



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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January 2023

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President's Corner

Let me take a moment to reminisce about our holiday party at the December meeting. Karen Glasthal and her elves Marcy, Kayleigh, and April went all out with fun and games. The food was great. Did you see how many desserts we had?! The snow person contest was a blast, and the snow people were such good sports. Judy Snook kept everyone guessing with the right-left-right gift exchange story.

What's up for 2023? Well, members and committees have been planning meetings and workshops behind the scenes for months already. We are Zooming in January and February, so we don't have to worry about snow days. The February workshop is also by Zoom. You can try out paper piecing to make a silhouette pattern in the comfort of your home. Check out the workshops page to see what else is coming up and try something that is new to you.

Did you make any quilting related New Year's resolutions? Last year I resolved to put things away after I use them. I mostly kept that up. For me, a tidy space is more relaxing and productive. This year, I have a list of projects I intend to finish and/or start. They include a making t-shirt quilt for my cousin, continuing to make a scrap busting quilt, sewing comfort quilts, and of course the 2023 challenge. I am still waiting for a bright idea to pop into my head for that.

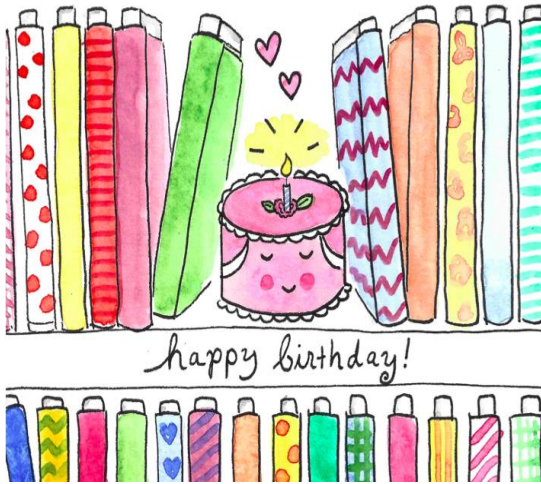
Happy 2023 everyone!

Until next time,
Deb Graves

Program-January 17, 2023

There's no place like home....so get a hot drink, wrap a quilt around you and enjoy our speaker, Christina Cameli. She will be showing us quilting designs. Have a pen and paper handy so you can follow along. **Zoom** only meeting.

Karen Glasthal



Birthdays

January:

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

February:

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

Sorry!

We made an error in last month's newsletter misidentifying two of our members in the show 'n tell photos. For the record, that's Janet Gaboury on the left and Vanessa Garst on the right.

Programs

February

Zoom only meeting. Our member, Erin Wolfgang, will talk about foundation paper piecing.

I recommend that you sign up for her February 25th workshop. It will be a **Zoom** workshop, so you don't have to pack up anything and you can enjoy this class from the comforts of home.

Karen Glasthal

Comfort Quilts

At the December meeting there were 10 quilts that were turned in. I counted the quilts several times to make sure I didn't miss count because we are 2 away from making 200. The total count for 2022 is 198!!!! Thank you to all that have helped. Hope to see you soon at the Comfort Quilt Workshop on Saturday, January 21 starting at 9:30. Lunch is provided by the committee.

Happy New Year,
Maxine Close



Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2022

WELCOME: We have six new members. Welcome to Colleen Wortley, Norma Richard, Christina Fink, Karen Saalfrank, Susan Howatt, and Donna Sneed. Jennifer Hagerty was a guest.

PARTY TIME:

- Our party began with an ice breaker at each table
- Everyone had to sing for their supper as Deb called out song titles and each table sang to earn the privilege of going up to the buffet for food.
- Karen Glasthal was our master of ceremony. Deb Graves won the prize by listing 26 holiday words from A to Z. We had a winner from each table for the most festive attire. Ann Palmer, Karen Glasthal, Kayleigh Graff, Ethel Hutchinson, Nancy Hannum, Laura Ocker, Jennifer Hagerty, and Barbara Hughes dressed the most festive. Unwrapping a Saran wrapped ball was another game full of surprises. Each table dressed up the youngest member with a different snowperson theme.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine Close announced that we had five donations in October, seven in November, and 188 for the year.

