



# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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## President's Corner

Finally, after this cold, snowy winter, spring is coming! I do a lot of birdwatching and can see signs of spring in the types of birds that are now showing up in my yard. I also see garden seeds appearing in the stores, and I'm sure I'm not the only one in our group who is thinking about what to plant in the garden this year. There are some cute vegetable garden themed quilt patterns on the market, and many beautiful floral patterns as well. Maybe now is the time to start a garden quilt while we wait for the actual gardening season to begin!

*Connie Stevenson*

## Reminder

### Thursday Evening Bee

Our meeting is changing from the 4th Thursday to the 5th Thursday, which is April 30. For the month of April only.

Thanks,  
*Ruth Heslin*

## March Program with Bethanne Nemesh



Programs

April

At our April meeting we will welcome Andrea Hoke from Elizabethtown, PA. Presenting her lecture and trunk show "A Love of Quilting and A Love of Teaching". She loves all things vintage which is reflected in her work yet describes her style as being "Modern Traditionalist". You may know her from her frequent classes taught at The Old Country Quilt Store in Intercourse, PA and from Lancaster Quilt Shows. Let's welcome Andrea and Spring!!!

May

On May 19th our meeting is ZOOM only. We will meet Ruth Ann Berry from rural Fife Lake, Michigan speaking to us on "Color and Contrast for a 3 D Effect". Ruth Ann is the author of multiple books on 3D Quilts and two on Bargello Quilting. She is a frequent presenter at national quilt shows, has designed patterns for Northcott and Free Spirit Fabrics and has over 50 patterns for sale via major distributors. She owns and operates a small-town quilt store and online business ([www.quiltersclinic.com](http://www.quiltersclinic.com) ). Welcome Ruth Ann!!!

*Deb Bianco*



Happy Birthday

**April**

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

**May**

- 2 Debbie Wallingford
- 14 Ruth Heslin
- 25 Melissa Degenhardt
- 27 Linda Jarosz

Refreshments for the April 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting

Sweet	Savory	Drinks/Ice
Joan Berdich Christina Fink Gail Forster Pat McKee	Kayleigh Graff Rita Mack Linda Muzroll Linda Newpher	Meghan Heslin Joann Kirschenmann (water) Carol Mellom

## Guild Meeting Minutes - March 17

**Welcome:** Connie Stevenson welcomed members, returning member Mary Larkin, and four guest, Carol Marie Scanlan, Debbie Ott, Cathy Shorter, and Sharon Yates.

**Announcements:** -Connie reminded members that they may always leave before the meeting concludes if a meeting is running long. She also asked members to refrain from introducing topics like politics or religion to any guild activities. -Jen Fillman is taking over as Membership Secretary. Membership dues are now half-off for the remainder of the year. -Connie reminded members and guests of the Homemakers Fabric Sale taking place on March 19 through March 21.

**Door Prizes:** Debbie Bianco and Ethel Hutchinson won door prizes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Babette Sutherland provided a copy of the treasurer's report on the back table. She also had a sign-up sheet for people who would like to receive the report by email. She suggested that department heads may want to sign up to keep an eye on their budgets. She reminded members to submit receipts promptly and to get a separate receipt if you are buying something for yourself along with your guild purchases.

**Fall Retreat:** Linda Mitchell announced that the Fall Retreat will take place from Wednesday, November 4 through Sunday, November 8. Members may choose to stay 2, 3, or 4 nights, and rooms may have 1, 2, 3, or 4 occupants. There is room for 16 people on the retreat. A \$50 deposit is required, and your room is not secured until all those sharing a room have given their deposits. Should anyone cancel, the remaining members sharing the room will be responsible for finding a replacement to attend or will be financially responsible for that person's share of the room. Let Linda know if you would like a form to sign up (costs are broken down on the form).

**Comfort Quilts:** Connie announced that the Guild has received a donation of fabric and quilt tops which will be used for Comfort Quilts. Maxine Close announced that 28 quilts were received in February. On March 2, at the Upper Merion Senior Center, nine people stayed to sew quilts and others dropped quilts off or picked up batting and backing fabric. The next opportunity to sew Comfort Quilts at the Senior Center will be on April 6 at 9:30 a.m. There will also be a Zoom Comfort Quilt session on April 11 at 9:30 a.m. Linda Newpher won the Comfort Quilt drawing.

