



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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December 2021

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President's Corner

Happy holidays! I heard that there are 22 holidays in November and December. When I looked at Wikipedia I counted over 50! That is practically one every day, so there is always something to celebrate.

Of course, there are many ways both big and small to celebrate, like religious observances, family gatherings, decorations, parties, and gifts, but a commemorative quilt for your home or as a gift is a favorite for many of us. If you already have enough red and green or turkey quilts, you could look up some of the other holidays and see if one inspires your quilt mojo. And you can always ask our friend Google for inspiration.

This year I made a Dresden turkey table runner at our November Zoom UFO sewing day. The pattern was so cute and looked quick so I shopped my stash and whipped the little quilt up in time to gift at Thanksgiving.


Whichever holidays you are celebrating, I wish you health and peace and joy,

Deb Graves

December 21, 2021 Meeting

Let's Party!

Please join us for our annual holiday party. The meeting starts at 7 pm but come early for the big book sale. This year we will celebrate with a gift exchange. If you'd like to participate, bring a wrapped quilting related gift (\$20). There will be a few "reindeer" games. We'll enjoy some refreshments. We will also have a sweet addition of a cookie exchange. If you like to partake in the cookie exchange, just bring in 3 dozen cookies. To keep it COVID- friendly please bag the cookies, 3 cookies for each bag, (12 bags total). If you like to include your recipe, I'm sure it will be treasured for years to come.

Get ready to party.....fa la la la la la la la la 

Karen Glasthal



Birthdays

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

January:

- 11 Cynthia Krommes
- 21 Gigi Procario
- 21 Mary Molettieri
- 30 Debbie Bianco



Membership

PICTORIAL MEMBERSHIP LIST

I only have received a photo of about a third of the members for our photo directory. This will be such a helpful addition to our Guild, so we would love if everyone would participate! It is fine to send them to me by either email or text.

Email Connie Stevenson connieleannh@hotmail.com or text them to her at (484)250-8122.

Connie Stevenson

Refreshments - December

Savory	Sweet Desserts	Beverage
Kayleigh Graff Ann Palmer Karen Glasthal	Judy Snook Gail Forster Susan Gustafsen Lisa Steuer	Sheila Brassington - Water Charlene Hagerty - Diet soda Donna Raymond - Water

Comfort Quilts

Eight quilts were given for November making a total of 154!!

Our Comfort Quilt Workshop on **January 22** will be on **Zoom**. For those that would like a prepared kit, please pick one up at the December or January meeting. For those that wish to have a kit that are not able to come to the meetings, you can meet me for lunch on Friday, December 10 at Pleasantville Creekside Diner at 11:30. After lunch, we will go to the Ladyfingers Quilt Shop. We will meet somewhere else for January. If that doesn't work for you, let me know and we can work something out.

St. Christopher's has asked for more masks. Craftpassion.com has a pattern for children or one of your choice.

Maxine Close

Meeting Minutes November 16, 2021

WELCOME: Deb Graves welcomed present members, members on Zoom, and our new member, Erin Wolfgang.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our Block of the Month will be the Village Green pattern. It costs \$7 to download from www.anniecatalong.com
- There will not be a buffet dinner at our December Holiday this year because of Covid. The sign-up sheet for wrapped snacks was sent around. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Eat before you come. The book sale will begin at 6:00 p.m. or earlier since Cathy Fennell will be there at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP: Connie Stevenson is collecting photos for the electronic directory via email, text, or taken this evening. Connie will send it out electronically and anticipates it will be easy to update.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine said 13 quilts were donated last month. 146 have been collected this year surpassing our goal of 125. St. Christopher's has asked for more donations of masks with a pattern sent in email. Maxine also suggested that there were free in hoop patterns for embroidery machines available online. Maxine plans to meet up for lunch for any interested members on December 10th. Lunch will be at the Creekside Pleasantville Diner with a visit to Ladyfingers to follow. Surgical dolls for St. Christopher's Hospital are cut out and need to be sewn and stuffed. Maxine said stuffing is easy with a tool. She is looking for volunteers for this project.

