



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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President's Corner

I am excited that I have finished my challenge entry! I hope you'll consider making your own 16x20 quilt to showcase at our meeting in September. Our theme for 2024 is "Be's to Live By." Sandy Dounce has "Be's" to choose from, or you can select your own. And there's a bonus this year! You can donate your challenge quilt to the mini quilt raffle that will take place during our October quilt show. Please see Sandy Dounce if you have questions about the challenge.

The quilt show also provides an opportunity for you to sell your homemade crafts in our boutique. What can you make that visitors will be enticed to buy? How about fall-themed items, or potential holiday gifts? Please think now about how you can contribute to the boutique. More information is coming soon.

I know I'm keeping busy with the challenge, the boutique, comfort quilts and sorting stash for Grandma's attic. Join in the fun!

Until next time,
Linda Mitchell





Happy Birthday

May:

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

June:

- 4 Lisa Lombardo
- 6 Sue Fisher
- 8 Nancy Hannum
- 10 Kathie Haney
- 15 Colleen Wortley
- 16 Sharon Berry
- 16 Rita Mack
- 23 Joyce Stemple
- 25 Carolyn Ferrandino
- 27 Mindy Horrow
- 28 Donna Raymond
- 29 Linda Mitchell

Programs

In response to your survey responses, our May program will feature Kathryn Groves of BobKat Quilts. She will join us via Zoom to share "How to Eat an Elephant", her approach to foundation paper piecing. She will also provide a trunk show of her quilts. You can read more about her here <https://bobkatquilts.com/>.

Reminder: do not give the link for Zoom speakers to nonmembers. Contact Deb Graves who will send the link to the person you would like to be able to see the speaker on Zoom.

In June, we are back in person with Quilt Maven Dave Sirota who will entertain us as he shares his observations of quilters and our idiosyncrasies. We can all use a good laugh 😊.

Rita Mack

April Program Mary Koval



Minutes from April 16, 2024 Meeting

Welcome: Linda Mitchell welcomed all members, including one new member, three guests, and members on Zoom.

Announcements: The 2024 Fall Quilt Retreat dates were announced and will be October 23, 2024 - October 27, 2024. Please see Babette Sutherland for the registration form.

- There is still time to place an advertisement in the 2024 Quilt Show Program. Please see Babette Sutherland for more information.

- Kathie Haney provided the quarterly treasurer's report to the guild.

- Lisa Lombardo demonstrated the Accuquilt system and provided additional information about the dies.

BOM: There is no BOM program for 2024 so that members can prepare for the 2024 Quilt Show in October.

Membership: One new member joined the guild, Cynthia Brennan.

Comfort Quilts: Maxine Close mentioned that there were 58 comfort quilts collected in March, for a total of 68 so far this year. 51 surgery dolls were also collected in March, for a total of 58 so far this year. The winner of the Comfort Quilt drawing was Laura Chaplar.

Workshops: The April workshop will be Comfort Quilts and Dignity Bibs. The May workshop will be Quilted Jackets with Barb Jones. There will also be a pattern for a tote bag to use up the leftover squares. The June workshop will be the SAM (Stash-buster Accuquilt Mystery) Workshop with Beth Mancini. The studio Accuquilt cutter will be set up during other workshops for members to cut their fabrics in advance.

50/50 Drawing: Mary Larkin won the 50/50 drawing this month.

Door prizes: Gail Forster and Tracy Klinger won the door prizes this month.

Program: This month the program featured Mary Koval who is an expert in antique quilts and fabrics. She has a store and retreat center in Bedford, Pennsylvania and has been quilting since 1970 with multiple published books and articles in quilting magazines. She spoke about the design process for creating reproduction fabrics, specializing in pieces from 1840-1900. She has a collection of over 100,000 pieces of antique fabrics and has created over 50 collections with various fabric companies. A trunk show/sale followed her presentation.

UFO Challenge: The UFO number for April was #5. There were eight members who presented their completed quilts. Judy Snook won the UFO drawing. For the May meeting, please complete #3 from your list.

Show and Tell: Show and Tell followed.

Next meeting: The May meeting will be Zoom only. The May speaker will be Kathryn Groves, who is a certified Quiltworx instructor and expert in foundation paper piecing.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Fillman

Spring Retreat

The first weekend in April, seventeen VFHQ members took their sewing machines and project supplies to Black Rock Retreat Center. As I was preparing to go, I came across a folder that I had when I was retreat leader for another group some years ago. In that folder, I found a posting from an online quilt group I used to belong to that I found speaks to why I and I think others too enjoy going on retreat. I'd like to share it with all of you.

