



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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President's Corner

We are "coming down the stretch" toward our big biennial quilt show event. I am very excited about it!

The quilt show is such an important event for us. It is our major fundraiser which allows us to schedule quality speakers and pay other guild expenses. It is our opportunity to showcase to the community the beauty of our work and to highlight our charitable efforts.

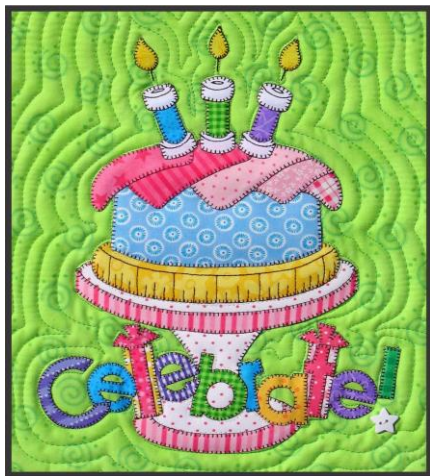
Please help to make this show fabulous. Please sign up for staffing slots, make items to sell in the boutique, donate to Grandma's attic and plan on baking. We've invited lots of people - let's "wow" them!

Until next time,
Linda Mitchell



Welcome Emily Graff

You might say Emily became a quilter by watching her mother, a fellow Valley Forge Homestead Quilter, Kayleigh Graff. And you would be right. Emily has made one quilt so far. She really likes animal quilts. She also likes to draw. Emily's occupation is student. She has a kitten named Tessa, a cat named Moo Moo, and two puppies, Chibi and Buddy. That makes for a lively house, but I bet Emily is going to find time to make her second quilt, perhaps one with animals on it.



Happy Birthday

October

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

November

- 8 Mary Pat Smith
- 13 Sandy Darlington
- 19 Joan Markowitz
- 21 Sheila Brassington
- 29 Sharon Berry

Comfort Quilts

There were 25 quilts picked up at the Tuesday, September 17 meeting making a total of 197 quilts!!! Thank you again to all of you for making a person receiving one of your quilts have a positive experience in the midst of a negative time in their life.

The next Comfort Quilt Zoom is Friday, October 11 at 9:30. I hope you will be able to join us.

Maxine Close

Programs

October

Preparing for the Quilt Show. This month we will not have a formal meeting. This is the time to turn in your quilts for the show. The process takes a little time so while you are waiting, you can catch up with your fellow quilters or bring a book and catch up on your reading. See further details about the process from Deb Graves elsewhere in the newsletter.

November

We will find out the Viewers' Choice winners. The program will focus on reviewing the quilt show. We'll also hear from the heads of the various show venues. It will be a nice opportunity to better understand all the work that goes into making our shows a success and discuss lessons learned to prepare for the 2026 show!

Rita Mack

Spring Retreat 2025

Retreaters! It may seem early to be thinking about the Spring Retreat, but we need to get our reservation confirmed before the first of the year.

In 2025 the Spring Retreat will be April 3 to April 6 at Black Rock Retreat Center. I will have cost information in October and will need to have all deposit checks by the December meeting at the latest. Please check your calendar and be on the lookout for more information soon.

Barbara Hughes



Minutes from September 17, 2024 Meeting

Welcome: Linda Mitchell welcomed all members in person and on Zoom.

Announcements: Cathy Fennell presented the 2025 Block of the Month which she called the "Row of the Every Other Month." Members will be able to cut pieces at the November 2024 workshop for the BOM which starts January 2025.

Membership: There was one new member, Ruth Baizman.

Comfort Quilts: Twenty-two quilts were turned in at the August Guild meeting. The comfort quilt total for 2024 is 172 so far. Linda Juzbasich won the comfort quilt drawing. Maxine reminded the members that she has comfort quilt kits available at each meeting, and the next Comfort Quilt Zoom meeting will be held on Friday, October 11, 2024.

Workshops: September 28, Friendship Tea, from 9:30am-3:00pm. The theme will be "autumn." Please bring your favorite tea cup or mug, your sewing machine, and a UFO to work on.

November 23 is the AccuQuilt Saturday workshop, from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

50/50 Drawing: Lisa Lombardo won the 50/50 this month.

Door prizes: Marcy Mancini and Barb Jones won the door prizes this month.

Program: The program this month was the reveal of the 2024 Challenge, "Be's to Live By." There were 16 participants this year. Members had the opportunity to view the quilts and vote during refreshments. Each participant presented their quilts and then the three winners were announced.

