



# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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September 2021

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## President’s Corner

Thank you all for trusting me to be your new President and welcome to all the new board members. Thank you to the board members who are staying on.

I want to publicly thank Cathy Fennell for her back-to-back terms as president, and for leading by example and showing me how it is done. Molly, Linda, and Barbara are coming off the board, but staying involved in other ways.

There are many ways to be involved and have fun with the guild beyond the monthly meetings, including bees, workshops, retreats, jobs, and committees. Keep an eye out for the “Help Wanted” headline to see opportunities, or just ask a committee head if she needs any extra help if you are interested.

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone’s creations for the paint chip challenge this month. You still have time to join in on this if you hurry.

Finally, we collectively need to remain flexible and safe in these uncertain times. If necessary, we might revert to virtual meetings and workshops again. Certainly, if you don’t feel well, even just a cold, please stay home.

Until next time,  
Deb Graves

## September 21, 2021 Meeting

September 21 will be the Paint Chip Challenge quilt display and voting. Please bring your quilt in a paper bag by 6:30. Remember to attach a 3x4 card with your paint chips. Nancy and her helpers will take your bag, give it a number and hang it up so later we can all view all the quilts and vote for our favorite. Make sure your name is **Not** visible on your quilt. Look forward to seeing the quilts and hearing the background on each one.

Ruth Heslin





## Birthdays

### September:

- 1 Meghan Heslin
- 2 Linda Hamel
- 5 Deb Graves
- 12 Cathy Radcliffe
- 15 Jacqui Santangelo
- 22 Jean Hayden

### October:

- 2 Mary Stefanelli
- 7 Dara Dinner
- 9 Joy Brown
- 11 Peggy Melachrinos
- 12 Chris Candello
- 18 Karen Glasthal
- 30 Christine Capece

**STASH**  
 Special  
 Treasures  
 All  
 Secretly  
 Hidden

## Membership

Thank you so much to all the members who have paid their dues for the coming year. Now that the new board has taken over, dues should be sent to Connie Stevenson; 102 James Circle; East Norriton, Pa. 19403. We will also be collecting dues in person at the September 21 meeting if you will be attending.

Barbara Hughes

## Raffle Tickets

There are a few people who have not yet picked up their raffle tickets that were first available in 2019. You are obligated to take \$10 of tickets. There is a wonderful video about this quilt that is available on our website. It makes it easier to sell tickets when folks see the video so show it to your friends and family. If you are a new member or didn't pay for them back in 2019, please take care of this. Thanks!

Barbara Hughes

## Comfort Quilts

The quilts turned in for August were 8 making a total of **117**. I would like to thank everyone for helping to make such a successful year so far!! It was nice to see so many faces at our meeting.

Maxine Close

## Meeting Minutes August 17, 2021

**WELCOME:** Everyone was welcomed back by our president, Cathy Fennell. Cathy asked everyone to turn off their phones or put them on airplane mode so it would not interfere with the Zoom connection. Then she told us to enjoy our ice cream.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Barbara Hughes is collecting dues tonight. She also has raffle tickets if you have not yet purchased yours. Send your dues to Barbara through August 31. Then Connie Stevenson will be collecting dues.

**COMFORT QUILTS:** Maxine Close reported that the total for the year is 109 quilts. There are kits available. Please email Maxine if you need batting.

**CHALLENGE:** Nancy Hannum asked that if you would like paint chips to complete the challenge to contact her. At the September meeting, bring your challenge in a brown paper bag without your name showing. Set up is at 6:00 p.m. if you can help. We will vote at the meeting to choose 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Participants will share about their challenge. Sandy Dounce will take over as Challenge Chair for next year.

**WORKSHOPS:** Jean Hayden announced that **August 21 and 28** will be the last Dog Days of Summer BOW (block of the week) WOW (work on whatever). Deb Graves is teaching a block each Saturday. **September 25** is the Friendship Tea with Jean Hayden and Dottie Dolgash as hosts. The sign-up sheet was passed around. A supply list will be in the September newsletter. A prize will be given for the "best dressed for an afternoon tea". There will be door prizes. Please bring your own lunch. **October 23** will be the AccuQuilt Round Robin/UFO led by Cathy Fennell and Judy Snook. There will be a \$10 workshop fee. November will be Zoom UFO workshop.

**NEED VOLUNTEERS:** A sign-up sheet to white glove for the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza on September 17. Four people are needed every two hours only on Friday to white glove. Members are needed to sell raffle tickets Thursday through Sunday.

