



Valley Forge Homestead
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Guild Newsletter

March 2011

C lips from C hris

I truly thought we would never go a week without some white stuff. So now you can consider it official, no more white stuff. I spent the day taking down all of my snowmen decorations, so no more snow, please. There was a time when I would say I love my snowmen and what they are made of but at this point that is a big NO. Now that they are back in storage, I continued my quest for organization. I moved onto organizing the Accuquilt stuff for our club, since it was out spending the day cutting away at the charity workshop. You should know it is one item that has really paid off in many ways. It truly makes our life a lot easier in preparation for our charity quilts.



Candy's heart.

Here's a big THANK YOU to all that took time out of their busy schedule and helped with another great and successful charity quilt workshop. Jean Corday really takes pride in this project and makes it a great day for us in many ways. It is so fun spending the day with friends doing what we love most, comforting others and quilting. Happy quilting!

Chris

Guild Meeting Information – March 15, 2011

Cheryl Lynch began to quilt in earnest after a corporate career and some child rearing. It didn't take long before she started to design her own quilts. At the request of her students, she developed her own line of Judaic quilt patterns. She was fascinated by the color and texture of fabric and discovered that she could create art and folk art without knowing how to paint with a brush. Inspiration for her quilts comes from the emotions she feels for her family as well as her love of nature and cycling. Visit Cheryl's website to see some of her quilts. Visit [Cheryl's website](#) to see some of her quilts.

Refreshment Assignments

Sweets	Savory	Beverage
Sally Lightcap	Barb Sherman	Jean Hayden
Donna LeBlanc	Paula Pettyjohn	Ruth Heslin
Linda Hamel	Margaret Gingerich	Marge Quinn
Vickie Lopresti	Ann Lister	Mary Molettiere
Joan Shaw	Deb Graves	Joan Markowitz
Mary E. Larkin	Chris Candello	Becky Weiland
Gina Shevchenko		Charlene Hagerty

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with Asian Fabric Fat Quarter Raffle

January, February, March 2011

2011 is the Year of the Rabbit in the Chinese Zodiac which begins February 3, 2011 and ends January 22, 2012. According to Chinese tradition, The Rabbit brings a year in which you can catch your breath and **calm your nerves. It is a time for negotiation. Don't** try to force issue, because if you do you will ultimately fail. To gain the greatest benefits from this time, focus on home, family, security, diplomacy, and your relationships with women and children. Make it a goal to create a safe, peaceful lifestyle, so you will be able to calmly deal with any problem that may arise. The Rabbit believes in Quilt Therapy. What better calming way than to use some sumptuous Asian fabrics to sew up that Kimono robe **you've always wanted to make.**

Or check out Keepsake Quilting brochure that features a pattern "Sidelights" which you can use your raffle winnings and an Asian fabric panel to make a stunning quilt.

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 to the announced 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 Santangelo

50 - 50 with a Twist

In keeping with the celebration of the year of the Rabbit, the February's 50-50 With a Twist game was Chinese Auction. Members bought their tickets and put them in the Chinese take out box of the prize that wished to win. Every winner had money in the red envelope for good luck in the coming year. The 50-50 prize of \$21.50 went to Maxine Close for good luck. Becky Weiland won the good luck cash prize of \$10. The storage boxes and glue sampler and \$1.00 for good luck went home with Sue Nann. May every member of the guild have a good, peaceful year. Look for another exciting 50-50 game at the March meeting.

-Kate, Sally, and Nancy

Spring Retreat - Last Chance

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.
- Two spaces are still available. 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.

Block of the Month

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

-Cathy Fennell, Beth Quigley

Birthdays

March

March 4	Lou Chandlerr & Susan Glaser
March 6	Marie Waters
March 9	Patti McLain-Fulton
March 13	Gail Forster
March 14	Dawn Heefner
March 15	Lisa Steuer
March 16	Lynn Radliff
March 18	Cathy Fennell
March 19	Lenise Hetzinger
March 26	Barbara Wright
March 27	Patricia Brant
March 28	Irene LeBlanc
March 31	Julia Taylor

April

April 2	Marsha Bullwinkle
April 4	Rosemary Geisler & Catherine Morano
April 6	Marge Quinn
April 7	Norma Brechbiel
April 9	Jean Corday
April 22	SherriJoyce King
April 23	Kate Sevensky

Guild Workshops

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 (approx. \$20.00) – includes a light dinner.

Payment is due at the March Guild meeting.

UFO and Accu-Quilt Workshop

DATE: April 9, 2011

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

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

PRICE: Free; please bring your own lunch

Baskets by Anna Faustino

DATE: May 14, 2011

TIME: 10:00 AM – 4:00 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: \$50.00 includes everything needed for the workshop. Bring your own lunch.

Pamela's Fitted Quilted Jacket—

Pamela Leggett (Part I)

Fitting and fabric selection.

DATE: June 10, 2011

TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

PLACE: Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting

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

Bring your own dinner or snack.



Pamela's Fitted Quilted Jacket—

Pamela Leggett (Part II)

DATE: June 25, 2011

TIME: 9:30 – 4:00

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.

