



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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October 2022

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President's Corner

Let me just recap how nice the Secret Garden Friendship Tea was! Of course, if you attended you know, but if you didn't you can mark your calendar for September 23, 2023, so you don't miss the next one.

About two dozen members gathered to chat and sew and learn and share a potluck lunch (heavy on the desserts!). Several new members came so we got to know each other better than we do at regular meetings. Thank you 'sew' much to **Charlene Hagarty** and **Cathy Fennell** who planned this event. They had festive decorations, door prizes, and two make and take projects.

We are in the home stretch for the quilt show. You have sent in your entries, signed up to work shifts, and planned some goodies for the cafe. If you entered a UFO, you still have a couple weeks to finish it. Get sewing.

If you are done sewing your quilts, you could make some items to sell in the Boutique or finally organize your sewing area and donate unwanted but gently used useful items to Grandma's Attic. Remember our October meeting will be collection of items for the quilt show. Find the details elsewhere in the newsletter.

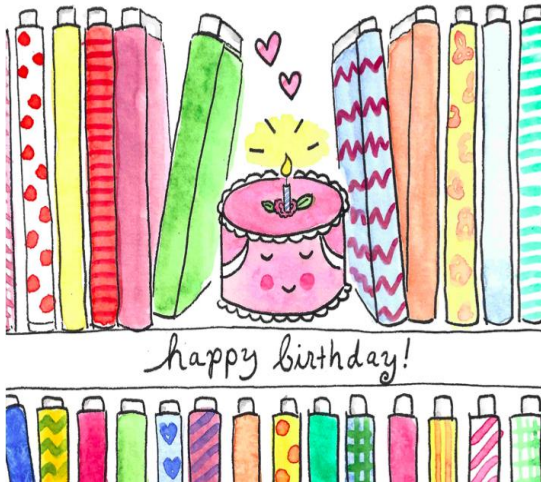
Before sitting down to write this column I was out walking and spotted a yellow parakeet in someone's driveway. It wasn't too skittish, but it flew away when I tried to catch it, and then it poured rain. I did post the spot on several sites for lost pets. I hope the little guy finds a safe home.

Until next time,
Deb Graves

Thank You

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the members and friends who sold raffle tickets and white gloved at the quilt show in Oaks. It was quite successful mostly because of all your friendly faces and warm greetings to the attendees. I could not have done this without your help.

Cathy Fennell



Birthdays

October:

- 2 Marcy Mancini
- 7 Dara Dinner
- 7 Kayleigh Graff
- 9 Joy Brown
- 11 Peggy Melachrinios
- 18 Karen Glasthal
- 30 Christine Capece

November:

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

October 18, 2022 Meeting

This month is all about quilt show preparation. Please bring your registered quilts, items for the boutique and grandma's attic (baked goods should be dropped off the mornings of the show). The process to submit your quilts may take some time. You might want to bring a hand project to work on while you wait.

November 21, 2022 Meeting

There's a few things happening this month. The quilt show wrap-up. We'll hear from our quilt show committee as to how well we did with our quilt show. We'll see the viewer's choice winning quilts. There will also be an anniversary celebration of our club....35 years! Let's eat cake! Finally, we'll talk a bit about our holiday party in December.

Karen Glasthal

Comfort Quilts

At the Tuesday night meeting I picked up 11 quilts and another 9 were brought to the gathering on Friday. The total for September is 20 quilts making a total of 176 for the year!!! Another gathering will be Friday, October 14 at my house at 9:30. Lunch is provided. Gail Dovalovsky brought several quilts from her home in Ephrata. Shirley Horning joined in on this last gathering. Former members stepping up to help.

Thank you to everyone who is contributing so many quilts!!!

Maxine Close



Becky Weiland received an Honorable Mention – Wall Quilts ribbon at the recent Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza in Oaks. Congratulations Becky!

