



# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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March 2025

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## President's Corner

I've really enjoyed staying home for our guild meetings in January and February and not having to brave the cold. Having said that, I'm looking forward to getting out more in March and seeing everyone in person.

I'm especially excited about our charity event on March 22. During this workshop, you can choose to make comfort quilts, surgical dolls, dignity bibs and/or fidget quilts. You can bring your machine, or you can do hand work. And Maxine's committee will provide a great lunch!

Please make time to attend. Last year we completed 253 comfort quilts. I hope you'll join me in working to exceed that number in 2025. And being together and sewing together is just sew wonderful!

Until next time,  
*Linda Mitchell*



## The Initials Challenge

It's 6 months and counting till the 2025 Initials Challenge!

*Dawn Heefner*



**Happy Birthday**

**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

**April**

- 4 Rosemary Geisler
- 6 Marge Quinn
- 8 Carol Olinick
- 8 Babette Sutherland
- 9 Jean Corday
- 22 Denise Pokorny
- 23 Kate Sevensky
- 24 April Hostler

**Programs**

**March Program**

We welcome Brita Nelson back (though personally, I have not yet had the pleasure). Brita will present her newest lecture entitled: "Every Last Crumb – An Adventure in Scrap Quilting". According to Brita this is her only lecture that our guild has not seen. I have enjoyed her on TV, so I am excited to be able to meet her in person this month.

**April Program**

Have you heard of RazBeca's Birds? We're about to find out. Rebecca Penniston designs mini quilts featuring "wonky" birds. I have spotted a few cats on her sites also. I guess it's safe enough if they meet on a quilt 😊. You can view her work on Instagram and Etsy. Her designs make me smile so I hope they do the same for you too!

FYI – I'm already thinking about making a crumb background based on Brita's lecture and then learning how to embellish it with what I learn about RazBeca's style of applique.

*Rita Mack*

**Refreshments for the March 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

<b>Sweet</b>	<b>Savory</b>	<b>Drinks/Ice</b>
Maxine Close Gail Forster Kathie Haney Ruth Heslin Linda Jarosz Joan Shaw Linda Ulinski	Janet Gaboury Ethel Hutchinson Ann Palmer Denise Pokorny	Jean Corday Karen Glasthal Charlene Hagerty (ice) Meghan Heslin (2-liter soda) April Hostler Joann Kirschenmann (water)

## Guild Meeting Minutes - February 18, 2025

**Welcome:** Linda Mitchell welcomed all members on Zoom.

**Announcements:** Sue Fisher spoke about the 2025-2027 Board Nominating Committee. Several potential candidates have been contacted. Volunteers are needed for the position of President. The deadline for Board nominations is the end of March 2025. The voting will take place at the June 2025 Guild meeting.

-Reminder for the 2025 Challenge, which is the Initials Challenge. Use your initials to make a quilt – one for a color, one for a block name, and one for the quilting (stitching) design. (It doesn't matter which order). Your initial can be a maiden name or a nickname. 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!

**Membership:** no new members.

**Comfort Quilts:** Maxine has not picked up any quilts yet this year. The next Comfort Quilt, Fidget Quilt, and Dignity Bibs Workshop will be Saturday, March 22, 2025, beginning at 9:30am, in-person.

**Workshops:** February 22, 2025: David Sirota and "Collide-O-Scope" paper piecing, Zoom workshop, starting at 9:30am.

-March 22, 2025: Comfort Quilts, Dignity Bibs, and Fidget Quilts workshop.

-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:** 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 Meg Cox. Her talk was about "Making Meaning" in your quilting. She is a published author and has been quilting for over 30 years. She focused on celebrating life through quilting, rituals and gatherings.

**Show and Tell:** a slide show of show and tell followed.

**March meeting:** The March meeting will be in-person and on Zoom. Don't forget to bring the first two rows of your Row of Every Other Month, show and tell, and completed comfort quilts. The speaker for March 2025 will be Brita Nelson who will speak about crumb and scrap quilting.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jen Fillman*

## Comfort Quilts

There were no quilts added this month. We hope to see you Saturday, March 22 at 9:30 in-person at the church for one of our workshops. We will be working on dignity bibs, fidget quilts, stuffing surgical dolls, and sewing quilts. Everything will be provided for you; you just need to bring your sewing machine and your basic sewing supplies. If you wish to use your own material and/or patterns for the quilts, you are more than welcome. The committee prepares the kits to make it fast and easy for everyone to get a quilt finished on the day of the workshop. Batting and backing will also be available.