Bring your own lunch.

Trees or Geese in the Valley —

Susan Shively – wall hanging or table runner

DATE: October 22, 2011

TIME: 10:00 AM – 4:00 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. Bring your own lunch.

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Afternoon Bee—2nd Tue

March

March 8, 2011, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Joan Markowitz, 112 Boulder Road, Plymouth Meeting

April

April 12, 2011, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Candy Garrido, 602 Landis Road, Harleysville

Evening Bee—4th Tue

March

March 22, 2011, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Maxine Close, 12 Sweet Briar Road, Coatsville

April

April 26, 2011, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Patti McLain Fulton, 87 Hill Church Road, Spring City

Appliqué Bee—1st Tue

April

April 5, 2011, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Judy Snook, 163 Sloan Road, Phoenixville

May

May 3, 2011, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, at the home of Martine Green, 477 Maynard Drive, Wayne City

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).



Comfort Quilt Workshop



Ruth and Gail are busy pinning.



Is this the stuffing table?



Quilt Shows

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>.

Pennsylvania MCC Relief Sale - April 1 and 2. At the PA Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA. More information will be available on the [PA Relief Sale website](#).

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.

NOA 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.ngaquilts.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/quiltodyssey.com/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>.

Just One Star Can Comfort a Soldier Challenge

The challenge is to piece, quilt and bind 100 quilts in 100 days using the Flag of Valor pattern by [Minick and Simpson](#). The deadline for star blocks is May 1, 2011 so that we can meet our quilt deadline by Flag Day, June 14, 2011. As the saying goes – "many hands make light work".

We need 1800 star blocks to reach our goal. Please take a few minutes to piece Just One Star block (http://www.unitednotions.com/LA_just_one_star.pdf) using a medium red or blue and a cream background. Better yet, invite your small group or even your entire guild to make Just One Star block. Sign each block with your name and state. Then we can truly say...the hands of a grateful nation comfort our soldiers! We will coordinate the donation of the 100 quilts thru the Semper Fi Fund, a cause that is near and dear to designers, Polly Minick and Laurie Simpson. Thank you for your help!

Send untrimmed blocks to:

United Notions/Moda Fabrics, Attn: Just One Star Project, 13800 Hutton, Dallas, TX 75234.

Note: Paper copies of the star pattern will be available on the Information Table at the March Guild meet-



Grand Thank You

I wanted to say a grand thank you for all that helped in the construction of our raffle quilt. Our Raffle hosts Laura Sypniewski & Sandy Darlington report that we have more than half of our 42 blocks completed....hurray !!! I guess I can say because all of you were so dedicated in the process....you blew me away with our team project. Also a big thank you to Steve for allowing us to invade his store....his comment was he loved it, especially when he offered our friend Jean Hayden to wrap himself in his quilt.

Thank you all! -Chris



Gail, Laura, and Sally confer.



Sandy, Mary, and Sally keep busy.



Kate and Chris pose for a picture.



Marsha keeps on ironing.

Recipe

A number of people were interested in the mini-meatball recipe I made for Steve's party so here it is.

- Mini-meatballs, 1/2 bag of frozen mini-meatballs (I used Mama Lucia brand)
- 1 packet Lipton onion soup mix
- 2 jars Heinz beef gravy
- 2 tsp dry sherry

Mix ingredients in pot and heat through.

- Laura Chaplar

Thank You!

Dear Fellow Quilters,

Thank you for all your scrap donations. The Main Line Animal Rescue was the recipient of 6 dog beds last month. Both the staff and the pups were wagging their tails when they accepted them.

- Marebeth

April Meeting Preview ~ April 19, 2011

Need a new project; we will have a follow-up to our yo-yo demo. At **April's meeting**, Chris Candello with yo-yo expert, Beth Quigley will work with us to create items to make with yo-yos, possibly something for your Thanksgiving table. Materials list will be available at the March meeting and in the April newsletter.

Meeting Minutes ~ February 15, 2011

Meeting Commenced: At 7:00 p.m. Chris welcomed all members. She also welcomed our two guests and one new member that joined us for the evening. Chris asked our members to give some thought to a wool bee. If we have members that love working with wool, would you be interested in starting a bee. Give her a call or send an email with your ideas. Chris also gave us an update on Gloria recuperating from her surgery. Beth called Gloria, put her on speaker phone and we were able to say hello to her.

Bees: The next evening bee will meet at Candy Garrido's home on **February 22**, not Charlene Hagerty's home. The afternoon bee will meet at Joan Markowitz's home on **March 8th**.

Appliqué Group: **Will meet at Martine Greene's** home on March 1st.

Door Prize: The winners are Mary Molettieri, Laura Chaplar and Deb Graves.



Fat Quarter Raffle: The theme for January, February and March is Asian fabrics. Bring in your fat quarters the drawing will be in March.

Workshop: Jean H. has scheduled the Hunter Star workshop for March. She is collecting money, **please see her if you've signed up. April 9th she has scheduled a UFO workshop. Everyone is looking forward to Pamela's jacket in June.**

Raffle Quilt: Laura S. and Sandy D. scheduled a **one day workshop at Steve's on February 19th** to work on the raffle quilt. Please join them for either the 10:00 – 1:00 session or 1:00 – 4:00 session.

