



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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President's Corner

Well, I have completed my Spring cleaning! Of my sewing machine, that is. I was getting ready to take my "little" machine to a workshop, so I decided it was time for a little TLC. I changed out the needle, removed the bobbin case and hook, cleaned out all that lint, and even put a couple of drops of oil where the manual says I should.

Oh, but then to get it all back together...put the hook in, then try to get that other piece in that holds it in place, and rats, it all falls out. So, then I discovered a new trick. I laid the machine flat on its back. I could see exactly where to put everything. That piece that holds the hook in has a little nub that fits in a notch. It was so easy. And gravity was on my side. It all stayed put while I moved the holders back in place. Did you all already know this? If you didn't, now you do.

We are meeting by **Zoom** only this month because our regular meeting space will be in use for primary voting. If you don't vote by mail, please be sure to go before our meeting.

Until next time.

Deb Graves

May 16, 2023 Meeting

This is a **Zoom** only meeting. Our speaker will be internationally known quilter, teacher, author and designer Karen Combs. Her topic will be Quilts of Illusions. Please look at her website at www.karencombs.com. I'm looking forward to her presentation, put it on your calendar, May 16, 7pm.

Karen Glasthal





Birthdays

May:

- 2 Beth Mancini
- 14 Ruth Heslin
- 27 Linda Jarosz

June:

- 4 Lisa Lombardo
- 5 Mare Beth Conard
- 6 Sue Fisher
- 8 Nancy Hannum
- 10 Kathie Haney
- 15 Colleen Wortley
- 16 Sharon Berry
- 16 Rita Mack
- 23 Mindy Horrow
- 28 Donna Raymond
- 29 Linda Mitchell



Programs

June

I call this program 'Appli-pay it forward'. After our annual picnic dinner, we will gather in rotating groups to see 4 different methods of appliqué. Our members Linda Hamel, Jacque Paltrineri, Jen Fillman and Judy Snook have graciously agreed to demonstrate appliqué methods.

Now for the 'pay it forward' part: at each station you will receive the supplies to make a block using each method. Please try these methods at home and complete the blocks, then bring them back to club and we will use them to make charity quilts. It's a win-win for everyone.

Karen Glasthal



WELCOME PATTY TILLMAN

Vanessa Garst invited Patty to go on a retreat with her fifteen years ago and Patty was hooked on quilting. Recently Vanessa suggested she join our guild and we're glad she did.

Patty likes to try new things and has made paper pieced quilts, applique quilts, bags, wall hangings, and many more quilts. She also likes to garden and cook. Patty and her husband are antique collectors and have an antique business, *Things and Stuff*. And she is a new grandma!

Meeting Minutes - April 18, 2023

WELCOME: Deb Graves welcomed two new members, Patty Tillman and Denise Pokorny and those on **Zoom**.

CHALLENGE: Deb reminded members that the challenge is coming up in September and urged members to participate. Make a quilt no larger than 30" on a side. It must include the color pink, the theme of weather, and one of the following shapes – hexagon, pentagon, or octagon.

DOOR PRIZES: Door prizes were won by Joy Brown and Donna Raymond.

BLOCK of the MONTH: Participants for the 2023 Block of the Month Mystery revealed their April blocks. Beth Mancini explained the three-pin method for matching up points. She reminded members that she comes early to guild meeting by 6:15. If you have techniques you need help with, please contact her ahead of time with questions so that she can bring materials to demonstrate for you. Please TEXT Beth and not email her. The monthly drawing was won by Karen Glasthal.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Babette Sutherland, treasurer, gave the quarterly financial report.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine Close reported 28 quilts donated at our last meeting with 49 total for the year. Katie from Einstein said they would take any size crocheted baby blankets. Baby quilts should be at least 36 x 36 and will take larger.

WORKSHOPS: Please email Cathy Fennell to sign up for the May workshop or any questions. The upcoming workshops are:

- April 22 an in-person UFO with demos (free).
- May 20 (in person) will be a Painted Barn Quilt Block (with Gigi Procario). The cost is \$20
- June 24 we will be making Dignity Bibs (free). Linda Mitchell modeled the bibs we will make to donate to the Veterans Home. These bibs are in high demand, and we need everyone's help. We can use people to participate in many different ways. Please come for all or part of the day. Some can sew on their machines. Others are needed to use seam rippers, rotary cutters and rulers, or prep with scissors. There are many tasks that can be done besides sewing that speeds up the process.
- July 22 comfort quilt in person workshop with Maxine Close (free).

PROGRAM: Karen interviewed Ruth Heslin, our librarian. Her duties include shopping for books. She reduced the old, outdated books and replaced them. She did spend a lot of time in the beginning to cull and catalog books so that part is set up now. She added at least 115 books. Her favorite part of the job is seeing people borrow books. Donations of recent books are accepted.

Deb interviewed Karen, our program chair. Her duties are to schedule speakers for our meetings and to plan events. She searches the newsletters of local guilds, attends quilt shows and other research to find speakers. She has learned a lot and met a lot of people. She spends a couple of hours monthly for meetings and some more to find speakers.

