



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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November 2021

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President's Corner

I am so glad we are getting together in person for meetings and workshops again. Zoom certainly has its benefits, but being in person builds connections, even though we are masking and keeping some distance between us. And isn't technology wonderful? Thanks to Sue Fisher and a team of volunteer helpers we have been able to include members at home or away by simultaneously Zooming our meetings.

Did you see the pictures on Facebook from Jacque Paltrinieri's English paper piecing lesson and the jelly roll race at the tea? Projects people made at the Accuquilt cutter workshop are showing up, too. Joining our Facebook page is another way to stay connected with guild happenings.

I am delighted that people are volunteering to fill our job openings. Thanks sew much to each of you! We appreciate your effort, and you in turn get to be more involved and connected with the club. There are no **Help Wanted** ads in this newsletter, but stay tuned. Our quilt show is less than a year away. We need all hands on deck and there will be plenty of "temp" jobs available to support the show.

By the way, think about finishing up your favorite projects so you can hang them in the show.

Until next time,
Deb Graves

November 16, 2021 Meeting

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.

December 21, 2021 Meeting

Our Holiday Party! Karen has lots of surprises. There will be a Pollyanna exchange

Karen Glasthal





Birthdays

November:

- 13 Sandy Darlington
- 19 Joan Markowitz
- 21 Sheila Brassington
- 29 Sharon Berry

December:

- 2 Joan Gunder
- 3 Ethel Hutchinson
- 5 Ann Palmer
- 6 Connie Stevenson
- 8 Gerry Fontaine
- 12 Dottie Dolgash
- 19 Becky Weiland
- 25 Carol Frank



Membership

PICTORIAL MEMBERSHIP LIST

We are a large guild with several new members. Wouldn't it be nice to have a pictorial membership directory so you could attach a face to a name? Your help is needed to make this a reality. We need a photo of you to include in the directory. Please take a selfie of yourself or have someone take a photo of your face. Email Connie Stevenson connieleannah@hotmail.com or text them to her at (484)250-8122.

Connie Stevenson

Refreshments - November

Many thanks to Rita Mack and Molly Lorenz for signing up to be on the refreshment committee.

Savory	Sweet Desserts	Beverage
Esther Canning Sandy Dounce	Maxine Close Rita Mack Gigi Procario Lisa Lombardo	Sharon Berry Babette Sutherland Ethel Hutchinson

Comfort Quilts

For the month of October there were 13 quilts donated for a total of 146 quilts for the year. There were 43 dolls finished for a total of 55 for the year. Thank you once again for your commitment helping to reach our goal of 125 that we have exceeded once again!!

Maxine Close

Meeting Minutes October 19, 2021

WELCOME: Deb Graves welcomed the members that are seeing the meeting on Zoom.

LOST AND FOUND: Jacque Paltrinieri has blue handled scissors from the last workshop. Let her know if they are yours. If you are missing something or find something that is not yours, let someone know so it can get back to the right person.

REFRESHMENTS: The snack sign-up list was passed around. Please remember to bring pre-packaged or individually wrapped food.

LIBRARY: We have 26 new books in our library to be checked out.

MEMBERSHIP: Connie Stevenson updated us on membership. Two new members joined in September. Currently we have a membership of 93. Fifteen people still owe dues. Connie had membership cards available at the meeting and will mail cards to those who don't attend in person. She requested that we check the list she sent out for accuracy and she will send out an updated list soon. She introduced the plan to create a photo directory and will be in contact with members requesting a photo head shot in November. Members suggested taking photos at the next meeting.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine received 16 quilts in September for a total of 133 for the year. They are donated to the VA in Coatsville, Paoli Hospital for the in-house hospice patients, and St Christopher's Hospital for Children. Abramson Cancer Center and CHOP are not receiving them at this time at their request because of Covid.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops were introduced by Cathy Fennell. There will be an Accuquilt Workshop Saturday, **October 23**. Cathy Fennell encouraged members to sign up and attend. Cathy, along with Maxine Close, Charlene Hagerty, and Beth Mancini, showed us examples of items that they made using the Accuquilt dies.

