



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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June 2023

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President's Corner

Hello,

Summertime! We have had a lovely spring, but now hot summer weather is upon us.

Will you avoid sewing because it is too hot to be near a quilt? Or be too busy with vacation and outdoor activities to find time to quilt? To get out of the heat I may retreat to my air-conditioned sewing room, though I may try to avoid using the iron.

I am so glad Cathy Fennell and the Workshop Committee had Gigi Procaro back for an encore barn quilt workshop. I and several others did a cardinal (or blue jay) block. Other people painted variations on star designs. It was fun, and by the time you got home your project was done! No UFO for me this time.

I am really looking forward to our summer solstice eve meeting. First of all, it is the picnic, and I want to try all the yummy foods and desserts that people bring. Besides that, Karen Glasthal has planned a fun program at which we can build our skills, then contribute all our practice blocks to make Comfort Quilts. If you complete your samples quickly, you might be able to use them at the July Comfort Quilt workshop. Our group continues to grow the good work that we do helping others. If you can spare a couple hours on June 24, please sign up for the Dignity Bibs workshop, where your sewing skills make a difference in the lives of veterans.

The September challenge reveal seems far away, but it is not too soon to start a project before you get caught up in your summer activities.

See you at the picnic!

Until next time.

Deb Graves





Birthdays

June:

- 4 Lisa Lombardo
- 5 Marebeth Conard
- 6 Sue Fisher
- 8 Nancy Hannum
- 10 Kathie Haney
- 15 Colleen Wortley
- 16 Sharon Berry
- 16 Rita Mack
- 23 Mindy Horrow
- 28 Donna Raymond
- 29 Linda Mitchell

July:

- 8 Laura Chaplar
- 8 Joan Shaw
- 9 Laura Leon-Maurice
- 11 Carol Mellom
- 13 Jeannie Dzedzy
- 19 Maxine Close
- 21 Judy Snook
- 22 Barbara Hughes
- 22 Debi Kindred
- 28 Jacque Paltrineri

Programs

June

Our picnic that starts at 6:00 p.m. and is in person only. Members are to bring a dish based on your last name. A-F is to bring salads: G-M, entrees, and N-Z, desserts.

The program is "Appli-pay-it-forward". Five of our members will demonstrate different methods of appliqué. You will rotate through the 5 stations to see their demonstrations and receive the materials to try them at home. Please bring back the completed heart blocks in July and they will become part of charity quilt kits - pay it forward. Many thanks to Debbie Bianco, Jen Fillman, Linda Hamel, Jacque Paltrineri and Judy Snook for sharing your knowledge of these techniques with us. We will also vote for the officers for 2023-2025.

July

After our ice cream social (yum), we will enjoy our guest speaker Eliza Hardy Jones. Her presentation is called 'The Song Quilt Project'. It sounds like an interesting inspiration for making quilts (pun intended). This will be an in-person and **Zoom** meeting.

Karen Glasthal

Election of Officers

The slate of candidates for the board was introduced at the May meeting.

President - Linda Mitchell

Vice President - Kayleigh Graff

Treasurer - Kathie Haney

Secretary - Jen Felman

Membership - Karen Glasthal

A vote will take place at the June meeting.

Meeting Minutes - May 16, 2023

WELCOME: Linda Mitchell, vice president, led the meeting as Deb was away. She welcomed members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The June meeting is the picnic that starts at 6:00 p.m. in person only. Members are to bring a dish based on your last name. A-F is to bring salads: G-M, entrees, and N-Z, desserts.

- Kate Sevensky presented the slate of officer candidates. They are President, Linda Mitchell; Vice President, Kayleigh Graff; Treasurer, Kathie Haney; Secretary Jen Fillman and Membership, Karen Glasthal. We will vote at the June meeting.
- Lou Chandler informed the members that the job descriptions and procedures documents are overhauled every five years. The new documents are now uploaded on our website. She requested officers and committee heads to please read the updates for greater clarity and understanding of their responsibilities.

