



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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President's Corner

First, a big thank you to all of you who have contributed to our charity efforts. It's wonderful to see all the comfort quilts and fidget quilts you've made.

We have our Comfort Quilt Workshop coming up on Saturday, July 19, at 9:30 a.m., with a wonderful lunch provided by Maxine's committee. Please make time to participate. We are falling behind in our goal to surpass last year's total. And we're adding Port Pillows to our goals. I will be sharing a few patterns and examples of these at the workshop.

I hope you'll make a commitment to help us exceed our goals. The output of our efforts and the friendships we build while we work together is very rewarding.

Until next time,
Linda Mitchell

Time to Renew Your Membership

It's time to pay your membership dues. Karen Glasthal (Membership Chairperson) will collect your dues at the July and August meetings. Please bring \$35.00, check or cash. If you can't be there in person, please send your check (made payable to Valley Forge Homestead Quilters) to Karen Glasthal (see directory for mailing address).



Happy Birthday

July

- 8 Laura Chaplar
- 8 Joan Shaw
- 11 Carol Mellom
- 13 Jeanne Dzedzy
- 19 Maxine Close
- 21 Judy Snook
- 22 Barbara Hughes

August

- 2 Marie Royds
- 4 Fran Amore
- 7 Elsa Scherphorn
- 8 Anita Bennett
- 9 Megan Gerstenfeld
- 13 Susan Dryburgh
- 14 Joan Berdich
- 20 Linda Newpher
- 21 Linda Ulinski
- 23 Linda Juzbasich
- 30 Charlene Hagerty

Programs

July Program

Rachel Derstine is an art quilter in Philadelphia. Her work has been featured in fine art and craft shows across the country. Her quilts reflect an Asian influence working in hand-dyed, painted cottons, silks, and non-woven materials.

August Program

Sue Suhre says she's "hooked on applique". She started 25 years ago but decided sewing by hand just took too long, therefore she developed her own machine method that looks like hand sewing. Other quilters agree and she has won numerous awards for her work. Don't miss Sue's lecture on her invisible applique method and a trunk show of her quilts.

Rita Mack



Denise Martin from Seamless Sewing, Phoenixville, PA from the "town hall talk" at the June meeting.

June Workshop with Beth Mancini



Guild Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2025

Welcome: Linda Mitchell welcomed members and guests. During dinner, attendees enjoyed a slideshow of pictures taken by Historian April Hostler at our most recent quilt show. David Satzman was also in attendance with his 3D printed creations, including a new type of seam ripper called the “Rippy Rose.”

Membership: Two guests attended the meeting.

Membership renewal begins next month. Dues will continue to be \$35 and can be paid to Karen Glasthal in cash or by check.

Announcements: -Treasurer Kathie Haney was not in attendance; however, Babette Sutherland was available to members in need of reimbursement.

-Venessa Garst announced that 14 people had signed up for the fall retreat, and there are two spots open (Update: the retreat is now full).

Comfort/Fidget Quilts: Maxine Close announced that 77 comfort quilts had been received by the April meeting. Quilts were not collected in May since our meeting was over Zoom. Connie Stevenson announced that the VA estimates they will need 45 fidget quilts per year. Fidget quilt kits will be available at meetings and at the Comfort Quilt/Fidget Quilt workshop in July. Linda Mitchell announced that we have had a request for a new charitable project. Chestnut Hill Hospital Oncology has requested port pillows for breast cancer patients to protect patients’ ports from irritation caused by a seatbelt while riding in the car. Patterns will be available at the July Comfort Quilt workshop. Linda encouraged members to continue producing comfort quilts. Kits will be available at meetings and at the July workshop.

Comfort Quilt Drawing: Becky Weiland won the Comfort Quilt drawing.

Workshops: The Comfort Quilt/Fidget Quilt workshop will take place on July 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church. Lunch will be provided.

Voting for Board Members: The nominees for the 2025-2027 Board were: Connie Stevenson (President), April Hostler (Vice President), Jean Corday (Membership), Kayleigh Graff (Secretary), and Babette Sutherland (Treasurer). The new Board was voted in by acclamation with no members opposed.

Door Prizes: Marie Royds and Becky Weiland won door prizes.

Program: The program was a “town hall” style talk by Denise Martin, owner of Seamless Sewing Arts in Phoenixville on the state of the quilting business. Denise provided attendees with a \$5 coupon to her store.

Show and Tell: show and tell followed.

July meeting: The July meeting will take place on July 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the church and on Zoom. Speaker Rachel Derstine will deliver a program on Artful Couching, and an ice cream social will follow.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayleigh Graff



Recommended Comfort Quilt Sizes

- Einstein NICU: size 36" X 36" or a little longer
- Paoli in-house hospice prefers 36" X 48"
- VA - the nursing home would like 48" X 56" or larger
- St. Christopher's: 36" X 36" and up

Charity Efforts

At the June meeting there were 33 beautiful quilts brought in making a total of 110 quilts for the year!! The breakdown as to where the quilts will be going are as follows:

VA	8
Paoli	7
Einstein	9
St. Christopher's	9

Our second Comfort Quilt Workshop for the year is Saturday, July 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Our committee makes a delicious lunch that I am sure you won't want to miss. There is also a lot of socializing and a great time to get to know more about some of our members. Hope to see you there. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Maxine Close

Row of Every Other Month - 2025

We are up to our fourth row. Please sew your four rows together and bring them to the July guild meeting. The fifth row should be ready for the September guild meeting; the sixth row is due at the November meeting, and your completely finished quilt will be revealed at the Holiday Party in December.

