



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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December 2022

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President's Corner

More than four hundred people attended our quilt show and had Viewers' Choice ballots. At the November meeting the winners were announced and shared their stories. Congratulations Beth, Mary, Becky, and Karen. Mary attended by **Zoom** and we got to hear her story. See the photo of her quilt in this newsletter (along with the other winners).

I and about fourteen other members participated in the Dignity Bib workshop led by Linda Mitchell. It was both efficient and productive. I was able to complete 3 bibs in 4 hours thanks to the cutting and ripping crew including Judy, Lisa, Gail, Ethel, and Rita. None of them finished a bib, but the work they did starting the process really helped the sewers be productive. While this is not quilting, this social sewing supports veterans, and the bibs are greatly appreciated.

The extra Halloween candy is taken care of, leftover stuffing and pumpkin pie have been eaten, and now I am getting ready for all the solstice holiday foods. Don't miss our December meeting if you want to have some yummy appetizers and desserts, play games, socialize, and exchange gifts.

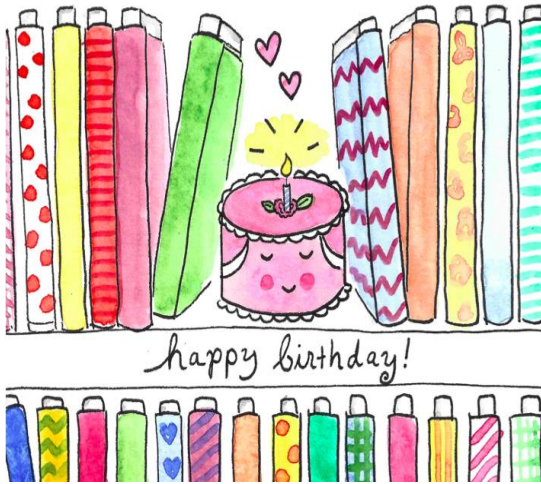
I hope you all have fun, safe, and healthy holidays.

Until next time,
Deb Graves



*The quilt is the hug you
would have given if you
were present.*

Gyleen Fitzgerald



Birthdays

December:

- 2 Joan Gunder
- 3 Ethel Hutchinson
- 4 Janet Gaboury
- 5 Ann Palmer
- 6 Connie Stevenson
- 12 Dottie Dolgash
- 19 Becky Weiland
- 25 Carol Frank
- 30 Lynn Telson

January:

- 11 Cynthia Krommes
- 14 Martine Green
- 21 Gigi Procario
- 21 Mary Molettiere
- 30 Debbie Bianco



Janet Gaboury

Programs

December

Party Time! Our annual holiday party is this month.

Here's a list of things you should know about our party,

1. It starts at 6pm
2. Wear your best "festive attire"
3. We'll eat appetizers and desserts. Please bring dessert if your last name is **A - J**, and bring appetizers if your last name is in the **K - Z** group.
4. We'll play some fun games.
5. We'll have a gift exchange. If you'd like to participate, please bring a wrapped quilt/sewing-related gift valued at \$20.
6. We'll have show 'n tell
7. Let's have fun and enjoy the evening.

*****This will be an in-person meeting only, sorry no Zoom*****

January

In January we will be warm and cozy at home as we have a **Zoom** meeting. Our speaker will be Christina Cameli. She will show us how to combine machine quilting designs. Please have a pen and paper ready to practice these skills.

Karen Glasthal

Comfort Quilts

There were seven quilts for the month of November making a total of 188 quilts for the year!!!! The comfort quilt workshop is Saturday, January 21 from 9:30 to 3. Lunch will be provided. There are premade kits available if you wish. The January meeting will be meeting virtually, so if you are planning on not coming to our workshop, be sure to get your kit at the December meeting.