BLOCK of the MONTH: Beth Mancini showed us the June Pinwheel Star block for the Block of the Month Mystery. There were 17 entries for May. She reminded us that the best way to contact her is via text messaging. Charlene Hagerty won the monthly prize.

RETREATS: Joan Gunder gave information about the 2023 Fall Retreat. The dates are November 1-4. She will send information about the rates soon. You can attend some or all days. She requested that you email her your interest as soon as possible and a deposit of \$50.00 is to be given to Joan by the June meeting. Spaces are limited to 16 people. The rates include the room, breakfast, and the sewing room.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine Close reported 28 quilts donated at our last meeting with 49 total for the year. Katie from Einstein said they would take any size crocheted baby blankets. Baby quilts should be at least 36 x 36 and will take larger.

WORKSHOPS: Cathy Fennell updated us on the workshops. She will be sending out sign-ups for the June and July workshops. They are:

- May 20 (in person), Painted Barn Quilt Block (Gigi Procaro) - \$20
- June 24 we will be making Dignity Bibs (free)
- July 22 comfort quilt in person workshop with Maxine Close (free and lunch provided).

BEES: See the newsletter for information about our bees.

PROGRAM: Karen Glasthal introduced our speaker, Karen Combs, an internationally known quilter, teacher, author and designer. Her topic was Quilts of Illusions. She showed us some amazing quilts that look more difficult to make than they are. She likes to figure out how to make many of them with half-square triangles. Another interesting fact about her illusion quilts is how different they look if you turn them upside-down or sideways. Some of the factors that contribute to the illusions are color, value, and texture of the fabric. See more at her website at www.karencombs.com.

Interviews with Quilt Show chairs were held after our program. We had a team of quilt show committee chairs in 2022: Judy Snook, Lou Chandler, and Cathy Fennell. Some years it is just one or two chairs. Judy was in charge of the venues and said that it was a lot of work but fun for her. Cathy

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Meeting Minutes, continued

was the administrative person. She had to write job descriptions for every task and called and organized meetings. She found it stressful, but it should be easier for the next person with the work she has done. Lou was in charge of vendors, sale quilts and publicity. A successful quilt show requires all members to get involved. They challenged us to begin thinking about what part we might take on in 2024. Our next Quilt Show is October 18-19, 2024.

SHOW AND TELL: Show & Tell was through a slide show.

JUNE MEETING: Our next meeting is June 20. Remember to come at 6:00 p.m. It will be at Good Shepherd Church in person, **no Zoom**. The program will be Picnic and 'Appli-pay It Forward.' This will be a fun night. Remember to bring your dish based on your last name.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Laura Ocker

BLOCK of the MONTH



Laura Chaplar



Kathie Haney



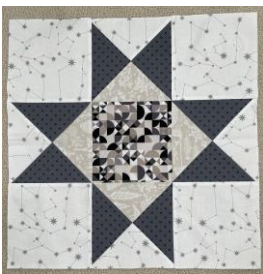
Donna Raymond



Charlene Hagarty



Meghan Heslin



Linda Mitchell



Barbara Hughes



Laura Ocker



Molly Lorenz



Karen Glasthal



Cathy Fennell



Linda Jarosz



Janet Gaboury



Sue Fisher



Ruth Heslin



Molly Molittiere

Quilt Shows

June

Penn Dry Goods Market - June 2-3, 2023. Presented by the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center at 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA. The Penn Dry Goods Market is a textile-focused antiques and vintage show that offers a textile history lecture series during the antiques show with 11 nationally and internationally known speakers on many aspects of textile history. For a full list of dealers, to register for lectures, and download an admissions coupon go to <https://www.schwenkfelder.org/penn-dry-goods-market>.

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, 735 Seashore Road, Cape May, NJ. For more info visit <https://hcsv.org/quilt-fiber-arts-show/>.

July

Kutztown Folk Festival – July 1-9, 2023. The Kutztown Folk Festival is proud to present America's largest quilt sale with over 2500 local handmade quilts on display and for sale! For more info visit <https://www.kutztownfestival.com/quilts>.

MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - July 14-16, 2023. The Mid-Appalachian Quilters gather each summer for a three-day quilting seminar at [Gettysburg College](#), 300 North Washington Street Gettysburg, PA. We offer a variety of classes presented by some of the best teachers in the Mid-Atlantic area. For more info visit <http://maqonline.org/>.

September

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - September 14-17, 2023. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most prominent quilting arts event in the Northeast all under one roof at the [Greater Philadelphia Expo Center](#), Phoenixville, PA. For more info visit <http://www.quiltfest.com/>.

Annual Giant Fabric Sale - September 21-24, 2023. Presented by Montgomery County 4H at the Montgomery County 4-H Center, 1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA. All kinds of fabrics, patterns, notions, needlecrafts, yarn, and assorted sewing supplies are available. In addition, many vintage fabrics and quilting supplies are available. For more info visit <https://montcopa4hcenter.org/fabric-sale/>.

The Joy of Quilting Through the Years - September 23-24, 2023. Presented by the Endless Mountain Quilt Guild at the Lynch Bustin Elementary School, GPS - Lilley Ave, Athens, PA. For more info visit <https://emqg.org/quilt-show>.

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

Cathy Radcliffe

St. Thomas Church Country Fair

1. June 10, 2023, 8:00am-1:00pm NOTE NEW TIMING

2. We will be there setting up by 7:00 a.m.
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 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.** 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 if you have numerous items.
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 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.** 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**, Sheila plans to set up **Zelle**. Members will receive their pay by check, Zelle, or Venmo the week 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 and Sheila Brassington

Our Fall Retreat

Our fall retreat will be November 1-4, 2023, at the Amish Inn in Bird in Hand. The hotel offers a big breakfast. You can come for all four days or choose to come to fewer. There is a good size sewing room with individual tables. If you are interested, please call Joan Gunder to find out the rates for the number of nights you wish to stay. She would like a \$50 deposit by our June guild meeting.

Joan Gunder

Barn Quilt Block Workshop

No sewing machine to carry nor supplies to assemble...we just arrived and Gigi Procario led us through the process of painting our barn quilt blocks. Best part was definitely going home with a completed project!

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Deb Graves



Ann Palmer



Venessa Garst



Karen Glasthal



Linda Hamel



Rita Mack



Carol Mellom



Announcing Newly Revised Guild Guidelines

Our Job Descriptions/Policies & Procedures document enables us to understand what we're each responsible for and enables us to know the responsibilities of everyone else. This not only empowers our organization to run smoothly, but also facilitates greater harmony and congeniality by minimizing misunderstandings.

It's been determined that this document should have a significant review and overhaul every five years. As Parliamentarian, I've been gradually wordsmithing and updating technology evolutions. Meanwhile, Deb requested input from all the committee heads. And we've just completed the effort (WHEW).

This updated document is now readily available on the website (under "Admin Stuff"). We encourage all members to spend a little time pursuing it. Cathy Radcliffe has made it easy to navigate. The first item explains the responsibilities of members. From there, you might be interested to see what officers participate on the board, and how those officers are selected. And if you are a committee head, you'll definitely want to see what changes may have been made to your particular job description.

Lou Chandler

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
June 6	June 13	June 22 Fairview Church, Fairview Village, PA	July 31

1st Saturday Sew Along -Zoom

Date: June 3

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

Place: Your home via Zoom

Project: One of your own choosing

Let's Make a Quilted Bag with

Joan Gunder

Date: Saturday, August 19, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: \$10

Lunch: Please bring your own

Materials list and directions will be given at time of payment

Workshops

Dignity Bib Workshop with

Linda Mitchell

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: Free

Lunch: Please bring your own



Comfort Charity Quilt Workshop with Maxine Close

Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: Free

Lunch: Lunch will be provided



The Valley Forge Homestead Quilters Yard Sale & Craft Boutique

The year following our Biannual Quilt Show, the guild offers our members an opportunity to sell fabrics, notions, scraps, books, etc. at our Biannual Yard Sale. This year it will incorporate a craft boutique for members to sell their quilts, 'quilty' items, etc. just like we do at the Quilt Show Boutique.