**UFO CHALLENGE:** The UFO number for September is 8. Sandy Dounce was the winner of the UFO challenge for August.

**PROGRAM:** Ruth Heslin welcomed Denise Martin, owner of Seamless Sewing Arts in Phoenixville, as our speaker. Denise shared her story of how she came to open a business in Phoenixville and her experiences in quilting.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING:** Our next meeting is the Challenge evening on September 21. The new board will be taking over.  
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Molly Lorenz

## Save the Date

The All Star Virtual Sampler Platter is returning October 2-3, 2021 from 3:00-6:00 each day. Teachers from around the world will demonstrate their favorite techniques. All members are invited to take advantage of the wealth of knowledge presented. More information can be found by going to [www.globalquiltconnection.com](http://www.globalquiltconnection.com)

September 2021

It was so nice to finally meet in person (!) with many of our guild friends. The August meeting at Good Shepherd Church was also our annual ice cream social which provided an additional festive feeling to the gathering.



## Quilt Shows

### Now 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/>.

**Quilt Show Exhibition** - July 17 to September 17, 2021. Presented by the Perkins Center for the Arts at 30 Irvin Ave., Collingswood, NJ. A Quilt Show Exhibition featuring contemporary and traditional quilts from four quilting guilds in the region. Perkins Center is excited to exhibit this unique show because they have never featured quilts in an art exhibition and look forward to viewing contemporary styles. For more info visit <https://perkinsarts.org/event/quilt-show/>.

### 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/>.

**A Quilt Affair** - Saturday, September 11, 2021 9 AM – 2 PM. Presented by the Loose Threads Quilt guild at First United Church of Christ, 145 Chestnut Street, Spring City, PA. Admission \$5. Included in the day's events: Member Quilt Show, Sewing Room Sale, Craft Sale, Book Sale, Raffle Baskets, and Demonstrations on ½ hour. No food will be served at our event but bottled water will be available. For your convenience, a list of local restaurants open for lunch will be provided.

**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/>.

**Penn Oaks Quilters Market** – September 25, 2021 from 9 am until 1 pm. Penn Oaks Quilters is hosting a flea market at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 400 Lancaster Ave, Malvern, PA. Fire Sale follows market with reduced prices from 1 pm - 2 pm (Consigned items not included). For more info visit <http://www.pennoaksquilters.org/quilt-market.html>.

### 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>.

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**October 2021 continued**

**International Quilt Festival Houston** - October 28-31, 2021. Quilts, INC. produces this show at [George R. Brown Convention Center](http://www.georgebrownconventioncenter.com) 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/>.

**Quilt & Sewing Fest of New Jersey** - November 17-20, 2021. Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the [New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center](http://www.newjerseyconventioncenter.com), 97 Sunfield Ave, Edison, NJ. For more info visit <http://www.quiltfest.com/>.

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

Cathy Radcliffe

**Bees... Bees... Bees... Bees**

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



<b>Afternoon Bee</b> <b>2nd Tuesday</b> <b>12:30 – 3:30 p.m.</b> Coordinator – Jean Hayden	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month</b> <b>6:00-8:30</b> Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, Pa. Machines welcome. MASKS required. Coordinator – Ruth Heslin	<b>Northern Bee</b> <b>5th Tuesday</b> <b>6:30-9:30 p.m.</b> Coordinator – Barbara Hughes
September 14 Lou Chandler	September 23 Ruth Heslin <u>Use main entrance</u>	November 30 TBA
Octoberber 12 Jean Hayden		

**Paint Chip Challenge**

At the September meeting, bring your challenge in an opaque bag without your name showing. Include a 3 x 5" card with any description or comment about your entry. Plan to have your entry there by no later than 6:30 so Nancy Hannum and her volunteers will have enough time to number and hang it for display. Members will vote for their favorite and awards will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Quiltmakers will be revealed and then participants will share about their challenge. Please check the guild website for the complete challenge rules.



- **Evening Bee Coordinator:** This person lines up hosts for the bee on the 4th Thursday of each month, and communicates the schedule to the newsletter editor. Bees might be in person and/or **Zoom**, as conditions permit. Look for the job description at this link: (page29): <http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Adm-Job-Description.pdf>.

- **Accu-Quilt™ Die Cutter Chair:** This person will take over the task of keeping track of where this equipment is, and also spending the budget for new dies. Job description is on page 34 of the above linked document.

- **Block-of-the Month (or other activity of the month):** Do you enjoy an organized but bite-sized sewing experience? Perhaps you have an idea for a month-to-month sewing activity that you would like to bring to the guild? If so, please check the job description on page 35 of the above linked document.

To apply for any of these jobs please talk to, text, or e-mail any board member.

## Upcoming Programs

**October 19** - Gail Kessler of Ladyfingers Sewing Studio will bring her vast Accuquilt knowledge and show us how easy it is to learn to use our guild's Accuquilt Studio for lots of projects. She will have door prizes and will also bring quilting items to sell.