Meeting Minutes - September 20, 2022

WELCOME: Deb Graves welcomes all the members present and our new members, Janet Gaboury and Laura Leon-Maurice. Deb took a survey about the quilt show café food donations. Another email for members to sign up to donate will be sent out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Ruth Heslin talked about the mini-quilt donations. They should be as close to 16 x 20" as possible.
- Signup Genius went out for the quilt show jobs. Fifty members have not volunteered. We all need to help.

DOOR PRIZES AND 50/50 DRAWING: Door prizes were won by Laura Chaplar and Kim Girard. The 50:50 was won by Joann Kirschenmann.

BLOCK of the MONTH: Beth Mancini presented the new free Block of the Month, encouraging all to participate. There will be one clue each month to solve the mystery. The quilt trends toward modern although that depends on the fabric you choose. It could be scrappy. She will give the first clue in December for January. The size is about 72x84. She suggests keeping your clues in a binder. She had handouts at the meeting but cannot put it in the newsletter. Contact Beth for more information.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine Close reported twelve quilts were donated last month for a total of 156 for the year. She dropped off some last week to the Paoli Hospital in-house hospice. She has planned two opportunities for members to make comfort quilt kits at her home with a free luncheon. They will be September 23 and October 14 at 9:30.

WORKSHOPS: Cathy Fennell presented the workshops.

- This Saturday, September 24 is the Secret Garden Friendship Tea,
- On November 19 we will be making dignity bibs with Linda Mitchell and is free,
- December 3 will find Kate Mulberger showing us how to make potholder quilts using a quilt as you go method, not making actual potholders. Kate was our guild speaker. The cost is \$35.

BEES: See the newsletter for when the bees occur.

QUILT SHOW: Cathy Fennell spoke about how to register your quilts at the Tuesday, October 18 meeting. The October meeting won't be a regular meeting. There will be several tables for quilts. Bring your labeled quilts, take them out of bag and hand them to the person collecting it. They will put each quilt in fresh bag, and you will be given a receipt for each quilt you submit. You must have the receipt to take your quilt home. All quilts must be labeled. Your quilt should have your full name including your maiden name, where you live, and the date it was made. We have 155 quilts entered and Cathy encouraged people to sign up tonight to register if they have not done so. This is not a judged show, but more for family, friends and each other. Viewers who donate the entrance fee can vote on a favorite. Call Cathy if you can help hang the quilts at 1:00 on Thursday, October 20.

- Carol Olinick would appreciate paper carton box lids for Grandma's Attic
- You can bring items except food to the October 18 meeting. Grandma's Attic, Boutique, raffle baskets and Chance Auction things are to be put on the stage in designated areas.
- Linda Mitchell and Kathie Haney request that you please bring the food you signed up for on either Friday or Saturday morning. If you volunteered to bring something both days, please bring them separately each day. Kathie had a beautiful display of how you can package your goodies and wrappers for items.
- Babette announced that it was the last day to place an ad for the program and to please see her tonight.

Meeting Minutes, continued

PROGRAM Karen Glasthal handed the meeting over to Sandy Dounce. Sandy instructed us in procedures for the evening, read the description of the *Picture This* Challenge, passed out ballots and requested volunteers to count votes. Sue Fisher received the votes over **Zoom**.

Snack was served during voting.

Members shared information about their challenge quilts. Sandy announced the winners.

First prize – Becky Weiland; **Second prize – Tie** – Karen Glasthal and Linda Hamel; **Third prize** – Babette Sutherland

CHALLENGE 2023: Sandy Introduced the 2022-23 Challenge as “Pentagon or hexagon, pink and weather.” The details will be in the newsletter and available at meetings.

SHOW AND TELL: Members showed their projects including mini-quilt donations, block of the month quilts from this past year, bags, and quilts.