The date of the sale is **October 21, 2023** from 9:00 AM until noon or longer if there are many customers. Tables are \$10 each and you can combine your crafts with your yard sale items. This is advertised and open to the public. All proceeds from your sales are yours. Every member will be responsible for their tables, collecting of money, etc. Members can share tables or purchase as many tables as they need. We are limited in that we have only 30 tables. A flier will be available to share with other guilds, quilt shops, and will be distributed at quilting and crafting venues.

Four months to go, so get working on cleaning out your stash and making fabulous quilting items. There will be a sign-up sheet at our meeting and paying your \$10 at the time you sign up would be most appreciated. This is always an enjoyable day and a great way to meet guild members and other quilters.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at cathyfennell55@gmail.com or call 484-685-9633.

Cathy Fennell

Friendship Tea 'Downton Abbey' Style



Our September UFO workshop is always our Friendship Tea. This year we are basing it on the high teas offered at Downton Abbey. It is also our new member tea. All new members will get an invitation to attend. All attendees are asked to bring tea sandwiches, or salad, or dessert to share with attendees. Tea (hot and cold) will be provided but please bring your favorite mug or prettiest Downton Abbey teacup and saucer.

It is an opportunity to get to know our new members and also to work on unfinished objects. We will have two short demos and kits for you to make a Downton Abbey themed item.

The date for the tea is **September 23, 2023**, 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM. There is no charge for this event and the sign-up sheet will be available at our meeting. Prizes will be awarded for the most Downton Abbey outfit/hat ensemble and the most English teacup and saucer.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at cathyfennell55@gmail.com or call 484-685-9633. Find your fancy Ascot Hat and white gloves and join us for a tasty cup of tea and lunch.
Cheerio!

June

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2		1	2	3 Zoom Saturday Sew Along
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 Picnic 6:00 Start	21	22 Thurs. Bee Fairview Church	23	24 Dignity Bib Workshop
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Comfort Quilts

I didn't pick up any quilts this month so the total number of quilts for the year is 67. If anyone needs any batting or batting for me to bring to the next meeting, please email or call me.

The workshop is July 22 from 9:30 to 3. Lunch is provided.

Maxine Close



Comfort quilts donated by Linda Jarosz & Laura Chaplar

May Show and Tell

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Jen Fillman



Laura Ocker



Cathy Fennell



Sue Fisher



Laura Chaplar
One Block Wonder



Judy Snook



Karen Glasthal



Cathy Fennell

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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:	

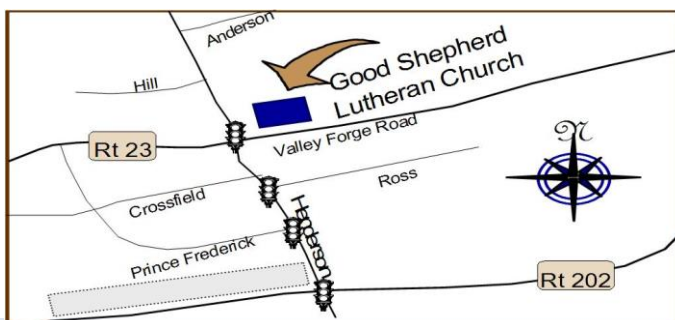
Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Deb Graves
Northern	Barbara Hughes
Thurs Evening	Ruth Heslin
Block of the Month	Molly Lorenz
Challenge	Sandy Dounce
Comfort Quilts	Maxine Close
Facebook	Sue Fisher
Historian	Barbara Hughes
Hospitality	Charlene Hagerty
Hostess	Laura Chaplar
Library	Linda Newpher & Ruth Heslin

Member Comfort	Rosemary Geisler
	Judy Snook

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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 25th of the month.