



# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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December 2024

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## President's Corner

I'm sure I'm not the only one thinking about the holidays. By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will probably be over, and we'll all be busy getting ready for Christmas and Hanukkah.

A few years back I started giving each of my family members a homemade bag. I have all of them done but one, and I can't wait to see what they think.

I also need to get ready for our guild holiday party. I'll have to think of what food item to bring and get started on my bingo card. I already purchased a lovely gift for the gift exchange, and yesterday I bought a jelly roll. I need to start sewing strips together! More information is coming about our party plans. Should be fun!

I wish all of you a fun, safe and healthy holiday season.

Until next time,  
*Linda Mitchell*



## Welcome Linda Muzroll

Linda Muzroll came to our Quilt Show and decided joining the guild was a good idea. She has been sewing since she was ten years old with her sister. Then about twenty years ago, she became interested in quilting and has been quilting ever since. While she has made a king size quilt, Linda prefers smaller projects like wall hangings and table runners. Now that she is retired, she has time for quilting and gardening.



## Happy Birthday

### 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

### January

- 11 Cynthia Krommes
- 14 Martine Green
- 21 Mary Molettiere
- 30 Debbie Bianco



Rita and Fran with example Runner

## Programs

### December

It's time to dust off your jingle bells and unpack your party clothes for our annual Holiday Party! Fran, Marcy and I are planning some exciting games to play. Since everyone enjoyed Quilter's Bingo last year, we're asking you to again prepare your bingo card to play. The instructions will be sent in a separate email from the guild so watch for it.

We are also planning a new game which we are calling "Not Your Mother's Jelly Roll Race". Our team has made several fabric "runners" for this game, but we wouldn't mind a little help if you're feeling ambitious. If you have a jelly roll laying around or jelly roll scraps and you want to make a runner, please see the instructions in a separate email from the guild (picture below). **This is optional** but if you choose to make a runner, please email Rita so we know how many we will have.

If you wish to participate in our Pollyanna/gift exchange, please bring a wrapped quilting related gift with an approximate value of \$20

And it wouldn't be a party without our delicious food. We are asking that you bring a dish according to your name, so we have a balance of items:

**A – N please bring a savory item**

**O - Z please bring a sweet item**

Looking forward to seeing you on **December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!)**

### January 2025

We'll be meeting via **ZOOM**.

Are you tired of using the same old quilting designs? Wanting to learn fresh embellishment techniques? Need a jump-start on a UFO? Keen on using scraps & what you already have? Intrigued by storytelling through quilting? Our guest speaker, **Emma Jane Powell**, can help!

*Rita Mack*

## Guild Meeting Minutes - November 19, 2024 submitted by Jen Fillman

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

**Announcements:** There was a Member Grandma's Attic and Boutique sale during the meeting.

-Barbara Hughes presented information for the 2025 Spring Retreat. The \$50 deposits are due at the December Guild meeting. Please see the newsletter for more information.

-Rita Mack, Marcy Mancini, and Fran Amore presented information regarding the December Guild Holiday Party. Members with last names A-N, please bring a savory food item. Members with last names O-Z, please bring a sweet food item. If you would like to participate in Bingo at the party, please create a 5 block by 5 block board using 2.5" squares of different fabrics. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped quilting related gift with an approximate value of \$20. There will also be an additional Jelly Roll Race game. More information to follow.

**Membership:** One new member, Linda Muzroll.

**Comfort Quilts:** Ten quilts were turned in at the October Guild meeting. The comfort quilt total for 2024 is 219 so far. Mary Larkin won the comfort quilt drawing. This month, Maxine Close dropped quilts off at the VA and Paoli Hospital. Connie Stevenson presented information about fidget quilts, which benefit and assist in the treatment of dementia and autism patients. The Guild will create fidget quilts during the March 2025 Comfort Quilt workshop. Donated items and textured fabric will be collected at the December Guild meeting. More information to follow. The next Comfort Quilt Zoom meeting will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024.

**Row of Every Other Month:** Cathy Fennell presented the 2025 Block of the Month which she called the "Row of Every Other Month." Members will be able to cut pieces at the November AccuQuilt workshop. The first row is due in January 2025. The program's schedule was provided to participants along with the instructions book.

