



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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February 2022

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President's Corner

Last month I wrote about ergonomics. Our January speaker, Adele Scott, mentioned ergonomics with respect to the angle that we hold the rotary cutter against the mat. She told us a 30 degree angle gives the best cuts for the least effort.

How do you get a 30 degree angle? The answer is not to hold the cutter at a weird angle but to fix the height of your cutting surface. If the table is too low, maybe the counter would be better. At workshops we use table risers to increase the height, which is great for taller members, but some of us shorter folks might prefer the standard table height.

Another ergo tip for cutting is to replace the blade from time to time. If you have to push harder because of a dull blade, you put more strain on your shoulders and arms. And if you own a die cutter, use that, to take all that effort off your arms.

Nine members shared their Block-of-the-Month blocks at the January meeting. Will you join us for the next block? The "House 1" blocks could be used in the quilt from the pattern, or for a wall hanging, or placemats, or a table runner. We are resuming the first Tuesday of the month evening bee on Zoom, which will give us a chance to work on those blocks or ask questions about them.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Until next time,
Deb Graves

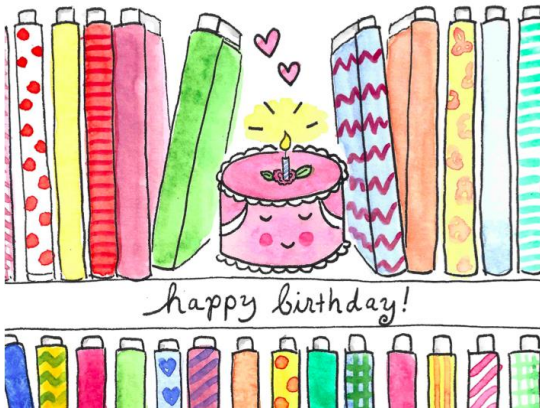
February 15, 2022 Zoom Meeting

Liz Dicrescenzo (Joan Shaw's sister) will tell us how her quilt guild made the blocks and created a barn quilt trail for their community in Canada.

March 15, 2022 Zoom Meeting

Jane Haworth is going to tailor her fabric collage lecture to help inspire us with our "Picture This" challenge. She has a unique method of transforming a picture into a quilt.

Karen Glasthal



Birthdays

February:

- 9 Molly Lorenz
- 10 Barbara Jones
- 16 Joann Kirschenmann
- 17 Esther Canning
- 19 Ann Lister
- 24 Sandy Dounce
- 26 Laura Ocker
- 26 Jen Fillman
- 28 Linda Vanek

March:

- 4 Lou Chandler
- 13 Gail Forster
- 15 Lisa Steuer
- 18 Cathy Fennell
- 19 Joan Hagerman
- 29 Miriam Bermudez
- 30 Gale White

Pictorial Membership List

Connie Stevenson will be sending out the pictorial membership list soon.

Spring Retreat

MARCH 31 – APRIL 3, 2022 at Black Rock Retreat Center Quarryville, PA. For attendees to Spring Retreat at Black Rock Retreat Center, please remember that your final payment is due by February 15. Please mail to me by that date at Barbara Hughes; 362 Church Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19027.

I will send an email to let you know what your balance is and including other pertinent information. Be on the lookout for that. I will confirm receipt of your check promptly. I hope everyone is looking forward to this time away to focus on whatever project or projects you want.

Barbara Hughes

New Guild Events On [Zoom](#)

You asked. We are doing it!

The first Tuesday of each month will be a bee from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Deb Graves will host via [Zoom](#). A link will be sent out. You can work on the Block of the Month or any other project.

The first Saturday of every month will be a Saturday Sew Along via [Zoom](#) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. You can work on whatever you choose. A link will be sent out. Both occasions give everyone the opportunity to sew and chat, two things we love to do.

Comfort Quilts

The goal this year will be 125 comfort quilts. I didn't pick up any quilts for January. In order to keep things from getting messed up on the counts, I count what I have received in between each meeting. I picked up quilts on Wednesday after the meeting so they will be counted in February. The next pick up for quilts will be inside at Steve's at 11:00 on February 9. Let me know if you need any supplies.