Our committee provides a delicious lunch.

Any questions, please feel free to call the house phone or email me. I will do my best to get back to you as soon as possible. Some days are hectic since I take care of my mom.

*Maxine Close*

## Row of Every Other Month - 2025

Please bring your first two rows sewn together to the March guild meeting. Any questions, please contact Cathy Fennell.

## Shop Hop

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

Note from Barbara Hughes, all the shops in the shop hop have been written up in previous newsletters.

*Cathy Radcliffe*

## Quilt Shows

### March

**Valley in Bloom Quilt Show 2025** – March 7-8, 2025. Presented by the Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild at the Warrior Run Area Fire Department Social Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Allenwood, PA 17810. For more info visit <https://susqvalleyquilters.org/>.

**Sharing the Quilts XXXXI** – March 22, 2025. Presented by Harvest Quilters of Central New Jersey at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ. For more info visit <https://harvestquilters.com/quilt-show/>.

**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, Collegetown, 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/>.

**Road to Virginia Quilter's Conference and Showcase** - June 26-28, 2025. A new quilt show sponsored by the Road to California, Inc, the company that puts on one of the largest quilt shows in the USA - Road to California. It is at the [Greater Richmond Convention Center](#), 403 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Richmond, Virginia. For more info visit <https://www.road2va.com/>.

*Cathy Radcliffe*

# February Show and Tell



Kayleigh Graff



Linda Hamel



Linda Juzbasich



Deb Graves



Lisa Lombardo



Jen Fillman



Joan Shaw



Joann Kirschenmann



Judy Snook



Connie Stevenson

Homemakers Country Quilters Presents  
History Revisited  
Quilt Show and Sale



April 4-5, 2025

**Friday and Saturday 10-4**

Recycle Room Sale, Sunday April 6, 10-2 Credit, Venmo or Cash

**Admission \$10** cash or check only

4H Center 1015 Bridge Rd Collegeville, PA

[Homemakerscountryquilters.org](http://Homemakerscountryquilters.org)

**Saturday Sew Along**

*Date:* March 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, March 8, 2025  
*Time:* 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM.  
*Place:* your home via Zoom

**Workshops**

**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. Kit will be provided.  
 This workshop is limited to 15 members.  
*Lunch:* Please bring your own lunch.



Creating Rockin' Robin

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 <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
March 4	March 11	March 27	April 29

# March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>Zoom</b> <b>Saturday Sew Along</b> 9:30 - 4:00 pm
2	3	4 <b>Zoom</b> <b>Evening Bee</b> 7:00 - 9:00 pm	5	6	7	8 <b>Zoom</b> <b>Comfort Quilt Workshop</b> 9:30 - 4:00 pm
9 Daylight Saving Time Starts	10	11 <b>Zoom</b> <b>Afternoon Bee</b> 12:30 - 3:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 <b>Guild Meeting</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	19	20	21	22 <b>Workshop</b> 9:30 - 3:00 pm
23	24	25	26	27 <b>Evening Bee</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm Fairview Church	28	29
30	31					

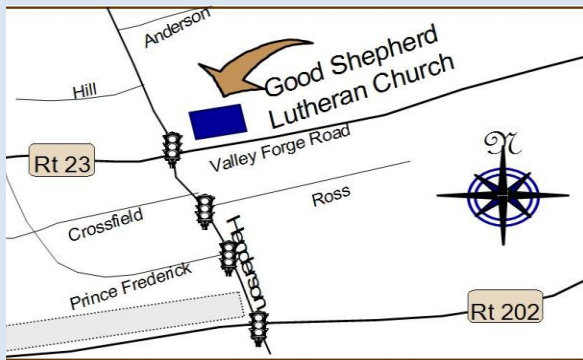


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### VFHQ on Facebook

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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