you- go technique that included binding the blocks and then stitching them together. Her blog has photos and videos <u>https://lyqs.blogspot.com/</u>. Kate graciously donated Pam Week's book on Civil War Quilts to the guild. She told us that Pam has written some articles in the AQS Magazine the past year or so.

50/50 DRAWING: The 50/50 drawing winner was Jen Fillman.

BOM: The tree blocks were to be done for the block of the month. Rita Mack won the drawing. Molly presented the block for the next two months, the star blocks.

SHOW AND TELL: Members presented their projects from past workshops, mini-quilts and their other quilts and projects.

AUGUST MEETING: The next meeting will be August 16 in person and Zoom. Kathryn Jenson White will be sharing her passion for ABC quilts. She has a talk and trunk show with over 60 quilts to show us.

The meeting was adjourned.



Respectfully submitted Laura Ocker

New design for comfort quilts using jelly roll size strips



Kate Mulberger

Kate's partially assembled Dear Jane Potholder style

Quilt Shows

September

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild Exhibit - September 2-24, 2022. At the Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center, 134 Main Street, WellIsboro, PA. For more info visit https://mountainlaurelguiltguild.blogspot.com/p/2020-exhibit.html.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - September 15-18, 2022. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most prominent quilting arts event in the Northeast all under one roof at the <u>Greater Philadelphia Expo Center</u>, Phoenixville, PA. For more info visit https://www.guiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-guilt-extravaganza/.

Quilts in the Mill – September 30 - October 2, 2022. Presented by the Courthouse Quilters Guild at Prallsville Mills, 33 Risler Street, Stockton, NJ. For more info go to http://www.courthousequilters.org/quilts-in-the-mill-show.html.

October

Quilts from the Heart of Berks – October 7-8, 2022. Presented by the Berks Quilters Guild at <u>Leesport</u> <u>Farmers Market</u>, 312 Gernant's Church Rd., Leesport, PA. For more info visit <u>https://www.berksquiltersquild.org/copy-of-quilt-show-2018</u>.

Berry Basket Quilt Show – October 8-9, 2022. Presented by Berry Basket Quilters at Kirby's Mill School, 151 Hartford Road,, Medford, NJ. For more info visit <u>https://berrybasketquilters.com/quilt-show</u>.

Quilt Fanfare - October 14-15, 2022. Presented by Keystone Quilters Guild at the Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA. For more info visit <u>https://www.keystonequilters.org/quilt-show</u>.

America Quilts - October 14-16, 2022. Presented by South Shore Stitchers Quilt Guild at the Upper Township Community Center, 1790 Route 50, Tuckahoe, NJ. For more info go to <u>http://www.southshorestitchers.com/</u>.

Valley Forge Quilt Show - October 21-22, 2022. Presented by Valley Forge Homestead Quilters at the Good Shepard Church, King of Prussia, PA. For more info visit our website at <u>http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Evt-QShow-Pg.html</u>.

Cathy Radcliffe

Shopping

4H Club Annual Giant Fabric Sale

September 22-25, 2022 at the Montgomery County 4-H Center, 1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA. Looking for GREAT bargains? Visit our Giant Fabric Sale with all kinds of fabrics, patterns, notions, needlecrafts, yarn, and assorted sewing supplies are priced to sell. In addition, many vintage fabrics and quilting supplies are available. For more info visit <u>https://montcopa4hcenter.org/event/giant-fabric-sale/</u>.