There will be a **Zoom** UFO workshop on **November 20**. This is the week before Thanksgiving and will be a great time to get together for socialization and to get some sewing done without having to pack up machine and supplies.

There will be an in-person Dignity Bibs workshop on **December 4** at Good Shepherd from 9:30-3:00. Linda Mitchell will be leading the workshop and is currently working on the best design for our project. Linda said men's shirts of various sizes are needed. They must button down the front, be collared, lightly used without stains, and have a yoke on the back of the shirt. Flannel shirts are good too if they meet the requirements. No knit shirts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: • Deb communicated that we are looking for a member to be our Accuquilt coordinator. The role includes purchasing dies and keeping inventory of the equipment locations.

- Deb expressed gratitude to the snack committee and guild members and to Rita Mack for volunteering to join the committee.

- There are opportunities to start additional bees if someone is interested in taking that on.

PROGRAM: Karen Glasthal introduced Gail Kessler as owner of Ladyfingers Sewing Studio and fabric designer of the "Dimples" line. She encouraged us to visit the store. Gail gave an introduction to Accuquilt products and helpful tips for its use along with samples of items made using the Accuquilt for cutting. She says that it speeds up her cutting process by 80%. Gail encouraged us to look up Ladyfingers Sewing on YouTube for helpful videos especially the Eastern PA Shop Hop videos to see how dies can be used for various designs. Door prizes were given. Snack time followed the program.

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Meeting Minutes, continued

UFO CHALLENGE: The UFO Challenge #2 items were presented by members. The winner of the drawing was Meghan Heslin. The November UFO Challenge is #7. There were a large number of show and tell projects this month.

NOVEMBER MEETING: The next guild meeting will be November 16th. Our speaker will be Joan Radell of Bucklebee Bags. She will discuss Sticks & Stones Sewing History and give us tips and tricks. She will have many quilting and sewing items for sale including several new items. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Ocker



Our October speaker Gail Kessler, owner of Ladyfingers Sewing Studio, gave us an introduction to Accuquilt products and all the ways it can make the cutting aspect of quilting easier.

Six suggestions to avoid seeing your sewing machine repairman:

- #1 The needle is the most important part of your sewing machine.
Change your needle before heading to the repair man.

To be continued next month...

Workshops

Zoom UFO Workshop, including demonstration of an easy project that would make a nice gift.

Date: Saturday, November 20

Time: 9:30-3:00

A Zoom link will be sent before the workshop

Directions about project to follow.

Dignity Bib Workshop with Linda Mitchell

Date: Saturday, December 4

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

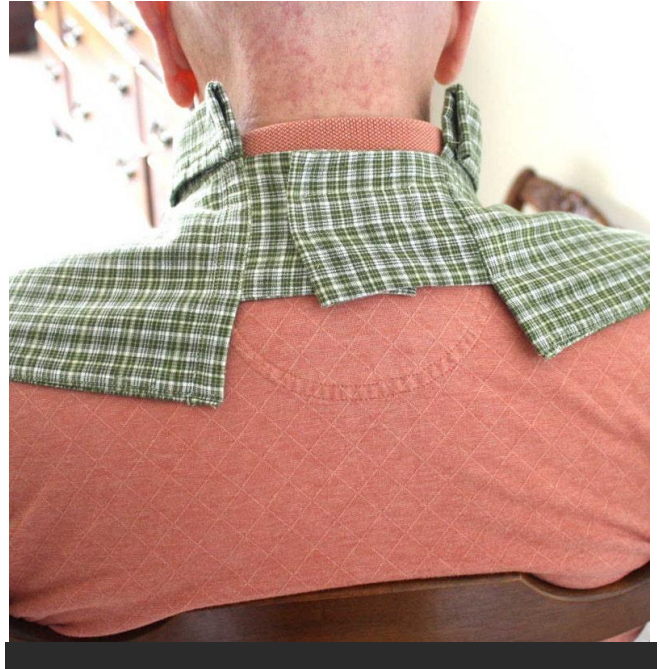
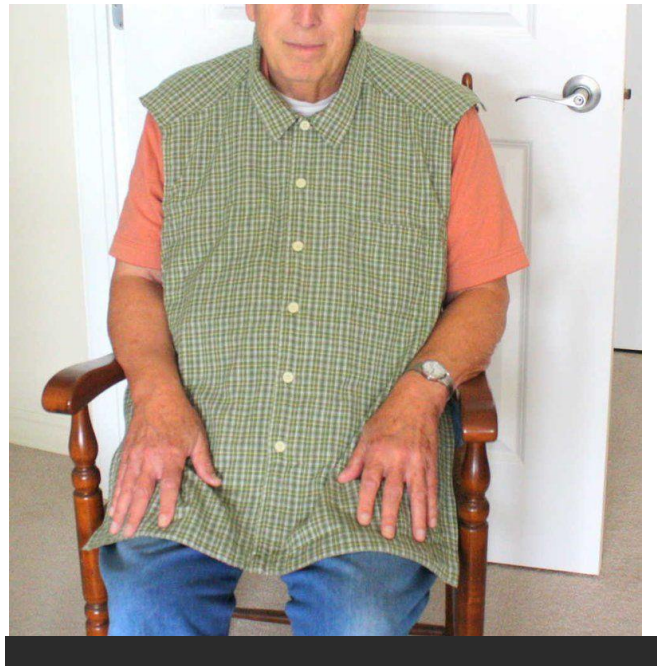
Fee: Free

