



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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July 2023

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President's Corner

Hello,

Oh dear! I have had a catastrophe at my house: my sewing machine is broken. I can tell this repair is outside of my skill set, so it is time for a trip to the sewing machine hospital.

Well, that’s not so bad, right? I can just use my *other* sewing machine. Huh? It won’t turn on. No, it is just that the light bulb is burned out. What a week. Hopefully I can get a new bulb at the local fabric and craft store today and get back in business.

What do **you** do when you can’t sew? I have a big quilt to baste. There is a table I use in the basement for that, which means now I have to vacuum the basement floor to keep the quilt clean. At least the basement is a cooler place to hang out on these hot days.

Something else to do on a hot day, definitely more fun than vacuuming a basement, is to attend a guild charity sewing day in the air-conditioned church hall. We had a very productive day making Dignity Bibs in June, and the July Comfort Quilts workshop is coming up soon. I hope to see you there.

Are you taking a trip this summer? Be sure to check out the local quilt shops. You might find the perfect souvenir and get inspired for your next project.

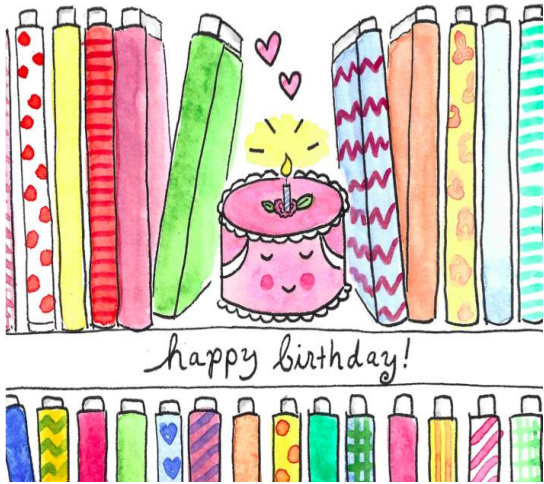
Until next time.
Deb Graves

July 18, 2023 Meeting

I scream...you scream...let’s all have some ice cream. After enjoying ice cream, we will be entertained by Eliza Hardy Jones’ presentation called “The Song Quilt Project”. She has taken folksongs and transformed them into quilts. She has created a method that translates pitch into color and rhythm into shape. I’m very curious to see and hear her quilts. Ice cream melts so we will start promptly at 7!

Karen Glasthal





Birthdays

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

August:

- 2 Marie Royds
- 7 Elsa Scherphorn
- 9 Megan Gerstenfeld
- 14 Kathy Graff
- 19 Rose Warren
- 20 Linda Nopher
- 21 Linda Ulinski
- 30 Charlene Hagarty

Programs

August

Our speaker will be Cyndi Hershey. Her presentation is called Barn-In-A-Basket. It is a PowerPoint presentation about the Kutztown Folk Festival's Quilt Barn.

This local festival is an old time favorite. It started in 1950 and is still going strong. I recommend attending the quilt auction (July 8th at noon). The quilts are amazing, the back stories about the quilters are interesting and the bidding can get quite heated.

Give it a try, there are lots of wonderful things to see at the festival.

Karen Glasthal

Dues Are Due

The guild dues remain at \$35. Please bring a check or cash to the July or August meeting. Connie Stevenson will be collecting them then. You may also mail your check to Connie. Her address is in the guild membership list.

Connie Stevenson

Do You Wonder What All the Guild Activities Really Do?

If you are a new member, you may wonder what the Block/Project of the Month is. Or you may be interested in our bees. You can find out what workshops are scheduled by going to the guild's website, www.valleyforgequilters.org. Click under Events or Projects to find answers to these questions and others. You can learn a lot about the guild in this website.

Meeting Minutes - June 20, 2023 - Our Annual Picnic

WELCOME: Deb welcomed all and announced when each table could get their food

ANNOUNCEMENTS The Fall Retreat deposit was due this evening.

- Kate Sevensky, the nominating committee chair, asked the nominees to stand. The vote was unanimous to accept the members for the term being September 1.
- Donna Raymond and Venessa Garst won the door prizes.

BLOCK of the MONTH: Beth encouraged participants in the Block of the Month Mystery to lay out all the completed blocks and fabrics before making the new block. Look for what fabric you might not have used yet, used a lot of, and remember that you are using more fabric selections for this month's block. Cathy Fennell won the prize for the Block of the Month drawing.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership dues are still \$35. They can be paid in July and August. Please bring your check to the meetings or mail it to Connie.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine gave a tally of 67 quilts for the year, not including those handed in this evening. She wanted new members to know that all our fabric for comfort quilts is from donations that we have already received, but you may choose to use your own fabric. Her committee makes up quilt kits, some full kits and some just tops. If you need batting, contact Maxine. She brings kits to monthly meetings. Our comfort quilt workshop is in July. If you want to just make the tops, she has volunteers that will quilt or bind.

