



Valley Forge Homestead
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Guild Newsletter

January 2011

Clips from Chris

Happy New Year to All!

Hard to believe another year has gone by, where does the time go? Hopefully you too set realistic resolutions, mine is to use stash only...ha-ha! As for the upcoming year for our guild, it is a busy one. Cathy Fennell has chosen an awesome block of the month; Jean Hayden has now recovered from our tremendous quilt show and has a plan on how to fill the next show by scheduling great workshops; Gloria has lined up some wonderful programs for this upcoming year; and of course there is our sister act- Kate, Nancy & Sally, who can begin to guess what they have up their sleeve for the upcoming year. That's just a few things our club offers. Make sure you keep posted with our monthly newsletter, and of course we invite suggestions.

Chris



Thank you, Steve!

Guild Meeting Information – January 18, 2011

Nancy Cosmos' love of quilts began at an early age. In seventh grade, she pieced her first quilt, a log cabin, using all sorts of fabrics, including polyester double knits and used clothing. In 1992 she took up quilting again. Today, the Malvern resident's quilts include not only traditional bedcovers but one-of-a-kind pieces reflecting her artistic expression, embodying bold colors and textures and visual illusion. By the way, her quilts are for sale, all but the yellow log cabin quilt with rounded edges that she made with her mom in seventh grade. You will enjoy seeing this quilt artist's stunning array of quilts. To see some of Nancy quilts visit <http://athreadfromtheedge.blogspot.com/2010/01/nancy-cosmos-debuts-at-jenkins.html>.

Refreshment Assignments

Sweets

Mary Molettiere
Carol Dilks
Becky Weiland
Candy Garrido
Gloria Clark

Savory

Marebeth Conard
Donna LeBlanc
Cathy Fennell
Chris Candello

Beverage

Mary Cramsie
Irene LeBlanc
Ethel Hutchinson
Jean Hayden
Jean Corday



Birthdays

January

January 5	Carol McGonigle
January 9	Donna LeBlanc
January 14	Sharon Miller
January 21	Mary Molettieri
January 24	Mary Cramsie
January 30	Debbie Bianco

February

February 1	Barbara Jones
February 17	Esther Canning
February 19	Ann Lister
February 24	Sandra Dounce
February 28	Linda Vanek



Block of the Month

Please bring your January block to the meeting for a chance of a great prize from the prize basket. We will also discuss any challenges for the February Block. It may be helpful to bring the calendar/book or the pattern page to the meeting.

-Cathy Fennell, Beth Quigley

Welcome

Welcome to Jackie Gauker, an old friend but a new member from Fleetwood, PA. Through the friendship and purchases of Chris Candello and Beth Quigley, Jackie learned about our Guild. Jackie has been sewing and quilting since she was six years old. Her grandmothers taught her and she made most of her clothes in high school and college. She also made clothes for her children. Jackie's maternal grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother all quilted together when she was little and she couldn't wait to join in the fun. She likes to do intricate piecing and likes to put wool appliqué on top of a pieced top. Jackie has made a bed-size quilt and also enjoys reading, dyeing wool, traveling especially to Wyoming and Montana. Jackie does not work outside the home but lives on a working farm with her husband and daughter. Her son lives on the adjoining farm so they are together as a family quite often. They have steers and a tenant has dairy cows in their barn. They also have one horse and a dog.

Phyllis Manley hails from Plymouth Meeting and heard about us through her attendance at our recent quilt show. She is a National Quilting Association Certified Judge and began quilting about forty years ago and has never stopped. Art Quilts are her favorite types of quilts but she has made a bed-size quilt. Other than quilting she really enjoys shopping for fabric. She does not work but has had nine children – two of her own and seven foster children. Of the seven foster children, she adopted two of them. Along with all the kids, she has a husband, a dog and a fish. Welcome, Phyllis!

