



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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Chatter with Cathy

Snow and more snow, I like snow, but I think we have had enough for this winter. I really enjoy a snow day from my everyday work at the library. I have been very productive during my snow days but I'm so looking forward to spring weather, warmer temperatures, and flowers. As we head into spring, maybe you have some special places you want to go (hopefully) or a special quilt to make for a special occasion or even maybe some spring cleaning of your sewing area. I actually have all three things lined up with spring cleaning being the last thing I want to do on a bright and sunny spring day. Here's hoping you have a lovely and productive spring quilting. Hmmm, I might even plant some flowers!

Keep on quilting!

Cathy Fennell

March 16, 2021 Zoom Meeting

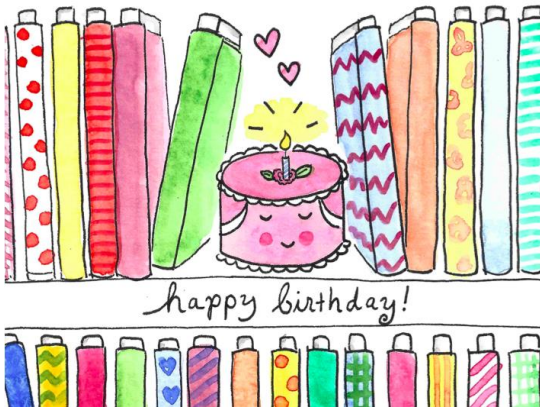
Sue Sherman joins us from Canada to share her *Quilting Journey of a Renaissance Woman* with our guild. Sue has won quilting awards on several continents. Many of her art quilts feature endangered animals. For additional information, check out Sue's website at www.sueshermanquilts.com.

April 20, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Our speaker in April will be Valerie Prideaux from Ontario, Canada. During the pandemic Valerie made thousands of tumbler blocks and used them to make an incredible variety of quilts, from traditional to modern to art quilts. There will be a drawing for a door prize of pre-cut tumbler blocks and an acrylic template for one lucky attendee at this month's Zoom meeting. For advance information about Valerie and her current projects, check out www.CozyFunkyCool.com

Ruth Heslin





Birthdays

March:

- 4 Lou Chandler
- 4 Susan Glaser
- 11 Benita Holden
- 13 Gail Forster
- 15 Lisa Steuer
- 18 Cathy Fennell
- 19 Joan Hagerman

April:

- 4 Rosemary Geisler
- 6 Marge Quinn
- 8 Carol Olinick
- 8 Babette Sutherland
- 9 Jean Corday
- 23 Kate Sevensky
- 27 April Hostler



Are You Getting Our Emails?

Realizing if you are reading the newsletter, you are getting at least one email. If you seem to be missing some emails, check your spam or your junk. Put www.valleyforgequilters.org in your address book. Emails come out weekly on Sundays to let you know what is happening that week. Emails also come out closer to an event such as a meeting or workshop. Zoom links are found in the emails. Keep up with what the guild is doing and how you can be involved by checking out our emails.

Spring Retreat

The spring retreat will be April 8-11. Everyone is invited to drop in whenever you wish. The Zoom link will be sent out before the event.

Barbara Hughes

Bees... Bees... Bees... Bees



A **Zoom** link will be sent out before each bee. Mark your calendar!

Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Coordinator – Jean Hayden	Northern Bee 5th Tuesday 6:30-9:30 p.m. Coordinator – Barbara Hughes
March 9 th Rita Mack	March 30 th Barbara Hughes
April 13 th Rosemary Geisler	

Meeting Minutes February 16, 2021

WELCOME Cathy Fennell welcomed visitors and new members. Mary Moletiere has rejoined the guild.

WORKSHOPS: Jean Hayden outlined the workshops. February 27 will be Making Magic, a Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt with Brita Nelson. March 27 will be comfort quilts with Maxine Close. April 24 will be Dresden plate houses and UFO with Judy Snook and Molly Lorenz. May 15 or 16 will be Real Quilters Sew Curves with Denise Martin. June 26 will be Hawaiian applique with Deb Graves. July will be comfort quilts with Maxine. Jean is stepping down as Workshop Chair. We are in need of someone to take over this position.

RETREATS: SPRING Barbara Hughes invited the entire guild to the virtual spring retreat April 8-11

FALL: Joan Gunder will check with the Amish View Inn concerning the June retreat.

The fall retreat is too far away to determine whether we will have it or not.

NOMINATIONS FOR GUILD OFFICERS: We need people to serve on the board as vice president, secretary, membership chair, and treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Linda Newpher gave the treasurer's report.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine Close shared a thank you note from Paoli Hospital. Two comfort quilts were turned in for this month. Sandy Dounce, Ann Palmer and Ruth Heslin will have the comfort quilt kits in March. Members can contact them to receive one.