WORKSHOPS: Current workshops were presented by Cathy Fennell.

- June 24 is the Dignity Bibs workshop. Linda Mitchell modeled one and encouraged all to attend the free workshop.
- July 22 will be a Comfort Quilt workshop and is also free. Cathy will send out a Sign-Up Genius link.
- At the August 19 workshop, Joan Gunder will teach how to make bags. Cathy showed a sample of one of the bags.
- September 23 is our Friendship Tea with a Downton Abbey theme. It is a fun potluck event. More details to follow.

YARD SALE & CRAFT BOUTIQUE: October 21 is our Yard Sale and Craft Boutique. You can sell your unwanted fabric, notions, and/or your handmade items (quilts and quilted items as well as crafts such as knitting, crochet, and embroidery). You pay \$10 for a table, and you keep 100% of your sales. If you want to sell crafts, you have four months left to work on them! The tables are for members, and you may choose to share with a friend. It is only in the morning. There will also be a fat quarter raffle. The sale will be well advertised in shops, with other guilds, and more.

UFO CHALLENGE: Coming in August – Cathy's UFO Challenge. Fill out a form with the 12 UFOs you plan to complete this year. Cathy will pull a number and you are to bring that completed project to the next meeting. There will be prizes. This helps to prep for our 2024 quilt show.

50/50 DRAWING: Laura Chaplar won the 50:50 drawing.

PROGRAM: Karen Glasthal introduced our program, Appli-Pay it Forward. We had demonstrations from Jacque Paltrineri, Jen Fillman, Linda Hamel, Deb Bianco, and Judy Snook showing different methods of applique. Members were asked to take kits home, practice the techniques, and bring the finished blocks back to be made into comfort quilts.

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Meeting Minutes, continued

SHOW AND TELL: Show & Tell followed.

JULY MEETING: The next meeting is July 18. After our ice cream social, we will enjoy our guest speaker, Eliza Hardy Jones. Her presentation is called The Song Quilt Project. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Ocker

Members choosing from a wide range of tasty items – salads, entrees and desserts.



BLOCK of the MONTH – March Around the Circle



Quilt Shows

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>.

18th Annual Quilt & Textile Show - July 14-15, 2023. Presented by the Muncy Historical Society at the First United Methodist Church, 602 S. Market Street, Muncy, PA. Visitors will have the opportunity to view antique, vintage, and modern quilts and woven textiles. This year's show will have "demonstration adventures" ... hand- and machine quilting, paper piecing, binding and applique, and 'Dear Jane' secrets... all designed for young people and adults alike. For more info visit <https://www.muncyhistoricalsociety.org/18th-annual-quilt-textile-show/>.

MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - July 14-16, 2023. The Mid-Appalachian Quilters gather each summer for a three-day quilting seminar at [Gettysburg College](https://www.gettysburg.edu/), 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](https://www.greaterphiladelphiaexpo.com/), Phoenixville, PA. For more info visit <http://www.quiltfest.com/>.

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.

Giant Fabric Sale - Farm, Home, & Youth Foundation

September 21-24, 2023. Presented by Montgomery County 4-H 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/>.

For info about donating items to the sale go to <https://montcopa4hcenter.org/fabric-sale-donations/>.

Shop Hops

All Ohio Shop Hop 8/1/2023 to 9/30/2023. [List of Shops](#) in Ohio

All New England Shop Hop 9/1/2023 to 10/31/2023. [List of Shops](#) in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont

Mystery Harvest Quilt Shop Hop 10/4/2023 to 10/7/2023 in OH, KY, and WV

Mystery Quilt Shop Hop 10/6/2023 to 10/15/2023 in Philly and northern suburbs

Eastern PA Shop Hop 10/27/2023 to 11/11/2023 Join shops in Berks, Carbon, Lycoming, Luzerne, and Monroe counties as we take you on "A Walk in the Woods"

Ohio Amish Country Quilt Shop Hop 10/30/2023 to 11/04/2023 in Ohio

Guild Officers for 2023-2024



From left to right: Membership - Karen Glasthal, Treasurer - Kathie Haney, President – Linda Mitchell, Vice-President - Kayleigh Graff, Secretary - Jen Fillman

Comfort Quilts

For the June meeting we picked up 22 quilts making a total of 89 quilts for the year!!!

Reminder to put Saturday, July 22 on your calendar for the Comfort Quilt Workshop starting at 9:30 until 3ish. Lunch is provided by our committee. Our group makes kits, or you may use your own material and pattern. If you like doing just the tops, there are ladies that love to quilt them and others that enjoy doing the binding.

Thank you again for so many going above and beyond making just one quilt!!!

