

Dear Quilting Friends

This month's newsletter will have to remain in this plain form as my husband went in for surgery and wound up with unexpected complications that have prohibited me from doing my newsletter duty this month.

Sorry

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VFHQ News – March 2008

Clips from Chris

Can you believe March has arrived? This means spring is just around the corner. I can't believe that I have even seen some tulip tops peaking through the ground and yet, I am still wishing for a real snow day, not a false alarm. There is something about a snow day, being forced to stay indoor and sew...maybe catch up on those UFO's or start some more.

March is also a special month for all quilters. National Quilt Day is March 18. So mark your calendar and of course spend it doing what you enjoy doing most, quilting. See you soon and happy quilting !

- Chris

March Meeting – March 18, 2008

Sharon Densten will present a trunk show made up of quilts in which she has used Thangles entitled "Untangle Those Triangles".

Sharon Densten of Sharon's Creations, is a Certified Teacher of Home Economics and teaches many classes at Quilted Treasures, Inc. Sharon resides in Clementon, NJ and is a past president of Love Apples Quilt Guild. Sharon also runs a long arm quilting service. For more information visit: <http://quiltedpath.netfirms.com/sharonscreations.htm>.

What are THANGLES? Thangles are paper template strips for turning same sized straight grain strips into half square triangles (HST). For example, if you want a 2" finished HST, you cut 2 1/2" strips of your two fabrics and use Thangles. No more confusing math...no more 7/8" and cutting of odd sizes of fabric...no more worry with bias edges. Thangles make half square triangle construction EASY, FAST and ACCURATE. For more information visit: <http://www.thangles.com/>

Refreshments

SWEET

Linda Hamel

Cynthia DiLorenzo

Deb Graves

Sandy Dounce

Dian Richardson

SAVORY

Joyce Stemple

Edith Neal

Joan Lendacky

Elizabeth Bullwinkle

Winnie Spoons

BEVERAGE

Susan Nann

Ruth Heslin

Cathy Radcliffe

Sandy Darlington

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees...

Afternoon Bee—2nd Tuesday

The Afternoon Bee will take place on March 11, 2008, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Shirley Horning, 1951 Berkley Road, Norristown, PA 19403, 610-631-2502. Everyone is welcome. Bring whatever project(s) you're working on. We'll sew, eat, and chat.

Evening Bee— 4th Tuesday

Laura Chaplar, 388 Ross Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406, 610-337-3756, will host the March Evening Bee, on March 25, 2008 from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. Work on your own projects, get help and advice and refreshments, and enjoy the company. Hope to see you there!

Guild Workshops

Mark Your Calendars!

B. J. Titus – Iron-on Appliqué – www.bjtitus.com to see project.

DATE: April 18, 2008

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

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

COST: TBD

BRING: Supply list will be provided upon payment to Jean Hayden

Fruits & Veggies – Given by Rosemary Geisler and Judy Snook

DATE: June 7, 2008

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

PLACE: Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, PA (on Main Street right across from Ursinus College)

COST: TBD

BRING: Supply list will be provided upon payment to Jean Hay

Liz Hawkins

DATE: August 23, 2008

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

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

COST: TBD

BRING: Supply list will be provided upon payment to Jean Hay

Our Quilt Show

For all chairs: budget forms are on the website, please print them out, put in your expenses and get them to Jean Hayden as soon as possible.

Grandma's Attic: This is an area of our quilt show where one can purchase inexpensively and gently used donated items that have to do with quilting, sewing, knitting and crafting. Anyone can donate these items. It is reminiscent of what was called a "White Elephant". Jean Corday and Ruth Heslin will begin

collecting items in June. Boxes are available to put your items in, please contact Jean or Ruth to adopt a box. The money raised from Grandma's Attic sales goes to the guild to support our programs.

Boutique: This area of our quilt show is a consignment shop of your handmade items. Marge Quinn and Jackie Santangelo welcome your items that you would like to sell in the boutique. Please remember that 10% of what you sell goes to the guild. Also, all members are asked to donate an item for sale in the boutique and those profits also go to the guild to support our programs.

Spring Retreat Weekend

VFHQ Quilter's Retreat at Kline Lodge, Mensch Mill Retreat Center, Berks County, May 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2008

Package A - \$180 - 4 days, 3 nights, 7 meals; Breakfast, lunch, dinner on Friday and Saturday; Breakfast on Sunday; no dinner included on Thursday night.