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Afternoon Bee—2nd Tue

January

January 11, 2011, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Sally Rapp, 28 Marian Road, Trappe

February

February 8, 2011, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Carol Dilks, 626 Crestwyck Drive, King of Prussia

Evening Bee—4th Tue

January

January 25, 2011, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Laura Chaplar, 388 Ross Road, King of Prussia

February

February 22, 2011, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Charlene Hagerty, 105 Glen Avenue, West Chester

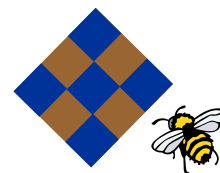
Appliqué Bee—1st Tue

February

February 1, 2011, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Gloria Clark, 762 Laurel Lane, Wayne,

March

March 1, 2011, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Martine Green, 477 Maynard Drive, Wayne



NOTE: Our Bees are open to all members of the Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild. We work on our own hand projects (there's not usually room for sewing machines); we assist each other by suggesting ways to layout quilt blocks, work with colors, etc.; and we enjoy each other's company in a smaller venue. Check your calendar and see if you are able to join one or all of the Bees this month. If you would like to host one of the Bees, please contact Jean Hayden (Afternoon Bee) or Beth Quigley (Evening Bee) or Gloria Clark (Appliqué Bee).

Guild Workshops

UFO & Block of the Month 2010— Sally Rapp

DATE: January 15, 2011

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia

PRICE: Free; bring your own lunch.

Comfort Quilts—

Jean Corday—Accu-Quilt will be available

DATE: February 26, 2011

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia

PRICE: Free; Light lunch will be provided.

Hunter Star –

Amy and Linda of Generations Quilt shop

DATE: March 25, 2011

TIME: 6:00 – 10:00 PM

PLACE: Trinity Reform Church, Main Street, Collegeville, PA (across from Ursinus College Campus)

PRICE: \$15.00 plus cost of ruler and pattern – includes a light dinner

Pamela's Fitted Quilted Jacket—

Pamela Leggett (Part I)

DATE: June 10, 2011

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

PLACE: Steve's Sewing and Vac:
Fitting and fabric selection.

PRICE: \$25.00, Pattern (made especially for VFHQ Guild) \$20.00. Bring your own lunch.

Pamela's Fitted Quilted Jacket—

Pamela Leggett (Part II)

DATE: June 25, 2011

TIME: 9:30 – 4:00

PLACE: Steve's Sewing and Vac: Workshop

Original Quilt—

Susan Shively – Susan is creating a quilt design especially for VFHQ Guild

DATE: October 22, 2011

TIME: TBD

PLACE: Steve's Sewing and Vac

PRICE: \$25.00. Bring your own lunch.

Spring Retreat

It's time to start planning for spring retreat. This will be our 26th.

- The dates are April 28-May 1 at Mensch Mill Retreat Center.
- The cost for four days is \$205, includes 7 meals and the three day plan is \$155, includes 4 meals.
- A \$20 deposit (non-refundable) will hold your space .
- Members have first preference and after January 20th, I will open it to other interested quilters.
- Final balance is due by April 1st.

Sally Rapp is in charge of arrangements and would be happy to answer any questions about the retreat.

“Falling in Love with Machine Appliqué”

Hinkletown Sewing Machine Shop with Bernina takes great pleasure to invite you to experience “Falling in Love with Machine Appliqué” presented by Alex Anderson on Wednesday, May 25, 2011. They will offer two programs that day, 9:00 – 11:00 AM and 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the Shady Maple Banquet Center. Admission for each session is \$15.00 but a special group price of \$12.00 is offered to groups of 20 or more. Group tickets may be divided between the two sessions. Please see Chris Candello or Linda Hamel is interested.

Call for Entries

Sacred Threads Exhibition 2011 featuring quilts exploring joy, inspiration, spirituality, healing, grief, and peace. Entries can be entered between January 9 and March 9, 2011. The show dates are June 22 – July 4, 2011 at a

new location in Fairfax, Virginia near Washington D.C. and Dulles Airport. For more information visit www.SacredThreadsQuilts.com.