OCTOBER MEETING: The next month’s meeting is October 18, 2022. It will not be **Zoom**. Bring in your quilts for the quilt show, boutique, and Grandma’s Attic items.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Laura Ocker



Becky Weiland



Linda Hamel



Karen Glasthal



Babette Sutherland

Picture This Challenge Participants

October 2022



Deb Graves



Joyce Stemple



Laura Ocker



Barb Jones



Judy Snook



Mary Molittierre



Dawn Heefner



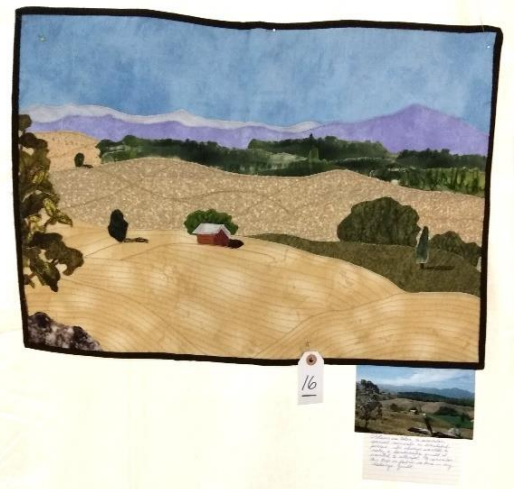
Linda Jarosz



Elsa Scherphorn



Jen Fillman



Peggy Melachrinis

Picture This Challenge Participants



Carol Olinik



Marcy Mancini



Ann Palmer



Cathy Fennell

LIGHT CHALLENGE



Elsa Scherphorn



Barb Jones



Sandy Dounce



Jen Fillman

Light Challenge is a multi-guild challenge sponsored by Undercover Quilters of Brookhaven, PA. The 24"x 24" quilts depict the word light in any way. The quilts will travel to each of the guilds that have entries. So, we will get the quilts sometime during 2023. Guild members in each guild will vote for their favorite quilt.

Quilt Shows

October

Quilts in the Mill – September 30 - October 2, 2022. Presented by the Courthouse Quilters Guild at Prallsville Mills, 33 Risler Street, Stockton, NJ. For more info go to <http://www.courthousequilters.org/quilts-in-the-mill-show.html>.

Quilts from the Heart of Berks – October 7-8, 2022. Presented by the Berks Quilters Guild at [Leesport Farmers Market](#), 312 Gernant's Church Rd., Leesport, PA. For more info visit <https://www.berksquiltersguild.org/copy-of-quilt-show-2018>.

Berry Basket Quilt Show – October 8-9, 2022. Presented by Berry Basket Quilters at Kirby's Mill School, 151 Hartford Road,, Medford, NJ. For info visit <https://berrybasketquilters.com/quilt-show>.

Quilt Fanfare - October 14-15, 2022. Presented by Keystone Quilters Guild at the Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA. For info visit <https://www.keystonequilters.org/quilt-show>.

America Quilts - October 14-16, 2022. Presented by South Shore Stitchers Quilt Guild at the Upper Township Community Center, 1790 Route 50, Tuckahoe, NJ. For more info go to <http://www.southshorestitchers.com/>.

Valley Forge Quilt Show - October 21-22, 2022. Presented by Valley Forge Homestead Quilters at the Good Shephard Church, King of Prussia, PA. For more info visit our website at <http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Evt-QShow-Pg.html>.

November

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #3 - November 2-5, 2022. The third QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse will take place, ONLINE. 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-virtual-schoolhouse-3/>.

14th Annual Exhibition of Quilts - November 11-12, 2022. 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/>.

Check out our [website](#) for upcoming local and regional shows.

Cathy Radcliffe

Shop Hops

Tip: Shop Hops are listed on our website at <http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Res-ShopHop-Pg.html>

Mystery Quilt Shop Hop 10/7 to 10/16

Purchase a passport for \$36 to open the door to receive: 14 fat quarters (52.50 retail), a pattern book (\$10 retail), exclusive tote bag (\$8 retail). Visit 7 shops around the Philadelphia area:

