



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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November 2024

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President's Corner

I've read that it is important to "have an attitude of gratitude". Well, my heart is full of gratitude! I am so grateful to all of you who did so much to make our quilt show a success.

A special thank you to Deb Graves and Cathy Fennell, our quilt show's co-chairs. They worked so hard and did a fabulous job of leading our efforts.

I heard many great comments from attendees who loved our show. I enjoyed working in the sweet shop, and I was impressed that you not only baked delicious items, but you made them look amazing too. Our guests said both your quilts and your baked goods were beautiful.

I hope you'll join us at our November meeting where we'll announce the vote winners. We'll also hear from each venue leader about the success of each area.

Until next time,
Linda Mitchell





Happy Birthday

November

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

December

- 2 Joan Gunder
- 3 Ethel Hutchinson
- 4 Janet Gaboury
- 5 Ann Palmer
- 6 Connie Stevenson
- 12 Dottie Dolgash
- 19 Becky Weiland
- 24 Mary Larkin



Programs

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!

December

Time to party! We'll have our annual holiday party. This is your chance to get to know our new members, play games and enjoy delicious holiday treats. More information to follow.

Rita Mack

Comfort Quilts

Twelve quilts were dropped off at our quilt show made by elective students in the middle school from Cardinal Foley School in Havertown, PA (picture on bottom left). We also had money donated for comfort quilts during the quilt show. Thank you to all the ladies that sat at the table during the show and to everyone that made the show a success!!!

At our October 15 meeting, there were 10 quilts picked up making a total for the year of 219!!! I dropped quilts off at Paoli earlier in the month.



Maxine Close

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Our quilt show was fabulous!

We want to send a huge thank you out to you, our members. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for leading a committee, entering your quilts, staffing shifts at the show, donating to Grandma's Attic, donating mini-quilts and raffle baskets, baking for the Sweet Shop, offering your handmade items for the Boutique, leading demonstrations, setting up, and cleaning up.

See what we mean? It takes a quilt guild to put on a quilt show.

Cathy Fennell and Deb Graves

Here is a recipe from the Sweet Shop compliments of Janet Gaboury, that everyone raved about.

Chocolate Banana Bread Recipe

This Fudgy Chocolate Banana Bread is easy to make, extra chocolatey (with cocoa and chocolate chips), and stays moist for days. Enjoy this for breakfast or dessert. By Natasha Kravchuk

Makes 1 loaf

Ingredients

- 3 very ripe bananas, mashed with a fork (about 1 3/4 cups)
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten, at room temperature
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour, or gluten-free flour
- 1/3 cup natural unsweetened cocoa powder, such as Hershey's (Janet used the Hershey's Special Dark Cocoa)
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, divided into 3/4 cup and 1/4 cup

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease a 9.25 x 5.25 x 2.75-inch loaf pan and line it with a sheet of parchment paper. There should be at least two inches of overhang on the sides to help you lift out the loaf once it's done baking. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or in a large bowl with a hand mixer, cream together the butter and sugar. Add the lightly beaten eggs and mix just to combine. Mix in the bananas and vanilla until blended. In a second large bowl, sift together the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the wet and mix on medium-low speed until just incorporated. The batter will be a little lumpy, and that's ok. Do not over mix or your loaf will be tough. Use a spatula to fold in 3/4 cup of the chocolate chips. Transfer the batter to the prepared loaf pan and sprinkle the remaining 1/4 cup of the chocolate chips over the top. Bake for 55 to 65 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Let the banana bread rest in the pan for 10 minutes, then gently pull up on the parchment paper to transfer the loaf to a cooling rack. Serve the banana bread at room temperature or when it is slightly warm to the touch.

2025 Spring Retreat

April 3-April 6, 2025

Our spring retreat will be held the first weekend in April at the Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, Pa. We can have a maximum of 25 attendees, but we need a minimum of 10. The registration is a little earlier this year than in the past. The form for registering is included in this newsletter (see Page 5), and I will be accepting forms and deposit checks at the November and December meetings. The absolute deadline is February 18.

This year our sleeping accommodations will all be in the Dogwood Motel and we will have a different sewing space. The Oakwood Dining Hall is a large well-lit space which can easily accommodate our group with all our machines and supplies. It is located right across from the Dogwood Motel.



If you want to know the cost of either single sleeping accommodation or 3 to a room, please contact me and I can send it to you. Please indicate which nights you are interested in attending so I can give you the correct figures.

Barbara Hughes

Spring Retreat – April 3-April 6, 2025

Blackrock Retreat Center, 1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville PA 17566 (www.blackrockretreat.com)

Coordinator: Barbara Hughes

3 Nights	2people/Rm	(8) Meals Included:
Thursday night April 3 TO Saturday night April 5, 2025	\$365.00 pp	Thr: D Sat: B-L-D Fri: B-L-D Sun: B

2 Nights		(5) Meals Included:
Thursday night April 3 & Friday night April 4 OR Friday night April 4 & Saturday night April 5	\$235.00 pp \$245.00 pp	Thr: D, Fri: B-L-D; Sat: B Fri: D, Sat: B-L-D; Sun: B