BLOCK of the MONTH: Beth Mancini handed out assignments for the 2023 Block of the Month Mystery. She was available before the meeting to consult about fabric choices. Please email her with questions or to ask for instructions if you didn't get them.

SPRING RETREAT: Deposits for the spring retreat were due during the meeting but Barbara Hughes said there is a brief grace period if you forgot your check. Spaces are still available.

WORKSHOPS: Cathy Fennell introduced the upcoming workshops. January 21 will be comfort quilts with Maxine. February 25 will be a **Zoom** workshop with Erin Wolfgang doing a fabric silhouette. There is a \$25 cost. March 18 will be the One Block Wonder with Lori Mukai, also a \$25 cost. April 22 is open. May 20 will be Painted Barn Quilt Blocks with Gigi Procaro. Sign up at the workshop table or contact Cathy. She will be sending out a sign-up sheet via email too.

GIFT EXCHANGE: Members put tables away and made a big circle with the chairs. Judy Snook led the exchange with a delightful story.

GUILD DONATION: There was a special announcement that the guild will be donating to local communities including Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Upper Merion Food Bank, Love Works Resource Center Food Pantry, and Montco SPCA.

SHOW AND TELL: Show and Tell followed. Members presented projects from workshops and comfort quilts. Other beautiful quilts followed.

JANUARY MEETING: Our next meeting will be January 17, 2023, by **Zoom**. Our speaker, Christina Cameli will be teaching us designs and how to build muscle memory for free motion quilting. Please have a pen and paper or whiteboard ready to apply her lessons during the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Ocker



Snow Folk 2022





WELCOME NORMA RICHARD

Norma saw a brochure advertising our quilt show. What a wonderful way to find out what we do. Norma is mostly self-taught. Several years ago, she did take a class and made a small wall hanging. She enjoyed making the wall hanging and would like to make more plus placemats and table runners. She would like to learn how to applique. Norma also liked to hike, read, and play the ukulele. She is a barista. Last year she moved from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania to be closer to her daughter and her daughter's family. She also has another daughter and son-in-law in Denver. Welcome Norma. We are happy you are here.

WELCOME COLLEEN WORTLEY

How often do you google to find out something? Well, Colleen found us in her google search and we're glad she did. She has been sewing since her teens but when she took a class with a friend, she found a new way to play with fabric. Colleen works as an Autistic Support. She likes to garden, walk her dog, have dinner with friends, and travel. She is also a photographer. Colleen has adult twins in Boston and another child in Chicago.

WELCOME DONNA SNEED

Laura Ocker invited Donna to come to our guild. At our holiday party's icebreaker, Donna remembered every detail of everyone's Hershey kiss information! Donna has been sewing since she was 12 years old and started quilting in her 20s when a friend asked her to applique a tree of life quilt and Donna did it by hand! From there she explored many techniques resulting in more than 30 quilts in a variety of patterns, many donated to the Juniata Christian School sale. Donna also likes to swim and ski. She has two sons, a daughter, three grandchildren, two foster grandchildren, and three kittens. A busy lady. Welcome, Donna.

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 info visit <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. Info: <http://www.quiltfest.com>.

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 info: <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/>.

2023 Quilter's Tea – March 25, 2023. Presented by the Loose Thread Quilters Guild at First United Church of Christ, 145 Chestnut Street, Spring City, PA. **This event fills up quickly so please mail your registration form early.** Info: <http://www.theloosethreadsquilters.org/quilters-tea-2023.html>

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/>.

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Quilt Shows, continued

April

Fabric of Life Quilt Show - April 13-15, 2023. Presented by Ocean Waves Quilt Guild at Sussex Academy, 21150 Airport Road, Georgetown, DE. For more info visit

<http://www.oceanwavesquiltguild.org/quilt-show>.

