



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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President's Corner

I've always thought that I'm fine with winter weather. But now that we've reached April and Spring, I can't believe how good it feels and how much I'm looking forward to nicer weather.

Think of all the things we can do! Besides gardening and nature walks, we can attend quilt shows, visit quilt shops, and take classes without going out in the cold.

And when those April showers happen, we can sew! Make a comfort quilt, work on the 2025 challenge, and sew another Row of Every Other Month. I am so impressed with everyone's progress so far.

And when April showers end, we get May flowers. Enjoy Spring!

Until next time,
Linda Mitchell

Thursday Evening Bee at Fairview Church, special thanks to visiting member and photographer Jacqui Santangelo.



Programs

April Program

Rebecca Penniston designs mini quilts featuring "wonky" birds. This month we are going to learn about Razbeca's 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!

And a little birdie told me we have an upcoming workshop with RazBeca.

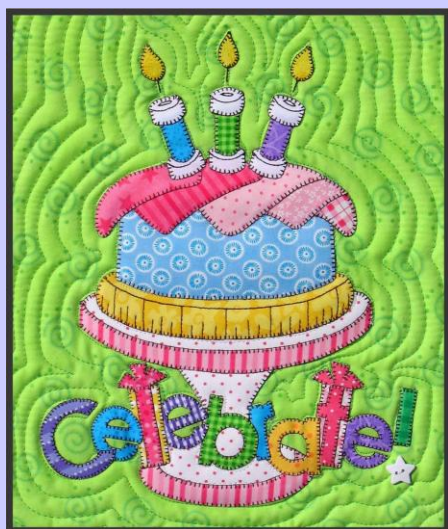
May Program

We are on a roll with ideas for using up our stash. I don't know about you but when I'm learning a new skill I like getting ideas from multiple sources: whether it's from magazines, online sites or taking classes. I often find that I may not follow a single system but adopt parts of what I learn from different people to come up with my own hybrid system.

Lois Mease is a quilter in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania who asks: "Do you have a lot of fabric in your stash? My "Stash Savvy" system is designed to help you organize - and use! - your stash. With my system, you will be able to see exactly what fabric you have and how much of it you have. If you organize by color, it's even easier to grab what you want and start sewing.

Let's see what Lois can add to our knowledge and inspiration for using up that stash!

Rita Mack



Happy Birthday

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

May

- 2 Beth Mancini
- 2 Debbie Wallingford
- 14 Ruth Heslin
- 27 Linda Jarosz



Guild Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2025

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

Announcements: -Free patterns are available to members for a "folding" style quilt.

-Venessa Garst announced that the fall retreat will take place from November 5th through November 9th at the Amish View Inn. Pricing will be announced in a month or so. A deposit of \$50 for this retreat will be accepted beginning in June.

-Dawn Heefner reminded the group that there are six months remaining before the "Initial" Challenge quilts are due.

-The May meeting will be held only on Zoom because of the Primary election taking place at the church that day.

Membership: Karen Glasthal announced two new members at the meeting: Jeffrey Phillips and Susan Dryburgh. By the end of the meeting, two more guests had also joined as members: Joan Berdich and Pat McKee. Karen has reorganized the name tags; anyone who needs a new name tag should contact Karen Glasthal.

Comfort Quilts: Maxine did not pick up any comfort quilts in January and February, but many were turned in at the March meeting. The next Comfort Quilt, Fidget Quilt, and Dignity Bib Workshop will be Saturday, March 22, 2025, beginning at 9:30am, in person. Lunch will be provided, and Maxine announced that there will be an Italian theme for the lunch. Connie Stevenson reminded members to save their empty spools to be used on Fidget quilts. Gale Forster won the Comfort quilt drawing.

Workshops: - April 26, 2025: RazBeca applique bird workshop with Rebecca Penniston. Cost to members is \$25. There is one spot left for this workshop. Cathy announced that Rebecca will also have kits available at our April meeting, for those interested.

-The May workshop is TBA but will take place via Zoom because of a conflicting event at the church.

-June 21, 2025: Stash buster Mystery with Beth Mancini. If you do not want this quilt to be a mystery, talk to Beth. The whole quilt will be cut using the AccuQuilt. The supply list for a small throw (64"x64") is available. Cathy will send out a Sign-Up Genius for the workshop, and members should plan on cutting their fabric using the AccuQuilt before the date of the workshop.

50/50: Cynthia Krommes was the 50/50 winner.

Door Prizes: Colleen Wortley and Ethel Hutchinson won the door prizes this month.

Row of Every Other Month: For the May 2025 meeting, participants should complete their third row and send a picture to Deb Graves of the first three rows sewn together. The drawing winner for March was Meghan Heslin.

Program: The speaker this month was Brita Nelson. Her talk was about her mission to use "Every Last Crumb" of her scraps in a variety of creative ways.

Show and Tell: show and tell followed.

April meeting: The April meeting will be in-person and on Zoom. Don't forget to bring show and tell and completed comfort quilts. The speaker for April will be Rebecca Penniston, who will speak about her folk-art applique birds.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayleigh Graff

Comfort Quilts

At the meeting Tuesday, March 18 there were 42 beautiful quilts picked up.

Thank you everyone who joined us Saturday, March 22 at the Comfort Quilt Workshop. We had seven quilts turned in at the workshop making a total of 49 quilts turned in for the year!!! Many thanks to all of you for working hard over the last couple of months!!! The people receiving these beautiful quilts will surely love them. Also, 14 dolls were finished at the workshop.

Our next Comfort Quilt Zoom is on Saturday, April 12 at 9:30. Hope to see you then.

