



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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August 2025

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President's Corner

I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve the guild as President for the last two years. It's hard to believe that two years have gone by!

I have gained so much from this opportunity. I have seen "up close" all the efforts it takes to keep our guild thriving. I've also had the good fortune to get to know so many of you and build new friendships.

I am very grateful to the board, the committee heads, and the members who've done so much to help me. I cannot thank you enough for your efforts and the support you have provided.

I'm looking forward to many more years of friendship and learning with our guild.

With gratitude,

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 August meeting. 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

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

September

- 1 Meghan Heslin
- 2 Linda Hamel
- 5 Deb Graves
- 12 Cathy Radcliffe
- 15 Jacqui Santangelo
- 15 Jeffrey Phillips
- 22 Jean Hayden
- 27 Karen Saalfrank
- 30 Pat McKee

Rachel Derstine – July Meeting



Programs

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. This month we have the opportunity to learn about her invisible method as well as enjoy a trunk show of her quilts.

September Program

2025 Initials Challenge!

Rita Mack

Refreshments for August 19th Meeting

Sweet

Joan Berdich
Maxine Close
Susan Dryburgh
Venessa Garst
Karen Glasthal
Kathie Haney
Linda Jarosz
Pat McKee
Jennie Spotila

Savory

Sandra Dounce
Gail Forster
Janet Gaboury
Rita Mack
Rose McKinley
Carol Mellom
Ann Palmer
Joan Shaw

Drinks

Esther Canning
Jean Corday
Rosemary C. Geisler
Meghan Heslin
Ethel Hutchinson
Linda Juzbasich
Debbie Wallingford

Guild Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2025

Welcome: Linda Mitchell welcomed members in person and on Zoom, including one guest.

Announcements: -Kathie Haney provided a Treasurer's Report and mentioned that the Guild has switched from TD Bank to WSFS Bank.

-Cathy Fennell announced that there will be a UFO Challenge in 2026 and provided sign-up sheets. Members who want to participate need to fill out the 12 slots on the sheet with unfinished projects they would like to complete next year in preparation for the 2026 Quilt Show. The first UFO number will be chosen at the September meeting and will be due at the October meeting.

-Please see Karen Glasthal at the August meeting to pay your dues.

Comfort/Fidget Quilts: Maxine Close announced that during June, 33 comfort quilts were turned in for a total of 110 comfort quilts so far this year.

Comfort Quilt Drawing: Deb Graves won the drawing this month.

Workshops: -The Comfort Quilt and Fidget Quilt Workshop on July 19, 2025, will be a Zoom only workshop. The next in-person Comfort Quilt workshop will be held in October 2025 and will be combined with the annual AccuQuilt Workshop.

-A UFO Zoom workshop will be held in August 2025.

-The Friendship Tea and UFO workshop will be held on September 20, 2025. A Sign-up Genius email will be sent.

50/50 Drawing: Gail Forster won the drawing this month.

Door Prizes: Joan Shaw and Carol Olinick won the door prizes this month.

Row of Every Other Month: Members completed and shared their 4th row this month. Please complete and bring your completed 5th row, attached to the first four rows, to the September meeting. Rosemary Geisler won the drawing this month.

Program: The speaker this month was Rachel Derstine. Her presentation was titled, "Artful Couching." She shared numerous examples of couching from around the world including her own work. Rachel described her quilting style as minimalistic, heavily influenced by her time spent in Japan. She often will use only two or three colors in different values in each quilt. Rachel shared that she has a YouTube channel with free tutorials for anyone who is interested in learning this technique.

Show and Tell: show and tell followed.

August meeting: The speaker at the August meeting will be Sue Suhre. Her presentation topic will be Invisible Applique and will include a trunk show.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Fillman

Row of Every Other Month - 2025



Cathy Fennell, Linda Juzbasich, Sandy Darlington, Dawn Heefner, Jean Hayden



Judy Snook, Nancy Hannum



Rosemary Geisler, Jen Fillman, Ruth Heslin



April Hostler

Quilts from Beth's Workshop



Ruth Heslin



Pat McKee



April Hostler



Joan Berdich



Linda Juzbasich

Charity Efforts

At Saturday's workshop on Zoom there were approximately 20 people on and off all day. I always say there isn't a day on Zoom, either for a bee or a workshop, where I don't learn something new. A boss from years ago told me a goal in life should be to learn something new every day, I always think of her when I do. Our next workshop on Zoom will be the second Saturday, August 9 starting at 9:30.

Rita and I met at Paoli Hospital July 20 to deliver quilts.

If you need backing and/or batting for a quilt you are working on, let me know. I will need a picture of the quilt and the size of the quilt and will bring it to the next meeting. We have people that have volunteered to quilt our quilts for those that only wish to do tops. The guild is trying to get as many quilts done as possible. If you have any unfinished kits and wish to bring them in for someone else to finish, please feel free to do so.

At our July meeting I picked up 29 quilts making a total of 139 quilts for the year. The 29 quilts were separated as follows: VA - 7, Paoli - 7, St. Chris - 8, and Einstein - 7.



Maxine Close

The Challenge - September Meeting

Just one month till the big night for the 2025 VFHQ Challenge! Come to enter or just see what your fellow guild members have created.

Bring your entry in a brown bag with no name. All will be assigned a number when your item is turned in.

If you have a label on it, or sign it in any way (inking, quilting, etc.) **it must be securely covered!!!!**

We will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes.

