



# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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August 2023

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## President's Corner

This is my chance to publicly thank the staff who keep this guild running so well and make me look competent! I do not have enough column space to publicly thank everyone, but I do appreciate all the help and support that I have received from so many members.

With the actors’ and writers’ strikes the fancy award shows are in jeopardy. We can, however, still have our own QUILTY awards. There just won’t be Barbie on the red carpet.

### **THE 2023 QUILTY AWARDS:**

For the outstanding 2022 quilt show: co-chairs Cathy Fennell, Lou Chandler, and Judy Snook

For always saying YES and for getting Dignity Bibs rolling: Linda Mitchell

For the enlightening weekly emails and much more quiet work behind the scenes: Laura Ocker

For room set-ups for meetings and events (you know those tables don’t move themselves) AND for leading the workshop committee: Cathy Fennell

For hosting Zoom and hybrid meetings and other tech support: Sue Fisher

For professionally managing our finances and dealing with the post office: Babette Sutherland

For quietly keeping the webpage updated and for being the last line of defense against mistakes in the newsletter: Cathy Radcliffe

For cheerfully and effectively keeping membership and for establishing the photo directory: Connie Stevenson

For fun and challenging challenges: Sandy Dounce

For lively and educational programs in person and on Zoom, and for that wild holiday party: Karen Glasthal

For visually appealing and informative monthly newsletters: Judy Snook and Linda Hamel

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For fun and very different Block-of-the-Month projects: Molly Lorenz and Beth Mancini

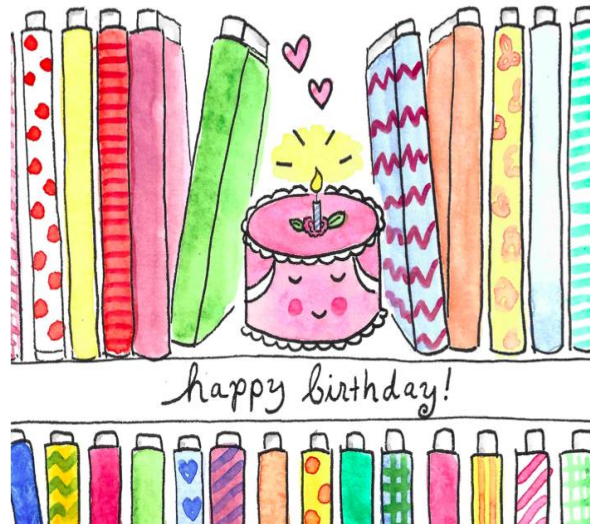
For keeping us in line with the rules: Lou Chandler

For leading the nominating committee to seat the next board: Kate Sevensky

For your service to our guild: Laura Chaplar, Joann Kirschenmann, Charlene Hagerty, Barbara Hughes, and Donna Raymond.

Every person whom I have thanked publicly will tell you that she did not do it by herself. She may have an official committee or an ad hoc group of helpers. The next time you see a committee member, please thank her. And if you are that committee member, I thank YOU!!

Regards,  
Deb Graves



## Birthdays

### **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

### **September:**

- 1 Meghan Heslin
- 2 Linda Hamel
- 5 Deb Graves
- 12 Cathy Radcliffe
- 15 Jacqui Santangelo
- 22 Jean Hayden
- 27 Karen Saalfrank
- 28 Donna Sneed

## Programs

### August

Our speaker this month is Cyndi Hershey. She will be telling us all the interesting things about the quilt barn at the Kutztown Folk Festival.

Please join us in person or by **Zoom**.

### September

Time to reveal our challenge quilts.

Karen Glasthal

## Dues Are Due

TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES (for a year of fun, events, and learning)

Thank you to those that have paid your dues! I will be collecting them again at our August meeting or you can send them to me at 102 James Circle, East Norriton, PA 19403. Dues are \$35.

Connie Stevenson

## Take the Challenge

Sign up for UFO Challenge by sending your form to Cathy Fennell by email [cathyfennell55@gmail.com](mailto:cathyfennell55@gmail.com). or snail mail (check the membership list) **before August 15**. Cathy will be drawing the first number at the August guild meeting. Great incentive to get your quilts ready for our quilt show.

Cathy Fennell

## Workshops

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

Date: August 5

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

Place: Your home via **Zoom**

Project: One of your own choosing

### **UFO and Backpack Demo** with Joan Gunder

Date: Saturday, August 19, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: Free

Lunch: Please bring your own

Supply list and URL for directions given at time of sign up.

### **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

## Meeting Minutes - July 18, 2023

**WELCOME:** Deb welcomed everyone including our guest, Silvia Hibrom, and a new member, Denise Pokorny. Eight members watched through **Zoom**.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- We began the meeting with the ice cream social.
- Linda Jarosz and Joan Shaw won the door prizes.

**BLOCK of the MONTH:** Beth presented the August Friendship Ribbon block for the 2023 Block of the Month Mystery saying it was quick and easy. Karen Glasthal won the drawing for bringing in her finished July block.

**CHALLENGE:** Deb asked how many people planned to enter a quilt in the September Challenge. About twelve people responded. She encouraged others to join in and make one. (See the website under Projects for details.)