Package B - \$130 - 3 days, 2 nights, 4 meals; Dinner Friday (optional) = \$8.00 additional cost; Breakfast, lunch, dinner on Saturday; Breakfast on Sunday.

Linens are included in the price. \$20 deposit holds your space. Sally Rapp will take deposits at the March meeting. Balance is due by April 10th. A one page informational sheet will be available at the March meeting for those needing more details of the weekend.

- Sally Rapp

Birthdays

March

March 4 Lou Chandler
Susan Glaser

March 6 Marie Waters

March 8 Linda Reese

Marge Quinn

March 9 Lisa Hudock
Patti Fulton

March 14 Dawn Heefner

March 15 Lisa Steuer

March 18 Cathy Fennell

March 23 Mary Plewinski

March 24 Carolyn Nentwick

March 25 Marie Trexler

March 27 Patrician Brant

April

April 2 Marsha Bullwinkle

April 4 Rosemary Geisler

April 6 Arlene Greenwald,

April 7 Norma Brechbiel

April 9 Jean Corday

April 23 Kate Sevensky

April 27 Fatima Crespo

Excursion – Change in Plans

The trip will now be to "Quilts in the Mansion" on March 28, 2008. Admission is \$5.00. This is a collection of antique quilts dating from the 1800s – 1950s. Poole Forge is located on Route 23, three miles east of Shady Maple in the village of Churchtown. For more information visit

www.historicpooleforge.org. They will be stopping for lunch at Shady Maple. Please contact Susan Glaser for more details or to sign up.

Marianne Fons

Hinkletown Sewing and Bernina proudly present Marianne Fons who will discuss “Why We Quilt” on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at Shady Maple Banquet Facilities. She will be giving two presentations one at 9:00 AM and a second at 2:00 PM. The cost is \$15.00 each, groups of 20 or more \$12.00 each. Send ticket requests to: John or Donna Groff, 307 S. Summit Ave., Quarryville, PA 17566. Please include payment (payable to Hinkletown Sewing) time requested, address, and phone number. For more information: 717-786-3771 or email: jogroff@epix.net.

Fat Quarter Raffle

The current Quarter Raffle drawing will occur at March’s guild meeting. The fabric theme for this time is Civil War Reproduction fabric. To participate, simply bring a fat quarter, place it in the designated basket, along with your name, and you’ll be eligible for the drawing to win them all! You will receive one chance to win for each fat quarter you contribute. The guidelines are simple:

1. The fabric must be a fat quarter measuring 18" X 22".
2. It should be washed and ironed
3. It must keep to the announced theme
4. It should be “quilt-shop-quality” fabric

Any questions, contact Jean Corday.

Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2008

Meeting Commenced: 7:05 pm

Chris Candello welcomed all including two new members, Carolyn M. Nentwick and Mary (Beth) Lake.

BOM: Rosemary Geisler advised that a robin is the bird for next month. Steve’s has copies of the BOM for 2008 which if anyone would like a copy.

BOM winner was MareBeth Conard.

Door Prizes: Shirley Horning?, Jacqui Santangelo and Marge Quinn.

Bees: Donna Raymond will host the evening bee on Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m.; Shirley Horning will host the afternoon bee on Tuesday, March 11 at 12:30 p.m.

Fat Quarters: Jean Corday advised that the first drawing this year will be at the March meeting. So bring your quarters.

Show and Tell: for Bags workshop on January 19th.

Comfort Quilts: Jean Hayden reminded everyone that the Comfort Quilt Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2008 from 9 to 4 at Good Shepherd Church. Shirley Horning has 25 kits ready to be put together and quilted. Remember to bring your lunch.

Workshops: Jean Hayden reminded everyone of the Stashbuster PJ party with Amy and Linda from Generations which is scheduled for Friday night, March 7th starting at 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 P.M. at the Trinity Church across from Ursinus College in Collegeville; come comfortably dressed in PJs, sweat suits; food will be provided.

