



# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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## President's Corner

My friends think it's really funny that I am co-leading the bake shop venue at the quilt show with Kathie Haney. Why is it funny? Because I have often said that the only reason I have a kitchen is because it came with the house! I have tried for many years to learn to like cooking and baking to no avail. The bake shop was a big success at the last show because of your donations. Kathie and I contributed in other ways - by organizing everything, decorating the venue, shopping, and working the venue during both days of the show. We are counting on those of you who love to bake to fill our beautiful display with your talents. We will be focusing on mini loaves, muffins, and cookies. The more variety the better - apple, cranberry, pumpkin, banana - Mmm! Ohh, and remember Karen's wonderful spider cookies and Beth's spiced pretzels? Probably not, because they sold out so fast! We'll be reaching out with a sign-up genius in September to organize the donations. I'm getting hungry just writing this.

Till next time,

*Linda Mitchell*

## Time to Renew your Membership

Do you want to submit your quilt(s) in our Quilt Show? If so, you need to send a check for \$35.00 to Karen Glasthal before September 17<sup>th</sup>, the last day to register your quilts.

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## Happy Birthday

### 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

### October

- 2 Marcy Mancini
- 7 Dara Dinner
- 7 Kayleigh Graff
- 9 Joy Brown
- 18 Karen Glasthal
- 21 Patty Tillman
- 30 Christine Capece

## Programs

### September

Do you want to be... a winner?

It's time for your challenge quilts! I can't wait to see everyone's interpretations of their themes. I always find it exciting to see everyone's creativity. Will your quilt subject be...thoughtful 🤔 ... funny 😂 ...inspiring 📖 ... entertaining ✂️ crazy 😱???

And remember - don't let perfection be the enemy of good. Go for it! 😊

### October

This month we will be focusing on preparations for the quilt show. Have your quilts ready to turn in at the meeting.

*Rita Mack*

## The "BE" Challenge

Challenge Quilt Submission Quilt Procedures

1. The quilt should NOT have your name showing.
2. The quilt must measure 16" x 20" (If you plan to donate the quilt to the mini-quilt raffle, it must have a sleeve).
3. You must include the "Be" saying, either on the quilt or on the attached paper.
4. Include a brief written description of your project and pin it to the quilt. (80 characters or less).
5. Bring your "Be's" Challenge Quilt to the guild meeting by 6:20 pm in a paper bag.

I will be needing volunteers to help take down the quilts at the end.

Thank You!

*Sandy Dounce*

## Refreshments for the September 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Sweet	Savory	Drinks/Ice
Gail Forster Joan Gunder Joann Kirschenmann Carol Mellom Joan Shaw	Maxine Close Jen Fillman Meg Gerstenfeld Linda Newpher Ann Palmer	Jean Corday Sue Fisher Kayleigh Graff April Hostler Becky Weiland

## Minutes from August 20, 2024 Meeting

**Welcome:** Linda Mitchell welcomed all members in person and on Zoom, including one guest.

**Announcements:** The Church's new policy mandates that the doors must be locked during all events for safety.

- Membership renewal dues for 2025 are due. Please see Karen Glasthal.
- Sandy Dounce spoke about preparation for the challenge quilt presentations which will be at the September Guild meeting. Challenge Quilts should measure 16" by 20", include a brief written description in 80 characters or less, and please arrive by 6:20pm with the quilt in a paper bag.
- There will be a member's book sale at the September Guild meeting. Please wait until that meeting to bring in your books.

**Membership:** no new members.

**Comfort Quilts:** Nineteen quilts were turned in at the July Guild meeting. Five quilts were completed at the Comfort Quilt workshop in July. The comfort Quilt total for 2024 is 150 so far. Jen Fillman won the comfort quilt drawing.

**Workshops:** August 24, 2024: SAM (Stash-buster AccuQuilt Mystery) Workshop with Beth Mancini.

- September 28, 2024: Friendship Tea, from 9:30 am-3:00 pm. The theme will be "Autumn."
- November 23, 2024 is the AccuQuilt Saturday workshop, from 9:30 am-3:00 pm.

**50/50 Drawing:** Karen Saalfrank won the 50/50 this month.

**Door prizes:** Tracy Klinger and Linda Juzbasich won the door prizes this month.

**Program:** This month the speaker was Barbara Persing, who gave a presentation on Pictorial Art Quilts. Her presentation showed photos and quilts she created from photos, detailing various tips and techniques including thread color, the use of glue, etc., to help create a successful pictorial art quilt. She gave an example of how she used the Procreate App to enhance the quilting details and to add to the visual impact of her quilts. Barbara also showed several quilts she created using the various techniques she described previously.