Entry Deadline: March 7, 2011: Theme - “Alliances: People, Patterns, Passion,” a broad theme that celebrates cooperative relationships that work towards a common goal. For more information: www.AllianceforAmericanQuilts.org



New Year's Resolution – Take Up the Challenge!

Don't forget our guild's challenge for this year.

Childhood Memories

- Your quilt is to represent a memory of your childhood.
- Use any design or pattern, original or commercially available and any construction technique. You may piece, appliqué, embroider, cross-stitch, paint, or embellish it.
- Your quilt should be no larger than 50" on any given side.
- It may be any quilted item (quilt, jacket, bag, etc.)
- Your quilt should be something made during the coming year (October 2010 to September 2011).
- Include with your submission, a typed or neatly hand printed description of your quilt (including possibly a unique technique or something that occurred during the making). Use 50-75 words in your description on a card or paper no larger than 8x8.
- As usual, one entry per person will be accepted.
- Completed challenge quilts will be displayed and voted on during our September 2011 meeting.

All questions should be directed to Judy Snook, judyann112@verizon.net or 610-933-8094.

Fat Quarter Raffle—

Asian Fabrics

January, February, March 2011

Here are the guidelines for the Fabric Raffle for this quarter:

- Fabric should be a fat quarter for this raffle.
- It should be washed and pressed.
- It must keep the announce theme.
- It should be "quilt-shop" quality.

Fill in your name on the entry slip for every fat quarter you contribute to The Raffle basket and the drawing will be held at the March meeting.

-Jacqui

50 - 50 with a Twist

At the December meeting, the 50-50 With a Twist game was Guess What Santa Left in the Stocking. Contestants Lynn Radliff and Dottie Dolgash had to identify the presents that Santa left in the stocking. The crowd was busy yelling out their guesses for the presents. Many were correct. After retired teachers Sally and Nancy corrected the list, Lynn correctly identified more presents and had \$31.00 in her stocking. Dottie had a stained glass ornament in her stocking, made by guild member Diana Heiney. Buy your tickets (one for a dollar, 6 for \$5) for a chance at another exciting game at the January meeting.

-Kate, Sally, and Nancy



And the gifts go round and round

February Meeting Preview –

February 15, 2011

Get ready to enjoy a special evening featuring our yearly fabric/book/pattern sale spearheaded by Sally Rapp. As with many of the things we do in our guild, Sally also suggested having this sale, and it has been quite popular. You may sell all those fabrics, kits, etc., that you have concluded you will not use. Someone else may love the very fabric you no longer want.

That same night we welcome our own Beth Quigley, resident yo-yo queen. Beth will teach you the technique to make easy and perfect yo-yos using Clover yo-yo templates. And Beth has all of them. You may use Beth's templates, or you may purchase your own yo-yo templates at quilt shops, as well as at JoAnn's. Please bring your own needle and thread.

Congratulations!

Hats off and kudos to all the members of the Valley Forge Homestead Quilters Guild for their generosity during 2010! Jean Corday and all the members have been most generous with their time and talent as can be seen in the following list of accomplishments: 146 quilts made and donated; 181 surgical dolls made and donated; 140 children books donated; 20 chemo caps for adults made and donated, 21 chemo caps for children made and donated; 20 games donated; and 48 calendars donated. It was a banner year; let's do the same in 2011. Congratulations!

Denny shows off her present from the guild. I think Judy approves.



Thank You

Dear Jean,

Thank you for your donation of beautifully made lap quilts/blankets for the patients of the Abramson Center and the inpatients on Rhoads 6 and Rhoads 7 Oncology Units in the hospital. It was such a nice experience to deliver your wonderful lap quilts made by the Valley Forge Homestead Quilters to those departments and see the happiness come over the patients' and staff members' faces. This is a perfect time of the year for our patients to feel comfort and warmth from the quilts.