- **Stitch Central** at 2539 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 267-277-4148
<https://www.mystitchcentral.com/shop/c/p/Mystery-Shop-Hop-Passport-2022-x64567095.htm>
- **Byrne Sewing** at 422 East Butler Avenue, Doylestown, PA 18901 215-230-9411
<https://www.byrne Sewing.com/>
- **Cut & Sew** at 7051 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19119 215-621-6504
<https://cutandsewphl.com/>
- **Needles & Bolts** at 6819 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19119 215-316-5696
<https://www.needlesandbolts.com/>
- **Seamless Sewing Arts** at 313 Bridge Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460 484-920-8971
<https://www.seamlesssewingarts.com/>
- **Steve's Sew and Vac** at 314 S. Henderson Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406 610-768-9453
<https://www.stevessewandvac.com/>
- **Pottstown Sewing** at 142 Shoemaker Road, Suite 1, Pottstown, PA 19464 610-326-5055
<https://www.pottstownsewing.com/>

Eastern PA Shop Hop 10/28 to 11/12

Eastern PA Shop Hop 2022 in Berks, Carbon, Lycoming, Luzerne, and Monroe counties featuring "Practical Magic" by Edyta Sitar for Andover Fabrics. For more info go to

<https://www.facebook.com/EasternPAShopHop/>. The participating shops are:

- **Ladyfingers Sewing Studio** at 6375 Oley Turnpike Road, Oley, PA 19547 610-689-0068
<http://www.ladyfingerssewing.com/>
- **Pocono Sew & Vac** at 567 Main Street, Stroudsburg, Pa 18360 570-421-4580
<http://www.poconosewandvac.com/>
- **Wooden Bridge Dry Goods** at 195 Deysher Road, Kutztown, PA 19530 610-683-7159
- **American Ribbon Fabric** at 925 Ann Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 570-421-7470
<http://www.americanribbon.com/>
- **The Quilted Crow** at 413 Delaware Avenue, Palmerton, PA 18071 610-900-4700 <http://www.the-quiltedcrow.com/>
- **118 Fabrics & More** at 1205 State Route 118, Sweet Valley, PA 18656 570-477-3166
<http://www.118fabrics.com/>
- **In Stitches** at 4017 Conrad Weiser Parkway, Womelsdorf, PA 19567 610-589-2625
<http://www.institchesfabrics.com/>
- **Our Generations** at 1307 Park Ave Studio 6-108, Williamsport, PA 17701 570-980-9958
<https://www.facebook.com/Our-Generations-Quilt-Shop-116151525128453/>
- **Hoover's Bernina Sew** at 2282 Beaver Rd, Mifflinburg, PA 17844
<https://www.hooversberninasew.com/>
- **The Warm-Up Shop** at 802 Green Ave, Williamsport, PA 17701 <https://thewarmupshop.com/>

Other Shop Hops

- **Ohio Amish Country Quilt Shop Hop** from 10/31 to 11/05. <https://www.facebook.com/ACQSH/>.

2023 Mystery Block of the Month

October 2022



Who doesn't love a great "Who Done It"? Well, if you would like to do the block of the month for 2023 that is exactly what you're going to get. Some of you have taken my mystery workshops and hopefully had a great time. The nice thing about doing a block of the month mystery is that you will have more time compared to a workshop.

The designer of this quilt suggests one background fabric and choosing fat quarters. I chose larger cuts of fabric in case I needed it. Besides the background fabric, I chose a focus fabric. I went a little crazy and chose a lot of different fabrics but did not use them all. I just wanted options. For the most part, the blocks use three fabrics plus the background. There is one block that uses five different fabrics. If you have your background, a focus fabric and at least four other coordinating fabrics you should be good. I didn't get anything under half a yard and most of my fabric cuts were at least a yard.

The block instructions will not be put on the website or the newsletter. If you are unable to come to guild, don't worry we will get you your patterns either through email or snail mail. As always if you have any questions, I am always here to help you in anyway. If you need to meet at a quilt shop for help, I am always up for that too. This quilt does lend itself more towards the modern which most of you know is not me. But I did use a combination of modern and traditional fabrics. Please do not be dissuaded from this if you are not into modern quilts, make this your own.

Thank you so much for taking this adventure with me.

