



Valley Forge Homestead  
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# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

June 2011

## Clips from Chris

Happy summer to all! Wow, what weather we have been having, going from needing a row boat to needing a block of ice, not to worry, this wonderful weather has forced me into a sewing mode. Believe it or not - four quilt tops quilted, bound and ready for something or someone. Yes, I know, a few were small ones, but something completed is better than nothing completed.

Looking ahead we have so much going on such as our Picnic, Pamela's jacket workshop, our ice cream social, Vickie's cathedral window workshop, UFO tea, Ramona's lady's night using strips, and so on. There is too much to mention so make sure you keep your eye on the newsletter for all we have to offer and all of the wonderful guild meetings with friends. See you all at our picnic and don't forget to bring your dish to share and your appetite to boot.

*Chris*



## Guild Meeting Information ~ June 21, 2011

Enjoy our wonderful annual picnic as well as listen to Nancy Bills. Nancy Bills will provide a trunk show of her quilts, as well as selling fabric and patterns. Be prepared, bring money. Please remember to make this a successful picnic; we do rely on all our members to bring one of the following:

- If your last name begins with **A—F**, salad or hors d'oeuvre
- If your last name begins with **G—L**, bring a main dish
- If your last name begins with **M—Z**, bring a dessert

**Reminder: The meeting starts at 6 p.m.**



Quilts from the Anna Faustino Basket workshop

## Fat Quarter Raffle

**April, May, June 2011**

Continuing on the theme of creating a safe, peaceful lifestyle, so we can calmly deal with the chaos in the world around us, I was feeling In a Blue Mood. Since our Hunter Star workshop was approaching, I was looking through some of my quilt magazine issues for 2/ color quilts and a blue and white quilt caught my eye. The serene and soothing coolness of the blue and white put my mind in a more relaxed state.

Instead of chasing the blues away, gather up your fat quarters of Blue & White, White with Blue or just Blue to put you In a Blue Mood.

## Block of the Month

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

-Cathy Fennell, Beth Quigley

## Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

### **Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday**

#### **June**

June 14, 2011, 12:30 – 3:30 pm, at the home of Hedy DeMito, 103 Lafayette Road, East Norriton, PA

#### **July**

July 12, 2011, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Mary Larkin, 11 Oxford Court, Eagleville, PA

### **Appliqué Bee 1st Tuesday**

#### **July**

July 5, 2011, 7 – 9 pm, at the home of Judy Snook, 163 Sloan Road, Phoenixville, PA

#### **August**

August 2, 2011, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Martine Green, 477 Maynard Drive, Wayne, PA

Here are the guidelines for the Fabric Raffle:

- Fabric should be 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 June meeting.

-Jacqui Santangelo

## Connecting Threads

## Book Orders

The books arrived from Connecting Threads last Thursday and I'm still planning on being at the picnic 6/21 to hand them out, collect any outstanding money, and take another order for Connecting Threads.

- Kathy Graff

### **Evening Bee 4th Tuesday**

#### **June**

June 28, 2011, 6:30 – 9 pm, at the home of Charlene Haggerty, 105 Glen Avenue, West Chester, PA

#### **July**

July 26, 2011, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Lou Chandler, 4 Ferry Lane, Phoenixville, PA

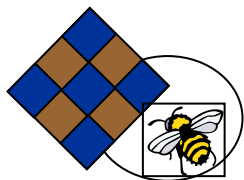
### **Wool Appliqué Bee 1st Friday**

#### **July**

July 8, 2011, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Beth Quigley, 504 Susan Drive, King of Prussia, PA

#### **August**

August 5, 2011, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Jackie Gauker, 33 Oak Haven Road, Fleetwood, PA



**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) or Jackie Gauker (Wool Appliqué Group).

Visit us on [Facebook](#) to see pictures of the first Wool Appliqué Bee in June.

## Guild Workshops

### ***Pamela's Fitted Quilted Jacket—***

#### ***Pamela Leggett (Part I)***

Fitting and fabric selection.

DATE: June 10, 2011 (Friday)

TIME: 7 – 9 PM

PLACE: Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting

PRICE: \$25.00 plus \$20.00 for pattern made especially for VFHQ Guild.

DINNER: Please bring your own dinner or snack.



### ***Pamela's Fitted Quilted Jacket—***

#### ***Pamela Leggett (Part II)***

DATE: June 25, 2011 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4 PM

PLACE: Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting

NOTE: Please unload in the upper parking lot then park your car in the lower (Acme) parking lot while in class.