Karen introduced Stella Singleton, our speaker. She is the owner of Needles and Bolts on German-town Ave in Mt Airy. She did a hands-on program for us demonstrating Sashiko and we followed along. She had a small practice kit for everyone that can be made into a coaster or pin cushion. She gave us the history of Sashiko and showed us a video of a master demonstrating the technique, one of a series on YouTube called "Sashiko Story."

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Meeting Minutes, continued

50/50 DRAWING: Kate Sevensky won the 50/50.

BEES: Special Note - Our April Thursday in person bee is moved to May 4th. The May Bee will meet on regular date, May 25.

SHOW AND TELL: Refreshments were followed by Show and Tell.

MAY MEETING: Our next guild meeting will be May 16, only by **Zoom**. Our speaker will be internationally known quilter, teacher, author, and designer Karen Combs. Her topic will be *Quilts of Illusions*. We will return to Good Shepherd in June for our annual potluck.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Ocker



Stella Singleton, on left, of *Needles and Bolts*.



Members working on their Sashiko projects.



Linda Mitchell modeling a Dignity Bib.

Quilt Shows

May

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #5 - May 10-13, 2023. Our fifth QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse will take place, ONLINE. Mancuso Show Management is no stranger to online quilting and textile arts seminars. We've learned that many students enjoy learning new and exciting techniques from the comfort of their homes. The great strength of this platform is that both instructors and students do not have any country borders or cultural barriers to their participation from around the world. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtual-schoolhouse-5/>.

Hopewell Valley Quilters Annual Pennington Day Show 2023 - May 20, 2023. Hopewell Valley Quilters invite you to visit their annual quilt show as part of Pennington Day at the Toll Gate Grammar School Cafeteria at 275 S Main St, Pennington, NJ. For more info visit <https://www.penningtonday.org/quilt-show>.

June

Trash to Treasure Sale – June 10, 2023. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA. For more info visit <https://mainlinequilters.org/trash-to-treasure-sale-6-10-23/>

Nature of Quilting - June 24-25, 2023. Presented by the Milford Valley Quilters Guild at the Delaware Valley High School, Rt 209, Milford. PA. For more info visit <https://www.milfordvalleyquiltersguild.org/>.

Quilt and Fiber Arts Show - June 24-25, 2023. Presented at the Historic Cold Spring Village, Cape May, NJ. For more info visit <https://hcsv.org/quilt-fiber-arts-show/>.

July

Kutztown Folk Festival – July 1-9, 2023. The Kutztown Folk Festival is proud to present America's largest quilt sale with over 2500 local handmade quilts on display and for sale! For more info visit <https://www.kutztownfestival.com/quilts>.

MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - July 13-16, 2023. The Mid-Appalachian Quilters gather each summer for a three-day quilting seminar at [Gettysburg College](#), 300 North Washington Street Gettysburg, PA. We offer a variety of classes presented by some of the best teachers in the Mid-Atlantic area. For more info visit <http://maqonline.org/>.

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

Cathy Radcliffe

Two quilters who have just met will be strangers only until their mutual passion for quilting is revealed. Then they can talk for hours like the best of friends.

Jennifer Chiaverini

St. Thomas Church Country Fair

1. June 10, 2023, 8:00am-1:00pm NOTE NEW TIMING

2. We will be there setting up by 7:00 a.m.
3. We ask that you sign up in advance with the approximate quantity and type of items you plan to sell so we can plan our setup.
4. All items must have individual price tags with your initials and price.
5. We are offering to transport some items on behalf of guild members if they are smaller, (about 10 items or so, and can fit into a bag or container if possible.)
6. If we are transporting your items, we need the items and your sign-up sheet by end of May if possible unless you make other arrangements to get the items to one of us.
7. Large items or larger quantity of items need to be dropped off to us at the event, the morning of the event, **between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.** for setup, along with your sign-up sheet. You can call or text us if needed that morning. If you are bringing a lot of items, please volunteer to help at least 2 hours that day and be there as early as possible if you have numerous items.
8. At drop-off, all items need to be ready to go with price tags attached in a visible spot, so we can check lists and setup quickly and easily.
9. All items must be picked up at the event **between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.** unless other arrangements have been made.
10. Items we transport will be brought back to the next guild meeting in **June**, unless other arrangements have been made.
11. Jen will be accepting payment from customers via **cash** and **Venmo**, Sheila plans to set up **Zelle**. Members will receive their pay by check, Zelle, or Venmo the week following the event depending on each member's individual preference. (Please notate on your sheet which you prefer).
12. *****15% of the sale price of all items will be donated to the church*******

Jenn Fillman and Sheila Brassington

An Opportunity to Support Our Veterans!

Can you join us on Saturday, June 24? We're working on dignity bibs for our veterans and "many hands make light work." If you can spare a few hours, there are parts of the bib that anyone can do. We need some people with machines, some with scissors and a ripper, and some with rulers and rotary cutters. Come join us and we'll help you every step of the way!