1st place-Fran Amore, "Be Koi," 2nd place-Linda Juzbasich, "Be Witty," and 3rd place-Marcy Mancini, "Be Hopeful." Following the 2024 Challenge results, Dawn Heefner presented the 2025 Initials Challenge. Members are to use their three initials to create a quilt no larger than 40" on any side, with each initial corresponding to one of the following: color, block name, quilting design. Additional information was provided to the members. Quilts will be due at the 2025 September Guild meeting.

There was also a member book sale during the meeting.

Quilt Show Updates: Entries for the Quilt show are due by September 17, but Deb Graves stated to call her or Cathy Fennell if you need help with last minute entries.

-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.

-Karen Glasthal spoke about staffing the Quilt Show. There are still forty-two vacant slots to fill that need volunteers. Please check your email for the sign-up genius.

-Kathie Haney spoke about the Sweet Shop. A sign-up genius will be sent via email for members to donate items to the sale. Examples of items that sell well include mini bread loaves, cookies, and muffins.

-Please package your donations in an attractive way. Please label your items if they contain nuts or special ingredients such as "gluten free." The Sweet Shop staff will price items accordingly.

-Deb Graves spoke about the procedure for quilt drop off at the October Guild meeting. Each member will receive a number as they arrive which will be called in a timely manner to keep things moving smoothly. Members with last names beginning with A-K, please plan to arrive at 7:30pm. Members with last names ending in L-Z, please plan to arrive at 7:00pm. All quilts must include the paper label Deb provided, safety pinned to the quilt with your name, quilt name, and size category. While you wait to register your quilts, please register your items at the Boutique. Please make sure all items for the Boutique are properly catalogued on the form, and have a price tag with your initials, item number and price. The price tags need to match the information on the form.

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Minutes from Sept. 17, 2024 Meeting (Continued from Page 3)

UFO Challenge: Cathy Fennell announced that four members completed all twelve quilts in the 2024 UFO Challenge, Jen Fillman, Meghan Heslin, Ruth Heslin, and Judy Snook. Each of them received a small prize.

Show and Tell: show and tell followed.

October meeting: The October meeting will be in-person only and will include only registering your items for the Boutique and your quilts for the Quilt Show.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Jen Fillman

The 2025 VFHQ Initials Challenge

Use your initials (It doesn't matter which order) to make a quilt. 1 initial for a color, 1 initial for a block name, 1 initial for the quilting (stitching) design. You can use a maiden name for an initial or the initial for the nickname you're known by, such as Beth, Betsy, or Liza, instead of Elizabeth. Color names can be paint chips from the hardware store or fabric color names, such as cornflower, Cajun orange, Iris purple, limeade. Bring the paint chip, fabric swatch, or web page illustrating your color.

An example: Amy B. Smith could use apple green color, Bear's paw block, and cables in her quilting. Or she could use apple core quilting design, butterscotch color, and a star block.

Your choices should be a noticeable portion of the quilt, but feel free to use as many other colors, blocks, and quilting designs as you want. Quilts can be up to 40 inches on a side. We'll show the quilts and award prizes at the September 2025 meeting. Have fun with it!

Dawn Heefner

Valley Forge Quilt Show- October Meeting Plan

This meeting is for checking in quilts, Boutique items and for bringing any remaining Grandma's Attic items. There is no program, no Zoom, no snacks, and no show and tell. The start time is 7:00 p.m., but feel free to come at 7:30, as it may reduce your waiting time. We will take quilts from one person at a time. We need to be careful to get your quilts numbered and in the right spot, so we ask for patience.

Your quilts need to have a label attached with your name, quilt name, and the category (e.g. large quilt, 2023 challenge). We passed out paper copies at the September meeting and the file will be sent by email a few days before the show. Also, a copy is below. Just fill in the forms and safety pin them to your quilts. You will receive the papers back with your quilt numbers on them. Please save these papers as they are your receipts that you will use to get your quilts back on Saturday. About quilt labels. We are requiring our little paper label. It is going to become your receipt/ticket for picking up your quilts on Saturday. Of course, we should all label or at least sign and date all our quilts, but we are not going to turn them away if you chose not to do that.

We will have numbers by the door for quilt check in. It will be first come first served. You don't have to stand in line but must listen for your number.

For Boutique, bring your items AND your forms listing your information. You may be able to sign in your Boutique items while you wait to turn in your quilts. Bring your fabric and notions for Grandma's attic and drop them off at the grandma's attic table.

I am suggesting, but it is not required, if your last name starts with A-K, come at 7:30. If your last name starts with L-Z, come at 7. If everyone shows up at 7:00 p.m., some folks will be waiting around for a long time. Feel free to socialize while you wait, but once you turn everything in, you can leave.

