



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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July 2021

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Chatter with Cathy

I was so excited to read the news that Mancuso will be hosting the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza (what we call the Oaks Quilt Show) in person this September 16-19, 2021. I can't wait to again look at wonderful quilts and shop the vendors in person. The other opportunity that we have as a guild is that we can sell our raffle tickets which helps bring in proceeds that we donate to local charities. In order to have a table at the show to sell our tickets, we are asked to give 32 hours of service by white gloving at the show. So, I will be reaching out to our members to consider giving an hour or two to white glove and also to sell tickets at our table. There will be more information in July and sign-up sheets. I will need to send them our names three weeks before the show so you can still sign up at our August meeting. If you are new to the guild or quilting, this is a wonderful opportunity to experience the show as well as get to know other quilters and make new friends. I thank you in advance for your consideration to sell raffle tickets and white glove.

Keep on quilting!

Cathy Fennell

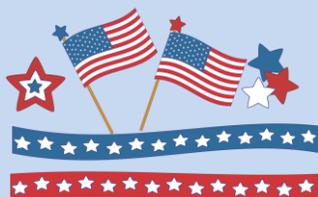
July 20, 2021 Zoom Meeting

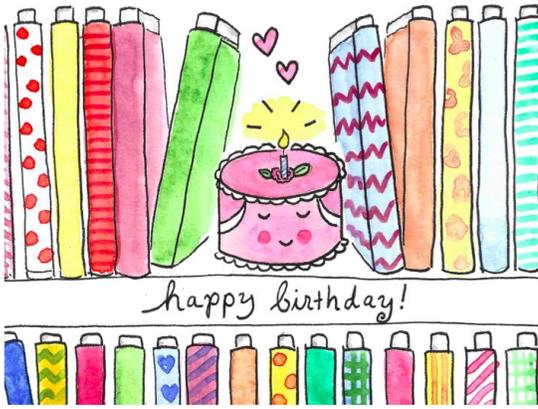
Our speaker this month is Dana Jones who will be speaking to us from Colorado. Dana is a former editor of Quilters Newsletter Magazine. She is also a published author of *Patinabangay: The Quilts and Quilt-makers of Caohagan Island*.

August 17, 2021 Meeting

This will be our first in-person guild meeting since February 2020! Our speaker is Denise Martin, whom many members may know from Seamless Sewing Arts Ltd in Phoenixville. Among other topics, Denise will tell us how she happened to open her quilt store in the middle of a pandemic! That night will also be our ice cream social!! For members unable to attend, you will be able to join us via **Zoom**. This is an experiment to see if **Zoom** will work at a meeting.

Ruth Heslin





Birthdays

July:

- 5 Gloria Clark
- 5 Paula Pettijohn
- 8 Laura Chaplar
- 8 Joan Shaw
- 13 Jean Dzedzy
- 19 Maxine Close
- 21 Gail Dovalovsky
- 21 Judy Snook
- 22 Barbara Hughes
- 22 Debi Kindred
- 28 Jacque Paltrinieri

August:

- 7 Elsa Scherphorn
- 9 Marjorie Gavitt
- 13 Gina Arasin
- 14 Kathy Graff
- 15 Vicki Lopresti
- 19 Rose Warren
- 20 Linda Newpher
- 20 Arlene Grosswald
- 21 Linda Ulinski
- 30 Charlene Hagarty
- 28 Jacque Paltrinieri

Membership

Do you enjoy our speakers and workshops? Are you looking forward to seeing each other in person at meetings? If so you will want to pay your dues promptly so we can fund our activities. Our new membership year begins in September. We will begin collecting dues of \$35 at our August meeting. Please bring your checkbook or cash to that meeting. If you will not be at the meeting, look for further information on sending your dues in August. Thank you for your prompt attention to this.

Barbara Hughes

welcome

New Member - Carol Frank

Carol Frank heard about our guild from Barbara Hughes and Sue Fisher. Her quilting journey began when a friend took her to quilt stores in the Lancaster area in 2019. She has already made a bed size quilt! She enjoys walking, cooking (sometimes), needlepoint, knitting, and embroidery. Carol is retired.

Comfort Quilts

There were 20 quilts given for the month of June making a total of 103 for the year!!! Quilts were delivered to the VA yesterday and to St. Christopher's. Barb at St. Christopher's mentioned the quilt the child takes home may be the only blanket he/she has. In some cases, it may be the only blanket the family has. There is so much appreciation for all that we do with our quilts. Thank you to all that have put in so much time in helping out.