Our nurses and other employees in these departments are so appreciative of your act of generosity and kindness, and they enjoy helping the patients make their choices of colors and design.

We are very grateful that you have chosen to give of your time and talent in making these quilts for the patients of Abramson Cancer Center and HUP. Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Donna Griffith, Director, Volunteer Services

Sugarloaf Craft Festivals

Accepting Applications for Fall 2011 Shows

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival, one of the nation's most popular and most recognized juried shows of contemporary crafts and fine art, is now accepting applications from artists in all media for its fall 2011 shows.

The fall 2011 season of Sugarloaf Craft Festivals includes:

- Timonium, MD (outside Baltimore), September 30 – October 2, 2011
- Gaithersburg, MD (outside Washington, DC), October 14 – 16, 2011
- Somerset, NJ, October 28 – 30, 2011
- Oaks, PA (outside Philadelphia), November 4 – 6, 2011
- Hartford, CT, November 11 – 13, 2011
- Gaithersburg, MD (outside Washington, DC), November 18 – 20, 2011
- Chantilly, VA (northern Virginia), December 9 – 11, 2011

Artists may apply for the fall 2011 season in all categories including ceramics and pottery, fiber and fashion, fine art, furniture, blown and leaded glass, jewelry, leather, metalsmithing, photography and functional and decorative wood crafts.

Artists interested in exhibiting at Sugarloaf Craft Festivals can download applications from www.sugarloafcrafts.com. Applications must include slides representing artists' work and their display space. Artists who wish to apply online can complete their application and submit digital images via www.zapplication.org, using the search term "Sugarloaf." Potential exhibitors may also request printed applications and additional information by calling (800) 210-9900.

Quilt Shows

Art Quilts Etcetera: Lonni Rossi exhibit - December 20, 2010 – January 16, 2011. At the Waverly Heights Main Building, 1400 Waverly Road, Gladwyne, PA. A special lecture will be held on Sunday, January 16, 2011 at 3:00 PM. Call 610-645-8600 for exact times to view the exhibit and to R.S.V. P. for the January lecture. For more information about Lonni Rossi: www.LonniRossi.com

Celebrating Nature's Beauty in Stitchery: A Quilt Show - Friday, February 4 to Sunday, February 27, 2011. Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens is hosting an event to celebrate the many moods, colors and expressions of nature through quilting. The quilts will be displayed in the John J. Willaman Education Center. For more information: http://www.jenkinsarboretum.org/news_events.html

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXII - February 24 - 27, 2011. Presented by Mancuso Show Management all under one roof at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, Virginia, Greater Chesapeake Bay / Williamsburg Area. For more information: <http://www.quiltfest.com>

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey VII - March 3 - 6, 2011. Presented by Mancuso Show Management. The majority of workshops will be held at the Holiday Inn Somerset. Free parking is available at the hotel and at the Garden State Exhibit Center. Although within walking distance for some, free shuttle bus service will operate between the Holiday Inn Somerset and the Garden State Exhibit Center. For more information: <http://www.quiltfest.com>

Quilt Preview for the 2011 Pennsylvania Relief Sale Quilt Auction. The Quilt Preview will be held March 3 - 5 at the MCC Ephrata Material Resources Center. **The Pennsylvania MCC Relief Sale** will be April 1 and 2 at the PA Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA. More information will be available on the [PA Relief Sale website](#).

Loose Threads Tea - March 12, 2011. Watch for more information or contact a member of Loose Threads.

AQS Lancaster Quilt Show - March 16 - 19, 2011. Registration is now open for this quilt show. For more information: http://www.americanquilter.com/shows_contests/lancaster/2011/general_info/

Homemaker's Country Quilters present Showcase of Quilts XIV - March 25 - 26, 2011. Hours are Friday and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Montgomery County 4-H Center, Route 113, one mile south of Route 73 in Creamery, PA. Donation is \$7.00.