Maxine Close

Meeting Minutes January 16, 2022

WELCOME: Deb Graves opened our Zoom guild meeting by welcoming everyone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Karen Glasthal shared that we can't meet at the church in May and the availability of the township building is unknown at this time. Since we don't know our meeting format or location, Karen suggested that members share family heritage quilts whether in person or photos on **Zoom**. She asked for a raise of hands for volunteers. 8-9 members volunteered to participate by sharing quilts.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine Close reminded members of the opportunity to meet at Steve's Sewing on January 19 at 11:00 a.m. to pick up kits or give her donations. The goal for charity quilts for 2022 is 125 quilts.

WORKSHOPS: Cathy Fennell announced upcoming workshops.

- January 22nd will be Comfort Quilts via **Zoom** with Maxine beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- February 19th will be Mystery with Beth Mancini. The workshop is FULL. There is a waiting list. If you want to be added, email Cathy.
- March 19th will be "Do Not Touch the Quilts" with Linda Hamel and Judy Snook. Judy showed examples of the mini-quilts for the Quilt Show that we will be making. She suggested members go through their novelty prints to find fun objects that you can add cute sayings to rather than just saying Don't Touch. Five people are signed up so far and hope for more. There is a \$10 fee for use of facility and materials. Come with ideas. The suggested size is in the range of 8 x 8" or 10 x 10". See the newsletter or email Cathy with questions.
- April 23rd will be Barn Quilt with Gigi Procario. We will be painting a wooden quilt block. There is a \$15 materials fee.
- In May there will be Broderie Perse with Cathy Fennell. Cathy presented examples via slide show photos. She reminded us to make a background ahead of time. Quilting can be done before or after the applique.

SPRING RETREAT: Barbara Hughes shared that eleven people are signed up for the spring retreat and that Black Rock is good to go. She sent an email out for attendees to communicate dietary needs by Wednesday.

BEES: Please refer to the newsletter for dates of all the Bees. Deb announced there is a new Bee. Starting February 1, we are going to have a Tuesday evening bee on **Zoom** 7:00-9:00 p.m. This bee will be on the first Tuesday of each month. Join and work on the BOM or a UFO with company.

PROGRAM: Karen introduced Adele Scott of *Ask Adele*. Adele demonstrated some helpful gadgets and gave useful tips and techniques. Adele has tested out different tools and only sells ones that she thinks work well for the task. She communicated several times that she is available by email to answer any questions about the products. Her website is www.askadele.com.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: The January Block of the Month block was the Log Cabin block. Nine people submitted photos. The drawing winner among participants was Jen Fillman. Molly Lorenz announced that the small house block #1 is to be completed over two months with six blocks due by the March meeting. Molly suggested that you cut out all the fabrics for the blocks at one time.

January Meeting Minutes, continued

UFO CHALLENGE: Deb read a wrap up note from Cathy Fennell, "Thanks to everyone who participated in Cathy's UFO Challenge. There were five people who completed all their UFO's: Sandy Dounce, Meghan Heslin, Ruth Heslin, Linda Jarosz, and Judy Snook. Look for a surprise in the mail. Congratulations to you and to all who participated. Most members completed at least four UFO's. There is no UFO challenge this year but maybe again in the future."

SHOW AND TELL: Members shared their show and tell projects through photos.

FEBRUARY MEETING: Our next meeting is by Zoom on February 15. Liz Dicrescenzo (Joan Shaw's sister) is going to tell us how her quilt guild coordinated the project to establish quilt barn blocks in their community. We are hoping this inspires everyone to join in for April Workshop

Respectfully submitted

Laura Ocker

Guest Policy for Zoom Meetings

Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild welcomes new quilters into our group. A quilter or would-be-quilter can get a sense of the group by attending a meeting as a guest. However, we are reluctant to share our Zoom links because of the potential risk of "Zoom bombing" that has made the news. Therefore, we want to verify that a potential guest is a person who is a quilter or who is interested in learning about quilting. We can do that easily if the guest is acquainted with a member who can let us know that the person is interested in quilting. Alternatively, we can look at their online presence or have a conversation with them. The guest at a Zoom meeting would still be expected to pay the guest fee by mailing a check. We need a few days in advance of a Zoom meeting to approve a guest and share the link.