Maxine Close

Meeting Minutes June 15, 2021

WELCOME: Cathy Fennell welcomed about 50 members to our Zoom guild meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Barbara Hughes will start collecting dues in person in August. Please bring a check to the meeting. The dues will be \$35.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine announced there were 20 quilts collected this month with the year-to-date total at 103. Maxine took the quilts to St. Christopher's.

RETREATS: Joan Gunder spoke about the fall retreat at the Amish View Inn November 4-7. There are still three places open. The cost is \$371 per person for two to a room or \$701 for a single. A breakfast buffet is included. Please contact Joan if you are interested in attending.

WORKSHOPS: Jean Hayden listed the upcoming workshops. **July 3, 10, 17, 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28** – Summer BOW (block of the week) WOW (work on whatever) with Deb Graves. Each Saturday a block will be taught; **July 24** - Comfort Quilts with Maxine Close, possibly in person. Cathy did a Zoom show of hands to gauge interest in an in-person workshop. Kits will be available from Sandy Dounce, Ann Palmer, Linda Newpher, and Maxine.; **September 18** – the friendship tea with Jean Hayden and Dottie Doldash as hosts. This is expected to be at the church.

CHALLENGE: Nancy Hannum told us the challenge reveal is happening in September. There is still time to join the challenge. Contact Nancy to get a set of paint chips for your project. Bring your project in a brown paper bag. Nancy needs a few helpers on the night of the September meeting. Please contact her if you are interested. For more details on the challenge rules, visit our webpage, www.valleyforgequilters.org/programchallenge.

FUTURE MEETINGS: We would like to have our first face-to-face guild meeting on August 17. It would be an Ice Cream Social with a possible trunk show/sale by a local quilt shop. Cathy asked for a show of hands to gauge interest which was high. We are trying to also include a Zoom meeting for members who cannot attend in person.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Lou Chandler handled the election of the next guild board. Lou introduced the slate and led a vocal vote in favor. The new board assumes their roles for the September meeting. **Connie Stevenson** will be the membership chairperson, **Laura Ocker** will be secretary, **Babette Sutherland** will be treasurer, **Linda Mitchell** will be vice president, and **Deb Graves** will be president.

PROGRAM: Ruth Heslin introduced Karen Miller from Redbird Quilt Company. Her lecture was titled *Align Your Free Motion Quilting Stars*. Karen, a retired programmer, took up quilting in 2006. While she didn't enjoy piecing, she fell in love with applique and free motion quilting on her domestic sewing machine including her Featherweight 221. Her lecture was loaded with tips to get you started with free motion quilting or to improve your skills if you are ready doing it. Karen produced many tutorials that can be found on her media.

- **You tube channel** (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZFQ9eyOVA1nVODYQdixbCg>),
- **webpage** (<https://redbirdquiltco.com>),
- **blog** (<https://karensquiltscrowcardinals.blogspot.com>) or
- **Moda Bake shop** (<https://my.modafabrics.com/inspiration-resources/search/red%20bird%20quilt>).

Meeting Minutes, continued

PROGRAM, continued: Karen recommended practicing on small projects like placemats before tackling a big quilt. A new needle is "the best \$1.25 you can invest in your project". She likes to stabilize a quilt by sticking with using heavy thread near the ditch, but not in the ditch. Barbara Hughes drew a name for Karen's door prize (doodle book and thread set). Joan Hagerman was the winner