Timeline	<p>December 17, 2024 \$50 Non-Refundable Deposit due from attendees</p> <p>January, 2025 Balance Payments (full or partial) Accepted</p> <p>February 18, 2025 Final payment Due.</p> <p><i>No cancellations or refunds after this date!</i></p> <p><i>Unless spot filled by a new registration</i></p> <p>Up To March 1, 2025 Will take additions with full payment (if room available)</p> <p>April 3-April 6 Retreat</p> <p>Minimum/Maximum 10/25</p>
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Final Balance Due Tuesday, **February 18, 2025**

(check payable to **VFHQ**)

Name: _____

eMail: _____

Balance Payment

Cash

Check Check # _____

3 Night Option (Thr April 3 - Sat Apr 5)

2 Night Option (Thr April 3 & Fri April 4)

2 Night Option (Fri April 4 & Sat Apr 5)

Requested Roommate(s): (1 Full + 2 Single beds per room)

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Fall Retreat 2024



Debbie Wallingford



Judy Snook



Venessa Garst



Patty Tillman



Linda Mitchell



Joan Shaw



Jen Fillman

Quilt Shows

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/>.

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

February

AQS Quilt Week - February 19-22, 2025. Presented by AQS at the [Ocean Center](https://www.quiltweek.com/), 101 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL. For more info visit <https://www.quiltweek.com/>.

QuiltCon - February 20-23, 2025. Presented by The Modern Quilt Guild at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, AZ. For more info visit <https://www.quiltcon.com/>.

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival - February 27 to March 2, 2025. Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the [Hampton Roads Convention Center](https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/), 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/>.

March

AQS Quilt Week - March 12-15, 2025. Presented by AQS at the [Branson Convention Center](https://www.quiltweek.com/), 200 S Sycamore Street, Branson, MO. For more info visit <https://www.quiltweek.com/>.

Lancaster Lebanon Quilt Show - March 26-29, 2025. At the [Lebanon Valley Exposition Center](https://www.aquiltersdestination.com/lancaster-pa), 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. The show features over 55+ vendors, 150+ quilts and 30+ classes. It also includes free admission, free parking and free lectures. For more info visit <https://www.aquiltersdestination.com/lancaster-pa>.

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Shop Hops

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" H 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 ½L 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

Saturday Sew Along

Date: Nov. 2, 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 Nov 9, 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 8 for more info.

Zoom String Piecing Workshop with Connie Stevenson

Date: January 25, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Place: via Zoom in your home

Zoom link will be sent before the workshop. Supply list will be available at the November and December meetings.

Coming Soon!

A new method of paper piecing – no need to tear out paper.

A novel way to “paper piece” that is easy to learn.

Get your spot by signing up now!

Zoom Workshop with David Sirota

Date: February 22, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Place: via Zoom in your home

Price: \$20.00 (The guild is paying half of the cost of the class.)

Zoom information will be sent before the workshop. The paper pieced pattern is Collide-O-Scope: <https://www.quiltmavendave.com/collide-o-scope>. This workshop is limited to 25 participants. Size is 50" x 50"

Spotlight on a Quilt Shop - Early Girl Quilt Company

Early Girl Quilt Company is in Audubon, New Jersey. The address is 235 S. White Horse Pike. Kim Matrino and her sister-in-law, Sharon Kelly, are the business partners who own the shop. In addition to a brick and mortar store, they have a website with online shopping at www.earlygirlquilts.com. They also have a Facebook page called Early Girl Quilt Company and they do a live video every Wednesday called "What's New Wednesday." In this video, they show everything new in the shop each week. The Instagram username is earlygirlquilts also. They do not offer a guild discount.

Early Girl Quilts is a small but mighty shop featuring a bright and colorful fabric selection and many quilt kits and fabric bundles. Some of the kits are from manufacturers but others are curated by the wonderful and friendly staff in the shop. Kim and Sharon consider their staff to be their greatest asset. As you would expect, they offer many quilting related classes which are limited in size to 6 students to allow for lots of personal attention. The Start Quilting Class is very popular but there are more advanced classes on the schedule as well. The bag making classes fill up particularly fast.

The shop has a large selection of half yard cuts which are priced at \$5 each and if you buy 5 you get a sixth one for free. They also have a large selection of fat quarters and are happy to cut fat quarters of almost any fabric in the shop—there are a few exceptions. They do not carry machines.

Early Girl participates in the Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop and is one of the two new shops on the Philadelphia area Mystery Shop Hop. Occasionally they host Facebook live sales as well as in store sales at various times.

Kim says the best way to get to know them is to visit the shop, follow them on Facebook, or get on the email list for a regular update on the latest goings on at Early Girl Quilt Company.

Barbara Hughes



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
November 5	November 12	No Meeting in November Enjoy Thanksgiving	April 29, 2025

November 2024

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



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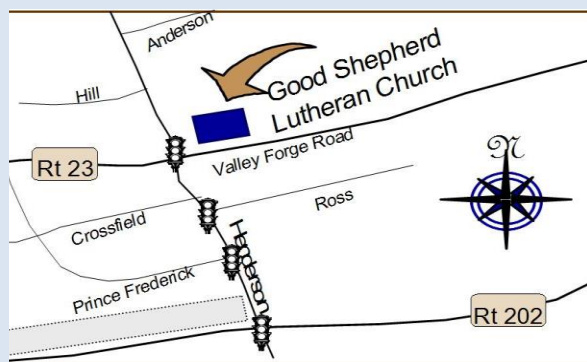
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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



Newsletter Submissions

Send to: Judy Snook

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

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