



# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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## President's Corner

Spring has sprung! This is my favorite time of year. I especially love pink flowering trees. I have been known to take detours just to see the trees in bloom.

There are lots of spring things to do. Gardening, house cleaning...er, no, I didn't mean that. There are quilt shows, classes, workshops...see the quilt shows and workshop sections of this newsletter for the dates and links. You may get inspired for your next project.

Maybe some spring weather or pink trees will motivate you to start the 2023 guild challenge? 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. See the full info on our web page ([click here](#)) or talk to Sandy Dounce.

Interested in being more involved with our club? You can review the interviews with officers (in the minutes this month and the two prior months) and see if you might be interested in joining the board. Job descriptions are posted on our web page ([click here](#)). You can nominate yourself by calling or messaging someone on the committee before or at the April guild meeting.

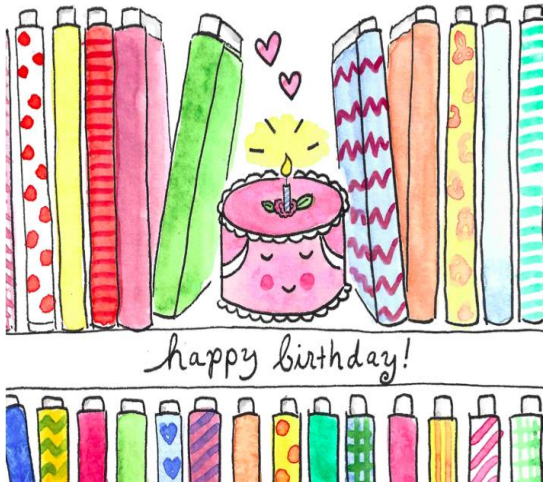
Until next time.  
Deb Graves

## April 18, 2023 Meeting

Our speaker this month is Stella Singleton. She is the owner of *Needles and Bolts* on Germantown Ave in Philadelphia. She is going to have a hands-on program for us. She will be demonstrating Sashisko and we will follow along. She will have a small sample kit for everyone. When you finish the Sashisko, you can make it into a coaster or pin cushion. Please bring scissors and your glasses (if you need them). I've asked Stella to pre-thread the needles.....that will save us all a little time. Stella will also have items from her store for sale, remember to bring some money. This will be an in-person and **Zoom** meeting.

Karen Glasthal





## Programs

### May



This is a **Zoom** only meeting. Our speaker will be internationally known quilter, teacher, author, and designer Karen Combs. Her topic will be *Quilts of Illusions*. Please look at her website at [www.karencombs.com](http://www.karencombs.com). I'm looking forward to her presentation, put it on your calendar, May 16, 7pm.

Karen Glasthal

## Birthdays

### April:

- 4 Rosemary Geisler
- 6 Arlene Greenwald
- 6 Marge Quinn
- 8 Carol Olinick
- 9 Babette Sutherland
- 9 Jean Corday
- 23 Kate Sevensky
- 27 April Hostler

### May:

- 2 Beth Mancini
- 14 Ruth Heslin
- 27 Linda Jarosz

## Comfort Quilts

At the meeting Tuesday night, I picked up 28 quilts!! The total number of quilts for the year is 49!! As of right now I am planning a trip to Einstein and St. Christopher's. Also, in the plans this month is to have ladies here to work on sewing quilts. An email will come out soon on what the dates will be for both.

Maxine Close

## Refreshments - April

Sweet	Savory	Beverage
Barbara Hughes Donna Sneed Karen Glasthal Becky Weiland	Rita Mack Rose Warren Ann Palmer Molly Lorenz	Rosemary Geisler Carol Olinick Karen Saalfrank

## Meeting Minutes - March 21, 2023

**WELCOME:** Deb Graves welcomed two guests, Denise Pokorny and Linda Muzroll, and all the members at the church and on **Zoom**.

- Jen Fillman and Sheila Brassington spoke about members having a selling opportunity at St. Thomas Church (Whitemarsh) at the June 10 Country Fair from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Country Fair will run similarly to our quilt show taking items for consignment with 15% donation to St. Thomas. They are looking for volunteers to help. Contact Jen or Sheila to sign up to sell and for the details.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Kate Sevensky explained the nomination and election process and took written nominations at the meeting. You can nominate yourself or another person. Nominations are to be made in March and April and presented in May. The vote takes place in June. Contact Kate with nominations.

**DOOR PRIZES:** Door prizes were won by Ethel Hutchinson and Joann Kirschenmann. The 50/50 drawing was won by Jen Fillman.

**BLOCK of the MONTH:** Beth Mancini gave hints about the 2023 Block of the Month Mystery. She said it's somewhat easy, to use 3 pin method and you will have nice points. Beth will arrive early by 6:15 each meeting if you want to ask questions or need help. The drawing for the Block of the Month among participants was Janet Gaboury.