Please bring your own lunch.

These adult bibs look like a regular shirt and help maintain dignity.

Sometimes adults can be a messy eater too. It is for this reason that the Adult Dignity Bibs were created. Worn around the neck these bibs protect clothing from food spills. This type of garment is utilized by adults who may have physical disabilities or aging issues. Thanks to these adult bibs, these adults can eat in public without the shame and people around them won't even notice it's actually a bib.

Example of a dignity bib



Quilt Shows

November 2021

Crafts 'N Quilts Show and Sale - November 6, 2021. Presented by the Courthouse Quilters Guild at Flemington Elks, Route 31, Flemington, NJ. For more info visit <http://courthousequilters.org>.

January 2022

CRAFT NAPA 2022: Uncorked at Home Workshops- January 6 - 9, 2022. Classes begin at 8:00 AM PACIFIC with an hour-long lunch break from 11:00 AM-Noon PACIFIC, and resume from Noon- 3:00 PM PACIFIC. For more info visit <https://craftingalifelc.com/>.

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

Cathy Radcliffe

Cathy's UFO Challenge

Please bring your completed UFO to the November meeting. The number you should complete for the November meeting is 7. Keep on quilting!

Cathy Fennell



Meghan Heslin's October UFO

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
November 9 Jean Hayden	Ruth Heslin There will be NO meeting in November or December. Resume in January	November 30 Barbara Hughes

Future Workshops

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 20 – Zoom UFO

December 4 – Dignity Bib Workshop with Linda Mitchell

January 22 – Zoom Comfort Charity Quilt with Maxine Close

February 19 – Mystery Quilt with Beth Mancini – \$15

March 19 – *Do Not Touch* fabric quilt signs for our quilt show with Linda Hamel and Judy Snook - \$10

April 23 – Wooden Barn Quilt Blocks with Gigi Procario - Cost TBA

May 21 – Broderie Perse with Cathy Fennell - \$10

June 18 – Curve Technique workshop with Denise Martin of Seamless Sewing - \$20 or \$25

July 23 – Boot Camp with Comfort Charity Quilt workshop

August 20 – Zoom UFO

September 24 – Friendship Tea

Library



At the October meeting members see what's available at the 'reburished' library cart which includes the addition of 26 new books.

Check it out!

Quilt Book/Pattern Sale

The Guild will hold a quilt book/pattern sale at the December meeting. But we need your help. Please consider going through your quilt books and quilt patterns and donate those that you no longer are using to the guild. You can bring the quilt books/patterns to November guild meeting. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Guild library to purchase new books. Please do not bring any books to the December meeting. Any questions, please contact Cathy Fennell. Thanks in advance for your donations.

Cathy Fennell



Lisa Lombardo

A Wealth of Quilting Poems

Joan Markowitz found this blog of quilting poems, sayings, and superstitions.