Tip: Shop Hops are listed on our website at http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Res-ShopHop-Pg.html

Shopping, continued

New Jersey Shop Hop 9/16 to 9/25

Mark your calendars - the Hop will begin on Friday, September 16th, and conclude on Sunday, September 25th. You'll have 10 full days to get to Jersey's best shops! For more information go to <u>https://www.facebook.com/NJShopHop</u>. The participating shops are:

- Acme Country Fabrics at 24-26 Newark Pompton Tpke, Pequannock, NJ 07440 973-696-1784
 http://www.acmecountryfabrics.com/
- Early Girl Quilts at 235 S White Horse Pike, Audubon, NJ 08106 856-617-6322 https://www.earlygirlquilts.com/
- Mouse Creek at 2212 Rt 9 South, Howell, NJ 07731 732-294-7858 <u>https://www.mousecreekquilts.com/</u>
- Old Spool Sewing at 617 Higgins Ave, Brielle, NJ 08730 908-308-2829 https://oldspoolnj.com/
- Pennington Quilt Works at 7 Tree Farm Rd., Suite 104, Pennington, NJ 08534 609-737-4321 <u>https://penningtonquilts.com/</u>
- The Pin Cushion at 657 N. Delsea Dr., Vineland, NJ 08360 856-692-5460 https://www.thepincushionfabrics.net/
- The Quilted Nest at 823 Haddon Ave, Collingswood, NJ 08108 856-858-3857 http://www.thequiltednest.com/
- Urban Sewciety at 361 South Avenue E, Suite 4 (2nd fl), Westfield, NJ 07090 908.232.0600 https://www.urbansewciety.com/

Eastern PA Shop Hop 10/28 to 11/12

Eastern PA Shop Hop 2022 in Berks, Carbon, Lycoming, Luzerne, and Monroe counties featuring "Practical Magic" by Edyta Sitar for Andover Fabrics. For more info go to <u>https://www.facebook.com/EasternPAShopHop/</u>. The participating shops are:

- Ladyfingers Sewing Studio at 6375 Oley Turnpike Road, Oley, PA 19547 610-689-0068 <u>http://www.ladyfingerssewing.com/</u>
- Pocono Sew & Vac at 567 Main Street, Stroudsburg, Pa 18360 570-421-4580
 <u>http://www.poconosewandvac.com/</u>
- Wooden Bridge Dry Goods at 195 Deysher Road, Kutztown, PA 19530 610-683-7159
- American Ribbon Fabric at 925 Ann Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 570-421-7470 http://www.americanribbon.com/
- The Quilted Crow at 413 Delaware Avenue, Palmerton, PA 18071 610-900-4700 <u>http://www.the-quiltedcrow.com/</u>
- 118 Fabrics & More at 1205 State Route 118, Sweet Valley, PA 18656 570-477-3166 <u>http://www.118fabrics.com/</u>
- In Stitches at 4017 Conrad Weiser Parkway, Womelsdorf, PA 19567 610-589-2625 http://www.institchesfabrics.com/
- Our Generations at 1307 Park Ave Studio 6-108, Williamsport, PA 17701 570-980-9958 https://www.facebook.com/Our-Generations-Quilt-Shop-116151525128453/
- Hoover's Bernina Sew at 2282 Beaver Rd, Mifflinburg, PA 17844 https://www.hooversberninasew.com/
- The Warm-Up Shop at 802 Green Ave, Williamsport, PA 17701 https://thewarmupshop.com/

Shopping, continued

Other Shop Hops

Here are some Shop Hops in other states. If you can't join the shop hop the lists may help you find shops in places you visit this summer.

- **Mystery Harvest Quilt Shop Hop** in OH, KY, and WV from 9/28 to 10/01. See the brochure at <u>https://media.rainpos.com/698/2022mysteryharvestFinal.pdf</u> or the FaceBook page at <u>https://www.facebook.com/mysteryharvest/</u>.
- **Ohio Amish Country Quilt Shop Hop** from 10/31 to 11/05. For more info go to <u>https://www.facebook.com/ACQSH/</u>.