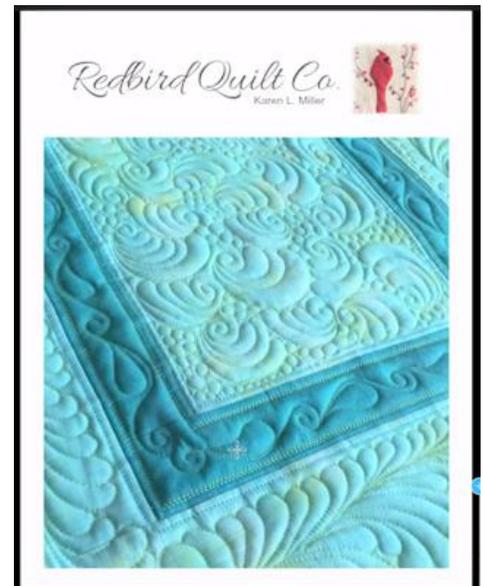
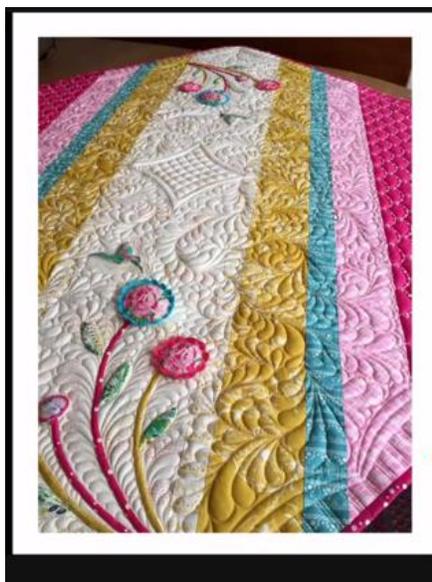
UFO CHALLENGE: The UFO number for July is #3. UFO projects were shown. Susan Gustafson won the drawing and will receive a prize in the mail. Other show and tell projects followed.

JULY MEETING: Our next meeting will be July 20. Our speaker will be Dana Jones from Colorado, [.danajonesquilts.com](http://danajonesquilts.com).

Respectfully submitted
Deb Graves for Molly Lorenz



Karen Miller from Redbird Quilt Co.



Quilt Shows

May through September

Sleep Tight! Bedcovers and Hangings from Around the World – May 16-September 12, 2021. Presented by the Allentown Art Museum at 31 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA. Also see two quilts and two prints from Gee's Bend on view in a neighboring exhibition, Roots: Sources for American Art and Design. For more info go visit <https://www.allentownartmuseum.org/exhibitions/sleep-tight-bedcovers-and-hangings-from-around-the-world/>.

August 2021

World Quilt Show Online - August 11-14, 2021. Presented by Mancuso Show Management. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/httpswww-onlinequiltfestival-com/>.

September 2021

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Online - September 9-11, 2021. This virtual experience will include live, interactive educational opportunities, shopping options and more. For more info visit <https://quiltshow.com/>.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - September 16-19, 2021. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most prominent quilting arts event in the Northeast all under one roof at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Avenue, Phoenixville, PA. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/>.

October 2021

Quilt Show 2021 - October 16-17, 2021. Presented by County Line Quilters at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd., Jamison, PA. For more info visit <https://countylinequilters.org/quilt-show-2021>.

International Quilt Festival Houston - October 28-31, 2021. Quilts, INC. produces this show at [George R. Brown Convention Center](#) at 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, Texas. For more info visit <https://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/quilt-festival-houston/>.

November 2021

14th Annual Exhibition of Quilts - November 12-14, 2021. Presented by Lebanon Quilters Guild at the Lebanon Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. For more info visit <http://lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/>.

The Quilt Show schedules for 2022 are being announced, checkout our [website](#) for info!

Cathy Radcliffe

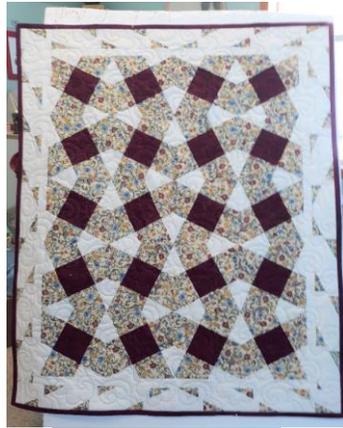
Cathy's UFO Challenge 2021 - June's Finally Finished Projects

Please send a picture of your completed UFO to cathyfennell55@gmail.com. The number you should complete for the July zoom meeting is **3**. Keep on quilting!

Cathy Fennell



Linda Jarosz



Jacque Paltrineri



Judy Snook



Susan Gustafson



Sandra Dounce



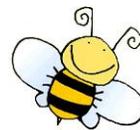
Meghan Heslin



Ruth Heslin

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	4th Thursday of the month 6:00-8:30 Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, Pa. Machines welcome. MASKS required. Coordinator – Ruth Heslin	Northern Bee 5th Tuesday 6:30-9:30 p.m. Coordinator – Barbara Hughes
July 13 Kate Sevensky August 10 Maxine Close	July 22 <u>Use main entrance</u>	August 31 TBA

Workshops

BOW WOW with Deb Graves

Block of the Week or Work on Whatever

Saturdays, July 3, 19, 26, 31 and August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

Zoom link sent each week

Get ready for summer camp 2021! We are going to make a different block every week...BOW WOW [Block of the Week or Work on Whatever].