BEES: Please check the newsletter every month for sewing bees. There is a plan to resurrect the Tuesday evening bee as a Block of the Month Sew Along in 2022.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops are usually the third Saturday of the month. **November 20** is a **Zoom** UFO. **December 4** is Dignity Bibs led by Linda Mitchell and others which is in person at Good Shepherd Church from 9:30-3:00. Bring your own lunch. **January 22** is a comfort quilt **Zoom** workshop. **February 19** Beth Mancini will lead a mystery quilt workshop. **March 19** we will be making "Do not touch" signs for the quilt show. **April** is a wooden barn workshop. **May 21** is a broderie perse technique, a raw edge applique. Backgrounds need to be made in advance. In **June**, Denise Martin from Seamless Sewing Arts will teach an easy curve technique. **July** is a charity quilt and boot camp workshop. Boot camp will be techniques and skills presented by members. Members that have something to share are to contact Cathy Fennell. **August 20** is via **Zoom** to work on your projects for the quilt show. **September** is the tea. **October 21-22** is our quilt show.

SPRING RETREAT: Barbara Hughes gave the dates for the retreat at Black Rock. It will be March 31-April 3, 2022. As of now they are staggering mealtimes to decrease lines in the cafeteria. Vaccines and masks are not required at this time. We will have our own sewing room. Barbara will have more information on cost and forms at the December meeting.

QUILT SHOW: The co-chairs for our quilt show are Cathy Fennell, Judy Snook, and Lou Chandler. There will be changes made to the quilt show. They hope to discuss ideas with members at the December meeting. If you have ideas or want to volunteer to lead part of the show, please contact Cathy, Judy, or Lou.

PROGRAM: Karen Glasthal introduced Joan Radell of Bucklebee Bags. Joan gave a personal and professional sewing background and a presentation of sewing history. She explained the purpose and benefits of the tools she recommends and sells. We enjoyed snacks during the shopping.

Meeting Minutes, continued

UFO CHALLENGE: The November UFO challenge #7 winner was Ruth Heslin. The December UFO Challenge is #4.

50/50: The 50/50 drawing winner was Peggy Melachrinos.
Show and tell followed and could be seen by Zoom members too.

DECEMBER MEETING: Our next meeting is December 21 at Good Shepherd Church. It will be our holiday party beginning at 7:00. Come early for the book sale. We are not doing the buffet but we will do fun activities and a gift exchange with gifts up to \$20.00. There will be a cookie exchange and some holiday treats. Check the newsletter for more details.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Ocker



Our November speaker Joan Radell of Bucklebee Bags explains some of her products to members.

Six things to avoid seeing your sewing machine repairman:

- #2 Bobbins get old and nicked. If your thread isn't flowing easily through the bobbin, buy new ones.

To be continued next month...

Workshops

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.

Supplies needed for the workshop include:

Sewing machine, zipper foot (if you have one), scissors, seam ripper, 24-inch ruler, rotary cutter and mat, point turner, and thread (light, medium and dark neutrals like gray and beige)

Future Workshops

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 Block Workshop 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

Example of a dignity bib



Cathy's UFO Challenge

Please bring your completed UFO to the December meeting. The number you should complete for the December meeting is **4**. Keep on quilting!

Cathy Fennell



Judy Snook's November UFO

Block of the Month with Molly Lorenz

We will be making the Village Green Quilt pattern.

We will be using a downloadable pattern from Annie's that you will need to purchase.

https://www.anniescatalog.com/detail.html?prod_id=162815&cat_id=1414 Once you are on the website, choose Village Green Quilt Pattern to access it. The pattern has 5 different blocks that are repeated. It lends itself to whatever color pallet you may desire. Consider different seasons of the year and possible changes or additions to the houses. Why not add a few applique animals? This project has endless possibilities.

Here is the material list for the quilt as shown in the picture. It will give you an idea of how much fabric you will need.