The post was titled The Quilt Shop Girls and was on the Stashbusters Yahoo Group dated May 16, 2007, written by Susan Ingle. I have edited it a little to shorten it.

On Wednesdays, we 'quilty' girls gather together at our favorite local quilt shop. We bring our projects, our lunch, and we spend the day. It has become something I really look forward to. I hung back at first. I got so little done. Besides, it was a hassle to drag the machine and all that stuff along.

Finally, the light bulb went off. I was looking around the table at our group today, we were doing a lot of laughing and enjoying our time together and I finally got it. It's about the connection! One block on its own is lovely, but when you connect them, layer them, and stitch them together knowing they will warm someone that's what it's all about. I can get a lot done on my own at home, but I realize that this connection with my friends, the sharing of our lives, is as important if not more so, as the work I do on my own.

This is what retreat is for me and I think for the others who participate. We 17 had a good time, made good progress on our projects, and got to know each other better. I hope that they and some additional members will participate again in the future when we offer retreats.

Save the date April 3-6, 2025 for next year's retreat!

Barbara Hughes



Everyone Busy Sewing



Sue Fisher



Ann Palmer



Friendly Game of LRC



Barbara Hughes



S'mores and Campfire Songs



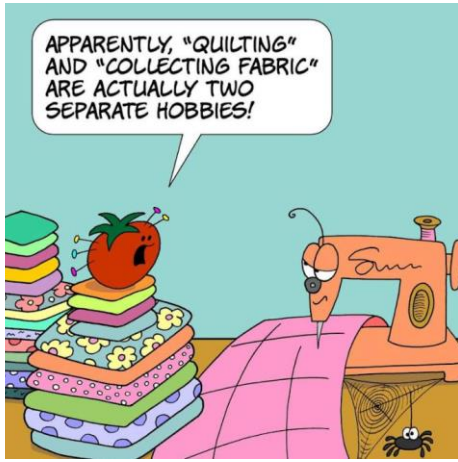
Jen Fillman



Venessa Garst



Karen Saalfrank



Cathy's UFO Challenge

For the May meeting, the UFO to complete is #3. Please send a photo of your quilt to Deb Graves to be shown on the May Zoom meeting.

Cathy Fennell

April UFO Finished Projects



Linda Juzbasich



Jen Fillman



Sandy Dounce



Ruth Heslin



Linda Jarosz



Judy Snook



Meghan Heslin

Dear Guild Friends,

Words cannot describe how grateful I am to you for all your prayers, kindnesses, and good thoughts for my family and me during these past few weeks. Receiving your cards and messages gave me peace of mind and strength to get through. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, dear friends.

God bless you,
Cathy Fennell

Quilt Shows

May

Spring Radiance A Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition - May 4-5, 2024. Presented by County Line Quilters Guild at St Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd, Jamison, PA. For more info visit <https://countylinequilters.org/quilt-show-2024>. Go to <https://saint-cyril.com/directions/> for directions.

Airing of the Quilts - May 11, 2024, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Palmerton, PA. 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; and a scavenger hunt with prizes! For more info visit <https://www.theairingofthequilts.com/>.

Hopewell Valley Quilters Annual Pennington Day Show 2024 - 5/18, 2024. Hopewell Valley Quilters invite you to visit their annual quilt show as part of Pennington Day at the Toll Gate Grammar School Cafeteria at 275 S Main St, Pennington, NJ. For more info visit <https://www.penningtonday.org/quilt-show>.

Penn Dry Goods Market - May 31 to June 1, 2024. Presented by the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center at 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA. The Penn Dry Goods Market is a textile-focused antiques and vintage show that offers a textile history lecture series during the antiques show with 11 nationally and internationally known speakers on many aspects of textile history. For a full list of dealers, to register for lectures, and download an admissions coupon go to <https://www.schwenkfelder.org/penn-dry-goods-market>.

June

A Celebration of Quilts - June 7-8, 2024. Presented by the York Quilters Guild at the York College of Pennsylvania, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center, 899 South Richland Ave, York, PA. For more info visit <http://www.celebrationofquilts.com/>.

Trash to Treasure Sale – June 15, 2024. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA. For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=800672142099255&set=pb.100064694286642.-2207520000&type=3>.

Lazy Crazy Days of Summer - June 21-23, 2024. Presented by the Brandywine Valley Quilters at Neumann University, Aston, PA. For more info visit <https://www.brandywinevalleyquilters.org/lazy-crazy-days.html>.

MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - June 27-30, 2024. The Mid-Appalachian Quilters gather each summer for a three-day quilting seminar at [Gettysburg College](http://www.gettysburgcollege.edu), 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/>.

Kutztown Folk Festival - June 29 to July 7, 2024. The Kutztown Folk Festival is proud to present America's largest quilt sale with over 2500 local handmade quilts on display and for sale! For more info visit <https://www.kutztownfestival.com/quilts>.

July-August

Maker Festival – July 31-August 3, 2024. Maker Festivals featuring the event formally known as Bead Fest returns to the [Lancaster Marriott & Convention Center](http://www.lancastermarriott.com), 25 S Queen Street, Lancaster, PA, and we will once again be bringing our fiber artists with us! For more info visit <https://www.makerfestivals.com/lancaster>.

Check out our website, the [Quilt Show page](http://www.quiltshowpage.com), for upcoming local and regional shows.

Cathy Radcliffe

April Program Mary Koval



Original Antique Fabric

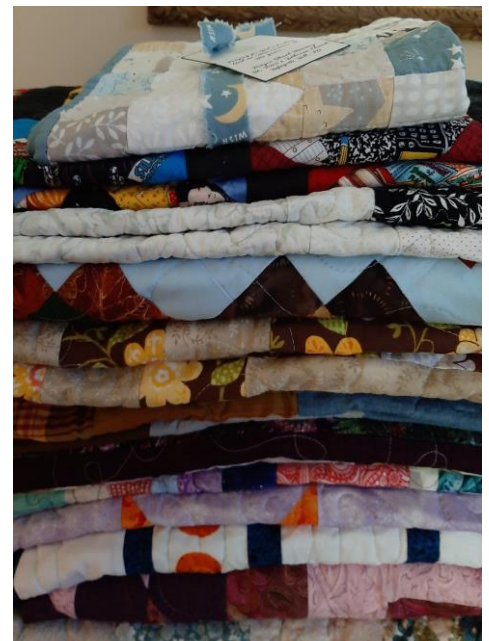
Reproductions with different color schemes

Comfort Quilts

We had 14 beautiful quilts brought to the guild meeting making a total of 82 quilts for the year. Mary Larkin, Ann Palmer, Joan Shaw, Laura Chaplar, Linda Newpher and Shirley Horning (a previous member) came last Friday to prepare quilts for our upcoming workshop on Saturday.

Quilts were delivered to the Coatesville VA and Paoli Hospital.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on Zoom Friday, May 10 at 9:30 for our first Alternate Friday/Saturday Comfort Quilt Zoom workshop.



Maxine Close



Spotlight on a Quilt Shop - Seamless Sewing Arts

Seamless Sewing Arts in the Barn at Maple Lawn Village, 546 Kimberton Rd Phoenixville, Pa is a modern quilt shop. The phone number is 484 920-8971 and the website is www.SeamlessSewingArts.com. There is also a social media presence at seamlessewingarts on Facebook and @seamlessewingarts on Instagram. You can also look for their online store.

Although there is no discount given to guild members, you can take advantage of the many specials and sales that are offered. Additionally, look for the terrific selections of clearance fabrics for up to 50% off.

Seamless is "all modern, all the time" specializing in bringing contemporary, cutting edge fabric designs to their customers. However, they seek out good design regardless of popular definition and have some fabrics in more traditional vein as well including lines like Tilda and Mid-Century designers such as Charley Harper. Denise says the focus is always on exceptional design—end of subject!

In addition to the fabrics, Seamless offers longarm quilting service both computerized edge to edge and custom free motion quilting. In spite of being modern, there is also a unique-for-this-area collection of vintage Singer Featherweight sewing machines. The store carries fully reconditioned Singer 221 machines as well as accessories and maintenance supplies. Denise teaches classes to help you make the upkeep of these wonderful machines easy. You can also get your Featherweight serviced there if you prefer not to do it yourself.

There is an educational program at Seamless Sewing Arts that aims to instill a love of sewing and a range of skills in current and future generations of sewists. To that end a skill-building curriculum for kids and teens for 10-17 years of age is offered. Homeschoolers will find classes also. The adult sewing curriculum starts with beginning apparel sewing, piecing, quilting, and bag-making. Occasionally home décor is also available. The full course catalog is at the website. There is a focus on multi-class courses rather than one-off projects which allows for better development of new and more complex skills.