Early each week we will send out the **Zoom** invitation and the link for that week's block. We will use a different source for each block, so you may find your new favorite quilt blog or YouTube channel. You are welcome to join the Saturday sessions and work on your own project to keep us company.

Make all the blocks or just a couple. Save them up and make a sampler quilt or finish them into pillows or mini quilts. Make all 8 plus the Hawaiian-style appliqué from June and you can add some sashing and make a 3 blocks by 3 blocks sampler.

Comfort Quilt Workshop with Maxine Close

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Zoom link from 9:30 to 4:00

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

Try a cheesecake recipe you have been meaning to bake! Let us know if it's good.



Friendship Tea with Jean Hayden and Dottie Doglash

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Time: 9:30 to 4:00

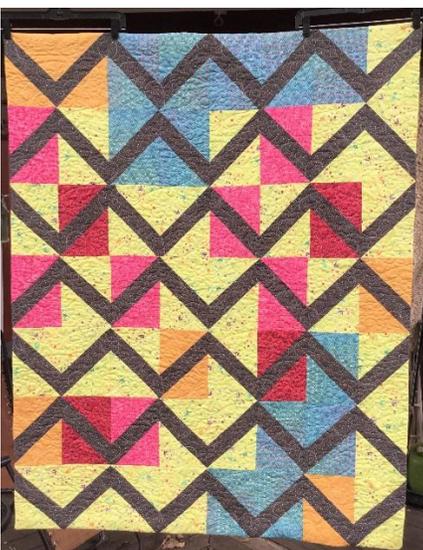
Location: Good Shepard Lutheran Church, King of Prussia

Jacque Paltrinieri will have a demo on English Paper Piecing

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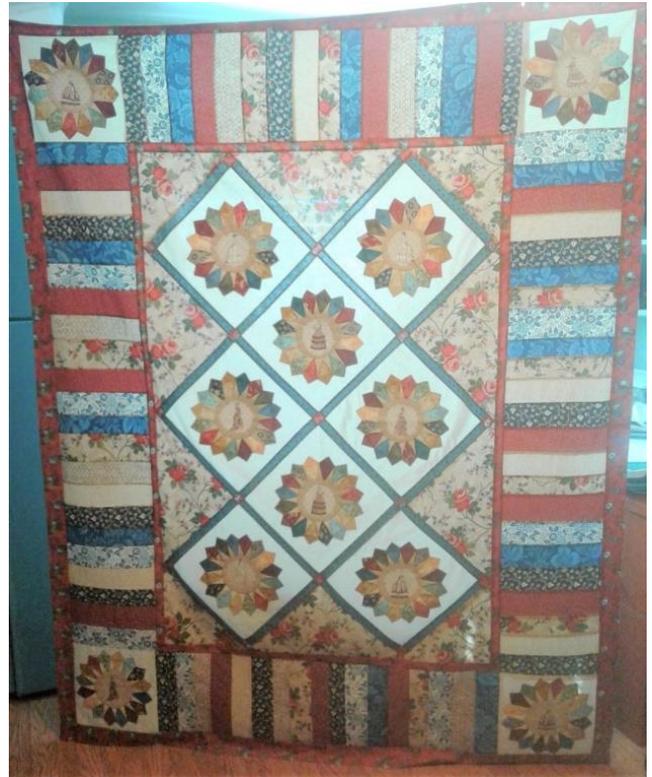
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Zoom BOW WOW
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Zoom BOW WOW
11	12	13 Zoom Afternoon Bee	14	15	18 6	17 Zoom BOW WOW
18	19	20 Zoom Guild Meeting Dana Jones	21	22 Thursday Evening Bee In person	23	24 Zoom Comfort Quilt Workshop
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Zoom BOW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



Barbara Hughes - - I finally finished my most recent Sarah Bond quilt. I call it Dreams of Summer Flowers. The back is made with the leftover fabrics. I faced it rather than binding it because I didn't want to the look of edging



Jacque Paltrineri



Charlene Hagerty - I purchased this kit in 2009. Took it with me the next retreat to start it. When I opened it up, I realized it was missing a fabric so I put it away and forgot about it. Last week I decided it was time to pull this one out and start it. Took me about a week. I decided to add in some fabrics from my civil war reprints. The circles in the middle of each Dresden star with the ladies in costume were not part of the kit, but I liked them. Still needs quilting, but I need to buy backing first. Hopefully our speaker will offer enough tips to inspire me to quilt this one. It will be a twin size quilt.