Please join us for this fun project that will begin in January.

If there is interest, we can restart the Tuesday evening bee on the first Tuesday of each month and **Zoom** together to get our blocks made.

Molly Lorenz



MATERIALS

- 12 fat quarters off-white tonals
- 4 fat quarters green tonals
- 3 fat quarters red prints or tonals
- 3 fat quarters blue prints or tonals
- 4 fat quarters yellow prints or tonals
- 1 fat eighth brown tonal
- ½ yard green tonal
- 1¼ yards blue tonal
- Backing to size
- Batting to size*
- Template material
- Thread*
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

****Warm & Natural batting from The Warm Company and 50-wt. thread from Aurifil used to make sample.***

Quilt Shows

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/>.

Road to California - January 19-22, 2022. At the Ontario Convention Center, 2000 E Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA. For more info visit <https://online.roadtocalifornia.com/>.

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #1 - January 26-29, 2022. Mancuso Show Management is no stranger to online quilting and textile arts seminars. The pandemic has proven that many students prefer to learn new and exciting techniques from the comfort of their homes. The great strength of this platform is that both instructors and students do not have any country borders or cultural barriers to their participation from around the world. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-online-virtual-schoolhouse-1>.

AQS Quilt Week - February 23-26, 2022. Presented by AQS at the [Ocean Center](#), 101 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL. For more info visit <https://www.quiltweek.com/>.

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival - February 24-27, 2022. Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA. For more info visit <http://www.quiltfest.com>.

The Indiana Heritage Quilt Show - March 3 - 5, 2022. At the Monroe Convention Center, 302 South College Avenue, Bloomington, IN. For more info visit <https://www.ihqs.org/>.

AQS Quilt Week - March 23-26, 2022. Presented by AQS at the [Branson Convention Center](#), 200 Sycamore Street, Branson, MO. For more info visit <https://www.quiltweek.com/>.

Lancaster Quilt Show - March 23-26, 2022. Many vendors at the [DoubleTree Valley Resort](#), 2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA. Now offering classes too. For more info visit <https://www.thelancasterquiltshow.com/>.

There have been many changes to Quilt Show schedules in the past 2 years and there are a lot being scheduled for 2022. Please let me know if you hear about something that I don't have on the [Quilt Show page](#) on our website or if I have any errors on our web page.

Cathy Radcliffe

January 18, 2021 Meeting

It's a new year. Let's learn about some new techniques, tips and products. Our **Zoom** speaker this month is Adele Scott of *Ask Adele*. Check out her website at www.adelescott.com. Her lecture/demo covers a lot of topics to make our quilting/sewing projects more enjoyable.

Karen Glasthal



Our newest member, Erin Wolfgang, draws the winning 50/50 ticket at the November meeting.

Quilt Book/Pattern Sale



Date: December 21, 2021

Time: 6:00 through the Holiday Party meeting

Place: Good Shepherd Hall

Prices: Individual Patterns - \$1.00
 Paperback Quilt Books - \$1.00
 Hardback Quilt Books - \$2.00
 Quilting Novels - \$1.00

Cash and Checks accepted. No credit cards.

Thanks to those who donated the books. The money raised will go to purchase new books for our library.

Cathy Fennell

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
December 14 Laura Chaplar	Ruth Heslin There will be NO meeting in December. Resume in January	January 30 TBA

Spring Retreat

Spring is coming and with it will come our Spring Retreat at Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, Pa. from Thursday, March 31 to Sunday, April 3. The retreat is open to all members on a first come, first served basis. As usual there are 2 night and 3 night options.

For newer members who may not have attended one of our quilting retreats we work on whatever projects we want. Additionally, there is always at least one shopping expedition, lots of chat and getting to know each other and usually some games in the evening. The fee covers your room and meals and the sewing room rental so there is no other expense (unless you go shopping).

If you have questions about retreat, please feel free to contact me at either baarbhughes@verizon.net or 215-407-0580.