Any questions, please contact Cathy Fennell.

The Challenge - September Meeting

Quilting more to stay out of the heat? Hope that includes your entry in the 2025 Initials Challenge! Remember:

- one of your initials for a color -such as pure color, objects, paint chips,
- one initial for a block or quilt style – maybe Road to California block, Broderie perse, string-pieced
- one initial for a QUILTING design – for instance, parallel lines, swirls, feather wreaths, elbow quilting

It's all about exploring the endless options in quilting. If you choose a specific block, a few lines about its origin - or maybe alternate names - would be welcome.

Dawn Heefner

June Show and Tell



Jean Hayden



Ann Palmer



Elsa Scherphorn



Barbara Hughes



Gail Forster



Sue Fisher



Janet Gaboury



Becky Weiland



Ruth Heslin



Sandy Dounce



Sheila Brassington



Connie Stevenson



Venessa Garst

Quilt Shows

August

Maker Festival - August 1-3, 2025. Maker Festivals featuring Bead Fest returns to the [Lancaster Marriott & Convention Center](#), 25 S Queen Street, Lancaster, PA., along with our fiber arts community! Our festival lineup will have thousands of fiber artists and jewelry makers! We created Maker Festivals to answer the need of the cross crafter, which includes the ability to take classes of all interests and a robust and diverse Marketplace. For more info visit <https://www.makerfestivals.com/pa25>.

September

AQS QuiltWeek - September 10-13, 2025. Presented by AQS at [The Nook Sports & Events Center](#), 75 Champ Blvd (GPS address), Manheim, PA. For more info visit <https://www.quiltweek.com/>.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - September 11-14, 2025. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most comprehensive quilt festival in a state known for its rich history of quilting is all under one roof at the [Greater Philadelphia Expo Center](#), Oaks, PA. For more info visit <http://www.quiltfest.com/>.

Annual Giant Fabric Sale - September 25-27, 2025. Presented by Montgomery County 4H at the Montgomery County 4-H Center, 1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA. All kinds of fabrics, patterns, notions, needlecrafts, yarn, and assorted sewing supplies are available. In addition, many vintage fabrics and quilting supplies are available. For more info visit <https://www.fhycomplex.org/annual-fabric-sale>.

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

Shop Hops

Row by Row: Experience the Great Outdoors in US from 7/1/2025 - 8/31/2025. For more info go to <https://rowbyrowexperience.com/>.

All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop in DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV from 7/1/2025 - 8/31/2025. For more info go to <https://allmidatlanticshophop.com/>. See the list of shops at <https://allmidatlanticshophop.com/stores/>.

All Ohio Shop Hop from 8/1/2025 - 9/30/2025. For more info go to <https://allohioshophop.com/>. See the list of shops at <https://allohioshophop.com/stores/>.

All New England Shop Hop in CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT from 9/1/2025 - 10/31/2024. For more info go to <https://allnewenglandshophop.com/>. See the list of shops at <https://allnewenglandshophop.com/stores/>.

NJ Shop Hop No Shop Hop in 2025

Cathy Radcliffe

Something to Think About

Joan Markowitz found a website that thoughtfully talks about mindfulness as we quilt. Here is the link to the website, www.vanessachristenson.com. Check it out.

Saturday Sew Along

Date: July 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, July 12, 2025

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

Place: your home via Zoom

Workshops**Comfort Charity Quilt, Fidget Quilt and Port Pillows Workshop** *with Maxine Close, Connie Stevenson and Linda Mitchell*

Date: Saturday, July 19, 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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. Linda will provide pattern and instruction for pillows.

Lunch: Yummy lunch provided by the Comfort Quilt Committee.

Zoom UFO Workshop

Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Zoom link will be sent before the workshop.

Place: At your home

Price: No charge

Project: Take some time to sew! Join other member quilters. Share a project, ask questions, work on UFOs and just enjoy the Zen of sewing while enjoying the company of other quilters.

Friendship Tea and UFO Workshop *with Fran Amore, Anita Bennett and Tracy Klinger*

Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025

Time: 9:30 am to 3 pm

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

Price: No charge

Project: One of your choosing

Lunch: Provided by members

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
July 1	July 8	July 24	July 29

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Zoom Evening Bee 7:00 - 9:00 pm	2	3	4 Happy 4th of July!	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 Comfort/ Fidget/Pillow Workshop 9:30 - 3:00 pm
20	21	22	23	24 Evening Bee 6:00 - 8:30 pm Fairview Church	25	26
27	28	29 Zoom Northern Bee 6:30 - 9:30 pm	30	31		



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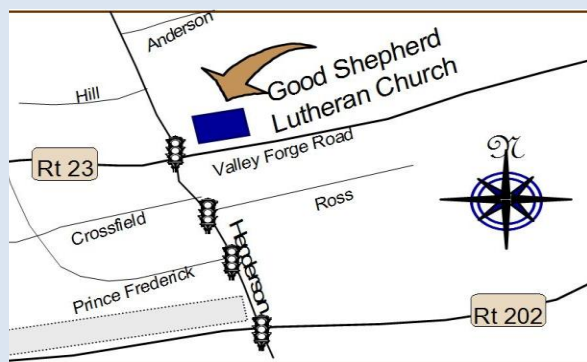
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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



Newsletter Submissions

Send to: Judy Snook

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

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