Charlene Hagerty = Workshop project Dresden Village



Joan Gunder



Laura Chaplar - Single quilt pattern and fabric from trip to Phoenixville store.



Charlene Hagerty



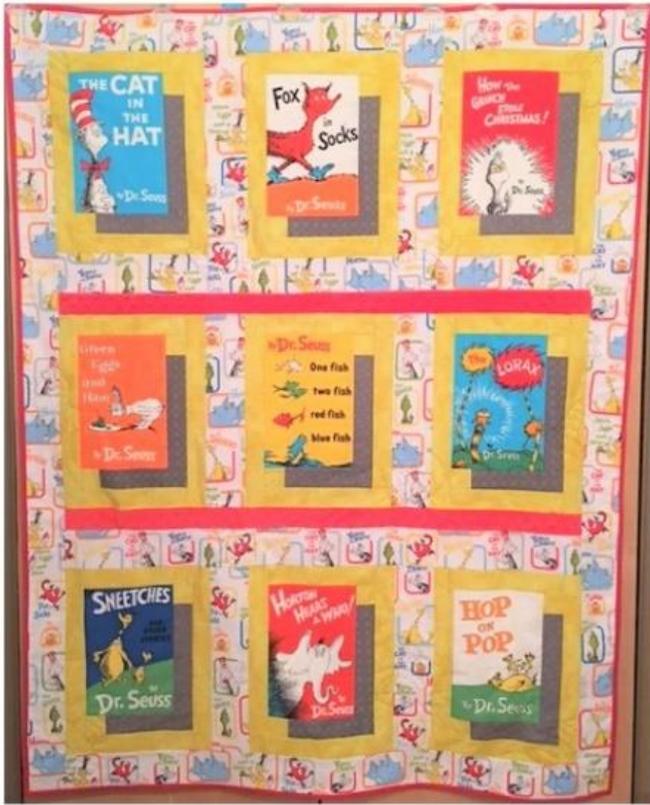
Joan Gunder - Project Bag Carrier by Annie pattern: front and back.



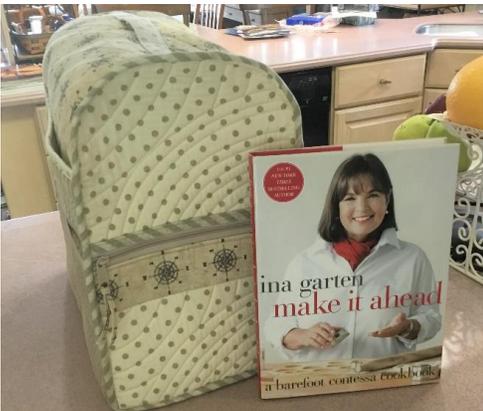
Joan Gunder - Cat purse I made for a friend's birthday.



Joan Gunder - My adaption of the "Burkholder pillow pattern" for a 12" x 16" travel pillow, but 6 pillows in the photo



Sue Fisher



Joan Gunder - the "In the Mix"
ByAnnie pattern for my friend's
Kitchen Aid mixer.



Quilt top on left made by Linda Newpher, one on the
right made by Laura Chaplar.



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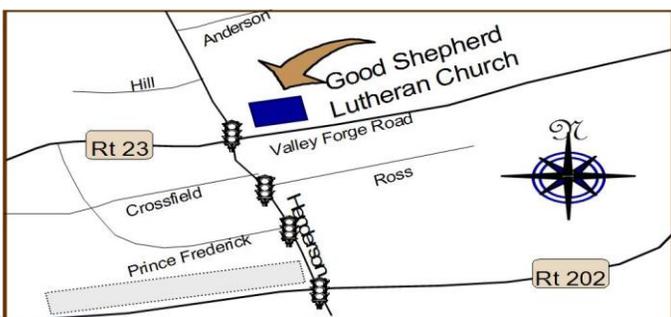
Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M. at the Good Shepard Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA

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Newsletter Submissions

Send to: Judy Snook
Information for the next newsletter must be received by the 25th of the month.