Maybe, Maybe Not

The location of our May meeting is uncertain at this time. We are not allowed in the church due to elections and the township has not decided if we may use their meeting room (due to Covid). So, I'm working on a program that is fluid. I'm looking for members who have some cherished family quilts they would like to share with the guild. They can take a few minutes telling us about the quilts and the quilters. This way if we meet in-person, you can bring your quilt(s) and give us a little show 'n tell, or if we must do our meeting by Zoom you could take a picture of the quilt to share in a slideshow and tell us about your quilt(s).

You may help by letting me know if you have a quilt to share. Please call me (Karen) at 610-407-0794 or email me at glasthalk@gmail.com

Thank you for your help.

Karen Glasthal

Block of the Month - January Blocks

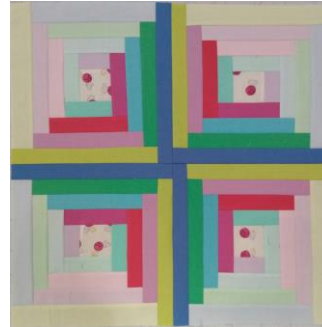
February 2022



Rosemary Geisler



Jen Fillman



Cathy Fennell



Deb Graves



Linda Mitchell



Linda Jarosz



Babette Sunderland



Judy Snook



Rita Mack

Make the small house in February and March. Make a total of six.



ANOTHER SUGGESTION FROM YOUR SEWING MACHINE REPAIR MAN

Your sewing machine looks aghast when you sew with flannel and other fluffy fabrics. That machine knows it is going to be full of lint. Make it happy by removing the needle plate and cleaning out the lint. Don't forget the bobbin case. If you use canned air, don't spray the lint into the machine, angle the tip to spray air out.

Workshops

Mystery Quilt Workshop with Beth Mancini

Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022

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

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: \$15

Lunch: Please bring your own

Please call or email Cathy Fennell to be put on the WAITING LIST for this workshop.

Do Not Touch Fabric Signs with Linda Hamel and Judy Snook

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2022

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

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: \$10

Lunch: Please bring your own

Fusible and batting will be provided

Methods of putting words on your quilt will be demonstrated. Some mini kits will be provided.

There will be help with ideas and the making of the small quilts.

Please call or email Cathy Fennell to sign up for this workshop.

Wooden Barn Quilt Blocks with Gigi Procario

Date: Saturday, April 23, 2022

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

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: \$15 (All materials included with the cost.)

Lunch: Please bring your own

Please call or email Cathy Fennell to sign up for this workshop.

Saturday Sew Along via Zoom

Date: 1st Saturday of the Month beginning on February 5.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

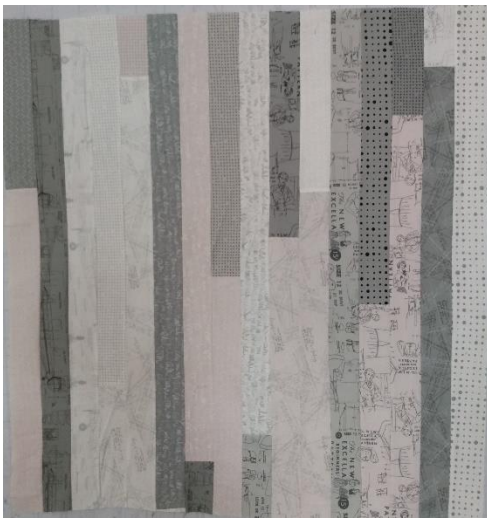
Place: Your home via Zoom

Project: One of your own choosing



Ideas for DO NOT TOUCH Minis

May Broderie Perse Workshop with Cathy Fennell



Sample Backgrounds



Samples with Broderie Perse
Flowers



Quilt Shows

February

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>.