Mysteriously yours,
Beth Mancini

WELCOME LAURA LEON-MAURICE

Laura's grandmother quilted with scraps and that sparked her interest. Laura has been quilting for over 35 years and has taken many classes. She likes to make wall hangings and bed size quilts. Laura enjoys free styling, making her own patterns. She doesn't especially like machine quilting her quilts so for the first time she sent out a king size quilt to be quilted. She is an executive assistant at the district office for a community college in Oakland, California. Yes, California. She works hybrid three weeks in Philadelphia and one week in California, every month! Laura and her husband missed their only son so moved here from the San Francisco Bay Area last year.

WELCOME JANET GABOURY

Janet likes the whole process of making a bed size quilt from picking out fabric, cutting, piecing, and quilting to binding. "It is fun to give the projects as presents", says Janet. To let you know how much Janet likes to quilt bed size quilts, she has made around 50. She learned to piece from her mother and in her late 20s, she learned to do the hand quilting that she does on most of her quilts. Wall hangings, table runners, and placemats are some of the things Janet has also made. It is a good thing she is retired from being a chemist so she has even more time to enjoy quilting, vegetable gardening, and reading.

Workshops

October 2022

1st Saturday Sew Along -Zoom

Date: October 1

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Your home via Zoom

Project: One of your own choosing

Dignity Bib Workshop with Linda Mitchell (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2022

Time: 9:30 AM to 2 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: Free

Lunch: Please bring your own

Potholder Quilt Workshop with Kate Mulberger (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2022

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: \$35

Lunch: Please bring your own

Spring Retreats

The VFHQ Spring retreat will be Thursday, March 30 to Sunday, April 2, 2023, at Black Rock Retreat Center. I will have details of the cost and the signup sheets beginning at the November meeting. There will be a minimum of 10 participants and maximum of 25 so I hope you will consider attending.

For those who have never been to the retreat Black Rock is in southern Lancaster County near Quarryville, Pa. All meals are provided and included in the cost for the retreat. The bedrooms can take 2 or 3 people. There is opportunity to take walks outdoors in the wooded surroundings and we have always had a campfire complete with S'mores one evening as well as some fun and games. Need I add that if you want or need to you can also go shopping at Lancaster County quilt stores.

Retreat is an opportunity to get to know other members and spend concentrated time working on whatever projects you like. We have a good time oohing and aahing over each other's work and helping each other as needed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at baarbhughes@verizon.net or text (or phone) at 215 407-0580

Barbara Hughes

Appraisals aren't just for antique quilts. It's important to document them for your homeowner's insurance too. Giving a bed-sized or elaborate quilt for a gift? Consider an appraisal so the recipient knows the value of the time and materials you invested in making it. The love, of course, is priceless. Dawn Heefner will be doing appraisals at our quilt show on Friday.

Friendship Tea

Ann Palmer



Barb Hughes

October 2022



Charlene Hagarty



The 2022 Friendship Tea was a huge success honoring our new members. Trivets and coasters were made from make-it-take-it kits. The food was delicious. Best of all, there was chatter and sewing in abundance. Many thanks to Cathy Fennell and Charlene Hagarty.

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
October 4	October 11	October 27 Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, PA	November 29

The 2023 Challenge: Pentagon or Hexagon, Pink and Weather

The goal of this challenge is to use either a pentagon or hexagon and the color pink somewhere in the quilted item and something that indicates weather.

Definition of weather – the state of the atmosphere at a place and time as regards to heat, dryness, sunshine, wind, rain. (You can include specialized storm types.)

Follow these rules to make a quilt or quilted object,

1. The item you create may use any quilting techniques, fabrics, and embellishments.
2. It can be a quilt, clothing, or any quilted item.
3. If you make a quilt, it should be no larger than 30 inches on any side.
4. Your creation should be made between October 2022 and September 2023.
5. One entry per person will be accepted.
6. All completed quilts will be displayed and voted on at the September 2023 meeting.

All questions regarding this challenge should be directed to Sandy Dounce



Show & Tell: 2022 Block of the Month

Our Quilt Show is Around the Corner

GRANDMA'S ATTIC:

You can bring your things for Grandma's Attic to our guild meeting, October 18th. Please put everything on the stage in the designated area. Carol is happy with what she has now but would love more!

