



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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August 2024

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President's Corner

I heard Laura Chaplar refer to our picnic as "Christmas in July," and it seemed appropriate. We had a celebration with good food, good friends, and several kinds of prizes. But the holiday phrase that popped into my head was about Santa making a list and checking it twice. So, after I heard the presentation on the quilt show, I made a list:

- ✓ Mark dates on the calendar - October 17 at 1:00 p.m. (for those doing set up) and October 18 from 10:00-5:00 and October 19 from 10:00-4:00 plus time to clean up.
- ✓ Get quilts with labels ready for display.
- ✓ Submit mini quilt by September 28.
- ✓ Donate items to Rita for the gift basket raffle.
- ✓ Make items to sell in the boutique.
- ✓ Get fabric measured, package it nicely with yarn, and attach a tag with measurements for Grandma's attic.
- ✓ Bring books in September for other members.
- ✓ Watch for three notifications - how to register my quilts, sign up genius for when I can help staff a venue, and a sign-up genius for what to bake.
- ✓ Post flyers and notify friends.

Looks like I'm going to be busy. I hope you have the same list and will check it twice!

Till next time,

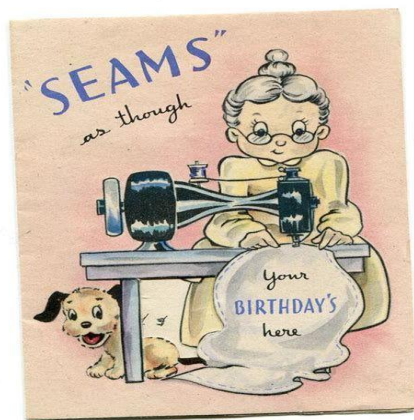
Linda Mitchell

Time to Renew your Membership

It's time to pay your \$35 annual dues. Karen Glasthal will accept a check or cash at the August meeting. Remember you must pay your dues to be able to submit quilts for the quilt show.



Programs



Happy Birthday

August:

- 2 Marie Royds
- 7 Elsa Scherphorn
- 8 Anita Bennett
- 9 Megan Gerstenfeld
- 14 Kathy Graff
- 19 Rose Warren
- 20 Linda Newpher
- 21 Linda Ulinski
- 23 Linda Juzbasich
- 30 Charlene Hagerty

September:

- 1 Meghan Heslin
- 2 Linda Hamel
- 5 Deb Graves
- 12 Cathy Radcliffe
- 15 Jacqui Santangelo
- 22 Jean Hayden
- 27 Karen Saalfrank
- 28 Donna Sneed

August:

Barbara Persing is a fiber artist, designer, author, and teacher from New Jersey. She started with traditional quilting and then curiosity and creativity moved her outside and beyond the box of conventional quilting. Her lecture this month will be about "Pictorial Art Quilts". Perhaps she will inspire us as we plan what quilts we will display in the upcoming quilt show, sew for the boutique, or guide our fabric selections in Grandma's Attic to create our own art quilts!

September:

*Be kind. Be happy. Be creative. Be curious. Be productive. Be surprised. **Be prepared!*** Are you ready to share your Challenge Quilt? Are you still wondering whether you should participate? Often the hardest part of a creative task is just getting started. Another barrier is fear of failing. One way to get started is to Google your assigned/chosen "be" term. I'm not going to give away my exact term but my Google search yielded some inspirational quotes that may help you get started if you're still on the fence. Trust yourself to produce something wonderful.

"Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in getting up every time we do." Confucius

"Strive not to be a success but to be of value." Albert Einstein

"Sameness leaves us in peace, but it is contradiction that makes us productive." Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

"Continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection." Mark Twain

Happy Sewing!

Rita Mack

The Challenge

Last chance for the Be's challenge. "Be creative", "Be prompt", "Be hardworking" and get those Be's entries ready for the challenge. Remember, size is 16" x 20". These can be used for the mini-quilt raffle at our show if you like. If you plan to donate your challenge quilt to the mini-quilt raffle, you **MUST HAVE A SLEEVE** on it. Call, text, or email Sandy Dounce if you have any questions.

Thank You!

Sandy Dounce

Minutes from July 16, 2024 Meeting

Welcome: Linda Mitchell welcomed all members in person including one guest, Charlene Hagerty's granddaughter, Victoria Hagerty.

Announcements: Membership renewal dues for 2024/2025 are due. Please see Karen Glasthal. Quilt Show flyers are available for distribution. Kathie Haney, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.

Membership: one new member, Emily Graff.

Comfort Quilts: Maxine Close mentioned that there were 24 comfort quilts collected in June, for a total of 131 so far this year. There is an in-person Comfort Quilt workshop on Saturday, July 20, 2024. Linda Juzbasich won the comfort quilt drawing.