Love Apple Quilters present A Tisket, A Tasket - Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, March 27, 2011. At the Blue Barn in Marlton, NJ. Admission is \$6.00 or \$10.00 for a two day pass. For more information email: LoveAppleQuilters@yahoo.com or visit <http://www.loveapplequilters.com>.

Penn Oaks Quilters Quilt Show "For the Love of Quilting VI" - April 29 - 30, 2011. At Griffith Hall at Ludwig's Corner in Glenmoore, PA. Admission is \$8.00. For more information: <http://www.pennoaksquilters.org>.

Carbon County Quilters Guild - May 27 - 28, 2011. Presents their 10th Annual Quilt show featuring the 2011 Mini-contest "Decoration Day at Summit Hill Heritage Center in Summit Hill, PA. For more information: www.summithillheritagecenter.com.

NQA 42nd Annual Quilt Show - June 16 - 18, 2011. Greater Columbus convention Center, Columbus, OH. Show details: Entry, registration forms and information will be available at www.nqaquilts.org/2011show or call 614-488-8520.

Quilt Odyssey - July 28 - 31, 2011. At [Hershey Lodge & Convention Center](#) in West Chocolate Avenue & University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033. Admission is one-day pass for \$10 or a multi-day pass for \$12. For more information: <https://server7.pacecomputing.com/quiltodysseycom/www/index.php>.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XVIII - September 15 - 18. At the greater Philadelphia [Expo Center](#), 1601 Egypt Road Phoenixville, PA 19460. For more information: <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=4>.

International Quilt Festival/Houston - November 3 - 6, 2011. At George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, Texas. For more information: <http://www.quilts.com/newHome/shows/viewer.php?page=FallFestival>.

Meeting Minutes ~ December 21, 2010

Meeting Commenced: At 7:00 p.m. Chris welcomed all members to our special holiday meeting. She also welcomed our guest Elizabeth and our new member Hedy who joined us for the evening. Chris thanked Erin for doing such a fantastic job with our Facebook page.

Door Prize: The winners are Joan, Linda, and Susan.

Bees: The next evening bee will meet at Donna Raymond's home on December 28th. The afternoon bee will meet at Sally Rapp's home on January 11th.

Appliqué Group: Will meet at Judy Snook's home on January 4th.

Tonight's Program: The program started with a parade through our buffet line of delicious snacks and desserts. We were able to watch Cathy's slide show for the year 2010 while we were enjoying our food and conversation. Along with that Jackie Gauker had a sale and deep discounts of fabric from her store. After finishing our business meeting we gathered in a circle for Sally Rapp's story about the "Seam Ripper" and our gift exchange. Lastly, we had the distribution of the guild gifts to our members.

BOM: Winners for the final month are Irene LeBlanc, Sally Rapp, and Gloria Clark. Sally will be at the workshop in January to help anyone with assembling their quilt top. Cathy Fennell will be starting January, 2011 with the basket quilt.

Fat Quarter Raffle: The winners for the last quarter of the civil war 1/2 yard cuts were Arlene McCall, Jacqui Santangelo, Cathy Fennell, Esther Canning, Norma Brechbiel, and Linda Hamel. Jacqui announced the theme for January, February, and March will be fat quarters of Asian fabric.

Comfort Quilts: Jean C. announced that she delivered 14 quilts of Southeastern VA Home on December 3rd, 39 quilts to St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, and 25 quilts to University of Pennsylvania on December 10th. The total quilts donated for the year are 146. She also shared a nice thank you note from University of Pennsylvania.

Workshop: Jean H. said she scheduled the BOM workshop on January 15th, the Comfort Quilt workshop will be held on February 26th, and Hunter's Star workshop for a Friday evening in March. The sign up sheets were passed around.