**Workshops:** November 23, 2024: AccuQuilt Saturday workshop, from 9:30am-1:00pm. January 25, 2025: String Piecing with Connie Stevenson, Zoom workshop. February 22, 2025: David Sirota and "Collide-O-Scope" paper piecing, Zoom workshop. Cost to members is \$20. March 22, 2025: Comfort Quilts, Dignity Bibs, and Fidget Quilts workshop. April 26, 2024: Applique workshop with Rebecca Penniston. Cost to members is \$25.

**50/50 Drawing:** Becky Weiland won the 50/50 this month. **Door prizes:** Kim Girard, Laura Chaplar, Carol Mellom, and Marcy Mancini won the door prizes this month.

**Program:** The program this month was the 2024 Quilt Show wrap-up. Deb Graves presented the Viewer's Choice Awards: Small quilts: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Becky Weiland, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Linda Mitchell, 3<sup>rd</sup> place tied: Becky Weiland and Beth Mancini. Large Quilts: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Joan Markowitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Cathy Fennell, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Linda Jarosz. Each of the winners shared their quilts and was interviewed by Deb Graves. Each venue Chair provided feedback about their venue from the Quilt Show. Kathie Haney provided an overall Quilt Show financial report as well as a quarterly Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report will be available at future Guild meetings for anyone who is interested.

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

**December meeting:** The meeting will be in-person only and will include the Holiday Party. It will begin at 6:00 pm. Please see the newsletter for more information.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

## 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 December meeting but you can also mail to me (see address in member directory). I must have the minimum of 10 registrants by that date to confirm our reservation and to ensure we have the spaces. As of this writing I have 6 confirmed with a deposit. The final payments are due 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](http://www.blackrockretreat.com))

**Coordinator:** Barbara Hughes

<b>3 Nights</b>	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

<b>2 Nights</b>		(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><b>December 17, 2024 \$50 Non-Refundable Deposit due from attendees</b></p> <p>January, 2025            Balance Payments (full or partial) Accepted</p> <p><b>February 18, 2025 Final payment Due.</b></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)**

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

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eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cash

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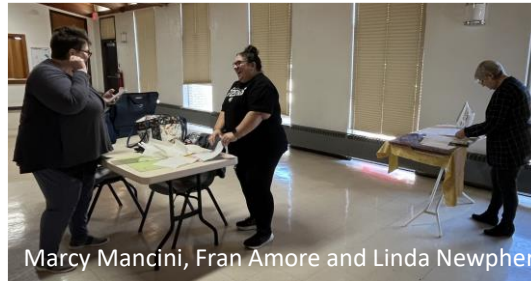
Requested Roommate(s):

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## November AccuQuilt Workshop



Jen Fillman



Marcy Mancini, Fran Amore and Linda Newpher



Rita Mack



Carol Mellom



Cathy Fennell, Laura Ocker and Linda

Dear Guild Members,

"Thank you for the incredibly beautiful comfort quilt, and for all the cards and prayers. It is such a hard time to experience and so many of you have been through it before. Jim was really happy I joined your group. He knew I loved quilting. Thank you all for being part of my support system."

*Carol Mellom*

## Comfort Quilts

We are really doing a wonderful job ladies, keep up the good work!!! We had 23 quilts turned in at our November meeting making a total of 242 quilts for the year!!!

Since we won't be meeting again until March, may I suggest you pick up a kit at our December meeting if you don't already have one at home to work on. During that time if you need batting, backing, or would like another kit, let me know. I will be glad to make arrangements with you to get what you need. If you only like to make the top, turn the quilt top in and I will give the top to those that do the quilting.

Please save Saturday, March 22, 2025, for the next Comfort Quilt Workshop at the church.



*Maxine Close*

## Quilt Shows

### **Now through March 2, 2025**

**Signature Quilts** - through March 2, 2025. Creating identity and memory with quilts is the focus of the upcoming exhibit at Chester County History Center at 225 N. High Street, West Chester, PA. Two dozen quilts, most from the mid-1800s, with extensive inscriptions will be on view. Examples include recent acquisitions exhibited for the first time, along with quilts not on view for more than 30 years. The museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info visit <https://mycchc.org/exhibits/changing-exhibits/>.