Raffle Quilt Sales: Donna Raymond report that 6,534 raffle tickets were sold. The top 3 selling members were Chris C. sold 726 tickets; Candy G. sold 333 tickets and Laura C. sold 223 tickets. Norma B. sold the winning ticket.



Retreat: Sally reported there are only 2 spaces left for the spring retreat. She said a \$20.00 deposit will **hold your room. See Sally if you'd like to join the weekend of fun.**

Comfort Quilts: Jean C. reminded everyone the yearly comfort quilt workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 26th. Please come and help out for such a worthy cause.

Connecting Threads: Kathy is placing an order on Friday. Email or see Kathy if you would like to order anything.

Excursions: Linda Hamel is coordinating a group to see Alex Anderson at Shady Maple; she is placing a sign up sheet on the back table. She is also coordinating a group with the Loose Threads Guild for a bus trip to the Lancaster Quilt Show on March 17th. There is a sign up sheet on the table for that trip also.

Orphan Blocks: Barbara Wright is collecting orphan blocks for the Australian quilt. Please donate any orphan blocks that you may have to Barbara.

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Tonight's Program: Beth Q. will be doing yo-yo demos every 15 minutes. She will show you the tips and tricks on making the yo-yos and clever ideas on using them. Also, our annual fabric sale is being held tonight. Sally R. has everyone's items placed on the tables and has two stations for checking out your purchases.

Fons and Porter: Marge is collecting subscriptions for a special offer to Fons and Porter for only \$15.00. The offer expires March 31st. See Marge if you would like to take advantage of the discounted rate.

50/50 With a Twist: Tonight we had Chinese Auction. Our contestants were Maxine Close and Susan Nann. Maxine won \$21.50. Susan won a little tote with fabric. And Becky Weiland was third place winner of \$10.00

Show and Tell

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: *Jean Corday - Recording Secretary*



Mary Molitierre shows her Anna Faustino quilt.



Kate Sevensky and Tumbler quilt.



Judy shows her redwork giraffe.



Becky's newest quilt.



Martine's been busy!



Welcome Two New Members

Lenise Hetzinger lives in Conshohocken and has returned to our guild after chatting with her friend, Esther Canning. Lenise has sewn since she was a young girl and joined our guild years ago to learn how to quilt. She has completed a bed-size quilt and also enjoys crocheting, scrapbooking and gardening. Lenise no longer works but was a registered nurse. We are happy to have Lenise return to our guild, welcome back, Lenise.

Thank you to Steve for having his "Thank You Party" where two of our members encouraged Julia Taylor of East Norriton to become a member of VFHQ guild. Welcome, Julia! Julia has been sewing almost all of her life; however she learned to quilt six years ago when she retired. She became interested in quilting while purchasing fabric at "Granny's Sewing Den". While waiting to purchase her fabric, she noticed that they offered beginner's quilting classes and decided to sign up for the class and since she has not found a project that she didn't enjoy. Julia has made a bed-size quilt and hopes to bring it for Show and Tell at our next meeting. When not quilting, she enjoys crocheting, knitting, visiting quilt shows, visiting her grandchildren in Maryland, and attempting to play the flute and piano. She is also a "Red Hatter" and a member of Weight Watchers. Julia is retired but has two grown children, one son and one daughter. Her daughter has four children and lives in Maryland.



Paula Pettyjohn



“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.



Jackie's been working on her wool projects.



Mary's first quilt, yea!

Calico Cutters Workshop

Calico Cutters will be hosting a Pineapple Piecing technique workshop taught by Nancy Bills (www.nancybills.com) on Tuesday, May 10, from 9 AM til 4 PM at the Good Will Fire Company, 552 E. Union Street, West Chester. Check out her website to see her work.

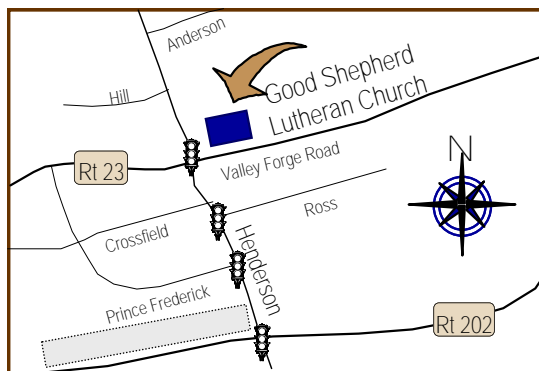
A check for \$40 will hold your spot and can be refunded if you cancel ten days prior to the workshop. Contact Christine Kamon (484-341-8559; kamon75@yahoo.com) and mail check payable to Calico Cutters to Christine at 180 Windgate Drive, Chester Springs, PA 19425.

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:

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Guild Meeting Support

Set-up	Cathy Fennell
Refreshments	Laura Chaplar Charlene Hagerty Beth Quigley
Hostess/ Door Prizes	Patti McLain Fulto 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

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