Maxine Close

Meeting Minutes - November 15, 2022

WELCOME: Deb Graves welcomed a new member, Norma Richard, who was on Zoom. Maria Narliotis and Karen Saalfrank attended the meeting and plan to join the guild. Beta Hess was a guest. Twenty-six members were on Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The guild makes charitable donations in quilt show years. One will be Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Deb asked members to contact a board member before the November 21 board meeting to suggest local groups to be considered for donations.
- St. Thomas Church in Whitemarsh is having its 325th anniversary and celebrating with a Country Fair on Saturday, May 13. If anyone wants to display or sell quilts, they would be welcome. They think nothing says Country Fair like beautiful homemade quilts. If interested, please contact Deb Graves for more information.
- Mini quilt raffle bags with the photo of each mini quilt were available for the donating members to take home.
- Karen Glasthal shared information about the December 20th meeting. It will be in person only and begin at 6:00 p.m. Wear your most festive attire. Bring food according to your last name. **A-J** is to bring desserts. **K-Z** is to bring appetizers. There will be an optional gift exchange. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped quilt related item with a value of around \$20.

DOOR PRIZES: Door prizes were won by Ruth Heslin and Lou Chandler.

BLOCK of the MONTH: The 2023 Block of the Month Mystery is to be led by Beth Mancini. It begins in January. Beth will have handouts at the December meeting. She is willing to help members and answer questions. There are some clues to consider when making fabric choices. In January, the blocks will be tiny 6 ½" blocks. February will be 12" blocks. The following months will be 18" blocks.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Deb gave the financial report for Babette Sutherland including our income for the year. There will be an increase in costs in 2023. The guild will be able to offset costs with income from 2022 and the quilt show. Our income provides funds for programs, insurance, comfort quilts, Zoom, refreshments, and other items.

SPRING RETREAT: Barbara Hughes gave information about the spring retreat. She has registration forms. Contact her if you have any questions or want a registration form. The retreat is March 30 -April 1, 2023, with options of two or three nights. It is held at the Black Rock Retreat in Quarryville, Pa.

WORKSHOPS: For information about workshops, contact Cathy Fennell. November 19 is the Dignity Bibs workshop with Linda Mitchell and is free. December 3 will be with Kate Mulgrew on the potholder quilts. There is a minimum of ten attendees. The cost is \$25. January 21 is a comfort quilt workshop with Maxine Close.

QUILT SHOW: Cathy Fennell gave the quilt show report. The quilt show was very successful as every venue made more than our last show. 481 people attended. 244 quilts were displayed with mostly large quilts. The committee decided not to have a raffle quilt in the near future because of monetary and time commitments. Special presentations of flowers were made to our three quilt show committee co-chairs, Cathy Fennell, Lou Chandler, and Judy Snook with thanks for their outstanding job.

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PROGRAM Karen introduced the program announcing the winners for viewer's choice from our quilt show. First place was won by Beth Mancini for her "Sunflower Gatherings". There was a tie for second place. Mary Molettierre won with her "In Full Bloom" quilt and Becky Weiland won with her quilt, "The Visitor". Karen Glasthal placed third with her stained-glass quilt, "Luminous Dream".

In honor of our 35th anniversary celebration, Karen Glasthal presented an interesting history of the guild after interviewing our founders, Jacque Paltrinieri, and Ann Palmer. She told of a group of ladies deciding to form a local club. Good Shepherd Church offered the use of the hall for free. Fliers were sent out in the King of Prussia area announcing the first meeting. 100 people showed up and 75 people joined the guild. This evening the presidents' quilts were on display and stories were told about them by the recipients. The first quilt show raffle quilt was shown. We celebrated with a cake displaying the guild logo.

SHOW AND TELL: The 2022 block of the month quilts/quilt tops were shown. Rita Mack won the drawing from participants. Quilts made from various workshops came next followed by other beautiful items.

DECEMBER MEETING: Our next meeting will be on December 20th at the church. It will be in person, no Zoom. The program will be our holiday party with gifts, games, and refreshments. Check the newsletter to find out what to bring.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Laura Ocker

Jacque Paltrinieri



President's quilts are made and signed by members at the conclusion of each president's term. These are the President's quilts of our two founding members...still members after 35 years!

Ann Palmer



Past Presidents' Quilts

December 2022



Chris Candello



Dawn Heefner



Lou Chandler



Cathy Fennell



Jean Hayden

Quilt Shows

January

CRAFT NAPA 2023: Uncorked at Home Workshops - January 12-15, 2023. Comprised of 6-hour (1-day) and multi-day workshops, all taking place virtually via Zoom. 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/craft-napa-2023/>.