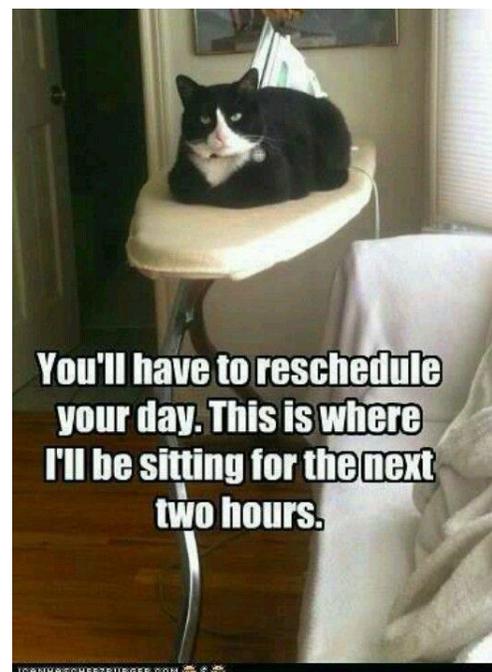
**November 16** - Joan Radell of Bucklebee Bags will discuss *Sticks & Stones- Sewing History, Tips and Tricks*. She will have many quilting and sewing items for sale including several new items.

Karen Glasthal

## Cathy's UFO Challenge

Please bring your completed UFO to the September meeting. The number you should complete for the September meeting is **8**. Keep on quilting!

Cathy Fennell



## Workshops

### **Friendship Tea** with Jean Hayden and Dottie Doglash

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Time: 9:30 to 4:00

Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia



Jacque Paltrinieri will have a demo on English Paper Piecing

#### **Supply list for English paper-piecing lesson:**

fabric - 2 or 3 FQ **or** a dozen scraps bigger than 3 inches

thread to match

hand sewing needle,

straight pins or fabric clips

6 index cards

small piece of template plastic

glue stick

pencil and fabric marker

scissors (one for paper, one for fabric).

#### **Supply list for jelly roll race:**

Sewing machine that has been cleaned, in working order, and threaded

2 full bobbins of thread

Sharp fabric scissors

20 strips of fabric 2.5" x. Width of Fabric, that you cut at home and roll up

**OR** pull out 20 strips from a full-size jelly roll, roll up

**OR** store bought 1/2 roll (contains 20 x WOF strips) keep rolled up

Basket for sewn strips to keep off floor.

Binder clip

Race will be after lunch and should take 1 hour plus depending on speed.

**THIS IS A RACE!**

### **Accuquilt Workshop** with Cathy Fennell and Judy Snook

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Time: 9:30 to 4:00

Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia

More information on how you can participate to follow.

# September

## 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <b>Zoom</b> Afternoon Bee	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 <b>IN PERSON</b> Guild Meeting Challenge	22	23 Thursday Evening Bee In person	24	25 Friendship Tea In person
26	27	28	29	30		



Linda Hamel finished her Dresden Village wall hanging begun in Judy Snook and Molly Lorenz's April ZOOM workshop.



Denise Martin

Our August speaker was Denise Martin, whom many members know from **Seamless Sewing Arts Ltd** in Phoenixville. Denise, who holds degrees in art, told us how her interest in quilting evolved, about moving from California to Pennsylvania and how she happened to open her quilt store in the middle of a pandemic!



As stated on her website: "At Seamless you will find the best in contemporary design and practical resources for the sewing arts."

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[Seamless Sewing Arts Ltd](http://Seamless Sewing Arts Ltd)



Joan Shaw – This piece was embroidered and quilted by hand.



Joanne Franklin



Linda Jarosz – This stunning quilt was Kathryn Kerr's 365 Challenge Quilt in which participants made a block every day.



New member Cindy Krommes shared her final project of an online machine quilting class.



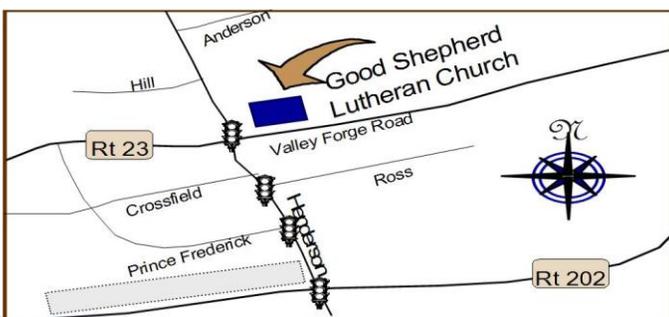
Cindy Krommes



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



**Newsletter Submissions**

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

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**Guild Committees and Resources**

50:50	Debbie Bianco
AccuQuilt Die Cutter	Open
Bees:	
Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	
Northern	Barbara Hughes
Thurs Evening	Ruth Heslin
Challenge	Sandy Dounce
Comfort Quilts	Maxine Close
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