Maxine Close

Dignity Bibs for VA Veterans

July 2023

A huge thank you to those who attended the Dignity Bib workshop on Saturday, June 24. As a result of their efforts, we have thirty dignity bibs ready for veterans to make their daily lives a little nicer. Great to do something for charity while spending time with friends!

Linda Mitchell



Donna Sneed and Linda Mitchell

Above: Linda Jarosz, Ethel Hutchinson, Joan Markowitz, Linda Ulinski and Judy Snook 'disassembling' shirts for the bibs.



Nancy Hannum, Deb Graves, Kate Sevensky, Charlene Hagerty, Kayleigh Graff and Karen Glasthal modeling the finished bibs.

Take the Challenge

Cathy Fennell is challenging members to complete their UFOs so all your projects will be ready for our 2024 Quilt Show. The form is here in the newsletter. It will begin in August when Cathy will draw a number and whatever UFO you have listed for that number will be the one you work on to show at the September meeting. If you only attend via **Zoom**, you may send a photo of your completed UFO to Cathy before the meeting.

Please fill out two forms - keep one for yourself and give one to Cathy, either in person or send a photo of it to cathyfennell55@gmail.com before the August meeting. Forms will be available at the July guild meeting. Prizes will be awarded to one person each month who has completed a UFO. There will be a grand prize for the person(s) who has completed all twelve of their UFOs.

So, I challenge you, let's turn these UFOs into finished objects that all will love to see at our Quilt Show next year.

Thanks,
Cathy Fennell

St. Thomas Church Country Fair

It was a great event. The weather was fantastic, and the church went out of their way to feature us. They gave us a huge space right at the entrance so there was a lot of foot traffic. We sold a lot of smaller things and four quilts at least. The church people told us that we are absolutely welcome to come back and we're considering doing another event in the fall.

Sheila Brassington
Jen Fillman

Bees... Bees... Bees... Bees

A **Zoom** link will be sent out before each bee.
Mark your calendar!



<p>Evening Bee 1st Tuesday Zoom 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Coordinator – Deb Graves</p>	<p>Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday Zoom 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Coordinator – Jean Hayden</p>	<p>Thurs. Evening Bee 4th Thursday 6:00-8:30 p.m. Coordinator – Ruth Heslin</p>	<p>Northern Bee 5th Tuesday Zoom 6:30-9:30 p.m. Coordinator – Barbara Hughes</p>
<p>Happy July 4! See you next month.</p>	<p>July 11</p>	<p>July 27 Fairview Church, Fairview Village, PA</p>	<p>August 29</p>

1st Saturday Sew Along -Zoom

Date: July 1

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

Place: Your home via Zoom

Project: One of your own choosing

Friendship Tea – Downton Abbey Style with Cathy Fennell

Date: Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: Free

Lunch: Members bring a dish to share

Workshops

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



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



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!

July

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Zoom Saturday Sew Along
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Zoom Afternoon Bee	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Guild Meeting Ice Cream Social Eliza Hardy Jones	19	20	21	22 Comfort Charity Workshop
23	24	25	26	27 Thurs. Bee Fairview Church	28	29
30	31					



Jen Fillman made two large quilts that she hopes to display and sell at the Kutztown Fair in July.

June Show and Tell

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Chalene Hagarty



Laura Chaplar



Deb Graves



Molly Lorenz



Becky Weiland
One Block Wonder



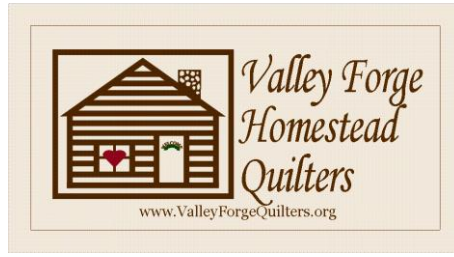
Christine Capece



Barbara Hughes



Ann Palmer



Cathy's UFO Challenge 9-23 to 8-24

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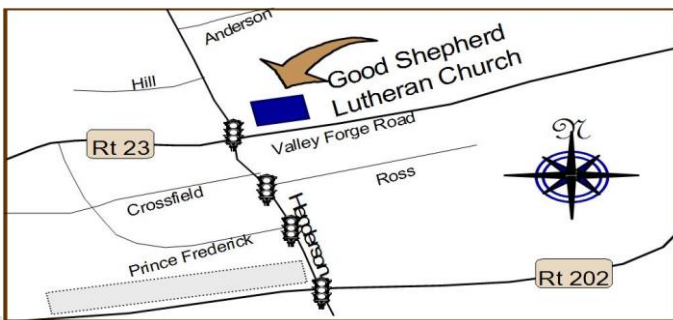
Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA

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Afternoon	Jean Hayden
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Newsletter Submissions

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