The quilt show closes at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 19. You can retrieve your quilts starting about 4:30 p.m. You can retrieve unsold Boutique merchandise at about 5:00 p.m. Again, we appreciate your patience for these activities.

Deb Graves

VFHQ 2024 Quilt Show Label
(Attach a separate label to each quilt)

Your name: _____

Quilt name: _____

Size category - circle the category for this quilt

Size Category:

BED or LARGE (70" or more on any size)

MEDIUM (51"-70" on any side)

SMALL (26"-50" on any side)

MINIATURE (25" or less on any side)

Wearable or 3_D

Challenge 2023 (Pentagon/Hexagon; Pink: Weather)

Challenge 2024 (BE's to Live By)

2024 "Be" Challenge



Fran Amore 1st Place



Linda Juzbasich 2nd Place



Marcy Mancini 3rd Place



Sue Fisher



Janet Gaboury



Barb Jones



Rosemary Geisler



Linda Mitchell



Karen Glasthal



Becky Weiland



Kate Sevensky



Ellen Kane



Nancy Hannum



Deb Graves



Rita Mack



Megan Gerstenfeld

Quilt Shows

October

Quilts from the Heart of Berks - October 4-5, 2024. Presented by the Berks Quilters Guild at [Leesport Farmers Market](#), 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 Shephard 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](#), 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. For more info visit <http://lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/>.

2024 Quilt Show – November 9-10, 2024. Hosted by the Newtown Quilters' at the Newtown Middle School, 116 Richboro Road (Route 332), Newtown, PA. Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm.

January

CRAFT NAPA 2025: Uncorked at Home Workshops - January 9-12, 2025. Registration opened September 14th. Comprised of 6-hour (1-day) and multi-day workshops, all taking place virtually via Zoom. Classes begin at 8:00 AM PACIFIC with an hour-long lunch break from 11:00 AM-Noon PACIFIC, and resume from Noon- 3:00 PM PACIFIC. For more info visit <https://craftingalifelc.com/>.

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

Shop Hops

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

Mystery Harvest Quilt Shop Hop 10/2/2024 - 10/5/2024 in OH, KY, and WV. See the [map](#).

Eastern PA Shop Hop 10/25/2024 - 11/9/2024. Join these [shops](#) in Berks, Carbon, Lycoming, Luzerne, and Monroe counties as we get you inspired with "Inspired Blooms":

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

Cathy Radcliffe

Getting Ready for the AccuQuilt Saturday Workshop-Nov 23, 2024

You have a wonderful, creative opportunity to use the guild's Studio dies and the Go! and Go Big! dies members will bring in for you to use. You can look to see what Studio dies are available on our website, www.valleyforgequilters.com, click on RESOURCES, click on **AccuQuilt** on the left. Members are bringing many dies that you can use for applique. If you want to use these, bring your fabric with fusible already ironed on. These dies include sea life, umbrella, butterfly, autumn leaves, snowflakes, mini-Christmas stocking, pig, cow, chicken, bird house, and a holiday medley (tree, holly, snowflakes). There will be a teapot, teacup, and Sunbonnet Sue. A penguin, owl, and gnome could also be ornaments. There will be large and small bowl cozy dies. Warning: All fabrics, thread and batting should be 100% cotton if cozy will be used in a microwave. Using material with other fibers can cause a fire in your microwave during use. Check labels carefully. There are specific brands of batting designed for this use also. You can make a baby bib with two fabrics and optional batting. When you go on the AccuQuilt web site, (www.accuquilt.com), you can get an idea of sizes to help figure out how much fabric is needed. Allow a good ½" around the die in your figuring. Look at all the ways you can use the jar die that will be available. We hope you will be inspired to make things for yourself or for gifts.

Baby Bib - 8" W x 12 ½" W finished: Fabric 1 - ¾ yard; Fabric 2 - ¾ yard; one can use ¾ yard of batting between the cotton layers or terry cloth for fabric 2; or instead of batting use fusible fleece fused to fabric 1; or one can add a layer of water repellent fabric (Cathy will bring this to the workshop if members would like to try a bib with it).

Small Bowl Cozy - 6 ¾" W x 2 ½" L x 6 ¾" H Finished: to make one needs two 10" squares and a 10" square of 100% cotton batting. Do not use insulated batting as it contains metal. Anything other than 100% cotton can catch fire in the microwave.

Large Bowl Cozy - 8W x 3 ½H x 8H finished - needs two 11" fabric squares and a 11" square of 100% cotton batting (same directions)

APPLIQUE DIES - place fusible web on back side of fabric before cutting from the die.

