



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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February 2023

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President's Corner

Is it too soon to hope for spring? I saw some snowflakes the other day, maybe that was enough winter! There are daffodils poking up out of the soil in my neighborhood already.

You know the jokes, don't cut paper with my fabric scissors, and don't ask a quilter to sew on a button. I confess I don't mind doing mending and alterations. Why? Because I get to play with my sewing machines and threads, so it puts me in my happy place. I recently rebound a friend's blanket (an actual blanket, not a quilt) to extend its life, and stitched a child's name onto his quilt. He had noticed that his brother's quilt, which I made, included his name and date of birth and he wanted that too. His mom called me and I happily obliged.

Wait a minute! Don't you bring me your mending. I know our members are accomplished with needles and thread.

We are Zooming in February, so it doesn't really matter what the weather does. Just be sure you have plenty of needles and thread in case you get snowed in. Stay safe and warm!

Until next time,
Deb Graves

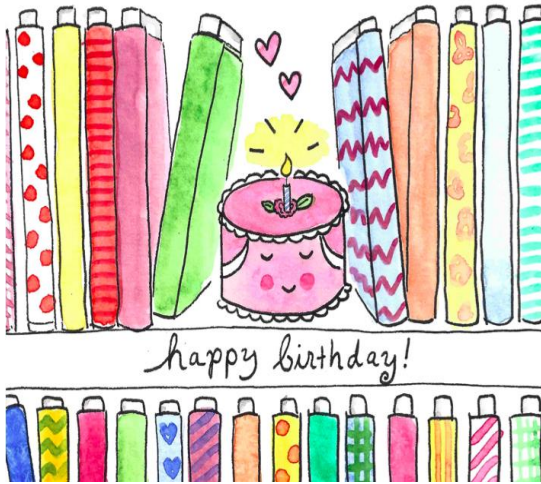
February 21, 2023:

This will be **Zoom** meeting. We can all stay toasty and warm as we watch our speaker, Erin Wolfgang, talk about foundation paper piecing.

March 21, 2023:

This month we'll be back at the church (and **Zoom**). Our speaker this month is Trisha Moller. She will be talking about her quilting journey and how she learned to create her own designs.

Karen Glasthal



Birthdays

February:

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

March:

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

Fabric Scraps for Ukraine

Laura Chaplar saw a contact for a group of people in Lansdale who are making camouflage netting for Ukraine. It is to be used to cover cars, gardens, and statues so they do not get bombed. They need fabric strips that are 2" by 16" to be tied on to the fish net. They do not want shiny fabric as it reflects the light. They have already made eight nets. You can contact Sherry at 215-779-4307. She is willing to pick the strips up. They can also be dropped off at Steve's Sew and Vac or Laura Chaplar will take them.

Spring Retreat Attendees

Spring retreat attendees please remember to mail your final payment to me by February 21. Payments will be acknowledged by email as soon as I get them. Thank you!

Barbara Hughes
362 Church Rd
Elkins Park, Pa 19027

Comfort Quilts

We had a wonderful turn out for our Comfort Quilt Workshop. I believe 29 people came. Another delicious lunch was provided by the committee. Cathy had door prizes for us. Linda Mitchell brought 36 Dignity Bibs for the VA. There were 8 quilts turned in and 30 dolls finished. The total number of quilts for January is 11!! Thank you to all who participated in helping to make this happen and to everyone that makes a quilt for those that are in need of comfort. This one was so much fun I am looking forward to the one in July!!!

Maxine Close

Meeting Minutes - January 17, 2022

WELCOME: Deb Graves welcomed the members to the Zoom meeting. Wendy White is a new member.

BEES: We hold 3-4 bees each month. Please see the newsletter for information.

BLOCK of the MONTH: Janet Gaboury won the Block of the Month drawing. Beth Mancini gave us great tips for making the February block. She put her focus fabric in the middle although that is up to you. She suggested to lightly crease the center of the block in the middle and the surrounding triangles, then lining up the square and triangle with the creases. You may contact Beth with questions or for help. Texting is the best for her.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine Close announced that we made 198 quilts in 2022.