Quilt Show: Jean Hayden reminded the committee to submit their Quilt Show budget forms soon; Jean asked the members to start spreading the word of the quilt show in October; Ruth Heslin spoke about Grandma's Attic and described items to be included (attic collections of sewing and quilting items, books, magazines, patterns, panels, fabric, yarn). Ruth is looking for set-up help and volunteers who could man the Attic in 2-hour increments. Jacqui Santangelo spoke about the Boutique Room and items needed and suggested we bring our best designs. Members are asked to donate one item; additional items can be sold with the guild getting a percentage of the sale price.

Conkerr Pillowcases: Judy Snook is collecting pillowcases for this cause. Judy showed samples and advised that you need approximately 1 yard of fabric and a 10-inch border. Patterns are available on the conkerrcancer.org website or you can use the pillowcase pattern sent by Chris. Bring the pillowcases to a meeting and Judy will launder them, then give them to Cindy Kerr.

Loosethreads Tea: is full.

Excursions: The next excursion is scheduled for March 28, 2008. Please see the sign-up sheet and advise Susan Glaser if you can drive and how many passengers you can accommodate.

Retreat: First weekend in May; see Sally Rapp for details.

Special Announcements: Chris Candello informed the members that:

- (1) Becky Weiland had 2 quilts accepted for display at a quilt show in New Jersey and one at the Lancaster show. Congratulations Becky! Look for her quilts at these shows.
- (2) The NQA acknowledged receipt of our monthly newsletters. Thanks to Cathy Fennell for forwarding our newsletters to NQA.
- (3) Calico Cutters Annual Auction is scheduled for March 12 at 9:30 a.m.; no deadline given, seating is limited – see information at the back table.
- (4) Newark Delaware Quilter's Day Out is March 15 (National Quilt Day) starting at 8:30 until 4:00; register by March 3rd – see information at the back table.

Amish Friendship Bread: Donna LeBlanc sent in 15 starter bags for anyone interested.

(Break Time)

Program: Gloria Clark distributed patterns for the embroidered pillow; Jacqui Santangelo and Jean Corday demonstrated the fabric tree. Supplies were provided by the Guild.

Show and Tell.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Marge Quinn, Recording Secretary

Welcome

Mary Lake who recently joined our guild likes to be known as and called Beth. Let's welcome Beth who resides in Collegeville and heard about us at the Upper Merion Community Day. She has a doll business, which she has run since 1976 and she starting quilting about 5 years ago. Her mother is the one who got her interested in quilting and she enjoys all kinds of quilting projects. Beth has not completed a bed-size quilt but has made wall hanging size quilts. Besides quilting, she enjoys doll making, drawing, painting, reading, preaching and public speaking. She enjoys preaching because she is a minister. Her husband, Gary, is also a minister. It's great to have you join our guild.

Carolyn Nentwick joined our guild at the February meeting. Carolyn lives in Eagleville and heard about our guild from Cathy Fennell. She has sewn since she was a child but when she moved to PA in 2000, she began watching "Simply Quilts" and that inspired her to start quilting. Carolyn feels that she has only been quilting for a year. Before quilting, she made and sold dog dresses and coats. Carolyn enjoys making quilts for her family. She also likes scrappy quilts and the Ohio star block. She has made a bed

size quilt. Besides quilting, Carolyn goes to the “Y” in Audubon and enjoys taking sewing classes, as well as going on cruises with her husband, who was her high school sweetheart and to whom she has been married to for 43 years. She does not work outside the house. Carolyn and her husband moved to PA from Boca Raton, FL. He was transferred here and when they moved, all their children did, also. Carolyn and her husband have two sons and one daughter. They have two granddaughters and Harly, their four-year-old Westie. Welcome, Carolyn!

Quilt Shows

Calico Cutters Quilt Guild Tea Party and Auction, March 12, 2008, begins at 9:30 AM; Fame Fire Company, West Chester, PA. Space is limited so call Barb Sipe for Reservations at 302-478-9218.

County Line Quilters presents “Fiesta of Quilts”: March 24th and 25th from 10 AM to 5 PM both days; Archbishop Wood High School, 655 N. York Road, Warminster, PA. Admission \$5.00, Seniors \$4.00. For more information visit www.countylinequilters.org.