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #4 - January 25-28, 2023. Our fourth QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse will take place, ONLINE. Mancuso Show Management is no stranger to online quilting and textile arts seminars. We've learned that many students enjoy learning 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 <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtual-schoolhouse-4/>.

February

AQS Quilt Week - February 22-25, 2023. 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 23-26, 2023. Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the [Hampton Roads Convention Center](#), 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/>.

QuiltCon - February 23-26, 2023. Presented by The Modern Quilt Guild at the [Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart](#) at 240 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA. For more info visit <https://www.quiltcon.com/>.

March

AQS Quilt Week - March 22-25, 2023. Presented by AQS at the [Branson Convention Center](#), 200 S Sycamore Street, Branson, MO. For more info visit <https://www.quiltweek.com/>.

Lancaster Quilt Show - March 29 - April 1, 2023. At the [Wyndham Lancaster Resort and Conference Center](#), 2300 Lincoln Highway E, Lancaster, PA. In 2023 the show will be moving back to Rt 30 to the Wyndham Host Resort. The show features over 40 vendors, a quilt exhibit and classes throughout the week. For more info visit <https://www.thelancasterquiltshow.com/>

2023 Relief Sale - March 31 - April 1, 2023. Since 1957, all sale day proceeds benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee which include aid to the victims of poverty and other man-made and natural disasters. At the [Farm Show Complex](#), Harrisburg, PA. For more info visit <http://www.pareliefsale.org/>.

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

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
December 6	December 13	No Meeting in Dec. Fairview Church, Fairview Village, PA	January 31, 2023

Spring Retreat!!!



Don't forget that deposit for your spring retreat reservation is due to Barbara Hughes by December 20, 2022 at the latest. There is still room for more to attend so mail your deposit and form to Barbara today! Any questions please contact her at 215 635-2715 or 215 407-0580 or baarbhughes@verizon.net.

Barbara Hughes

All necessary information and forms
are at the end of the newsletter.

2022 BOM Show 'n Tell



Deb Graves



Cathy Fennell

VFHQ Quilt Show Viewers' Choice Awards

Of the over 240 quilts displayed at our 2022 quilt show, our guests chose these as their favorites.



First Place
Beth Mancini
Sunflower Gatherings



Second Place Tie
Becky Weiland
The Visitor



Third Place
Karen Glasthal
Luminous Dream



Second Place Tie
Mary Molettieri
In Full Bloom

Dignity Bib Workshop

On Saturday, November 19, seventeen members attended the Dignity Bib workshop. We celebrated with each person who successfully completed their first one, and everyone enjoyed supporting this charity effort that helps our veterans. Join us at the next workshop in June!

Linda Mitchell



Rose



Lisa, Judy and Ethel taking apart shirts.



Rita



Kate



Connie



Carol



Nancy

Modeling the completed dignity bibs.

Workshops

Potholder Quilt Workshop with Kate Mulberger

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2022

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church

Fee: \$25

Lunch: Please bring your own

Fabric needs and cutting directions will be given
at time of payment.

Comfort Charity Quilt Workshop with Maxine Close

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 3 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church

Fee: Free

Lunch: Lunch will be provided.

Please contact Maxine if you need a kit, batting
and/or backing.

Fabric Silhouettes with Erin Wolfgong

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 3 PM

Place: At Your Home Via **ZOOM**

Fee: \$30

Zoom information, fabric needs and cutting direc-
tions will be given at time of payment.

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Quilt Show Bake Sale Request

COFFEE WALNUT CHOCOLATE CHIP MUFFINS

Made by Debbie Bianco from The Frog
Commissary Cookbook by Steven Poses,
Anne Clark, and Becky Roller

½ c. unsalted butter

½ c. brown sugar

½ c. white sugar

3 T. instant coffee

2 t. vanilla

2 eggs

2/3 c. milk

1 ¾ c. flour

½ t. salt

1 T. baking powder

¾ c. semisweet chocolate chips

1 ½ c. coarsely chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour
twelve 3" muffin pan cups.

Cream butter with sugars, coffee, and vanilla.
Beat together eggs and milk. Combine the
flour, salt, and baking powder. Alternately
add the wet and dry ingredients to the butter
mixture. Stir just to combine. Add chips and
walnuts. Fill the tins full. Bake for 20-25
minutes. Cool 5 minutes, then remove from
the tins and cool on racks. Also, delicious
when hot.