QUILT SHOW CAFE:

Kathie and Linda appreciate all those who have signed up to contribute to the café this year. For those who haven't, please consider a donation. It doesn't have to be something that we suggested. We would be grateful for anything that you would like to make or buy in the category of baked goods or snacks. All items will need to be packaged, and we will bring more packaging to the next guild meeting. Kathie and Linda will be available to receive donations at the church on Thursday, October 20, starting at 1:00 p.m. and before the show on both Friday and Saturday. Please consider donating! Please email Linda at Lamitchell8@yahoo.com or Kathie at khaney2847@gmail.com with any questions. Please help make this year's café a success!

DIRECTIONS FOR TURNING IN YOUR QUILTS:

We will collect the quilts to be exhibited at our Quilt show on Tuesday, October 18.

All quilts should be labeled but do not need to have hanging sleeves. You do not need to bring the form you sent to Sue Fisher.

Please form an orderly line.

Tables will be set up for Cathy Fennell and Judy Snook to check in your quilts.

Please bring just your quilts. They do not need to be in pillowcases or plastic bags unless that is how you transport them. We will ask you to remove the quilts from the pillowcase/plastic bag before presenting to Cathy or Judy.

Your quilts will each receive a number which is pinned on the back of the quilt near the label. You will receive a receipt for each quilt entered. Please keep these receipts somewhere handy as you will need to bring them on Saturday, October 22 at 5:00 to retrieve your quilts.

We will place all quilts in clear plastic bags, sorted by size and/or category. The quilts will be transported to a member's home for safekeeping until Oct. 21 when we will be hanging them to exhibit.

October

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Zoom Saturday Sew Along
2	3	4 Zoom Evening Bee	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Zoom Afternoon Bee	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Guild Meeting	19	20	21 QUILT SHOW	22 QUILT SHOW
23	24	25	26	27 Thursday Evening Bee	28	29
30	31					



Sue Fisher completed this delightful quilt for her granddaughter.

September Show & Tell

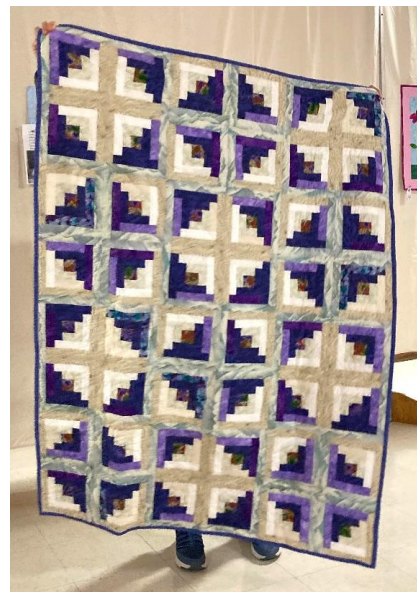
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Jen Fillman's Dresden Plate



Gail Forster



Rita Mack



Cynthia Krommes



Jen Fillman



Joan Gunder



Marcy Mancini





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on the **Third** Tuesday of every
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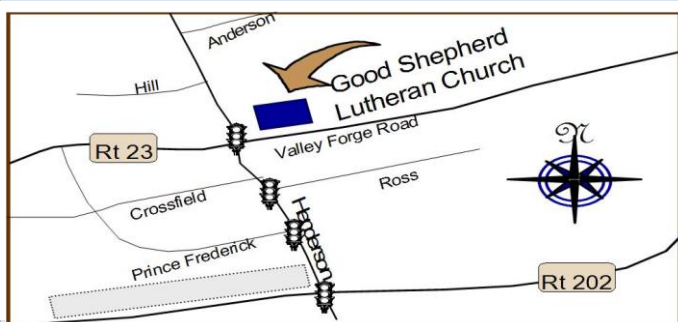
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50:50	Debbie Bianco
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Bees:	

Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Deb Graves
Northern	Barbara Hughes
Thurs Evening	Ruth Heslin
Block of the Month	Molly Lorenz
Challenge	Sandy Dounce
Comfort Quilts	Maxine Close
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