SPRING RETREAT: The final payment for the spring retreat is due by February 21. Please contact Barbara Hughes. You must mail it since we don't meet in person in February.

WORKSHOPS: Cathy Fennell showed examples of the February and March workshop projects. She will send out an email for Sign-Up Genius for those workshops. Once you are signed up, she will send fabric and pattern requirements. Cathy announced that the following workshops are scheduled.

- January 21 - Comfort Quilts with Maxine.
- February 18 - a **Zoom** workshop with Erin Wolfgang, making a fabric silhouette. The cost is \$25.
- March 18 - One Block Wonder with Lori Mukai. It is in person at Good Shepherd Church with a cost of \$25.
- April 22-UFO Workshop with Demos
- May 20 - Painted Barn Quilt Block with Gigi Procario. The cost is \$20.

It is important to note that no credit card information is required for Sign-Up Genius.

NOMINATION OF NEW OFFICERS:

- Kate Sevensky has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee for the officer elections for 2023. Deb thanked Kate for volunteering to be the chair.
- Karen Glasthal interviewed Deb and Connie Stevenson. Deb accepted the position as president to contribute more to the guild. Her duties include leading meetings, writing the agenda, serving ad hoc on the committees, filling committees which was not difficult, fielding questions and inquiries. She spends about 10+/- hours per month on doing these things. Connie is our membership chair. She wanted to be involved to meet and interact with more members. Her duties include keeping membership records, attendance records, the photo directory, collecting dues and distributing membership cards. The role requires some level of computer skills with free Excel and Word programs online as sufficient. She usually spends one hour per month with more during dues collection months.

PROGRAM: Karen introduced our guest speaker, Christina Cameli, a nurse/midwife who began quilting in 2003. She began her free motion work in 2004. She has written five books. She designs patterns and fabric and teaches classes. Her Instagram is @afewscraps. Her presentation was about combining designs in free motion quilting to make something new. She showed many examples to get us thinking about how to apply the concept in our own quilting.

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Meeting Minutes, continued

SHOW AND TELL: Members presented beautiful projects in a Show and Tell slideshow. Deb encouraged more members to send in photos for next month's Zoom meeting.

FEBRUARY MEETING: Our next meeting is February 21, 2023, on **Zoom**. Our speaker will be Erin Wolfgang. Erin will talk about foundation piecing. She will lead the paper pieced silhouette workshop on Saturday, February 25 on **Zoom** in the comfort of your own home.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Ocker

Great response for the Mystery Block of the Month!



Ruth Heslin



Laura Ocker



Laura Chaplar



Meghan Heslin



Donna Raymond



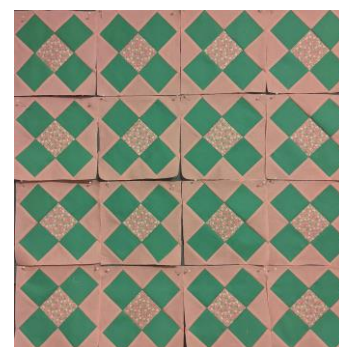
Kathie Haney



Sue Fisher



Barb Hughes



Charlene Hargerty



Janet Gaboury



Karen Glasthal



Mary Molettieri



Cathy Fennell

Quilt Shows

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 <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 more info visit <https://www.quiltcon.com/>.

March

Sharing the Quilts XXXVIII – March 21, 2023. Presented by Harvest Quilters of central New Jersey at Willow Grove Church, Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ. For more info visit <http://www.harvestquilters.com/quiltshow.htm>.

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/>.

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
February 7	February 14	February 23 Masks Required Fairview Church, Fairview Village, PA	May 30



WELCOME KAREN SAALFRANK

Karen's mother taught her to sew when she was a young girl. In the early 80s she took a night school class. The teacher insisted that everything needed to be done by hand to make it a "real" quilt. Karen didn't give it another try for ten years! She likes piecing quilts, the actual quilting, not so much. She also likes trivia games, reading, spending time with her grandsons (who live next door!), and baking. She is always looking for a good book – historical fiction, suspense, or mystery – or a great cookie recipe! Karen is looking for a part-time remote opportunity for work.