Maxine Close

March Dignity Bib, Comfort and Fidget Quilt Workshop



Comfort quilts collected at March Meeting



Connie, Maxine, Karen and Carol



Laura, Joann and Esther



Fidget Quilts made at workshop



Linda Muzroll



Emily Graff



Nancy Hannum

Quilt Shows

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/>.

2024 Relief Sale - April 4-5, 2025. Since 1957, all sale day proceeds benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee which include aid to the victims of poverty and other man-made and natural disasters. At the [Farm Show Complex](#), Giant Expo Hall, Harrisburg, PA. For more info visit <http://www.pareliefsale.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/>.

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 3rd Street, Richmond, Virginia. For more info visit <https://www.road2va.com/>.

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

Cathy Radcliffe

March Show and Tell



Donna Raymond



Joan Markowitz



Connie Stevenson



Barbara Hughes



Susan Gustafson



Charlene Hagerty



Ann Palmer



Marie Royds



Becky Weiland



Gail Forster



Colleen Wortley



Laura Chaplar



Janet Gaboury



Venessa Garst

Four New Members!

WELCOME JOAN BERDICH

Joan began quilting 30 years ago when she made a quilt with a friend. Besides quilting, she is a long arm quilter. Baby quilts, Missouri Star Quilts, and patriotic quilts are the types of quilts she especially enjoys making. Now that she has retired from being an Expanded Functions Dental Assistant, she has time to quilt, dance, care for her grandchildren, and for her chickens. We're glad you found us on Facebook and came to a meeting and liked what you saw.

WELCOME PAT MCKEE

Pat also found us on Facebook. She took a class over 25 years ago to begin her quilt journey. She is a long arm quilter too. Quilting is not her only creative outlet. Pat is interested in woodworking/turning. She also likes making jewelry. You can find Pat making candy and decorating cakes. She is retired so now she has time for all her imaginative talents. We are glad you are here.

WELCOME JEFFREY PHILLIPS

Jeffrey read Jennifer Chiaverini's Elm Creek quilt books and decided to look into quilting six years ago. You might notice him knitting, a talent he has been doing for six years too. Jeffrey also likes to lift weights. Welcome, Jeffrey!

WELCOME SUSAN DRYBURGH

Susan is a returning member. Fifteen years ago, she bought a new machine and took a beginner quilt class. She quickly grew to love playing with color and patterns. Traditional piecing, applique, and machine embroidery are part of her favorite quilt projects. Susan is a retired speech pathologist.

Row of Every Other Month - 2025

For this month, make your third row to be sewn onto the first two rows. Send a photo of this quilt to Deb Graves to be seen on Zoom at our May meeting. Any questions, ask Cathy Fennell.



Dawn Heefner

Ruth Heslin

Barbara Hughes



Nancy Hannum

Linda Ulinski



Cathy Fennell



Laura Ocker



Anita Bennett



Sandy Darlington



Linda Juzbasich



Meghan Heslin



Elsa Scherphorn



Jen Fillman



Jean Corday

Saturday Sew Along

Date: April 5, 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, April 12, 2025

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

Place: your home via Zoom

Workshops

RazBeca Applique Workshop with *Rebecca Penniston* – **SOLD OUT**

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

Lunch: Please bring your own lunch.

Project: This is a small bird appliqué wall hanging, shown. Kit will be provided.



Zoom Workshop - We All Sew Saturday

Date: May 17, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Place: via Zoom in your home

Take some time for yourself to just sew. Join other member quilters. Share projects, ask questions, work on UFOs and just enjoy the Zen of sewing while enjoying the company of other quilters via Zoom. Hope to see you on May 17.

SAM 2 Scrappy (kind of) AccuQuilt Mystery (doesn't have to be) Quilt Workshop with *Beth Mancini*

Date: June 21, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA

Price: No charge

Lunch: Please bring your own lunch

Supply list will be provided at time of sign up. Fabrics need to be cut before the workshop. Watch for further information about coming to the Church to cut your fabric using the studio AccuQuilt.

Bees, Bees, Bees!

(A Zoom link will be sent out before each bee.) Mark your calendar!

Evening Bee 1st Tuesday Zoom 7:00 - 9:00 PM Coordinator – Deb Graves	Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday Zoom 12:30 - 3:30 PM Coordinator - Jean Hayden	Evening Bee 4th Thursday 6:00 - 8:30 PM Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, PA Coordinator - Ruth Heslin	Northern Bee 5th Tuesday Zoom 6:30 - 9:30 PM Coordinator - Barbara Hughes
April 1	April 8	April 24	April 29

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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	12 Zoom Comfort Quilt Workshop 9:30 - 4:00 pm
13	14	15 Guild Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17	18	19
20 Happy Easter	21	22	23	24 Evening Bee 6:00 - 8:30 pm Fairview Church	25	26 Workshop 9:30 - 3:00 pm
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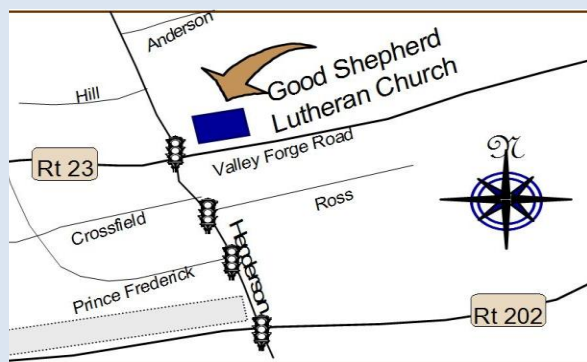
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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



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

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