50/50 With a Twist: Tonight we played Guess what is in the Packages. Our contestants are Dottie Dolgash and Lynn Radliff. Each contestant had to guess what was in 5 wrapped packages. #1 - had a CD for quilters. #2 - Ibuprofen. #3 - Cadbury bar, #4 - hand cream, and #5 - pretend gift card from Steve's. Lynn won \$31.00 and Dottie won a stained glass ornament donated by Diana.

Special Drawing: Denny Shaw won a book donated by Jackie Gauker.

Show and Tell



Charlene & Angels



Norma has a new friend!



Dottie's been busy!



Rosemary's been busy making Christmas quilts.



What a beautiful quilt!

Meeting Adjourned: 10:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Jean Corday - Recording Secretary

Super Bowl Sale!

It's that time of year again, Super Bowl Sunday and [Chester County Quilting](#) is having their annual super bowl sale. February 7, 2011 is the big day. All fabric will be \$2 off per yard, \$2.50 off if you finish the bolt. Ramona will have a secret unadvertised sale so stop in to find out what that is. Chester County Quilting is located at 702 Village at Eland, Route 113, Phoenixville, PA 19460.



Snow Policy

Just a reiteration of our policy in the event of inclement weather on the day of our guild meeting:

- We'll make a determination by 5pm on a snowy day.
- We'll e-mail that determination to guild members at that time.
- If you normally get notification regarding newsletter availability, then you will get one of these e-mail messages.
- If you do not have e-mail, then you'll simply identify a buddy who does have access to e-mail and call that person to verify whether or not we'll be meeting
- If your e-mail access is through your work and you've been sent home early due to snow, then you'll identify a buddy who has e-mail access at home to find out our meeting status.

We'll also put notification of storm-related determinations on our web site (if our web master is available to do so at the time needed)

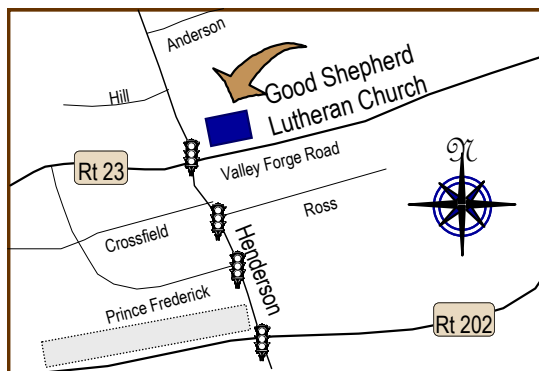
Hopefully our meeting nights will be free of snowy complications, but it will be nice to have a clear-cut way of determining our status in the event of inclement weather.

Guild Meetings

DAY: Third Tuesday of each month

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
King of Prussia, PA



Newsletter Submissions

Information for the next newsletter must be received by the 1st day of the month.
Send to: Cathy Fennell

fennell@rosemont.edu (preferred)
32 Clearfield Avenue
Eagleville, PA 19430
610-630-8645 (home)
610-526-2973 (work)

Guild Board

Elected Officers:

President	Chris Candello
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Workshops	Jean Hayden Marge Quinn
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Guild Meeting Support

Set-up	Cathy Fennell
Refreshments	Laura Chaplar Charlene Hagerty Beth Quigley
Hostess/ Door Prizes	Patti McLain Fulton Marebeth Conard
Hospitality	Vicki Lopresti Paula Pettyjohn Barbara Wright Beth Quigley
Block of the Month	Sally Rapp Beth Quigley
50/50 Game	Kate Sevensky Sally Lightcap
Fabric Raffle	Jackie Santangelo

Guild Events

Quilt Bees—Day	Jean Hayden
Night	Beth Quigley
Appliqué	Gloria Clark & Martine Green
Retreats	Sally Rapp
Excursions	Linda Hamel
Quilt Show	Jean Hayden

Projects & Support

Challenge	Judy Snook
Raffle Quilt	JoAnn Thomas
Comfort Quilts	Jean Corday
Sunshine	Norma Brechbiel
Member Comfort	Judy Snook Rosemary Geisler