Workshops: July 20, 2024: In-person Comfort Quilts and Dignity Bib workshop. Lunch will be provided. August 24, 2024: SAM (Stash-buster AccuQuilt Mystery) Workshop with Beth Mancini. The studio will be set up at guild meetings and at workshops for members to cut their fabrics in advance of the SAM workshop. September 28, 2024, Friendship Tea, from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The theme will be "Autumn."

50/50 Drawing: no drawing this month.

Door prizes: Ethel Hutchinson, Elsa Scherphorn and Linda Newpher won the door prizes this month.

Program: This month the members enjoyed the annual picnic. Following the picnic, felt craft kits were distributed. Members will complete the felt ornaments and mug rugs, which will be sold in the 2024 Quilt Show Boutique.

Quilt Show Updates: Deb Graves provided updates for the Quilt Show, which will include vendors, Mini-quilt Raffle, Gift Basket Raffle, Grandma's Attic, the Boutique, demonstrations, quilt appraisals, the Sweet Shop, and a Comfort Quilt exhibit. Setup will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, and quilt pickup will be at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 19. Members must pay their 2025 dues in order to participate in the Quilt Show. A signup genius will be sent out in September requesting members to volunteer to work at the various stations during the Quilt Show. Quilts can have hanging sleeves or be sleeveless, but they do require a quilt label. Members may only enter one quilt measuring 70 inches or longer on one side, two smaller quilts, and two challenge quilts from 2023 and 2024. You may submit three small quilts if you are not entering a large quilt greater than 70 inches.

-Ruth Heslin provided information about the Mini-quilt raffle. Quilts should measure roughly 16" by 20" and are due by the Friendship Tea in September. The mini-quilts must have a hanging sleeve, and a label is optional.

-Carol Olinick provided information about Grandma's Attic, and demonstrated how to properly fold, label, and package fabric that will be sold. Grandma's Attic is accepting donations of fabric, notions, rulers, and patterns. Members may bring in items starting at the August Guild meeting. Please donate in boxes, not bags. All sales benefit the Guild.

-There will be a member's book sale at the September Guild meeting. Please wait until that meeting to bring in your books.

UFO Challenge: The UFO number for July was #1. There were 5 members who presented their completed quilts. Ruth Heslin won the UFO drawing. For the August meeting, please complete #4.

Show and Tell: show and tell followed.

August meeting: The speaker at the August meeting will be Barbara Persing, who will speak about Pictorial Art Quilts. The meeting will be in-person and on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Jen Fillman

Valley Forge Quilt Show

THE BOUTIQUE

For new members, the boutique is a room at the Quilt Show where members can sell their handmade items. Members receive the proceeds from the sale of their items, less a small % that goes to the Guild. The boutique staff will handle the display and sale of the items. All members need to do is to label their items with price tags (discussed below) and submit the items with the appropriate forms to the boutique staff at the meeting prior to the Quilt Show.

We will have the forms at the August and September meeting for anyone who wants to submit handmade items to the boutique. The forms will also be available online for you to fill out and print. The forms should include an itemized list of all your items. The form should match the tags on the items exactly. Each item must have its own individual price tag, which should include your initials, an item number, and the price. Ex: JF-1 \$20

All items must be picked up on Saturday evening following the show, starting at 5:00 p.m. At drop-off, we will assign you a 10–15-minute timeslot for pickup to help the pick-up process run smoothly after the show. At pick-up, you will review the form with the boutique staff and inventory any unsold items. You will need to sign the form when you pick up your items indicating that you received all unsold items. The form will remain with the boutique until the sales are all reconciled. You will receive a check after the show for your sales, less the % that goes to the Guild.

We are looking for volunteers to help in the boutique and to help keep an eye out for sticky fingers.

Jen Fillman

THE BASKET RAFFLE

Thank you to all who have already donated items for our Quilt Show Basket Raffle. Are you still thinking about contributing? Do you need ideas?

The following are basket themes that were popular at the 2022 Show.

Maybe you would like to donate an item that relates to one of these themes or an entire basket.

Pasta Meal or Italian night - with or without wine

Movie tickets or Movie Night at Home with popcorn, candy and soda.