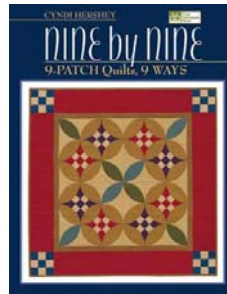
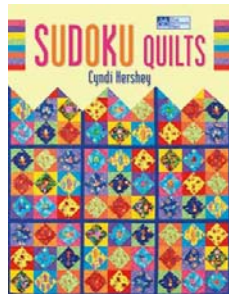
Historic Poole Forge presents “Quilts in the Mansion”: March 24 – 30, 2008; Mon. - Sat.: 10 AM – 4 PM; Sun.: 1 PM – 4 PM. Admission is \$5.00. This is a collection of antique quilts dating from the 1800s – 1950s. Poole Forge is located on Route 23, three miles east of Shady Maple in the village of Churchtown. For more information visit www.historicpooleforge.org.

Quilters’ Heritage Celebration: March 27th – March 30, 2008; Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster, PA; for more information: www.qhconline.com.

Pennsylvania Relief Sale: April 4 and 5 at the Harrisburg Farm Show Complex. Please visit and shop at the Quilter’s Attic – a new venture at the Relief Sale featuring used, unused, or unfinished quilt projects, as well as quilting tools, fabrics, and supplies. For more information: www.pareliefsale.org.

April Meeting Preview – April 15, 2008

Cyndi Hershey will do a presentation on using color in quilts. Cyndi resides in Audubon, PA. She owned and operated Country Quiltworks, an American Patchwork And Quilting top 10-quilt shop, for eleven years. She now works as a technical editor for Martingale and Company. Cyndi has published two quilting books: *Nine by Nine* and *Sudoku Quilts*. For free Cyndi Hershey quilt patterns visit http://www.pbtex.com/html/free_patterns.html.



ConKerr Cancer Challenge

Take the challenge, last year our guild made over 100 pillowcases to support ConKerr Cancer. Let’s try to surpass that goal. Judy Snook brought forth this challenge last year to support her friend Cindy Kerr and to assist in this worthy cause that Cindy began when her son Ryan became ill with cancer.

“Ryan Kerr died on February 6, 2008 after a long battle with cancer. His mother, Cindy Kerr, began Conkerr Cancer several years ago. When Ryan went to the hospital for treatments, Cindy made a jazzy pillowcase for him. This caught the eye of others in the hospital and soon Cindy was making dozens of

pillowcases for children at Children's Hospital, St. Chris, and others. Flyers can be seen in many quilt stores asking for help in making pillowcases. Home Ec (oh, yes, Consumer Science) classes make them. Cindy plans to continue ConKerr Cancer. I feel making many pillowcases now would honor Ryan and make many children happy. There are at least two ways to make these pillowcases. Please see below. Choosing two fabrics for each pillowcase is a lot of fun. The accent piece is optional.

Ryan was a person who never gave up. I hope sewing pillowcases for Conkerr Cancer will show we never give up on helping others.”

– Judy Snook

1. Three seam Pillowcase

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

Main Piece (body of pillow case) = $3/4$ yard

Border = $1/3$ yard

Accent border = $1/8$ yard (entire width of fabric not fat $1/8$)

CUT

Body - cut to 27" x 41 "

Border - cut to 10" x 41 "

Optional Accent strip - cut 3" x 41 " pressed in half wrong sides together, the long way.

ASSEMBLY:

Lay 10 " border fabric right side up on work surface.

Lay body of pillowcase right side up on top of the border piece, lining up the top edges.

Optional accent strip...Lay 3" pressed accent strip on top of the body piece. Raw edges should line up with the border and body piece of the fabric.

Roll the body fabric from the bottom up and then fold the border piece up to the top. Pin all of the raw edges together. (you will be pinning three to five edges; one body piece, two edges of the optional accent piece sandwiched between the two edges of the border piece.)

Stitch along the edges using a $1/4$ inch seam, then turn inside out. You now have a finished border, with all of the stitching inside....

Fold the pillowcase so that the wrong sides are together. Stitch a scant quarter inch seam down one side then across the bottom of the pillowcase.

Turn the pillowcase so that the right sides are together. Stitch a $3/8$ inch seam, encasing the raw edges of the first seam.

Turn right side out, wallah !!! Press and enjoy your pillowcase is complete.

2. Standard Pillowcase, 20" x 31":

SUPPLIES:

$3/4$ yard of fabric for pillowcase

$1/3$ yard of fabric for border of pillowcase

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS:

Cut the body of the case $26\frac{1}{2}$ " x $40\frac{1}{2}$ " and the border $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $40\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fold the border in half lengthwise, with the wrong sides together, and press

Place the right side of the border on the right side of the body of the case. Stitch together using a $1/2$ " seam allowance.