Linda Mitchell

Comfort Quilts



Joan Shaw, Linda Newpher, Laura Chaplar and I met Dr. Kathryn Kauffman at the KOP Mall to give her quilts for the NICU at Einstein. For those that have asked about the size of the crocheted blankets, Kathryn said they will take any size.

There were 15 quilts picked up at our meeting on April 18 making a total of 67 quilts for the year.

Anyone in need of backing or batting, please let me know by phone or email and I will bring it to the next meeting.

I am having a sew-in at my house on Friday, April 28 and Friday, May 12 from 9:30 until whenever. You can sew on comfort quilts or anything you want. Lunch will be provided, just let me know you are coming so I have enough seating all set up.

Thank you everyone for helping us get so many quilts to those in need.

Maxine Close

Karen Glasthal

Comfort Quilt Show & Tell



Ann Palmer



Rosemary Geisler



Mystery Block of the Month

May 2023



Workshops

May 2023

1st Saturday Sew Along -Zoom

Date: May 6

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 Procaro

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: \$20

Lunch: Bring your own

During this workshop, we will be making painted quilt blocks on wood, just like the ones we see on barns. All materials are provided.

Dignity Bib Workshop with

Linda Mitchell

Date: Saturday, June 18, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: Free

Lunch: Bring your own

Comfort Charity Quilt Workshop

with Maxine Close

Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: Free

Lunch: Lunch will be provided

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 2	May 9	May 4 May 25 Fairview Church, Fairview Village, PA	May 30

2023 Spring Retreat Wrap-up

March 30 - April 2 a group of 16 members and former members spent a lovely weekend at Black Rock Retreat Center in southern Lancaster County quilting to our heart's content. It was a good group that included five of our newest members and one previous member. Some of us went to the Lancaster Quilt Show before coming to retreat and took classes there or just shopped and looked at the quilts on display.

Friday evening the rain held off until after we had our campfire and S'mores. There was no singing around the campfire this year, however. By the next morning it was sunny and warm enough for woody walks if participants were so inclined.

Saturday evening we played two spirited rounds of LRC even though we didn't have the quite the right dice. Karen Saalfrank and Venessa Garst were the winners. The only complaint heard about the weekend was, "I ate too much." We did have a big table full of tasty snacks to enjoy.



Plans for next year's retreat have already begun. The dates will be April 4-7, 2024, so mark your calendars now and be on the lookout for more information and sign-ups in the fall.

Barbara Hughes



'Campfire Girls'



Venessa Garst one of the winners at Left, Right, Center.

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Spring Retreat Show & Tell



The retreat participants made great strides in completing their projects. Pictured here, clockwise from top left, are: Laura Chaplar, Karen Glasthal, Janet Gaboury, Karen Saalfrank, Mary Molettierre, Deb Wallingford and Sue Fisher.



May

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Zoom Evening Bee	3	4 Thurs. Bee Fairview Church	5	6 Zoom Saturday Sew Along
7	8	9 Zoom Afternoon Bee	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Zoom Guild Meeting Karen Combs	17	18	19	20 Wooden Barn Quilt Workshop
21	22	23	24	25 Thurs. Bee Fairview Church	26	27
28	29	30 Zoom Northern Bee	31			

Time to Meet the Candidates

The nominating committee has a slate of candidates for positions on the board. These candidates will be presented at the May meeting. Voting will take place at the June meeting.

Kate Sevensky

April Show and Tell

May 2023



One Block Wonder Workshop – Donna Sneed



Linda Hamel



Elsa Sherphorn



Kate Sevensky



Nancy Hannum



Baltimore Album - Donna Sneed



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

Board of Directors

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Guild Committees and Resources

50:50	Debbie Bianco
AccuQuilt Die Cutter	Lisa Lombardo
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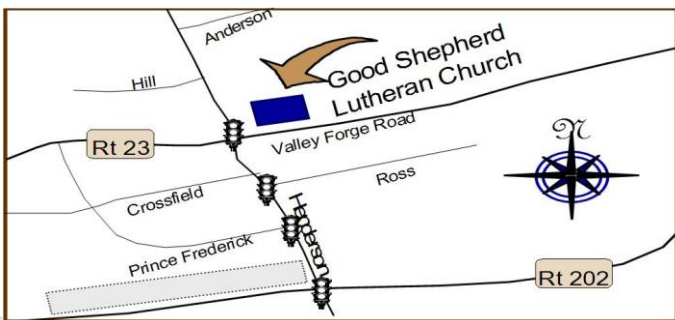
Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Deb Graves
Northern	Barbara Hughes
Thurs Evening	Ruth Heslin
Block of the Month	Molly Lorenz
Challenge	Sandy Dounce
Comfort Quilts	Maxine Close
Facebook	Sue Fisher
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Refreshments	Joann Kirchenmann, Molly Lorenz, Linda Newpher, Rita Mack
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Retreat/Fall	Joan Gunder
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Zoom/Technology	Sue Fisher



Newsletter Submissions

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