(Makes 12-18 muffins)



Joan Shaw

December

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Potholder Quilt Workshop
4	5	6 Zoom Evening Bee	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Zoom Afternoon Bee	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Guild Meeting Holiday Party Arrive at 6:00	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Both Meghan and Ruth Heslin completed their Shop Hop Mystery Quilts in time for a prize.





Gail Forster



Janet Gaboury



Becky Weiland's project utilized a photo from Iceland reproduced at Spoonflower.



Charlene Hagerty finished her project from the Broderie Perse workshop.



Laura Chaplar



Laura Chaplar showing another version of her favorite diamond pattern.



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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

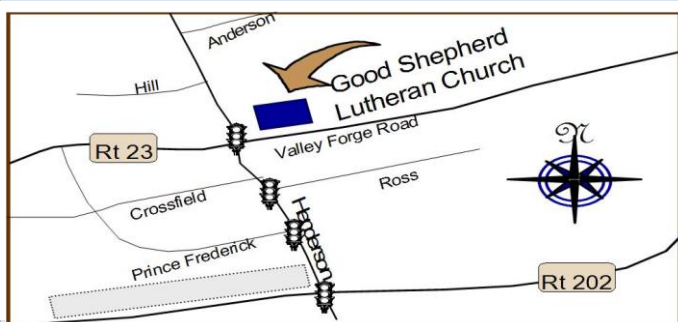
Board of Directors

President	Deb Graves
Vice President	Linda Mitchell
Treasurer	Babette Sutherland
Secretary	Laura Ocker
Membership	Connie Stevenson
Programs	Karen Glasthal
Newsletter Editor	Judy Snook
Parliamentarian	Lou Chandler

Guild Committees and Resources

50:50	Debbie Bianco
AccuQuilt Die Cutter	Lisa Lombardo
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
Facebook	Sue Fisher
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Hostess	Laura Chaplar
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Retreat/Spring	Barbara Hughes
Set-up	Cathy Fennell
Sunshine	Joan Shaw
Webmaster	Cathy Radcliffe
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.



Spring Retreat – March 30-April 2, 2023

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

Coordinator: Barbara Hughes (baarbhughes@verizon.net)

3 or 2 Night Options:

3 Nights	2people/Rm	(8) Meals Included:
Thursday night March 30 TO Saturday night April 1	\$325.00 pp	Thr: D Sat: B-L-D Fri: B-L-D Sun: B

2 Nights		(5) Meals Included:
Thursday night March 30 & Friday night March 31 OR Friday night March 31 & Saturday night April 1	\$220.00 pp \$230.00 pp	Thr: D, Fri: B-L-D; Sat: B Fri: D, Sat: B-L-D; Sun: B

Timeline	<p>June, 2022 VFHQ Paid Non-Refundable Deposit to BRRC (based on 20 attendees)</p> <p>November, 2022 Communication to Guild</p> <p>December 20, 2022 \$50 Non-Refundable Deposit due from attendees</p> <p>January, 2023 Balance Payments (full or partial) Accepted</p> <p>February 21, 2023 Final payment Due.</p> <p><i>No cancellations or refunds after this date!</i></p> <p><i>Unless spot filled by a new registration</i></p> <p>Up To March 1, 2023 Will take additions with full payment (if room available)</p> <p>March 30-April 2 Retreat</p> <p>Minimum/Maximum 10/25</p>

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Final Balance Due Tuesday, February 21, 2023

(check payable to **VFHQ**)

Name: _____

eMail: _____

Balance Payment

Cash ☐

Check ☐ Check # _____

☐ 3 Night Option (Thr Mar 30 - Sat Apr 2)

☐ 2 Night Option (Thr Mar 30 & Fri Mar 31)

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

Requested Roommate(s):

(1 Full + 2 Single beds per room)

Commitment Due by Tuesday, December 20, 2022

(check payable to **VFHQ**)

Name: _____

eMail: _____

\$50 Non-Refundable Deposit Payment

Cash ☐

Check ☐ Check # _____

☐ 3 Night Option (Thr Mar 30 - Sat Apr 1)

☐ 2 Night Option (Thr Mar 30 & Fri Mar 31)

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

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Retreat Coordinator:

Barbara Hughes

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