Cathy Radcliffe

Book Review

Unconventional & Unexpected: American Quilts Below the Radar 1950-2000, 2nd ed. Roderick Kiracofe Schiffer Publishing 2022

A few months ago, I ordered this book through *Quiltfolk* magazine. I enjoy looking at and reading about quilts of all types so when I got an offer to get it, I jumped on it. This book is probably not for you if you wonder why anybody cares about the Gees Bend quilts. Many of the quilts pictured are similar with a haphazard appearance--No traditional, precisely pieced designs here. This is a coffee table type book with many pictures of quilts from Kiracofe's extensive collection. It is a series of essays illustrated by the quilt pictures. The writers are designers, curators, teachers, scholars and authors.

One of the essays gives a way of looking at and studying quilts of unknown origin. She has seven characteristics to evaluate: Color, Pattern, Unusual fabric or other material, Humor, Surprise, Unique vision and Intangibles. She defines intangibles by saying, "I don't know—it just speaks to me." I think these give a good way to look at any quilt even if you already know something about it.

One of the other essayists deals with the importance of the story of the quilt. The author is a museum curator and the quilts he loves best are the ones that have a full history. He wants to know the who, what, when, where and why of the quilts in his keeping. The message I got was how important it is to label our work. He also looks at the myth and facts about scrap quilts. While some quilt makers undoubtedly made scrap quilts due to the need for frugality many were (and are today) able to buy small pieces of fabric to make them. He says, "scrap quilts are often more virtue than necessity." For his personal evaluation and viewing of quits he is mainly interested if whether a quilt appeals to his personal aesthetic. He suggests we look for no other validation than it is beautiful to us as the viewer.

If you find these points interesting, I recommend you look for this book. I found it gave me a way to look at or study quilts that don't initially appeal to me and hopefully I can gain a greater appreciation of them.

Barbara Hughes

Comfort Quilts

For the month of July, we had four quilts and 23 dolls tuned in at the meeting on Tuesday night. There were 16 quilts and three dolls turned in at the workshop on July 23 making a total of 144 quilts and 61 dolls for the year!!!

Linda Mitchell and I went to the Coatesville VA and dropped off dignity bibs and quilts. There has been a request for quilts the size of 48 by 56 inches for the nursing home beds.

Thank you for spending your day with us working on quilts for charity. Thank you to the ladies that made our fantastic lunch!! It was great to see everyone in person.

Maxine Close



Linda Mitchell with VA representatives accepting the donated dignity bibs made at the June Workshop.

thank

July 4, 2022

To Who it May Concern

Many years ago, my husband came home from Valley Forge with a beautiful quilt. He said someone from your organization had given it to him. Of course, being the generous person he was, he wanted to pick out one that I would like. I'm assuming this act of kindness took place after one of his many infusions. I know we both felt so loved and cared for through this act of kindness. I always told him someday I would write to thank the wonderful people who did this, and I often ask God to bless you for caring!

My husband passed away over a year ago – he lived nearly 20 years with cancer, undergoing many clinical trials and treatments. We were so fortunate to have been married nearly 50 years! Those who knew him loved him for the wonderful godly person he was, and we are still grieving. God has provided for us and has taken care of us, while taking away his suffering and pain. We are grateful for God's many blessings – and you folks are certainly one of them!

I pray you can continue this wonderful ministry for others! Thank you! When I use the quilt, I remember you and your generosity! Many thanks! I'm sure you will never know the impact of what you do for others, but I know God will bless you!

Comfort Quilt Workshop Recipe

Laura Chaplar's Ham and Cheese Biscuits

1 ³⁄₄ c. flour
2 ¹⁄₂ t. baking powder
1 t. ground mustard
1⁄₂ c. ground cumin
2 eggs
1 c. buttermilk
2 c. diced fully cooked ham (Laura put her ham through her food processor to make pieces small)
2 c. (8 oz.) shredded cheddar, divided

In a large bowl, combine flour, baking powder, mustard, and cumin. In another bowl, beat eggs and buttermilk. Stir into dry ingredients until just moistened. Fold in ham and 1 ¼ c. cheese. Fill greased muffin cups 2/3 full. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake at 375* for 20-25 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pan to wire rack. Serve warm. Refrigerate leftovers. Makes 1 ½ dozen.