### **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.

### **February**

**AQS Quilt Week** - February 19-22, 2025. Presented by AQS at the [Ocean Center](#), 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](#), 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](#), 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](#), 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>.

### **April**

**History Revisited Quilt Show and Sale** – April 4-5, 2025. Presented by Homemaker's Country Quilters at the [4H Center](#), 1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA. For more info visit <https://homemakerscountryquilters.org/>.

**AQS Quilt Week** - April 23-26, 2025. Presented by AQS at the Schroeder Expo Center, 415 Park Street, Paducah, KY. For more info visit <https://www.quiltweek.com/>.

**Quilt Expo 2025** - April 26-27, 2025. Presented by the Baltimore Heritage Quilters Guild at [Timonium Fairgrounds](#) - Home Arts Building, 2200 York Road, Lutherville-Timonium, MD. For more info visit <https://www.baltimorequilters.com/expo-2025/>.

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## Shop Hops

**Mystery Quilt Shop Hop** 3/1/2025 - 3/9/2025 Philly & northern suburbs

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

*Cathy Radcliffe*

## November Show and Tell



Barbara Hughes



Connie Stevenson



Ethel Hutchinson and Joan Shaw



Charlene Hagerty



Laura Ocker



Linda Juzbasich



Jen Fillman



Laura Chaplar



## Saturday Sew Along

*Date:* Dec. 7, 2024

*Time:* 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

*Place:* your home via Zoom

*Project:* one of your own choosing

## Zoom Comfort Quilt Workshops

*Date:* Friday Dec. 13, 2024

*Time:* 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

*Place:* your home via Zoom

## Workshops

### **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 December meeting.



### **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"

### **Fidget Quilt Workshop** with Connie Stevenson and **Comfort Charity Quilt Workshop** with Maxine Close and **Dignity Bib Workshop** with Linda Mitchell

*Date:* March 22, 2025

*Time:* 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

*Place:* Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

*Price:* No Charge

*Project:* Please contact Maxine if you need a kit, backing and /or batting. A supply list for the Fidget Quilt will be provided

*Lunch:* Provided by the Comfort Quilt Committee.



# Quilt Show Winners



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Large Quilt  
Cathy Fennell



1<sup>st</sup> Place Large Quilt  
Joan Markowitz



3<sup>rd</sup> Place Large Quilt  
Linda Jarosz



1<sup>st</sup> Place Small Category  
Becky Weiland



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Small Category  
Linda Mitchell



3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Tie Small Category  
Beth Mancini



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Becky Weiland



Quilting Prize  
Sandy Darlington  
from Linda M and Joan



Special Thank You to  
show Co-Chairs  
Cathy and Deb

## 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
December 3	December 10	Happy Holidays See you in January!	April 29, 2025

# December 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 <b>Zoom</b> <b>Comfort Quilt Workshop</b> 9:30 - 4:00 pm	14
15	16	17 <b>Guild Meeting</b> <b>Holiday Party</b> <b>No Zoom</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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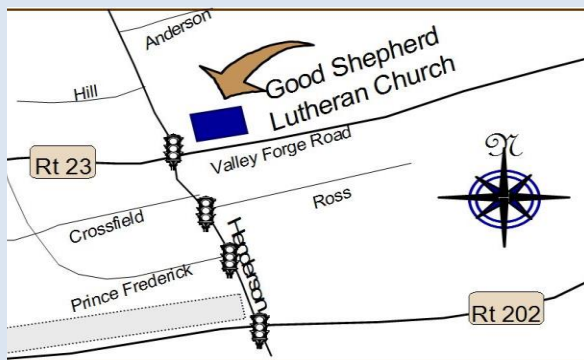
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### VFHQ on Facebook

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.

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### ***Guild Committees and Resources***

50:50	Debbie Bianco
AccuQuilt Die Cutter	Lisa Lombardo
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Evening	Deb Graves
Northern	Barbara Hughes
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