Keep an eye out for Seamless to be participating in a variety of special events on a regular basis. Included are shop hops, First Friday events, Quilt Shop Day, and Super Bowl. They also vend at Brandywine Quilters Show, PA National Quilt Extravaganza (Oaks Show) and others. The first Wednesday of the month they have an Open Studio from 4-7pm. The \$10 fee for this can be applied to same-day purchases. Register for this online as space is limited.

There is a lot on offer at Seamless Sewing so stop on in if you are nearby.

Barbara Hughes

New Member

WELCOME CINDY BRENNAN

Cindy is a Telecom Project Manager. She works with a friend who quilts. During the pandemic, she decided to try quilting. She has made a lot of lap quilts and some table runners and is enjoying expanding her knowledge. Cindy also likes to read and volunteer at Cradle to Crayons and Rhyerss Farm for retired equines. Cindy, you have found the right place to make friends and learn more. Welcome!

Selection of April Show and Tell



Lisa Steuer



Jean Corday



Ethel Hutchinson



Bill Hutchinson



Susan Gustafson



Ann Palmer



Deb Graves



Rose McKinley



Jen Fillman



Judy Snook



Rose McKinley



Venessa Garst



Sandy Darlington



Janet Gaboury

Saturday Sew Along

Date: May 4, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: your home via Zoom

Project: one of your own choosing



Deb Graves with her finished Rope Bowls from last month's workshop along with Linda Mitchell

Workshops

Quilted Jacket Workshop with Barb Jones

Date: Saturday, May 18

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

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Price: No charge

Lunch: Please bring your own

Barb will provide pattern along with a supply list for this workshop.

SAM (Stash-buster Accuquilt Mystery) Workshop with Beth Mancini

Date: Saturday, June 22

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Price: No charge

Lunch: Please bring your own

Project: You will need to cut some of your fabric using our Accuquilt cutter.

The Accuquilt cutter will be available at the May and June workshops.

Comfort Quilt and Dignity Big Workshop with Maxine and Linda

Date: Saturday, July 20

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Price: No charge

Lunch: Lunch will be provided by the committee

Zoom UFO Workshop

Date: Saturday, August 24, 2024

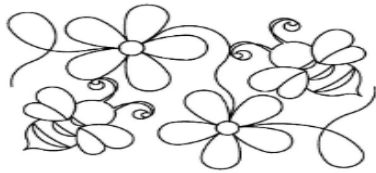
Time: There will be a Zoom from 9:30 am to 3 pm. The link will be sent before the workshop.

Place: At your home via Zoom

Project: Time to finish up the quilts for the show!

A New Zoom Bee! An Opportunity to Sew for Others!

Beginning in May, the guild will be hosting monthly Zoom sessions, alternating between Fridays and Saturdays, to allow members to socialize while working on comfort quilts. The first of these Comfort Quilt Zooms will take place on the following dates from 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.:



Friday, May 10
Saturday, June 8
Friday, August 9
Saturday, September 14



April Comfort Quilt and Dignity Bib Workshop



Karen Saalfrank



Fran Amore



Kate Sevensky



Deb Graves



Prepping Dignity Bibs



Charlene Hagerty



Everyone enjoyed the lunch provided by the committee including the wonderful cheesecake!



Becky Weiland



April Hostler



Janet Gaboury

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
May 7	May 14	May 23	July 30

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Zoom Saturday Sew Along 9:30-4:00 pm
5	6	7 Zoom Evening Bee 7:00-9:00 pm	8	9	10 Zoom Comfort Quilt Bee 9:30 - 4:00 pm	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14 Zoom Afternoon Bee 12:30 – 3:30 pm	15	16	17	18 Quilted Jacket Workshop 9:30-3:00 pm
19	20	21 Zoom Only Guild Meeting 7:00 pm	22	23 Fairview Church Evening Bee 6:00-8:30 pm	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

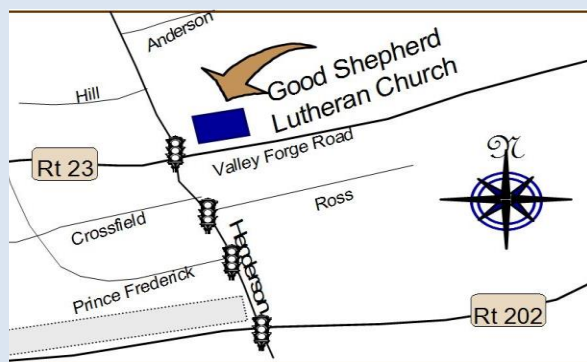


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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



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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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