<https://www.with-heart-and-hands.com/2016/09/quilting-poems-sayings-superstitions.html>

November

2021

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 IN PERSON Guild Meeting Joan Radell	17	18	19	20 Zoom UFO Workshop
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Northern Bee				



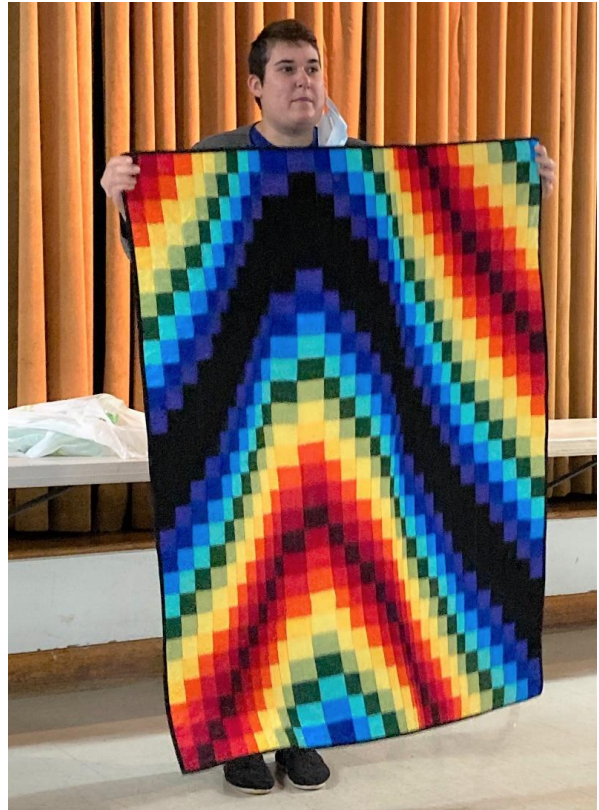
Connie Stevenson - I originally made the center striped section for a charity quilt, but then I heard about the quilt drive put on by Stitch Central for donations to the Nationalities Service Center so I added wide borders. I quilted a grid in the white sections with different brightly colored threads since I really don't care for white!

Member Show and Tell

November 2021



Rita Mack



Kayleigh Graff



Laura Ocker



Gigi Procario



Judy Snook



Ethel Hutchinson



Joanne Franklin

Deb Graves



Ann Palmer



Joann Kirchenmann



Charlene Hagerty



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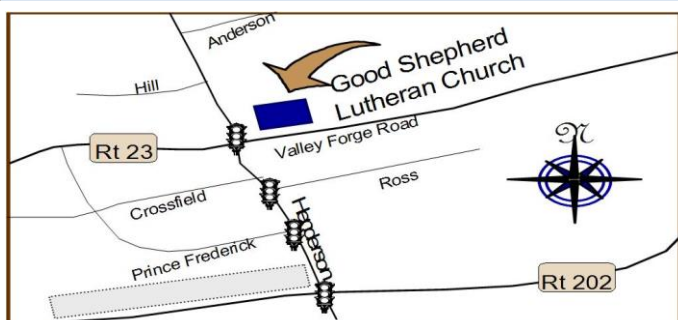
Monthly Guild Meetings are held
on the **Third** Tuesday of every
month at 7 P.M. at the
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
in King of Prussia, PA

Board of Directors

President	Deb Graves
Vice President	Linda Mitchell
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Membership	Connie Stevenson
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Guild Committees and Resources

50:50	Debbie Bianco
AccuQuilt Die Cutter	Lisa Lombardo
Bees:	
Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Open
Northern	Barbara Hughes
Thurs Evening	Ruth Heslin
Block of the Month	Molly Lorenz
Challenge	Sandy Dounce
Comfort Quilts	Maxine Close
Facebook	Sue Fisher
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Quilt Show	Cathy Fennell, Judy Snook, Lou Chandler
Refreshments	Joann Kirchenmann, Molly Lorenz, Linda Newpher, Rita Mack
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Retreat/Spring	Barbara Hughes
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Zoom/Technology	Sue Fisher



Newsletter Submissions

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