**Quilt Show Updates:** Make sure to complete the entry form for your quilts.

- Mini-quilt donations. 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.
- Rita Mack spoke about the Raffle Baskets. Please send Rita an email if you plan to donate an entire basket. All items for the baskets must be new items. Baskets and items for donation are due by the beginning of October.
- Karen Glasthal spoke about staffing the Quilt Show. There are eleven areas that need volunteers, with 119 total slots available. Please check your email for the sign-up genius.
- Sheila Brassington provided forms for members who would like to sell items in the boutique.

**UFO Challenge:** The UFO number for August was #4. There were 4 members who presented their completed quilts. Meghan Heslin won the UFO drawing.

**Show and Tell:** show and tell followed.

**September meeting:** The September meeting will include the 2024 Challenge Quilts. The new Challenge for 2025 will also be introduced. The meeting will be in-person and on Zoom.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectively submitted,

*Jen Fillman*

## Valley Forge Quilt Show

### **Our Quilt Show is Soon!**

What should I do *now* to be ready?

- (1) I can enter my quilts...2 challenge quilts and 3 other quilts, one of which can be bigger than 70 inches. Measure your quilts then click the link from the email and register them by **September 17!**
- (2) I can sign up on Sign-Up Genius to work shifts during the show. I can sign up for 2 or 3 spots and still have plenty of time to enjoy the show.
- (3) I can look at my stash and decide what needs to go. I can measure the fabric and bundle it neatly and bring it to the September meeting. If it is very much, a box is preferred over a bag.
- (4) I can keep making items to sell in the Boutique or start if I want. I can find the required forms on the guild web page. [VFHQ - Guild Forms | valleyforgequilters.org](http://valleyforgequilters.org)
- (5) I can still make a mini quilt for the raffle. It is only 16 by 20 inches, so it needn't take very long. I will get it to Ruth Heslin by **September 28.**
- (6) The show is going to be great. I should tell my friends and neighbors, because they will enjoy it too! And I can take some flyers to my other clubs and church groups.
- (7) Hmmm...this quilt isn't finished? Well, I will enter it by September 17, then I better get to work finishing it.

### **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
- **Demonstrations:** Jean Corday
- **Quilt Appraisals:** Dawn Heefner
- **Miniature Quilt Raffle:** Ruth Heslin
- **Grandma's Attic:** Carol Olinick



## 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*

## Comfort Quilts

There were 22 quilts turned in at the Tuesday night meeting making a total of 172 quilts for the year. I do believe we will be well over our goal of 200 quilts the way we are going.

The next Comfort Quilt Workshop will be on Zoom Saturday, September 14. I hope you will be able to join us even if it is only for a little while.

*Maxine Close*

## Cathy's UFO Challenge

Thanks to all who participated in Cathy's UFO Challenge. Those who completed all twelve of their UFOs will be announced and awarded at the September meeting.

*Cathy Fennell*



Linda Juzbasich



Ruth Heslin



Meghan Heslin



Cathy Fennell  
Front and Back  
of Quilt



## Quilt Shows

### September

**AQS QuiltWeek** - September 11-14, 2024. Presented by AQS at [The Nook Sports & Events Center](https://www.quiltweek.com/), 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](http://www.quiltfest.com/), 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, Colleagueville, 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/>.

### October

**Quilts from the Heart of Berks** - October 4-5, 2024. Presented by the Berks Quilters Guild at [Leesport Farmers Market](https://www.berksquiltersguild.org/), 312 Gernant's Church Rd., Leesport, PA. For more info visit <https://www.berksquiltersguild.org/>.

**Star Struck** - October 11-12, 2024. Presented by Keystone Quilters Guild at the Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA. For more info visit <https://www.keystonequilters.org/quilt-show>.

**Valley Forge Quilt Show** - October 18-19, 2024. Presented by Valley Forge Homestead Quilters at the Good Shepherd Church, King of Prussia, PA. For more info visit our website at <http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Evt-QShow-Pg.html>.

**Heart 2 Heart**- October 18-20, 2024. Presented by South Shore Stitchers Quilt Guild at the Upper Township Community Center, 1790 Route 50, Tuckahoe, NJ. For more info go to <http://www.southshorestitchers.com/>.

### November

**QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #9** - November 6-9, 2024. Our ninth 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/>.

**15th Annual Exhibition of Quilts** - November 8-9, 2024. Presented by Lebanon Quilters Guild at the [Lebanon Valley Exposition Center](http://lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/), 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. For more info visit <http://lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/>.

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

*Cathy Radcliffe*



## Shop Hops

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

**All New England Shop Hop** 9/1/2024 - 10/31/2024. [List of Shops](#) in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

**New Jersey Shop Hop** 9/19/2024 - 9/29/2024. Seven shops from last year are participating again, plus two more added to the list for 2023!