UFO CHALLENGE: The next UFO number is #6.

GUILD PAINT CHIP CHALLENGE: Nancy Hannum has paint chips for anyone who wants to do the challenge.

PROGRAM: Ruth Heslin introduced Carrie Zizzi. The topic was A Deep Dive into Needles, Threads, Batting, and Fabric. In informative presentation was given.

SHOW AND TELL: Members shared quilts through Cathy's slide show.

MARCH MEETING: Our next meeting is March 16. Sue Sherman joins from Canada to share her Quilting Journey of a Renaissance Woman with our guild. She has won quilting awards on several continents. Many of her art quilts feature endangered animals.

The meeting was adjourned.

Carrie Zizza at our February meeting.



Respectfully submitted by
Molly Lorenz



An Interesting Article

Joan Markowitz found a fascinating article, Hands All Around #2: Bronson Alcott, in the website, www.civilwarquilts.blogspot.com. - [Civil War Quilts: Hands All Around #2: Bronson Alcott Missouri Star](http://www.civilwarquilts.blogspot.com). It is an interesting commentary on Louisa May Alcott's father. The article also talks about the block, Missouri Star, shows many examples of it, and gives directions on how to make one at the end of the article.



Hands All Around Block #2 Missouri Star to remember Bronson Alcott by Denniele Bohannon



Missouri Star by Dorry Emmer



Joan Markowitz – Mad City Mamma - This is from her collection of Bonnie Hunter quilts. Joan's an admitted groupie.



Joan Markowitz – Bonnie Hunter's En Provence

Online Quilt Shows

Please check our website for upcoming quilt shows.

Cathy Radcliffe

Cathy's UFO Challenge 2021 - February's Finally Finished Projects

Please send a picture of your completed UFO to fennel@rosemont.edu. The number you should complete for the March zoom meeting is **6**.

Keep on quilting!
Cathy Fennell



Ruth Heslin



Sandy Dounce



Meghan Heslin



Susan Gustafson



Linda Ulinski



Judy Snook



Jacque Paltrineri



Molly Lorenz



Kathie Haney

Workshops

Comfort Quilts with Maxine Close

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Zoom link from 9:30 to 4:00

Contact Maxine if you need a kit, batting or backing.

Unfortunately, cheesecake will not be served. Here's a list of 14 mini recipes to try!

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/222647/black-forest-cheesecakes/>

And a new recipe for my gluten free friends. <https://www.mybakingaddiction.com/gluten-free-mini-cheesecakes/>

Dresden Plate Houses or UFO with Judy Snook and friends

Saturday, April 24, 2021 **NOTE:** This date has changed

Zoom link from 9:30 to 4:00

Join Judy and her friends as they show us how to make Dresden Plates Houses and other designs using the Dresden Plate. Or feel free to sew along on your UFO.

Save the Date

Real Quilters Sew Curves with Denise Martin from Seamless Sewing Arts

Sunday, May 16, 2021 **NOTE:** This date has changed

Learn new techniques to sew those curves you've been avoiding. More information to follow.

Hawaiian Applique with Deb Graves

Saturday, June 26, 2021

Zoom link from 9:30 to 4:00

Learn an easy way to make a Hawaiian appliqué. Turn it into a pillow or table topper.



Comfort Quilts

February's total quilts turned in is 2.

Are you planning to pick up a comfort quilt kit from either Ann Palmer, Sandy Dounce, Ruth Heslin, or Maxine Close in preparation for our March 20 workshop? Maxine will be dropping off several kits to each home. Each includes the pattern, fabric for the top, binding, and batting. Contact the person who lives closest to you to arrange a time to pick up yours.

Comfort quilts can be made in many sizes. Several sizes can be made for those in wheel chairs.

Wheel Chair Quilt Size	Width	Length
Small	33 inches	40 inches
Small Square	36 inches	36 inches
Medium	36 inches	40 inches
Large	40 inches	40 inches

Maxine Close

Another Memorable Thank You from Paoli Hospital

Maxine,

Thank you for bringing the amazing quilts. I showed some of the quilts to our hospital president Jim Paradis. He was quite impressed and extends sincere thanks. I am attaching a photo of my showing Jim a few of the quilts. Please share the photo, his thanks and mine with the quilters. Jim has a sister who does some quilting so he is aware of all the work and care that goes into these quilts.

Just yesterday, I took a quilt to a dying woman in the ER. Her husband was very distraught. The husband and a daughter were so pleased to have the quilt on the gurney. The husband told me his wife loved quilts and that the beauty of it made the sterile hospital environment so much easier as he would have loved to have his wife be home.

