



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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President's Corner

The guild is keeping me plenty busy. I'm working on my Row of Every Other Month, I started my next comfort quilt, and I chose my fabrics for the September challenge. And I still need to choose fabrics for the workshop with David Sirota!

The guild has a lot going on. Please remember that all of our activities depend on people who volunteer their time to make them happen. And our Board meets monthly to ensure that committee members and activities have what they need.

Soon the Nominating Committee will be reaching out for volunteers to serve on the board for our guild. We will be electing a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair. Please consider lending your expertise to keep our guild strong so we can continue our wonderful activities.

Until next time,
Linda Mitchell



Programs

February Program

Meg Cox will provide a fun, inspiring lecture that changes lives. An expert on tradition who has written four books on rituals and celebrations, Meg Cox shares examples of quilters' celebrations but also shows powerful (and quirky) ideas from her own life. She shares what she has learned in 20 years of research about what makes traditions and celebrations unforgettable, with abundant practical examples of milestone rituals, friendship rituals and so much more. This talk includes a trunk show element: Meg shows quilts and other items to illustrate the concepts and stories she shares.

March Program

Brita Nelson returns to share her newest lecture. While I haven't had the pleasure yet, Brita informed me that this is her only lecture that our guild has not yet seen. She explains "It is a fun, informative and inspirational trek to find the best way to handle my mountain of left-over fabric. I had over 30 years' worth of accumulated scraps which threatened to take over my sewing room and consume me! I had to do something. Some of you may have the same problem. Here is how I managed to save myself and actually make some room in my fabric closet. With over two dozen quilts and projects I will demonstrate some great ways to use that secret treasure hiding in your house. I will also cover basic color and contrast principles to make your own scrap beauties really shine."

Rita Mack



Happy Birthday

February

- 2 Ellen Kane
- 10 Barbara Jones
- 13 Susan Howatt
- 16 Joann Kirschenmann
- 17 Esther Canning
- 19 Ann Lister
- 24 Sandy Dounce
- 26 Jen Fillman
- 26 Laura Ocker

March

- 1 Rose McKinley
- 4 Lou Chandler
- 9 Cindy Brennan
- 10 Norma Richard
- 13 Gail Forster
- 15 Lisa Steuer
- 18 Cathy Fennell
- 28 Tracy Klinger

Guild Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2025

Welcome: Linda Mitchell welcomed all members on Zoom.

Announcements: Barbara Hughes mentioned that there are currently 10 members attending the Spring 2025 retreat. There are four rooms still available. Non-members are welcome to attend. Please contact her if interested.

- Deb Graves spoke about the VFHQ Digital Archive Project, which will require a committee of Guild members to organize and digitize archival documents and photos from the Guild since its creation in 1987. Please reach out to Deb Graves if interested in helping with this project.

- Linda Mitchell announced that the co-chairs for the 2025-2027 Board Nominating Committee are Sue Fisher and Barbara Hughes. Sue mentioned that they need members to form the nominating committee and will also need nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership Chair. To nominate a member for a position, please email Sue Fisher. The deadline for Board nominations is the end of March 2025. The voting will take place at the June 2025 Guild meeting.

- Reminder that the February Guild meeting will be on Zoom only.

Membership: no new members.

Comfort Quilts: Maxine Close mentioned that there were 11 quilts collected during December 2024 making for a total of 253 for the year. On January 11, 2025, a Comfort Quilt Workshop was held on Zoom and at Maxine's home. The next Comfort Quilt Workshop will be Saturday, February 8, 2025, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom.

Workshops: January 25, 2025: String Piecing with Connie Stevenson and Crumb Weaving with Jacqui Santangelo, Zoom workshop.

- February 22, 2025: David Sirota and "Collide-O-Scope" paper piecing, Zoom workshop. Cost to members is \$20. Spots are still available. The cutoff date is January 31, 2025.

- March 22, 2025: Comfort Quilts, Dignity Bibs, and Fidget Quilts workshop. A Signup Genius will be sent out.