Quilts...Keeping Us in Stitches Show and Sale - April 14-15, 2023. Presented by Homemaker's Country Quilters at the 4H Center, 1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA. For more info visit

<http://homemakerscountryquilters.org/>.

Quiltfest Greenville, SC - April 20-22, 2023. Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the [Greenville Convention Center](#), 1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC. For more info visit

<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-greenville-sc/>.

AQS Quilt Week - April 26-29, 2023. Presented by AQS at the [Schroeder Expo Center](#), 415 Park Street, Paducah, KY. For more info visit <https://www.quiltweek.com/>.

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
January 3	January 10	January 26 Masks required Fairview Church, Fairview Village, PA	January 31

Civil War Potholder Quilt as You Go Workshop

Twelve enthusiastic members worked with Kate Mulberger on learning a new 'quilt as you go' technique on Saturday, December 3. All were working on various projects although many were holiday oriented and several finished them. It was a great technique to learn and we'll all be using it in many ways. We had a great time exchanging quilting methods for the blocks before they were bound, as well as learning a little about using rulers to quilt the blocks.

Cathy Fennell



Laura Ocker and Sandy Dounce



Gail Forster with workshop instructor Kate Mulberger



Babette Sunderland

Potholder Workshop Projects at Show and Tell



Laura Ocker



Karen Glasthal



Rita Mack



Kate Sevensky

Workshops

January 2023

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 25, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 3 PM

Place: At Your Home Via **ZOOM**

Fee: \$25

Zoom information, fabric needs and cutting directions will be given at time of payment.

One Block Wonder Workshop with

Lori Mukai

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: \$25

Lunch: Bring your own

Contact Cathy Fennell to signup for guild workshops.

1st Saturday Sew Along -Zoom

Date: January 7

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

Place: Your home via **Zoom**

Project: One of your own choosing

Guild Donations

As is our custom, the guild shares our success by making extra donations in quilt show years. The 2022 quilt show raised more than prior years and based on that the board increased the amount we donated. Members provided input to the board after the November meeting, and the board discussed the input and decided the donations at the November board meeting.

I am proud to share that the guild made donations to the following local organizations:

- * Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- * Upper Merion Community Cupboard
- * Love Works Resource Center
- * Montgomery County SPCA

Deb Graves

January

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Zoom Evening Bee	4	5	6	7 Zoom Saturday Sew Along
8	9	10 Zoom Afternoon Bee	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Zoom Guild Meeting Christina Cameli	18	19	20	21 Comfort Quilt Workshop
22	23	24	25	26 In Person Thurs. Bee Fairview Church	27	28
29	30	31 Zoom Northern Bee	28	29	30	31



Linda Ulinski's son's favorite holiday is not Christmas but Halloween, so she made this two-sided quilt just for him!



December Show & Tell

January 2023



A brand new member, Donna Sneed



Janet Gaboury



Linda Ulinski



Sue Fisher



Connie Stevenson



Becky Weiland



Sandy Dounce

January 2023



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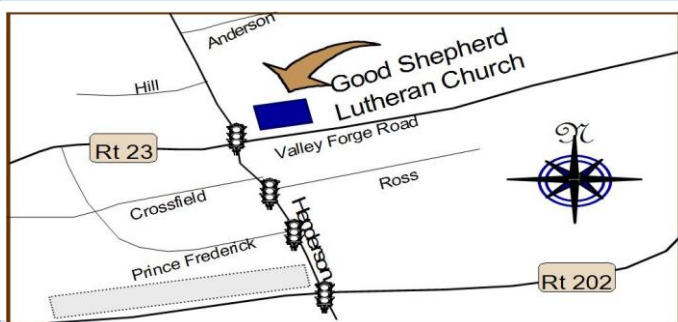
Monthly Guild Meetings are held
on the **Third** Tuesday of every
month at 7 P.M. at the
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
in King of Prussia, PA

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Evening	Deb Graves
Northern	Barbara Hughes
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Newsletter Submissions

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