Today, we took a quilt up to a family whose parent took a fall from which he will not recover. It is so helpful to family and staff to have beauty in the rooms in these difficult situations. We always seem to find the right ones for the right families.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Rev. Barbara Emery, BCC
Spiritual Care Coordinator, Paoli Hospital



Cathy,
Thank you for your generous donation to Good Shepard. We truly appreciate it!

I pray that the pandemic will be over soon so that we can welcome you and your fellow quilters back to the hill.

Peace –
Pastor Julie DeWerth
Good Shepard Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Zoom Afternoon Bee	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Zoom Guild Meeting Sue Sherman	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Zoom Comfort Quilt Workshop
28	29	30 Zoom Northern Bee	31			



Jacqui Santangelo - Flower Box #2 - Shadow Box pattern from Jordan fabrics that was a workshop. The fabric was from a VF Quilt Show Chinese Auction basket made up by Joyce Stemple. The Bread Box had 50 fat quarters. Flower Box #1 used 10" squares and is being quilted. For #2, I used 9"x 7" rectangles to use all that was left of the fat quarters of the Flower Show Fabrics.

Member's Show and Tell

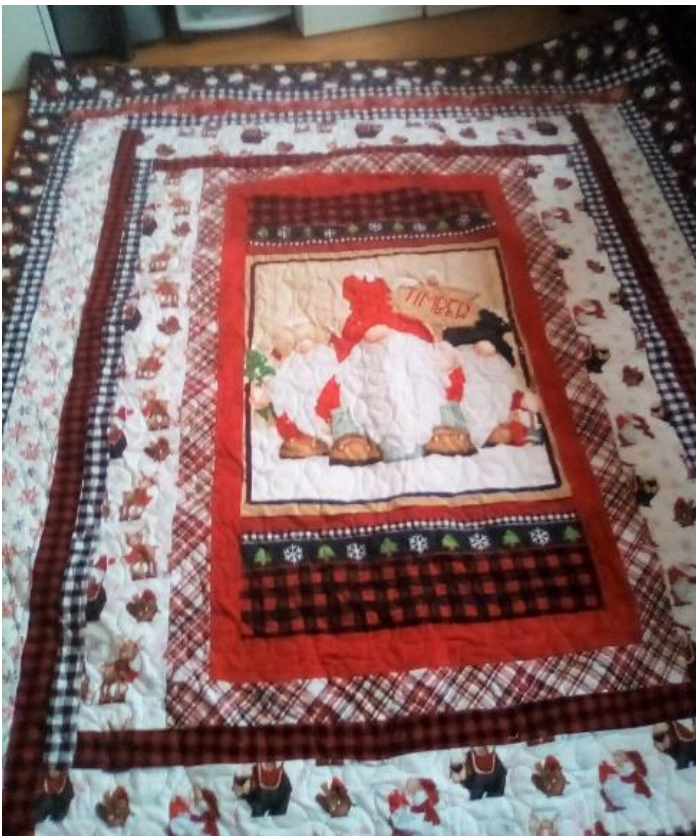
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Kate Sevensky - Finally put this together.
Bought at one of the sales at the quilt meeting.



Laura Ocker - I made the aprons for the girls
for Christmas.



Linda Ulinski



Judy Snook – What every quilter needs!

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Nancy Hannum - I had this jelly roll in my drawer for years. One day this pattern popped up on my email and I had to make a lap quilt for my friend. Perfect!



Ruth Heslin



Jacqui Santangelo - Moda Sweetheart Table Runner 2



Deb Graves - I am making masks for little people.



Judy Snook



Kate Sevensky - This from Deb Graves summer workshop on half square triangles. Going to Maxine for the Comfort Quilts



Laura Ocker - I made a baby blanket for my new grandson Jesse with a combo of machine embroidery and traditional sewing and piecing.



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Laura Oker - I also made the wall hanging blocks on the embroidery machine and finished it on the sewing machine



Molly Lorenz



Deb Graves – Comfort quilt I worked on in January

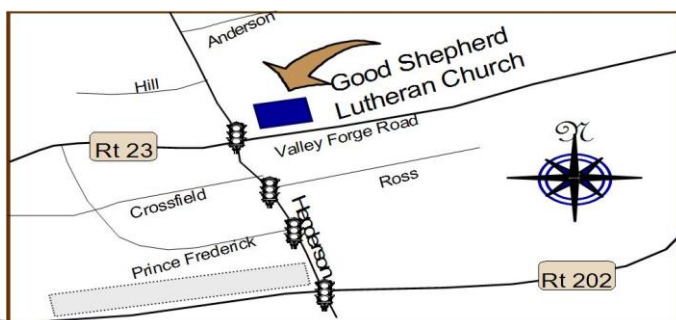




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Monthly Guild Meetings are held
on the **Third** Tuesday of every
month at 7 P.M. at the
Good Shepard Lutheran Church in
King of Prussia, PA



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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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