**COMFORT QUILTS:** Maxine reported that nine quilts were donated this past month for a total of 21 for the year. We will be making baby quilts for the Einstein NICU. The size 36 x 36 was suggested with larger accepted, none smaller. Please wash the quilts in dye-free, perfume-free detergent. These will be used to cover isolettes. Crochet accepted as well.

**WORKSHOPS:** Cathy Fennell announced the upcoming workshops.

- April 22 (in person) will be a free UFO (bring your unfinished objects to work on) with demos for a notebook cover and what to do with scraps. Bring your own lunch. Cathy will provide a materials list for the demos.
- May 20 (in person) will be a Painted Barn Quilt Block (with Gigi Procaro) The cost is \$20. All materials are provided.
- June 24 we will be making Dignity Bibs.

**BEES:** To learn more about our bees see the newsletter. There are 3-4 every month, on Zoom and in person. Thursday evening is always in person.

**PROGRAM:** Karen Glasthal interviewed two members of the board, Babette Sutherland and Cathy Fennell. Babette is our treasurer. She spends about 3 hours per month writing checks, making deposits, and attending Board meetings. She wanted to have a useful function in our guild. Cathy Fennell took over the workshop committee from Jean Hayden who served many years. She spends 2-3 hours per month. The most rewarding aspect is when people attend the workshops. The difficult part is knowing what people are interested in.

Karen introduced our speaker, Trisha Moller, who shared her quilting journey and how she learned to create her own designs. She told us to "play with what you love" and "break the rules" to make quilts your own creation. Her website is [www.dulcequilts.com](http://www.dulcequilts.com) where she posts some of her designs for free.

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## Meeting Minutes, continued

**SHOW AND TELL:** We enjoyed the refreshments followed by show and tell. Deb reminded us to work on our challenges quilt and to attend bees and Sewing Saturday.

**APRIL MEETING:** Our next meeting will be April 18, Tax Day, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Stella Singleton, the owner of Needles and Bolts, has a fun presentation planned for us in April. She will be doing a follow-along Sashiko demonstration. Kits will be provided, just remember to bring scissors and glasses (if you need them). She will also have a selection of items from her store available for purchase.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Laura Ocker

**Trisha Moller**



## Quilt Shows

### 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/>.

**Quilt Expo 2023** - April 22-23, 2023. Presented by the Baltimore Heritage Quilters Guild at [Timonium Fairgrounds](#) - Home Arts Building, 2200 York Road, Lutherville-Timonium, MD. For more info visit

<http://www.baltimorequilters.com/>.

### May

**QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #5** - May 10-13, 2023. Our fifth 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 visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtual-schoolhouse-5/>.

**Hopewell Valley Quilters Annual Pennington Day Show 2023** - May 20, 2023. Hopewell Valley Quilters invite you to visit their annual quilt show as part of Pennington Day at the Toll Gate Grammar School Cafeteria at 275 S Main St, Pennington, NJ. For more info visit

<https://www.penningtonday.org/quilt-show>.

### June

**Trash to Treasure Sale** - June 10, 2023. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA. For more info visit <https://mainlinequilters.org/trash-to-treasure-sale-6-10-23/>

**Nature of Quilting** - June 24-25, 2023. Presented by the Milford Valley Quilters Guild at the Delaware Valley High School, Rt 209, Milford, PA. For more info visit <https://www.milfordvalleyquiltersguild.org/>.

**Quilt and Fiber Arts Show** - June 24-25, 2023. Presented at the Historic Cold Spring Village, Cape May, NJ. For more info visit <https://hcsv.org/quilt-fiber-arts-show/>.

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

Cathy Radcliffe

*You can't use up creativity. The more you use it, the more you have.*

*Maya Angelou*

## 2023 Challenge

April 2023

Now that winter is behind us, you should all have some ideas for the 2023 Guild Challenge. Here is a reminder of the theme and rules.

The 2023 VFHQ Challenge is "Pentagon or hexagon, pink, and weather". The goal of this challenge is to use either a **pentagon or hexagon and the color pink anywhere in the quilted item and something that indicates weather.**

Follow these rules to make a quilt or quilted object:

1. The item you create may use any quilting techniques, fabrics, and embellishments.

2. If you make a quilt, it should be **no larger than 30 inches on any side.**
3. One entry per person will be accepted.
4. Completed quilts will be displayed and voted on at the September 2023 meeting.
5. All questions regarding this challenge should be directed to Sandy Dounce.

Sandy Dounce

## An Exciting Time for Three Members

Three Valley Forge Homestead Quilt members are also members of Loose Threads Quilters. Linda Hamel, Rosemary Geisler, and Judy Snook joined four others, each making a section of a photo (Wehr's Bridge in Lehigh County) into a fractured quilt. Each quilter's work was done independently until the completed reveal. This was a challenging group effort that really paid off by winning Viewer's Choice First Place in the small quilt category at the Loose Threads Tea on March 25<sup>th</sup>.



## Mystery Block of the Month

There is such enthusiasm for Beth Mancini's Mystery quilt BOM. 17 members showed their progress at the March meeting.