Green thumb basket - garden tools, gloves, seeds

Doggie Bag - treats, toys, dishes

Kitty Comforts - treats, toys, catnip

Gift certificate for Stores: quilting, department, toy

Restaurant gift certificates

Entertainment gift certificates - Escape Room, Golf, Bowling

Your unwanted fat quarters, fabrics, notions

Please keep in mind all items must be new and unused.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Rita Mack, Joan Markowitz & Marcy Mancini

QUILT SHOW VENUE LEADERS

For more information about the various quilt show venues, here are the members you can contact:

Boutique: Jen Fillman and Sheila Brassington

Gift Basket Raffle: Rita Mack

Comfort Quilts Exhibit: Maxine Close

Sweet Shop: Linda Mitchell and Kathie Haney

Grandma's Attic: Carol Olinick

Miniature Quilt Raffle: Ruth Heslin

Quilt Appraisals: Dawn Heefner

Demonstrations: Jean Corday

We Need Your Quilt Books

Grandma's Attic will not be selling quilt books at the quilt show; therefore, it has been decided that we will have a Quilt Book Sale. But we will need your books or at least, the books you were considering donating to Grandma's Attic. If you are ready to find new homes for your quilt books, please bring them to the September Guild meeting where we will sell them. All books will be \$2.00 each. The money raised will be added to the funds raised by Grandma's Attic and will help support our Comfort Quilt efforts. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Cathy Fennell

Quiltfolk Now Available in our Library

Thirty issues of *Quiltfolk* have been added to the guild library for members to borrow. "*Quiltfolk* travels state by state with a team of writers and photojournalists to uncover spectacular stories. They meet and interview incredible members of the quilt community: shop owners and designers; collectors and superstars; quilt scholars, curators, and everyday quilters. Every issue is a new adventure." (quote from the *Quiltfolk* website) This is an ad free magazine. It reads like a quilt book but does not have any patterns. If you enjoy travel and quilts, then you will enjoy reading about the various states and their quilting traditions, people and experiences.

Cathy's UFO Challenge

For the August meeting, the UFO to complete is #4. Bring your completed project to the August meeting for all to see.

Cathy Fennell



Sandy Dounce



Jen Fillman



Linda Juzbasich



Ruth Heslin



Rosemary Geisler

Refreshments for the August 20th Meeting

Sweet	Savory	Drinks/Ice
Anita Bennett Gail Forster Karen Glasthal Kathie Haney Linda Juzbasich Donna Raymond	Dottie Dolgash Sandy Dounce Cathy Fennell Meg Gerstenfeld Rita Mack	Jean Corday April Hostler Ethel Hutchinson Joan Shaw Debbie Wallingford

Quilt Shows

July-August

Maker Festival – July 31-August 3, 2024. Maker Festivals featuring the event formally known as Bead Fest returns to the [Lancaster Marriott & Convention Center](#), 25 S Queen Street, Lancaster, PA, and we will once again be bringing our fiber artists with us! For more info visit <https://www.makerfestivals.com/lancaster>.

September

AQS QuiltWeek - September 11-14, 2024. Presented by AQS at [The Nook Sports & Events Center](#), 75 Champ Blvd (GPS address), Manheim, PA. For more info visit <https://www.quiltweek.com/>.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - September 12-15, 2024. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most comprehensive quilt festival in a state known for its rich history of quilting is all under one roof at the [Greater Philadelphia Expo Center](#), Phoenixville, PA. For more info visit <http://www.quiltfest.com/>.

Quilts in the Mill - September 27-29, 2024. 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>.

Annual Giant Fabric Sale - September 19-22, 2024. Presented by Montgomery County 4H at the Montgomery County 4-H Center, 1015 Bridge Road, Collegetown, PA. All kinds of fabrics, patterns, notions, needlecrafts, yarn, and assorted sewing supplies are available. In addition, many vintage fabrics and quilting supplies are available. For more info visit <https://montcopa4hcenter.org/fabric-sale/>.

Shop Hops

All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop 7/1/2024 - 8/31/2024. [List of Shops](#) in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

All Ohio Shop Hop 8/1/2024 - 9/30/2024. [List of Shops](#) in Ohio.

Check out our website, the [Quilt Show page](#), for upcoming local and regional shows.

Cathy Radcliffe

July Show and Tell



Sue Fisher



Elsa Scherphorn



Becky Weiland



Carol Mellom



Sandy Dounce



Fran Amore



Megan Gerstenfeld



Jen Fillman



Lisa Lombardo



Rita Mack



Ruth: Miniature Quilt Raffle Examples



Carol: Grandma's Attic Example

Saturday Sew Along

Date: August 3, 2024

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

Place: your home via Zoom

Project: one of your own choosing

Zoom Comfort Quilt Workshops

Dates: Friday, August 9, 2024

Saturday, Sept 14, 2024

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

Place: your home via Zoom

Workshops

SAM (Stash-buster AccuQuilt Mystery) Workshop with Beth Mancini

Date: Saturday, August 24

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

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Price: No charge

Lunch: Please bring your own

Project: You will need to cut some of your fabric using our AccuQuilt cutter. The AccuQuilt cutter will be available at the August guild meeting.

Friendship Tea and UFO Workshop with Venessa Garst, Debbie Wallingford, and Janet Gaboury

Date: Saturday, September 28

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

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Price: No charge

Lunch: Provided by members. More information at the meeting.

Project: One of your own choosing. Maybe finish that quilt for the quilt show!