Check out the [Shop Hop page](#) on our website for more events later in the year.

*Cathy Radcliffe*

### August Program with Barbara Persing





# August Show and Tell



Tracy Klinger and Fran Amore

Comfort Quilts



Karen Glasthal and Carol Mellom



Barbara Hughes



Dawn Heefner



Joan Shaw



Joan Markowitz



Marcy Mancini



Karen Glasthal



Janet Gaboury



Deb Graves



Connie Stevenson



Laura Ocker



Meghan Heslin



Linda Juzbasich



## Saturday Sew Along

*Date:* Sept. 7, 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

*Date:* Saturday, Sept 14, 2024

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

*Place:* your home via Zoom

## Workshops

**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. Please bring your favorite Tea Cup!

*Project:* One of your own choosing. Maybe finish that quilt for the quilt show! Plus, there will be two demonstrations.

## August Workshop - SAM (Stash-buster AccuQuilt Mystery)



Beth's Finished Quilt



Laura Chaplar



Carol Mellom and Beth Mancini



Anita Bennett



Ellen Kane



Tracy Klinger



Fran Amore



Elsa Scherphorn



Linda Juzbasich



Donna Raymond



Laura Chaplar and Linda Mitchell



Donna and Fran



Ruth Heslin



Kathy Graff

## Spotlight on a Quilt Shop - Sew What!

Susan Bodan is the owner of Sew What! located at 4311 Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington, Delaware. The phone number is 302-397-8091 and the website is found at [www.sewwhatde.com](http://www.sewwhatde.com). The shop has a Facebook page at Sew What Inc. Additionally, there is a private FB group you can join at Sew What! Sewcial Gathering.

There is no discount for guild members but there is a rewards program for customers who sign up. Sew What! has a good selection of current fabrics and a sale section as well. They are always excited to have new folks join their extended family of sewist. Beginner to advanced quilters, embroiderers and other creative, crafty folks are welcomed. The goal is to share what they love with everyone and to provide a place that brings people together to accomplish creative, fun things and an occasional something different. Fun, laughter, creativity and enjoyment are their core principles.

In addition to a long wall of cotton fabrics of many styles, colors and brands, you can find Husqvarna, Viking, Brother, Pfaff and Elna sewing machines for sale. There is service available for all types of machines except Bernina. The in-house technicians are trained by the machine manufacturers and receive additional training from industry experts. Notions galore fill the store along with a variety of threads, embroidery stabilizers, hoops, attachments, machine feet, bobbins, Sew Steady tables and furniture. New Look Patterns, quilting patterns and kits are also available.

There is a variety of classes offered as well as new owner classes for the machines and quilting classes. They also offer beginning garment sewing classes. Pattern classes include sewing skills to make wallets, purses, baskets and zippered bags. Embroidery essentials and Floriani software classes are offered too. The calendar is constantly updated to add new and unique classes for learning new skills and gaining new information.

Sew What! hosts two community service organizations that meet monthly, Days for Girls and Cases for Smiles. There is also a Smocking Arts Guild of America 9 (SAGA) that meets monthly. Sew What! has Summer Tuesday Sew Ins, OESD events and anniversary sales. I Love Fabric Days which is a worldwide event in August. Occasionally, they also host meet and greet events with fabric dealers and representatives. There is also a friendly, laidback dog named Max who hangs out there.

*Barbara Hughes*



*Sew What!*



## Bees, Bees, Bees!

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

Evening Bee 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday <b>Zoom</b> 7:00 - 9:00 PM Coordinator – Deb Graves	Afternoon Bee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday <b>Zoom</b> 12:30 - 3:30 PM Coordinator - Jean Hayden	Evening Bee 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 6:00 - 8:30 PM Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, PA Coordinator - Ruth Heslin	Northern Bee 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday <b>Zoom</b> 6:30 - 9:30 PM Coordinator - Barbara Hughes
September 3	September 10	September 26	October 29

# September 2024

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



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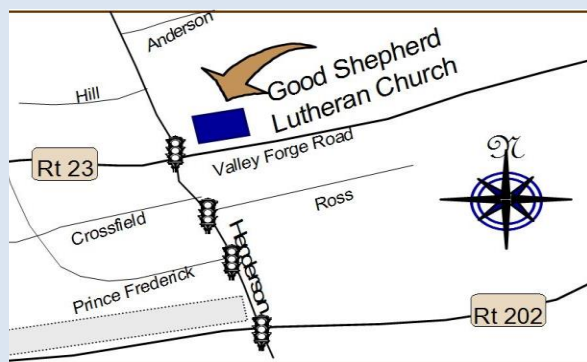
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### VFHQ on Facebook

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 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### ***Board of Directors***

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