## Workshops

April 2023

### **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Sew Along -Zoom**

Date: April 1

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: Free

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.

### **Wooden Barn Quilt Blocks**

with Gigi Procario

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran  
Church

Fee: \$20

Lunch: Bring your own

During this workshop, we will be making painted quilt blocks on wood, just like the ones we see on barns. All materials are provided.

### **Dignity Bib Workshop** with

Linda Mitchell

Date: Saturday, June 18, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran  
Church

Fee: Free

Lunch: Bring your own

## Bees... Bees... Bees... Bees

A **Zoom** link will be sent out before each bee.

Mark your calendar!

<b>Evening Bee</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Zoom</b> 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Coordinator – Deb Graves	<b>Afternoon Bee</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Zoom</b> 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Coordinator – Jean Hayden	<b>Thurs. Evening Bee</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b> 6:00-8:30 p.m. Coordinator – Ruth Heslin	<b>Northern Bee</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Zoom</b> 6:30-9:30 p.m. Coordinator – Barbara Hughes
April 4	April 11	April 27 Masks Required Fairview Church, Fairview Village, PA	May 30



# One Block Wonder Workshop with Lori Mukai

April 2023

Fun, fun workshop with Lori! Members couldn't wait to sew up another hexagon to see what the next block would look like.



Donna Sneed



Charlene Hagarty



Jean Hayden



Linda Jarosz

# April

**2023**

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 Stella Singleton	19	20	22	23 Zoom UFO Workshop
24	25	26	27	28 Thurs. Bee Fairview Church	29	30
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## Now Is Your Last Chance to Make Your Nomination

Time is running out for you to make your nominations for the new board. That would be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Chair. Feel free to nominate yourself or another member. Look for Miss Piggy to make a return appearance at the April meeting for any last-minute nominations. Email or call me or another member of this committee, Sue Fisher, Barbara Hughes, Judy Snook or Deb Graves, with your nomination or questions.

Kate Sevensky

## Selling Opportunity at St. Thomas Community Fair

1. June 10, 2023, 8:00am-3:00pm
2. We will be there setting up by 7:00am
3. We ask that you sign up in advance with the approximate quantity and type of items you plan to sell so we can plan our setup.
4. All items must have individual price tags with your initials and price.
5. We are offering to transport some items on behalf of guild members if they are smaller, (about 10 items or so, and can fit into a bag or container if possible.)
6. If we are transporting your items, we need the items and your sign-up sheet by end of May if possible unless you make other arrangements to get the items to one of us.
7. Large items or larger quantity of items need to be dropped off to us at the event, the morning of the event, **between 7:00am and 7:30am** for setup, along with your sign-up sheet. You can call or text us if needed that morning. If you are bringing a lot of items, please volunteer to help at least 2 hours that day and be there as early as possible.
8. At drop-off, all items need to be ready to go with price tags attached in a visible spot, so we can check lists and setup quickly and easily.
9. All items must be picked up at the event **between 3:00pm and 3:30pm** unless other arrangements have been made.
10. Items we transport will be brought back to the next guild meeting in **June**, unless other arrangements have been made.
11. Jen will be accepting payment from customers via cash and Venmo **ONLY**, and will pay out members by check or Venmo following the event depending on each member's individual preference. (Please notate on your sheet which you prefer)
12. \*\*\***15% of the sale price of all items will be donated to the church.**

Jen Fillman

Sheila Brassington

April 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

**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:	

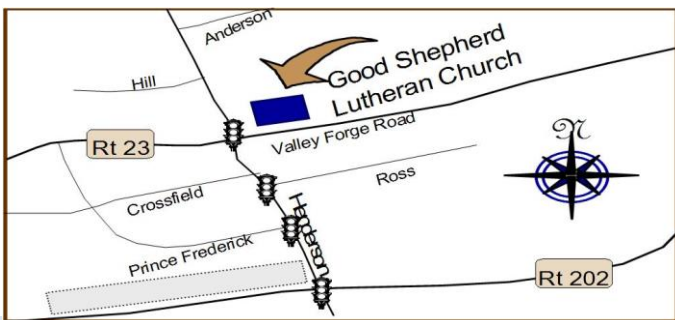
Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Deb Graves
Northern	Barbara Hughes
Thurs Evening	Ruth Heslin
Block of the Month	Molly Lorenz
Challenge	Sandy Dounce
Comfort Quilts	Maxine Close
Facebook	Sue Fisher
Historian	Barbara Hughes
Hospitality	Charlene Hagerty
Hostess	Laura Chaplar
Library	Linda Newpher & Ruth Heslin

Member Comfort	Rosemary Geisler
	Judy Snook

Newsletter Editor	Judy Snook
Newsletter Publisher	Linda Hamel
Programs	Karen Glasthal
Quilt Show	Cathy Fennell, Judy Snook, Lou Chandler

Refreshments	Joann Kirchenmann, Molly Lorenz, Linda Newpher, Rita Mack
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Retreat/Fall	Joan Gunder
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 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.