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

### ***Quick Jelly Roll Strip Quilt—***

***new and unique technique for strip quilting with Ramona Moreland of Chester County Quilting***

DATE: July 22, 2011 (Friday)

TIME: 7 – 10 PM

PLACE: [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#)

**Note:** smoking is not allowed on the premises (inside or out)

PRICE: \$10.00 – Please pay the fee at the June meeting so we can have an accurate count for dinner.

DINNER: Dinner provided but out of courtesy for the church's beliefs we will not be serving coffee or caffeinated or alcoholic beverages. You may however bring an individual container of whatever soda or hot drink you wish.



Joan Shaw's quilt from the Linda Poole Water Lilies workshop

### ***Annual Quilters Tea Party—***

***A mixer for new and old members featuring UFO Workshop or Cathedral Windows Workshop—Vickie Loresti***

Please wear your tea party attire...whether it be hat, gloves, dress oh and of course bring your special tea cup, you just never know what we have up our sleeves. Our member Sue Nann is planning a fun tea party for all attending.

DATE: August 27, 2011 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4 PM

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

PRICE: \$10 for Cathedral Windows workshop. UFO workshop is free.

LUNCH: Lunch will be provided by participants who will be asked to sign up with Jean Hayden to bring tea sandwiches or a dessert.



### ***Saturday Sampler—***

***demonstrations of various techniques by our guild members***

DATE: September 24, 2011 (Saturday)

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4 PM

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

PRICE: \$5.00

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

### ***Trees or Geese in the Valley—***

***Susan Shively – wall hanging or table runner***

DATE: October 22, 2011 (Saturday)

TIME: 10 AM – 4 PM

PLACE: Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting

NOTE: Please unload in the upper parking lot then park your car in the lower (Acme) parking lot while in class.

PRICE: \$25.00

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch.

## Quilt Shows

- **NQA 42nd Annual Quilt Show** - June 16 - 18, 2011. At the [Greater Columbus Convention Center](#), Columbus, OH. Show details: Admission is \$10 for a one-day pass or \$15 for a three-day pass. For more information: [www.nqaquilts.org/2011show](http://www.nqaquilts.org/2011show) or call 614-488-8520.
- **Vermont Quilt Festival** - June 24-26, 2011. At [Champlain Valley Exposition](#), 105 Pearl St., Essex Junction, VT. Join thousands of quilt enthusiasts from around the world at the 35th annual Vermont Quilt Festival, the largest quilt show in New England. Admission \$12 for a one-day pass, \$21 for a two-day pass, and \$28 for a three-day pass. For more information: <http://www.vqf.org/>.
- **Quilt Odyssey** - July 28 - 31, 2011. At the [Hershey Lodge & Convention Center](#) in West Chocolate Avenue & University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033. Admission is \$10 for a one-day pass or \$12 for a multi-day pass. 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 the [George R. Brown Convention Center](#), Houston, Texas. Admission is \$10. For more information: <http://www.quilts.com/newHome/shows/viewer.php?page=FallFestival>.

## Calico Cutters Workshops

- Frieda Anderson: Free Motion Machine Quilting: September 13. ([www.friestyle.com](http://www.friestyle.com))
- Wendy Etzel: "Kite Revue", machine pieced one template scrap triangle method: October 11.

A check for \$40 will hold your spot and can be refunded if you cancel ten days prior to the workshop. Sign up early to be assured of a spot since we will be actively advertising to other guilds. Contact Christine Kamon (484-341-8559; [kamon75@yahoo.com](mailto:kamon75@yahoo.com)) and mail check payable to Calico Cutters to Christine at 180 Windgate Drive, Chester Springs, PA 19425.

Workshops will be held at the Good Will Fire Co., 552 E. Union Street, West Chester, beginning @ 9 AM and ending between 3 and 4 PM.

## Fall Quilt Retreat

Now that many of your summer plans are made it's time to fill your calendar for a fun time at our fall retreat, November 3-6, 2011 at Mensch Mill Retreat Center in Berks County. Cost for the 4-day stay - 7 meals is \$205 and for the 3-day stay - 4 meals is \$155. A \$20 (non-refundable) deposit will hold your space with the balance due October 18th. VFHQ members get the first opportunity and after Aug. 16 I will be open it to other quilters. Sally Rapp will take reservations at the June meeting.