**Workshops:** -March 21- Project Bags with Linda Juzbasich.

- April 25 - Invisible Applique with Sue Suhre. The cost to members is \$20 (the guild is paying the other half of the cost). Contact Anita Bennett to sign up and coordinate payment of workshop fee. You will receive the supply list when you sign up.

-May 23 - Gyleen Fitzgerald's Carpenter's Wheel (with butterfly seams). The cost is \$25 including the pattern.

**50/50** - Fran Amore won \$33.

**Program:** NQA Master Quilter and author Bethanne Nemesh presented a trunk show of jackets and other items featuring her pictorial yarn couching. She can be found online at <https://www.whitestarborquilting.com>.

**UFO Challenge:** March (#7) and April (#1) UFOs will be shown at the April meeting.

**Show and Tell:** Show and Tell followed.

**March meeting:** The April 21, 2026 meeting will be a hybrid meeting, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and on Zoom. The speaker will be Andrea Hoke, who describes herself as a "Modern Traditionalist." She will present a lecture and trunk show.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Kayleigh Graff*

# March Show and Tell



Ann Palmer



Becky Weiland



Fran Amore



Linda Ulinski



Joann Kirschenmann



Meghan Heslin



Rita Mack



Jean Hayden



Jen Fillman



Ruth Heslin



Barbara Hughes



Ethyl Hutchinson



Joan Berdich

## Quilt Shows

### April

**AQS Quilt Week** - April 8-11, 2026. Presented by AQS at the [Connecticut Convention Center](#), 100 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT. For more info visit <https://www.quiltweek.com/>.

**Sharing the Quilts XXXXII** – April 11, 2026. 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/>.

**Patchwork Paradise** - April 11-12, 2026. Presented by the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore at The Toms River Elks Lodge #1875, 600 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ. See the flyer at <https://www.beachplumquilters.org/files/2026quiltshowflyer.pdf>.

**2026 Three Rivers Quilt Show: Log Cabin** - April 16-18, 2026. Presented by Three Rivers Quilters at Loft Conference Centers – Southpointe, 1000 Noble Energy Drive, Ste 100, Canonsburg, PA. A juried and judged show featuring up to 130 quilts from quilters throughout the tri-state area and beyond. This will be the second year in our beautiful new location at The Loft Conference Center that is easy to find off I-79 with lots of free parking. For more info visit <https://threeriversquilters.org/quilt-show>.

**70<sup>th</sup> Annual PA Relief Sale** - April 17-18, 2026. 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 [PA Farm Show Complex](#), Giant Expo Hall, Harrisburg, PA. For more info visit <http://www.pareliefsale.org/>.

**AQS Quilt Week** - April 22-25, 2026. Presented by AQS at the Schroeder Expo Center, 415 Park Street, Paducah, KY. For more info visit <https://www.quiltweek.com/>.

**Starlight Starbright** – April 25-26, 2026. Presented by County Line Quilters Guild at St Cyril of Jerusalem Church, 1410 Almshouse Rd, Jamison, PA. For more info visit <https://countylinequilters.org/quilt-show-2026>. Go to <https://saint-cyril.com/directions/> for directions.

### May

**Airing of the Quilts** - May 2, 2026. 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 for valuable prizes, and more. For more info visit <https://www.theairingofthequilts.com/>.

**1776-2026 Evolution & Revolution** – May 29-31, 2026. Presented by the Brandywine Valley Quilters at Neumann University, Miranda Center, 501 Convent Dr., Aston, PA. For more info visit <https://www.brandywinevalleyquilters.org/2026-quilt-show.html>.