The sign-up form is included in this newsletter and will be available at the December meeting. Please bring your deposit check and completed form to that meeting or mail it to me at:
362 Church Rd, Elkins Park, PA 19027 before then.

Barbara Hughes



Sewing room from our 2018 Black Rock Retreat



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Spring Retreat – March 31-April 3, 2022

Blackrock Retreat Center, 1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quaryville PA 17566 (www.blackrockretreat.com)

Coordinator: Barbara Hughes (baarbhughes@verizon.net)

3 or 2 Night Options:

3 Nights		(8) Meals Included:
Thursday night March 31 TO Saturday night April 2	\$300.00 pp	Thr: D Sat: B-L-D Fri: B-L-D Sun: B

2 Nights		(5) Meals Included:
Thursday night March 31 & Friday night April 1 OR Friday night April 1 & Saturday night April 2	\$235.00 pp \$250.00 pp	Thr: D, Fri: B-L-D; Sat: B Fri: D, Sat: B-L-D; Sun: B

Timeline	June, 2019 November, 2021 December 28, 2021 January, 2022 February 15, 2022 Up To March 1, 2022 March 31-April 3 Minimum/Maximum 10/25	VFHQ Paid Non-Refundable Deposit to BRRC (based on 20 attendees) Communication to Guild \$50 Non-Refundable Deposit due from attendees Balance Payments (full or partial) Accepted Final payment Due. <i>No cancellations or refunds after this date!</i> <i>Unless spot filled by a new registration</i> Will take additions with full payment (if room available) Retreat
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Final Balance Due Tuesday, February 15, 2022

(check payable to **VFHQ**)

Name: _____

eMail: _____

Balance Payment

Cash ☐

Check ☐ Check # _____

☐ 3 Night Option (Thr Mar 31 - Sat Apr 3)

☐ 2 Night Option (Thr Mar 31 & Fri Apr 1)

☐ 2 Night Option (Fri Apr 1 & Sat Apr 2)

Requested Roommate(s):
(1 Full + 2 Single beds per room)

Commitment Due by Tuesday, December 28, 2021

(check payable to **VFHQ**)

Name: _____

eMail: _____

\$50 Non-Refundable Deposit Payment

Cash ☐

Check ☐ Check # _____

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December

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Dignity Bib Workshop
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Zoom Afternoon Bee	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 IN PERSON Guild Meeting Holiday Party	22	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Charlene Hagerty's Tumbler quilt was made using an Accuquilt cutter and dies.



Rita Mack's project from the Accuquilt workshop



Kayleigh Graff



Rosemary Geisler



Jeanne Dzedzy



Dawn Heefner was happy to find antique stencils to add to her collection of historic sewing items.



Ruth Heslin's November UFO



Charlene Hagerty



Rita Mack



Sue Fisher



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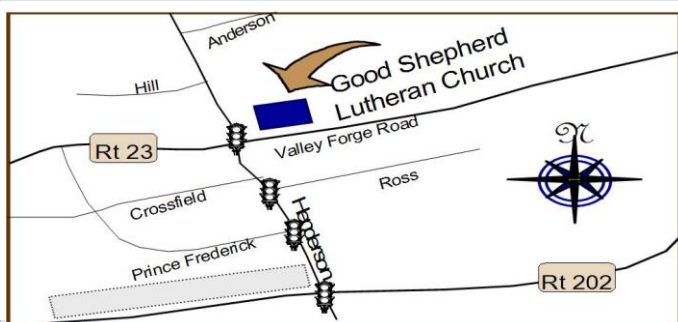
Monthly Guild Meetings are held
on the **Third** Tuesday of every
month at 7 P.M. at the
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
in King of Prussia, PA

Board of Directors

President	Deb Graves
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Guild Committees and Resources

50:50	Debbie Bianco
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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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Retreat/Spring	Barbara Hughes
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Workshops	Cathy Fennell
Zoom/Technology	Sue Fisher



Newsletter Submissions

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