- April 26, 2025: Applique workshop with Rebecca Penniston. Cost to members is \$25. Signups will start February 24, 2025. Workshop fee includes the kit and is limited to 15 attendees.

50/50 Drawing: no 50/50 this month.

Door prizes: no door prizes this month.

Row of Every Other Month: There were 19 participants this month who created the first row of their quilt. Deb Graves presented photos of the rows in a slide show. Ruth Heslin won the drawing this month. For the March 2025 meeting, participants should complete their second row and bring the first two rows sewn together to the meeting.

Program: The speaker this month was Emma Jane Powell. Her talk was about folk-art applique, Arpilleras. Arpilleras are brightly colored patchwork works of art which documented the oppression in Chile during the totalitarian military regime of General Pinochet. She created a website on this topic: <https://dreamitquiltit.com/arpilleras/>. Emma is also in the process of creating a trip for quilters to Chile to participate in an Arpilleras workshop.

Show and Tell: show and tell followed.

February meeting: The February meeting will be Zoom only. Members will need to email photos of their Show and Tell items to Deb Graves for the February meeting. The February program will feature Meg Cox. Her talk is about "Making Meaning" in your quilting

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Fillman

Row of Every Other Month - January



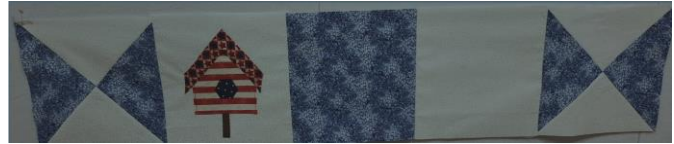
Linda Juzbasich



Linda Ulinski



Joan Gunder



Tracy Klinger



April Hostler



Ruth Heslin



Anita Bennett



Dawn Heefner



Ellen Kane



Jen Fillman



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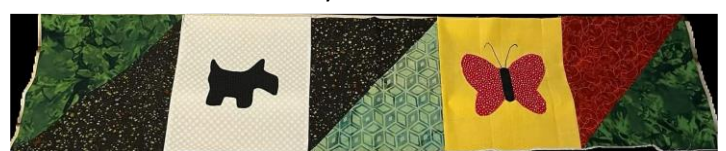
Lisa Lombardo



Judy Snook



Laura Ocker



Sandy Darlington



Barbara Hughes



Meghan Heslin



Marcy Mancini

Comfort Quilts

For the month of January, I didn't pick up any quilts. The next Comfort Quilt Workshop on Zoom will be Saturday, February 8 at 9:30. We always have some very interesting conversations so I hope we will see you then. Be sure to put Saturday, March 22 on your calendar for our in-person Comfort Quilt, Fidgety Quilt, and Dignity Bib Workshop.

Maxine Close

Spring Quilt Retreat

There are still three rooms available for the Spring Retreat at Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, Pa, April 3rd -6th. We have a big well-lit sewing room and sleeping accommodations that can be for one, two, or three. All meals are included and served cafeteria style in a communal dining room. The center is on a beautiful, wooded property with walking trails and campfire sites and by the time we are there, there will be flowers blooming and most things will be getting green again. We have a campfire one evening complete with s'mores and singing for those who wish to participate. Shopping trips to Lancaster stores always happen spontaneously. Please consider joining the fun. Contact Barbara Hughes.

Costs:

	Thursday, Friday, Saturday	Thursday, Friday	Friday, Saturday
1/room	\$604	\$389	\$414
2/room	\$365	\$235	\$245
3/room	\$281	\$185	\$190

Quilt Shows

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/>.

March

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>.

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #11 - March 26-29, 2025. Our eleventh 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. Put on the tea, get comfortable in your PJs and slippers, and join us for another in the Virtual Schoolhouse series. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtual-schoolhouse-11/>.

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/>.