March

Cancelled 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

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

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



Evening Bee 1st Tuesday Zoom 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Coordinator – Deb Graves	Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday Zoom 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Coordinator – Jean Hayden	Thurs. Evening Bee 4th Thursday 6:00-8:30 p.m. Coordinator – Ruth Heslin	Northern Bee 5th Tuesday Zoom 6:30-9:30 p.m. Coordinator – Barbara Hughes
February 1 st	February 8 th Joan Shaw	February 24 th Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, PA Masks required	March 29 th TBA

February

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Zoom Evening Bee	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Zoom Afternoon Bee	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Zoom Guild Meeting Liz Dicrescenzo	16	17	18	19 In Person Mystery Quilt Workshop
20	21	22	23	24 In Person Thursday Evening Bee	25	26
27	28					

Our Quilt Show - October

There are a whole lot of things to get done for our Quilt Show! At our February guild meeting, we will hear about two events that you will want to be involved in.

- What is the Boutique? What can you do to help the Boutique and make money for yourself at the same time?
- What is the Mini Quilt Raffle? Does that really mean those tiny pieces of fabric sewn together? (The answer is no.) Then what is it?

Join our February guild meeting on Zoom to hear all about what these two events are and how you can use your creativity to make a difference.

December Show and Tell

February 2022



Jen Fillman made this red, white and blue quilt for her grandmother who is a DAR member.



Linda Jarosz – Early Morning Star quilt was a Christmas gift for her son and daughter-in-law.



This Enchanted Woods themed quilt is for Becky Weiland's granddaughter.



Sue Fisher's January 'Pillow of the Month'.



Inspired by a Betty Neff Story quilt, Mary Molettieri made this surprise birthday gift for her husband Tom honoring his career as a barber.

February 2022



Meghan Heslin finished this 8 year (!) project by Laurie Holtz featuring 6 1/2" blocks.



Deb Grave made this 1/2 square triangle quilt with prize fabric.



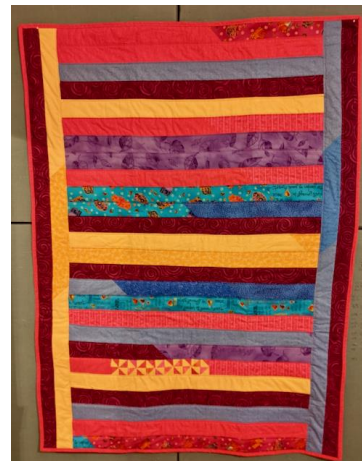
Kate Sevensky refers to the difficult UFO project she completed on the left as the Bargello Nightmare and the other she did for a friend as Postdoc Bargello.



Sandy Dounce



Meghan and Ruth Heslin are doing the 2022 Mini Quilt Mission and this month did the design call Mini Love.



Charlene Hagerty made this Comfort quilt at the Tea Jelly Roll Race.



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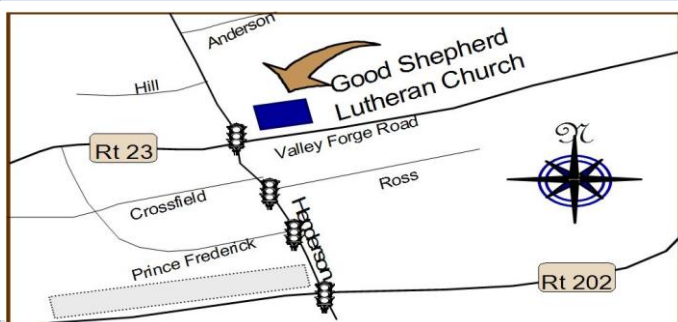
Monthly Guild Meetings are held
on the **Third** Tuesday of every
month at 7 P.M. at the
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
in King of Prussia, PA

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Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Open
Northern	Barbara Hughes
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Block of the Month	Molly Lorenz
Challenge	Sandy Dounce
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Newsletter Submissions

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