- Sally Rapp

## July Meeting Preview – July 19, 2011

We look forward to seeing everyone in July at our annual Ice Cream Social with our guest speaker, Gail Kessler. Gail owns Ladyfingers Sewing Studio in Oley, PA, is a fabric designer and marketing director for Andover Fabrics.

Join us to hear about all Gail's experiences in the quilt world as well as enjoy our special ice cream treat.



## More Summer “Quilty” Reading

**Leaving Gee’s Bend** by Irene Latham.

Gee’s Bend is Ludelphia Bennett’s home but when her mother becomes very sick she ventures away from Gee’s Bend to the nearest town, Camden in search of a doctor. Leaving Gee’s Bend takes place in 1932 and gives accurate descriptions of the day-to-day life of a very poor family in Gee’s Bend, Alabama. Along with the drama of a new baby, a dying mother, and blindness there is the story of quilting and a young girl’s love of sewing her story into a quilt for her mother.

**The Threadbare Heart** by Jennie Nash.

Lily and Tom have a good life, both are college professors, their children are raised and they have one wonderful granddaughter but both question each other and their current lives. After visiting Lily’s mother in California, they decide to move to California and buy an Avocado farm. Lily longs to create an art quilt and now has the time, although she has collected a stash of fabric forever which she packs and sends to California to begin to fulfill her sewing dream. Once in California, tragedy occurs that devastates Lily and her family. The Threadbare Heart is an emotional story of the traumas of a mid-life married couple, family relationships, death and rebirth through new experiences be it an art quilt or learning about avocados.

**The Goodbye Quilt** by Susan Wiggs.

Linda Davis has spent her entire life practically as a mom and as a quilter. She is now making that special quilt for her daughter, Molly, who is off to college. This is the story of their journey from Wyoming to Massachusetts, the making of the quilt with bits of fabric from Molly’s old clothes as well as those of Linda and Linda’s family, and the decisions that occur along the way. This is the story of a special quilt and a special relationship between mother and daughter.

- Cathy Fennell

## Welcome

Jean Hayden met up with one of our newest members, Tamara Rommel and told her all about our guild so Tamara just had to join us. Tamara has been sewing for fifteen years and quilting for five years. She became interested in quilting when a quilt store opened near her home in Houston in 2006. She enjoys simple quilting projects and has not yet completed a bed-size quilt. Besides sewing and quilting, Tamara enjoys gardening. Tamara works part time as a packer for Moving Solutions and is the mother of two children. Welcome, Tamara!



Beth Quigley’s Hunter’s Star quilt

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* Birthdays *	
* June *	
* June 3	Kim Bonanni
* June 4	Sally Rapp
* June 5	Mare Beth Conard & Phyllis Manley
* June 8	Nancy Hannum
* June 20	Candy Garrido
* June 23	Joyce Stemple
* June 28	Donna Raymond
* July *	
* July 5	Gloria Clark & Paula Pettyjohn
* July 7	Jackie Gauker
* July 8	Laura Chaplar, & Joan Shaw
* July 13	Jeanne Dzedzy & Winnie Spoons
* July 17	Shellie Blake
* July 19	Maxine Close, & Liz Polley
* July 21	Gail Dovalovsky & Judy Snook
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## Meeting Minutes ~ May 17, 2011

**Meeting Commenced:** At 7:00 p.m. Chris welcomed all members to our monthly meeting.

**Door Prize:** The winners were Jacqui Santangelo, Cathy Radcliffe, and Tamara Rommel.

**BOM:** The winner for the Block of the Month was Gail Forester.

**Bees:** The next evening bee will meet at Marge Quinn's home on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The afternoon bee will meet at Hedy DeMito's home on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Appliqué Group:** Will meet at Gloria Clark's home on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Our new "Got Wool" Bee:** Will meet at Chris Candello's home on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jackie Gauker will coordinate projects. The first project will be an appliqué box top.

**Fat Quarter:** During the next raffle for April, May, and June we will continue our theme of creating a safe and peaceful lifestyle. Start collecting your blue and white fat quarters and let your mind be in a more relaxed state. Bring in your fat quarters and enter the drawing. The drawing will be held in June.

**Comfort Quilts:** Charlene delivered 22 quilts to the Abramson Cancer Center and 8 Kaps for Kids to Children's Hospital. On Friday she will make a delivery to the VA Center.