May

Airing of the Quilts - May 3, 2025. In historic downtown Palmerton, PA and Palmerton High School. The event will include over 500 quilts displayed throughout historic downtown Palmerton; live entertainment and vendors in the park; a quilt show with artisans, crafters and vendors at the Palmerton High School gymnasium; free parking at the high school with shuttle bus to the venues, a scavenger hunt with prizes, and more. For more info visit <https://www.theairingofthequilts.com/>.

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

June

MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - June 6-8, 2025. The Mid-Appalachian Quilters gather each summer for a three-day quilting seminar at [Gettysburg College](#), 300 North Washington Street, Gettysburg, PA. We offer a variety of classes presented by some of the best teachers in the Mid-Atlantic area. For more info visit <http://maqonline.org/>.

Shop Hop

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

January Show and Tell



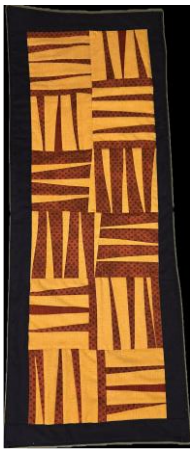
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Kayleigh Graff



Linda Juzbasich



Charlene Hagerty



Judy Snook



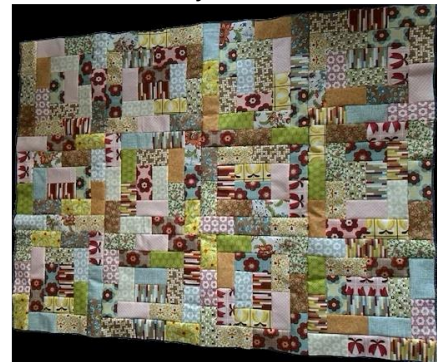
Marcy Mancini



Deb Graves



Dawn Heefner



Ruth Heslin



Laura Chaplar



Jen Fillman



Cathy Fennell

Saturday Sew Along

Date: Feb. 1, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Place: your home via Zoom

Project: one of your own choosing

Zoom Comfort Quilt Workshops

Date: Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025

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

Place: your home via Zoom

Workshops

Zoom Workshop with David Sirota – *Sign up: there are openings*

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"

Collide-O-Scope

Sirota "No More Tears" © Paper Piecing
It's Paper Piecing for the 21st Century



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.

RazBeca Applique Workshop with *Rebecca Penniston*

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025

Time: 9:30 am to 3 pm

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Price: \$25.00 includes the price of the kit

Project: This is a small bird appliqué wall hanging, shown above.

Kit will be provided. This workshop is limited to 15 members.

Lunch: Please bring your own lunch.

Sign-ups begin February 24. Sign up by sending a check for \$25.00 made out to Valley Forge Homestead Quilters, to Cathy Fennell or sign up at the March meeting.



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
February 4	February 11	February 27	April 29

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Zoom Saturday Sew Along 9:30 - 4:00 pm
2	3	4 Zoom Evening Bee 7:00 - 9:00 pm	5	6	7	8 Zoom Comfort Quilt Workshop 9:30 - 4:00 pm
9	10	11 Zoom Afternoon Bee 12:30 - 3:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Guild Meeting Zoom Only 7:00 pm	19	20	21	22 David Sirota Workshop Zoom 9:30 - 3:00 pm
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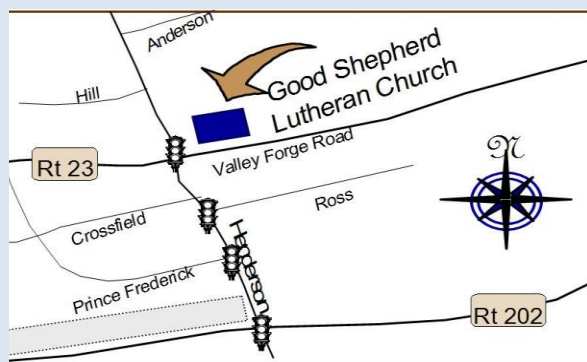


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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



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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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