WELCOME CHRISTINA FINK

While Christina has been sewing off and on since she was 15, she has been quilting for only a year and a half after taking her first class. She likes felting, painting, and gardening. She is a real estate agent and farmer. Christina has a farm in Barto where she raises cattle for the beef and sheep for the wool. Anyone that is interested in fiber can contact Christina.

WELCOME WENDY WHITE

Wendy became interested in quilting from a friend and family member who both quilted. She likes to do smaller quilts although she has made king size and queen size quilts. Wendy also enjoys making mystery quilts and block of the month projects. Wendy crochets, reads, and likes being with her family that includes a husband and a daughter and son both in their 20s. She certainly has lots of pets! There is a dog, four cats, and one rabbit. Wendy is a medical technologist.

Comfort Quilt Workshop

With 29 members attending, it was a wonderful turn out for our Comfort Quilt Workshop. A delicious lunch was provided by the committee.

Maxine Close



Marebeth, Rita, Joan, Jean and Ethel busy stuffing surgery dolls.



Everyone enjoyed the tasty lunch that was provided to members.



Donna, Kate, Nancy and Rose hard at work.



New member Donna Sneed shows off her project.

Workshops

February 2023

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.



Baby Bear Hug FPP Pattern



It's All Worth It Quilt FPP Pattern

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



1st Saturday Sew Along -Zoom

Date: February 4

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

Place: Your home via **Zoom**

Project: One of your own choosing

UFO Workshop with Demos:

Deb Graves-Notebook Cover and
Cathy Fennell-Improv/Collage
Blocks

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: \$10

Lunch: Bring your own

Deb Graves will share her pattern to make a notebook cover; Cathy Fennell will demonstrate various ways to use up your scraps to make your own material to use in Improv quilting or as a Collage quilt.

February

2023

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



Cathy Fennell



January's Power Point Show & Tell

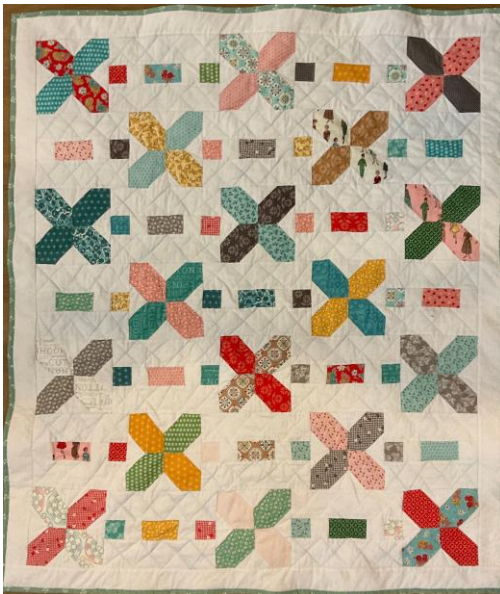
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Marge Quinn



Laura Ocker's Snowflake applique pillow



Marge Quinn



Deb Graves' Book Cover



Norma Richard



Charlene Hagerty



Joan Shaw



Deb Bianco made (4) Christina
Cameli Scrappy Market Totes
from Craftsy



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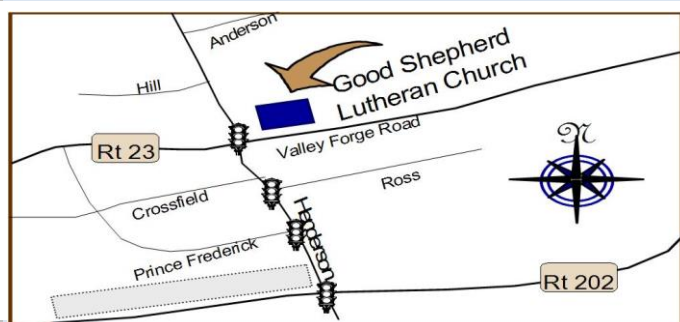
Monthly Guild Meetings are held
on the **Third** Tuesday of every
month at 7 P.M. at the
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
in King of Prussia, PA

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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
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Newsletter Submissions

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