Thank you and good luck to all!!!

Dawn Heefner

June Show and Tell



Debbie Wallingford



Lisa Lombardo



Rose McKinley



Dottie Dolgash



Deb Graves



Christine Capece



Jen Fillman



Fran Amore



Lisa Steuer



Charlene Hagerty



Sandy Dounce



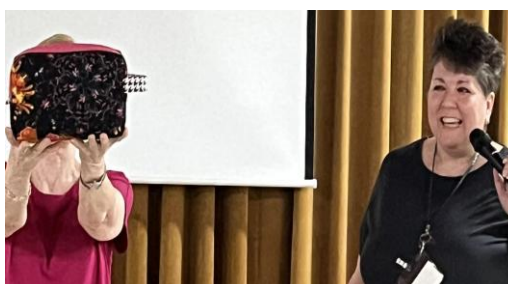
Laura Chaplar



Linda Jarosz



Ethel Hutchinson



Marcy Mancini

Quilt Shows

Donations to 4H Annual Giant Fabric Sale

For information on how and what to donate go to <https://www.fhycomplex.org/fabric-donation>. You can also contact Carol Olinick for a calendar showing dates and times to help.

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>.

October

Crazy About Quilting Celebration – October 4, 2025. Presented by the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild at Calvary Baptist Church 4601 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA. For more info visit <https://www.crazyquilters.org/>.

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #12 - October 15-18, 2025. Our twelfth 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-12> and the [workshop catalog](#).

Sew Many Colors Fall Festival of Quilts - October 17-19, 2025. Presented by Undercovers Quilters at Brookhaven Municipal Building, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA. For more info go to <https://undercoverquilters.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Quilt-Show-Insert-for-Website.2-PDFcopy.pdf>.

Cathy Radcliffe

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 - 10/31/2025. 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 Check out the [Quilt Show page](#) on our website for upcoming local and national shows.

Cathy Radcliffe

New Members

Welcome Wendy Bergeron

Wendy heard about our guild from Pat McKee. Wendy's sister, Denise, got her interested in quilting and Wendy has made several quilts including bed-sized ones. She is retired and likes to swim and be with friends.

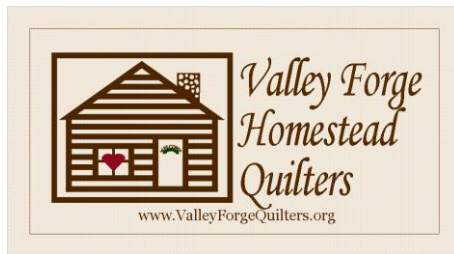
Welcome Denise Greenhalgh

Denise Greenhalgh is the sister who got Wendy involved in quilting. When Wendy joined our guild, so did Denise. We have a gem in Denise who is an instructor/seamstress. She has taught quilt sewing, kid's sewing, and home decor for 20 years. She was the education coordinator at JoAnn's in Downingtown, an occupational hazard as far as her stash is concerned. She enjoys applique, art quilting, and thread painting. When she isn't quilting, you might find Denise gardening, crocheting, and doing anything creative.

Cathy's UFO Challenge 2025-2026

If interested in participating in the UFO Challenge for 2025-2026, please fill out the form in the newsletter (Page 9) and email it to Cathy Fennell or give it to her at the August meeting. We will pick the first UFO number at the September meeting, and the first UFO will be due at the October meeting.

Cathy Fennell



Cathy's UFO Challenge 10/25 - 9/26

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Member's Name: _____

Saturday Sew Along

Date: August 2, 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, August 9, 2025

Time: Begins at 9:30 AM

Place: your home via Zoom

Workshops**Zoom UFO Workshop**

Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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

AccuQuilt Saturday and Comfort Quilts *with Maxine Close, Linda Mitchell, and Connie Stevenson*

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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

Price: No charge

Project: Learn about and use the AccuQuilt Go and Studio as well as many dies. Additionally, please contact Maxine if you need a kit, backing and/or batting. A supply list for the Fidget Quilt will be provided.

Lunch: Yummy lunch provided by the Comfort Quilt Committee.

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
August 5	August 12	August 28	September 30

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Zoom Saturday Sew Along 9:30 - 4:00 PM
3	4	5 Zoom Evening Bee 7:00 - 9:00 PM	6	7	8	9 Zoom Comfort Quilt Workshop 9:30 - 4:00 PM
10	11	12 Zoom Afternoon Bee 12:30 - 3:30 PM	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Guild Meeting 7:00 PM	20	21	22	23 Zoom UFO Workshop 9:30 - 3:00 PM
24	25	26	27	28 Evening Bee 6:00 - 8:30 PM Fairview Church	29	30
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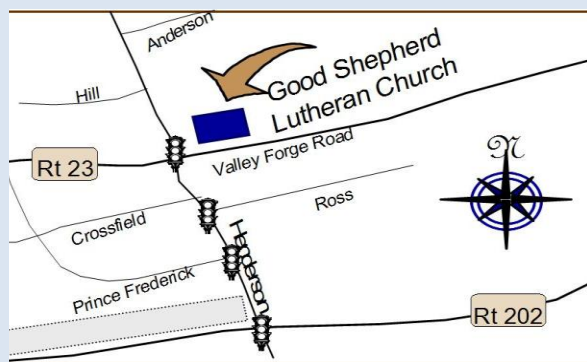
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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



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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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