<u>Workshops</u>

1st Saturday Sew Along -Zoom

Date: August 6 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Place: Your home via Zoom Project: One of your own choosing

UFO Workshop to complete quilts for the 2022 Quilt Show Date: Saturday, August 20, 2022 Time: ZOOM Link 9:30 AM to 3 PM Place: Your home Fee: Free

Secret Garden Friendship Tea

with Charlene Hagerty and Cathy Fennell Date: Saturday, September 24, 2022 Time: 9:30 AM to 3 PM Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fee: Free Lunch: More info to follow

Comfort Quilt Workshop

August 2022



Maxine Close

There was a great turnout at the July comfort quilt workshop. Organized by chair Maxine Close, so much was accomplished that day by the more than two dozen members who cut, sewed, ironed, quilted and stuffed! Well done all!



Marcy Mancini



Joan Shaw



Jen Fillman



Marebeth Conard



Linda Newpher



Debbie Bianco



April Hostler

Charlene Hagerty



Carol Olinick



Linda Mitchell



Babbette Sutherland



Dawn Heefner

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

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



Evening Bee	Afternoon Bee	Thurs. Evening Bee	Northern Bee
1 st Tuesday Zoom	2nd Tuesday	4 th Thursday	5 th Tuesday Zoom
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	6:00-8:30 p.m.	6:30-9:30 p.m.
Coordinator –	Coordinator –	Coordinator –	Coordinator –
Deb Graves	Jean Hayden	Ruth Heslin	Barbara Hughes
August 2	August 9 Jean Hayden September 13 Laura Chaplar	August 25 Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, PA Masks required	August 30

Our Quilt Show is Around the Corner

REQUESTS FOR GRANDMA'S ATTIC

Carol Olinik's best advice when donating something is to ask yourself, "would I buy this at a sale?" Carol is looking for quality fabric, notions, yarn, patterns, current books, and magazines. (No older than 2015 or collectible like Eleanor Burns, etc.) Carol is looking mainly for quilt fabric but she will accept other fabrics that can be used in quilts such as wool, blends, flannel, silks and satins. Please measure and wrap each fabric like a present with yarn, etc. if possible.

• There will be a scrappers' corner with color coordinated baggies of fabric of a quarter yard are so. Please bring them to the August or September meeting for Carol to sort.

• If you have cut squares of fabric, mark the size and bag them together for Carol to work with.

• Contact Carol if you have large items to donate.

• Carol is looking for people to help at October meeting, on Thursday for set up, and of course, the days of the show.

• Carol and her crew will only have less than a day to arrange everything so the more you wrap and sort, the easier it will be.

Carol Olinick

CHANCE AUCTION REMINDER:

Have you been thinking about donating to the Chance Auction? Perhaps a single item or a whole basket worth of goodies? Here are some ideas: sewing notions, fabrics, batting, patterns. If you like to bake perhaps you like to donate a basket of assorted baked items. Other ideas include: gift certificates, movie tickets, stationary items, books (novels, cook books, quilting books), gardening supplies, hobby supplies (knitting, crochet, painting). We'd be happy to accept your items and/or ideas. Please remember all items should be new. Thanks again.

Rita Mack and Joan Markowitz



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Zoom Evening Bee	3	4	5	6 Zoom Saturday Sew Along
7	8	9 In person Afternoon Bee	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Guild Meeting Kathyrn Jenson White	17	18	19	20 Zoom UFO Workshop
21	22	23	24	25 Thursday Evening Bee	26	27
28	29	30 <mark>Zoom</mark> Northern Bee	31			



Gail Forester and Molly Lorenz made 'mini-quilts' for the Quilt Show Mini-Quilt Raffle. **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. Quilts must be donated by our September meeting. Questions? Ruth Heslin

July Show & Tell



August 2022



Karen Glasthal

Laura Ocker

Molly Lorenz's broderie perse projects





Linda Mitchell



Jen Fillman

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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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