July Picnic



Spotlight on a Quilt Shop - Hayes Sewing Machine Company

Trevor and Mary Hayes have sold and repaired sewing machines for over 55 years and now work alongside their three daughters, Stephanie, Loretta and Pamela. This family-run business, Hayes Sewing Machine Co, is located at 4425 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Delaware. The phone number to reach the store is 302-764-9033. They can also be found online at www.trevhayes.com. On the webpage you will find a link to their new app for online sales. They also have a presence on YouTube, Instagram and Facebook. Check them out on YouTube.

All the Hayes folks can answer questions from basic things like machine threading to more complicated things like software. Trevor and Mary were inducted into the Sewing Hall of Fame which recognizes individuals who have had a lasting impact on the sewing industry and have received numerous other accolades and awards.

Hayes has over 40 different new machines if you are in the market for a new one. They also have a good selection of refurbished ones. One side of the store is filled with machines, sewing furniture, notions and patterns, and the other side has over 2500 quilting cottons. There is much to choose from if you are in the market for something new. Many classes from basic sewing, quilting, embroidery and serger classes to software instruction are available.

Machine brands available are Bernina, Babylock, and Handiquilter. They also have on site repair services with four technicians available to work on your machine. They can repair today's machines from most manufacturers as well as your vintage ones. An extensive array of machine accessories is also on hand.

Right now, they are participating in the Mid Atlantic Shop Hop so if you are doing the hop be sure to add them to your plans.

Barbara Hughes



Comfort Quilts

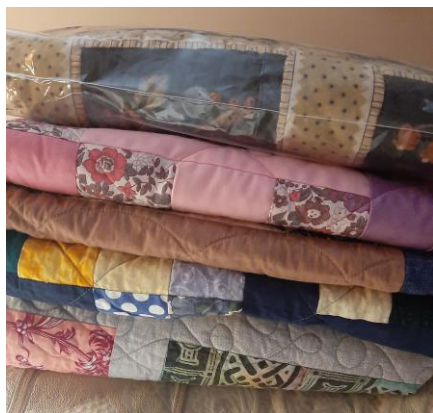
At the July 16 meeting, we had 19 quilts turned in and five quilts turned in at the workshop making a total of 150!!! Sixteen dignity bibs and 21 dolls were also finished at the workshop.

I would like to once again thank everyone who came to the Comfort Quilt/Dignity Bib Workshop Saturday and helped make it a fun day. There were 28 people that came. By the looks of it, there was a lot accomplished. Thank you to the committee for coming together again with a delicious lunch!! I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

Please join us at our next workshop on Zoom Friday, August 9 at 9:30. We have a lot of interesting topics and always learn something new.

Maxine Close

July Workshop



Comfort Quilts



Dignity Bibs



Sandy, Joann and Lisa



Maxine and Jen



Linda Mitchell



Beth Mancini



Cathy Fennell



Carol Olinick



Mary Larkin



Gail Forster



Karen Saalfrank

Bees, Bees, Bees!

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

Evening Bee 1 st Tuesday Zoom 7:00 - 9:00 PM Coordinator – Deb Graves	Afternoon Bee 2 nd Tuesday Zoom 12:30 - 3:30 PM Coordinator - Jean Hayden	Evening Bee 4 th Thursday 6:00 - 8:30 PM Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, PA Coordinator - Ruth Heslin	Northern Bee 5 th Tuesday Zoom 6:30 - 9:30 PM Coordinator - Barbara Hughes
August 6	August 13	August 22	October 29

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Zoom Saturday Sew Along 9:30 - 4:00 pm
4	5	6 Zoom Evening Bee 7:00 - 9:00 pm	7	8	9 Zoom Comfort Quilt Workshop 9:30 - 4:00 pm	10
11	12	13 Zoom Afternoon Bee 12:30 - 3:30 pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Guild Meeting 7:00 pm	21	22 Fairview Church Evening Bee 6:00 - 8:30 pm	23	24 SAM Workshop 9:30 - 2:00 pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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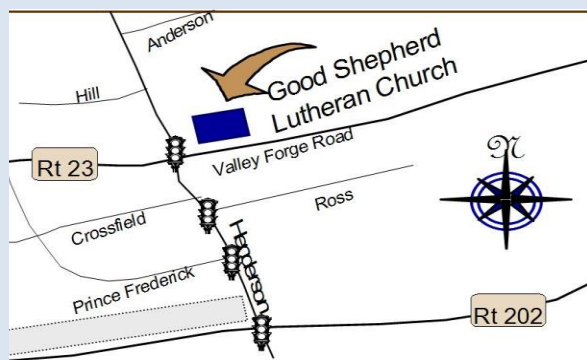
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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



Newsletter Submissions

Send to: Judy Snook

Information for the next newsletter must be received by the 25th of the month.

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