**Penn Dry Goods Market** - May 15-16, 2026. Presented by the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center at 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA. Drawing on the Heritage Center's extensive collection of textiles demonstrating centuries of Pennsylvania artistry, Penn Dry Goods 2026 will bring together historic textile enthusiasts. You will be able to attend lectures, see demonstrations, and talk to experts. We will also bring back the successful rummage sale that provided treasure hunters with fabric, notions, and historic patterns and books. Oh, and course, great food! For more info visit <https://www.schwenkfelder.org/penn-dry-goods-market>.

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## Quilt Shows, Cont. from Page 5

### June

**A Celebration of Quilts** - June 5-6, 2026. Presented by the York Quilters Guild at the York College of Pennsylvania, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center, 899 South Richland Ave, York, PA. Please enter from Richland Avenue onto West Campus Drive to parking lot. For more info visit <http://www.celebrationofquilts.com/>.

**Trash to Treasure Sale** - June 13, 2026. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA. For more info visit <https://mainlinequilters.org/2026-trash-to-treasure/>.

**MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat** - June 5-7, 2026. 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/>.

**QuiltFest Virtual Summer Schoolhouse** - June 24-27, 2026. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, leaders in online quilting and textile art events, this four-day virtual experience is your chance to discover new techniques, spark creativity, and explore fresh ideas - all from the comfort of home. With instructors and participants connecting from across the globe, Summer Schoolhouse brings together a vibrant quilting community where inspiration and learning thrive. All workshops will be live on Zoom and will not be recorded. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/>.

**Road to Virginia Quilter's Conference and Showcase** - June 25-27, 2026. A 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/>.

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

### Shop Hops

**Mystery Quilt Shop Hop** 4/11/2026 - 4/19/2026. [List of Seven Wonderful stores in the Philly Area](#)

**All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop** 7/1/2026 - 8/31/2026. [List of Shops in DE, MD, NJ, PA](#) (smaller this year: VA and WV moved to All Blue Ridge Shop Hop)

*Cathy Radcliffe*

### Cathy's UFO Challenge 2025-2026

The UFO number for April is #1, Please bring your completed March #7 UFO as well as your completed April #1 UFO to the April meeting.

*Cathy Fennell*

## Charity Efforts

The number is unbelievable!

There is a total of 50 quilts turned in for the month of March. The way these quilts will be distributed is as follows:

VA 10 Paoli 10 St. Christopher 15 Einstein (in the city) 15

The total so far for the year is 78!!! Thank you so much to all of you for making so many beautiful quilts for those in need of comfort.

*Maxine Close*



February Collection



March Collection

## The Fall Retreat

The annual fall retreat will be held at the Amish View Inn from Wednesday, November 4, through Sunday, November 8. Attendees may elect to stay two, three or all four nights. The cost is outlined in the attachment (Page 8) and shows the price per person based on how many people share a room (up to four). The cost of the sewing room is \$25 per person per night.

There is a maximum of 16 attendees, and room reservations will be made based on when the deposit is received from all the persons sharing the room. Please note that if someone in your room cancels, the remaining person(s) are responsible for the higher amount or for finding a replacement. Deposits are non-refundable.

Any questions, email Linda Mitchell

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2026 PRICE PER ROOM WITH TAX INFO**

	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	QUAD	ROOMMATE NAME(S)
WED 11/4/26	189.00	189.00	204.00	219.00	
THURS 11/5/26	219.00	219.00	234.00	249.00	
FRI 11/6/26	249.00	249.00	264.00	279.00	
SAT 11/7/26	249.00	249.00	264.00	279.00	

**CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE to calculate your cost.**

	Per Person	Per Person	Per Person	Per Person	Fill In Amount
	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	QUAD	Your selection
WED 11/4/26	189.00	94.50	68.00	54.75	\$
THURS 11/5/26	219.00	109.50	78.00	62.25	\$
FRI 11/6/26	249.00	124.50	88.00	69.75	\$
SAT 11/7/26	249.00	124.50	88.00	69.75	\$

Workroom # Nights \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25/night = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your cost to attend \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Less Deposit Due 6/16/2026 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Balance Due 8/18/2026 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Print this page and send with \$50 Deposit payable to Valley Forge Homestead Quilters (or VFHQ)
- Mail both to VFHQ/Mitchell, [REDACTED] by 6/16/26 (or bring to June meeting)
- Keep a copy for yourself as you will need it to calculate your final amount due.