**Workshop:** Jean H. said we will have a workshop in July with Ramona from Chester County Quilting; the theme will be jelly rolls. In August we will have our annual tea party along with a UFO and Cathedral window workshop. In September we will be doing a Saturday Sampler and in October we will have a workshop with Susan Shively making a wall hanging.

**AQS/Connecting Threads –** Kathy will be putting in orders in May and June. Call or email her if you would like to be included.

**Excursion:** Linda has sign up sheets for the Hershey

Quilt Show being held in July. She will be able to get discounted tickets if she has a group of 20 or more. See her if you plan to attend and would like to purchase a discounted ticket.

**Retreat:** Sally reported that fall retreat will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. She will start taking sign ups in June. It will be \$150.00 for Friday-Sunday and \$205.00 for Thursday-Sunday.

**Steve's Sewing Center:** Pat reported that Steve will start showcasing guild member's quilts at his new store. Valley Forge Guild will be showcased during the months of July and August. See Pat or Liz if you would like to have your quilt on display.

**Tonight's Program:** Gloria introduced our speaker for the evening Pamela Leggett. She has been teaching sewing since 1981 specializing in pattern fitting and garment skills. She has devel-

oped techniques to fit and flatter the wearer. She demonstrated with an actual pattern how to alter the dart area and shoulder area for a better fit. Tonight she also took measurements to custom design patterns for the ladies who will be taking her jacket workshop in June.

**Nominations:** Linda stepped in for Lou to introduce the candidates for the June election. Treasurer, Gail Forester; Recording Secretary, Marebeth Conard; Membership Secretary, Judy Snook; Vice President, Jacqui Santangelo; and President, Candy Garrido. Each member gave a short summary of their qualifications for the upcoming election. The new board will start in September.

**Sister Act:** Tonight we played Game Show Guru. Linda Hamel and Jacqui Santangelo were the contestants. Question...you sew with your shoes on or off...true

or false. The answer is "on" Jacqui won \$18.00 and Linda won a yo-yo maker.

**Show and Tell**



## 50 - 50 with a Twist

May's 50-50 game was Li'le E, Game Show Guru Asks. Jacqui Santangelo and Linda Hamel were chosen as the contestants for this quiz. Li'le E said that more ladies of the Valley Forge Quilter sewed with their shoes off. Jacqui knew this was a false statement and won the prize of \$18. Linda won a set of yo-yo makers. In case you missed the result of the survey, more members like dark chocolate and sew with their shoes on. Is that you? Once again, thanks for your help. More fun to follow.

-Kate, Sally, and Nancy



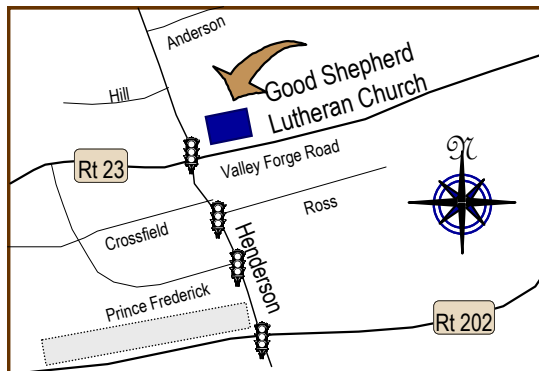
Sally Chillington's "sunny" quilt

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month.  
Send to: Cathy Fennell

[fennell@rosemont.edu](mailto: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
Vice President	Marge Quinn
Treasurer	Candy Garrido
Secretary	Jean Corday
Membership Chair	Nancy Hannum
Immediate Past President	Lou Chandler

#### Appointed Officers

Program Chair	Gloria Clark
Newsletter	Cathy Fennell

#### Additional Board Member

Jean Hayden (chair of multiple committees & founding member)

### More Committees

#### Info & Resources

Newsletter Editor	Cathy Fennell
Newsletter Publisher	Cathy Radcliffe
Website	Cathy Radcliffe
Graphic arts/brand	Lou Chandler
Facebook	Beth Quigley
Publicity	Nancy Hannum
Historian	Nancy Hannum
Library	Carol Divis
Group Purchases	Kathy Graff

#### 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	Cathy Fennell & Beth Quigley
50/50 Game	Kate Sevensky & Sally Lightcap
Fabric Raffle	Jackie Santangelo

#### Guild Events

Workshops	Jean Hayden
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	Sandy Darlington & Laura Sypniewski
Comfort Quilts	Jean Corday
Sunshine	Norma Brechbiel
Member Comfort	Judy Snook & Rosemary Geisler