Bird & Birdhouse - 5 ½" x 6" finished - has eight shapes

Farm Animals Medley - Cow 6 ¾" x 4" finished; Pig 4" x 2 ¾" finished; Chicken 2" x 2 ¾" finished

Gnome - 2 ¾" x 6" finished - uses five colors: hat, nose, beard, outfit, shoes

Holiday Medley - Berries ½" finished; Holly Leaf 2" x 3 ¼" finished; Snowflake 5" finished; and Tree 5" finished

Mini Stocking - 4" x 5 ¾" finished - has four pieces: cuff, stocking body, toe and heel

Shamrock - 4 ¾" x 4 ¾" finished

Tea Cup and Saucer - Cup 4" x 2 ½" finished; Saucer 3 ¾" x 1 ⅛" finished

Tea Party - Tea Pot 7 ½" x 4 ¼" finished; Tea Pot Lid 3" x 1 ¾" finished; Tea Bag 1 ⅝" x 2 ⅛" finished; Tea Bag Label ⅝" x ⅝" finished

Jar - makes 8" block

Umbrella - 8 ¾ x 9 ½ (umbrella, handle, accent section of umbrella)

Butterfly - 7 ½ x 8 (four wing sections, body)

Sealife - crab, fish, starfish, seahorse, each no larger than 4 x 5 finished

Penguin - 5 x 6 finished (black body, white body, wings, beak, feet)

Owl - 4 ½ x 4 ½ finished (body, eyes, wings, beak)

Maple leaf - 4 x 4 ¼ finished, also smaller one

Oak - 3 ½ x 5 ¼ finished - also smaller one

Gingerbread man - 3 ½ x 4 finished

Snowflake - 3 ½ x 4 ½ finished

Cat - 3 ½ x 4 ½ finished

Tumbler - 6 ½ x 6 ½ finished

Cathy Fennell

September Show and Tell



Cathy Fennell's 2025 BOM Example



Comfort Quilts from Member Heart Blocks



April Hostler



Elsa Scherphorn



Deb Graves



Venessa Garst



Donna Raymond



Becky Weiland



Jen Fillman



Fran Amore



Jean Corday



Joan Gunder



Charlene Hagerty



Marcy Mancini



Linda Juzbasich

Saturday Sew Along

Date: Oct. 5, 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: Friday, Oct. 11, 2024
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Place: your home via Zoom

Workshops

AccuQuilt Saturday with Cathy Fennell and others

Date: Saturday, November 23, 2024
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Price: No charge
Lunch: Workshop ends at lunchtime
Supply list will be provided at time of signup. See page 7 for more info.

Friendship Tea



Scones



Luncheon



Linda's Festive Lights



Cathy's Demo for Tea Bag Travel Case



Janet's Demo of a Puffy Flower

Spotlight on a Quilt Shop - The Quilted Nest

If you take a little road trip to Collingswood, New Jersey, you can go to The Quilted Nest which is at 823 Haddon Ave. The shop is owned by Robin Laino and is in a building that was formerly a theater. The phone number is 856 240-1410 and the website is www.thequiltednest.com. There is also a Facebook and an Instagram location. Be sure to ask for your 10% guild discount when you make your purchases.

Robin says what makes her shop special is that it is a bright happy shop that fosters a sense of community through quilting. General sewing and quilting classes are offered. She is a Bernina dealer and features all major brands of fabrics. Ask about the longarm service and the machine embroidery that is also available.

The Quilted Nest participates in the New Jersey Shop Hop and the Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop. On Thursday mornings, they do a Facebook Live News and Specials update. A little bird also said that they are one of the shops added to the next Mystery Quilt Shop Hop that will be in March 2025.

Barbara Hughes



Quilting with Bob Ross.



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
October 1	October 8	October 24	October 29

October 2024

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

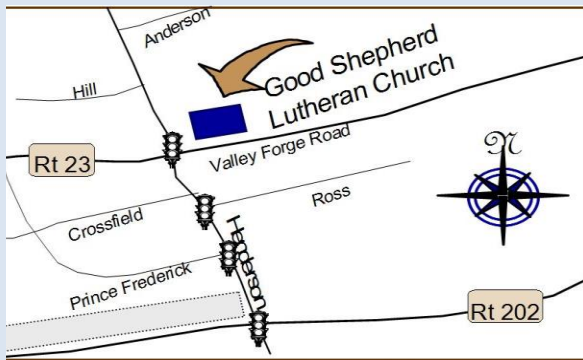


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VFHQ on Facebook

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



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

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