There are a maximum of 16 slots, taken in order of receipt of deposit per person AND roommates. If someone in your room cancels, the remaining person(s) are responsible for the higher amount or for finding replacement.

Questions? Linda Mitchell [REDACTED]

## Workshops

### **Invisible Applique** with Sue Suhre

*Date:* April 25

*Time:* 9:30 – 3:00

*Price:* \$20.00

*Place:* Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

*Lunch:* Bring your own lunch

This workshop is limited to 16 participants.

Supply list will be given when the workshop fee is paid.



### **Carpenter's Wheel** with Gyleen Fitzgerald

*Date:* May 23

*Time:* 9:30 – 3:00

*Price:* \$25.00

*Place:* Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

*Lunch:* Bring your own lunch



*Description:* Learn to master the "Butterfly Seam", it's a snap...enjoy the magic of effortless precision piecing. The illusion of difficult made easy. Plan to finish this as a wall hanging or the center of a medallion quilt. Create the surprise of a perfectly pieced border.

### **Take Your Best Shot** with Eleanor Levie

*Date:* June 20

*Time:* 10:00 – 3:00

*Price:* \$20.00

*Place:* Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

*Lunch:* Bring your own lunch



*Description:* Each participant will make an art quilt from a photo that they have submitted. A jpeg of up to 3 photos will be submitted a few weeks ahead of the workshop. Elly will help choose the photo that would make the best art quilt. The collage will be made in class, to be quilted at home. No machine use during the workshop. The price is \$20 per person.

## March Project Bag Workshop



April Hostler



Ellen Kane



Kate Sevensky



Nancy Hannum

## Reoccurring Workshops and Bees

Event	Day of the Month & Time	Location	Coordinator
Sr. Center Comfort Quilt	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday/9:30-3:00	Upper Merion Senior Center 431 W. Valley Forge Rd. King of Prussia, PA	Maxine Close
Tuesday Evening Bee	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday/7:00-9:00	Zoom	Deb Graves
Saturday Sew Along	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday/9:30-4:00	Zoom	Deb Graves
Tuesday Afternoon Bee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday/12:30-3:30	Zoom	Jean Hayden
Online Comfort Quilt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday/9:30-3:00	Zoom	Maxine Close
Thursday Evening Bee	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday / 6:00-8:30 <i>April 2026 only 5<sup>th</sup> Thur.</i>	Fairview Village Church 3044 W. Germantown Pike Eagleville, PA	Ruth Heslin
Northern Bee	5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday / 6:30-9:30	Zoom	Barbara Hughes

# April

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

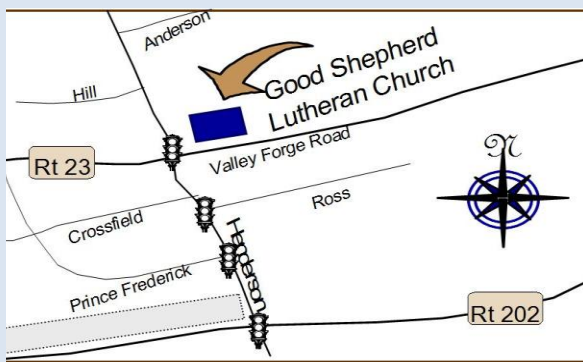


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### VFHQ on Facebook

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 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.

### **Board of Directors**

President	Connie Stevenson
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Secretary	Kayleigh Graff
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Newsletter Editor	Judy Snook

### **Guild Committees and Resources**

50:50	Kathie Haney
AccuQuilt Die Cutter	Lisa Lombardo
Bees: Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Deb Graves
Northern	Barbara Hughes
Thurs Evening	Ruth Heslin
Challenge	Dawn Heefner
Comfort Quilts	Maxine Close
Facebook	Deb Graves
Historian	April Hostler
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Hostess	Laura Chaplar
Library	Ruth Heslin
Member Comfort	Rosemary Geisler & Judy Snook
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