Place right sides of the pillowcase together. Stitch down the side and across the bottom. Turn to the right side and press.

OPTIONAL: Zigzag seams.

Main Line Quilters Guild Program

March 21 at 9:30 am: Trish Chambers "Freedom Quilts and the Underground Railroad": for further information and location, contact 610-688-5388 or visit www.mainlinequilters.org. All programs follow a general meeting and the guest fee is \$4.00.

Hi from Steve's!

We are gearing up for the big Alex Anderson Event on March 14 and 15. We still have tickets available for all four times. In addition to hearing Alex, you will also be able to shop in our event store and eat yummy food! Bring your friends and we'll see you there!

Our bi-annual Autograph Party Weekend will be May 2,3, and 4 this year. If you are planning to come to the party and Fashion Show on Saturday, May 3, please RSVP by phone or at pamela@stevessewandvac.com. We have some incredible quilting teachers coming that weekend. There are still spaces left for the talented Christina Johnson's Modern Hugs and Kisses on May 2, and also for the spectacular A Walk In The Woods by Barbara Persing from StratVarious Quilts on May 4. The Mark Lipinski class, Simple Simon, is full - but call to get on the wait list as we are looking for a larger venue.

Our classes and registration are all online now so you can register right at home. If you don't have access to a computer, please give us a call and we will sign you up the old fashioned way!

Saturday Sampler this month will be March 8 at 9:00am. Janice Hill will be demonstrating some Frogs and Yo-Yo's!

-The Staff at Steve's

NQS

Are you a member of NQS? If so, please let Gail Dovalovsky know when your membership expires. We need this information in order to purchase insurance for our quilt show. Please email Gail at gdonalovsky@comcast.net. Thank you for your help with this.

A New Star Block

If you like making star blocks for your quilts, visit <http://quiltville.com/marericstarspf.html>. You can use the smallest scrap of fabric to make one-of-a-kind template free star blocks. Enjoy!

-Marge Quinn

<p>Guild Officers</p> <p>President – Chris Candello</p> <p>Vice President – Jean Hayden</p> <p>Treasurer – Gail Dovalovsky</p> <p>Recording Secretary – Marge Quinn</p> <p>Corresponding Sec – Linda Hamel</p>	<p>Newsletter Submissions</p> <p>Inclusions for the next newsletter must be received by the first of the month. (If e-mailing your article, an MS Word file is preferred, articles embedded in e-mails are acceptable, of course, but require more work on our end.)</p> <p>Cathy Fennell</p>
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<p>Immediate Past President – Lou Chandler</p> <p>Committee Chairs</p> <p>Program Chair – Gloria Clark</p> <p>Workshops – Jean Hayden</p> <p>Newsletter – Cathy Fennell & Lou Chandler</p> <p>Web Master – Lou Chandler</p> <p>Refreshments – Paula Pettyjohn</p> <p>Set-up – Cathy Fennell</p> <p>Hostess/ Door Prizes – Patti McLain, Marebeth Conard</p> <p>Hospitality – Donna LeBlanc, Joan Gunder, Lisa Hudock</p> <p>Block of the Month –Rosemary Geisler</p> <p>Quilt Show – Jean Hayden</p> <p>Quilt Bees – Jean Hayden (day) Beth Quigley (night)</p> <p>Retreats – Sally Rapp</p> <p>Excursions – Susan Glaser</p> <p>Comfort Quilts – Shirley Horning</p> <p>Publicity – Nancy Hannum</p> <p>Historian – Nancy Hannum, Lisa Hudock</p> <p>Library – Art & Ethel Hutchison</p> <p>AQS book sales – Kathy Graff</p> <p>Member Comfort – Judy Snook, Rosemary Geisler</p> <p>Sunshine – Norma Brechbiel</p>	<p>fennell@rosemont.edu (preferred)</p> <p>32 Clearfield Avenue Eagleville, PA 19430 610-630-8645 (home) 610-526-2973 (work)</p> <p>Guild Meetings</p> <p>DATE: Third Tuesday of each month</p> <p>TIME: 7 p.m.</p> <p>PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA</p>
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