**MEMBERSHIP:** Connie is collecting dues in the July and August guild meetings. Others can mail her a check.

**COMFORT QUILTS:** Maxine received 22 quilts for June with a total of 89. She encouraged people to attend the workshop on Saturday. Maxine reminded us that kits were available this evening.

- Linda Mitchell told us that she we have made 30 dignity bibs to donate to the Veterans Home this year. There will be another workshop in December. Please hang on to any shirts you were planning to donate to her. She has plenty for now.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Babette gave the quarterly financial update. She reminded us that we have a fiscal year that runs from September 1 to August 31. The 2022 Quilt Show revenue is included in this fiscal year.

**WORKSHOPS:** Cathy Fennell spoke about upcoming workshops.

- July 22 will be a Comfort Quilt workshop.
- The August 19 UFO workshop will include a demonstration of how to make drawstring backpacks by Joan Gunder. Directions will be given when you sign up so that you can cut fabric ahead of time. The Guild will provide the string. This event is free.
- September 23 will be the Downton Abbey themed tea hosted by Cathy Fennell and Molly Lorenz. Wear your fancy hats and gloves and bring your teacup. There will be two projects to make.
- October 21 is our yard sale and craft boutique. \$10 per table. Cathy Fennell is taking reservations..

**BEEES:** Deb reminded us that there are 3-4 bees each month. Some are on **Zoom**. The Thursday Evening Bee is in person and some ladies get together for dinner before the meeting.

**UFO CHALLENGE:** Cathy explained that the UFO begins when she draws the number in August. See the July Newsletter for details and either July or August newsletter for a form.

**50/50 DRAWING:** Gail Forster won the 50:50 drawing.

**PROGRAM:** Karen Glasthal introduced our speaker. Eliza Hardy Jones's presentation was called "The Song Quilt Project". She has taken folk songs and transformed them into quilts. She has created a method that translates pitch into color and rhythm into shape. Her presentation was animated and interesting. You can see more quilts and listen to folk songs on her website.

[www.elizahardyjones.com/songquilts](http://www.elizahardyjones.com/songquilts).

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## Meeting Minutes, continued

**SHOW AND TELL:** Show & Tell followed.

**AUGUST MEETING:** Our next meeting is August 15, in person and on **Zoom**. Cyndi Hershey's presentation is called *Barn-In-A-Basket* about the Kutztown Folk Festival's Quilt Barn. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Laura Ocker

Our July guest speaker  
Eliza Hardy Jones



## Quilt Shows

### August

No local quilt shows.

### 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](http://www.greaterphiladelphiaexpo.com/), Phoenixville, PA. For more info visit <http://www.quiltfest.com/>.

### October

**All Cut Up Quilt Show** - October 7-8, 2023. Presented by Garden State Quilters Guild at the Chatham Township Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham, NJ. For more info visit <https://www.gardenstatequiltersguild.com/all-cut-up-quilt-show-2023>.

**Sew Many Colors Fall Festival of Quilts** - October 13-15, 2023. Presented by Undercovers Quilters at Brookhaven Municipal Building, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA. For more info visit <https://undercoverquilters.com/sew-many-colors-a-fall-festival-of-quilts/>.

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 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/>.

### Shop Hops

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

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

[NJ Shop Hop](#) 9/15/2023 – 9/24/2023 - Seven shops from last year are participating again, plus we've got two more added to the list for 2023!

[Mystery Harvest Quilt Shop Hop](#) 10/4/2023 - 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 - 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 - 11/04/2023 in Ohio

Cathy Radcliffe

Block of the Month

Mystery BOM for July



# Comfort Quilt Workshop

August 2023

There were 7 quilts turned at the end of the day. Also, 18 dolls were finished.

Maxine Close



Members hard at work putting quilt tops together.



Cutting the batting



Stuffing surgical dolls



## Guild Challenge

THE 2022-2023 CHALLENGE IS UP TO YOU!

THERE IS STILL TIME FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE "PINK, WEATHER, SHAPE (pentagon, octagon, hexagon) CHALLENGE!

The challenge is "Pink, Weather, Shapes" (Octagon, pentagon, or hexagon)! Some hints for you: Do something small! When thinking about weather, let your 5 senses help you! Remember that your shapes can be "irregular" shapes, i.e., simple houses are pentagons, but the sides are not all the same. Pink must be seen somewhere, but it does not need to be a prominent color.

Bring your quilt by 6:30 pm to the September meeting. It must be in a paper bag. There should be no name on the quilt, or the name must be covered with tape. A short paragraph must accompany the quilt and be attached to it.

Sandy Dounce

## Comfort Quilts

At the July 18 meeting there were 18 quilts donated. At the workshop, there were 7 quilts turned in making a total of 114 quilts. Also, 18 dolls were finished making a total of 48 dolls for the year. Thank you for everyone's help in having such a successful year so far.

Maxine Close

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

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



<p><b>Evening Bee</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Zoom</b>                      7:00 – 9:00 p.m.                      Coordinator –                      Deb Graves</p>	<p><b>Afternoon Bee</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Zoom</b>                      12:30 – 3:30 p.m.                      Coordinator –                      Jean Hayden</p>	<p><b>Thurs. Evening Bee</b>  <b>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b>                      6:00-8:30 p.m.                      Coordinator –                      Ruth Heslin</p>	<p><b>Northern Bee</b>  <b>5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Zoom</b>                      6:30-9:30 p.m.                      Coordinator –                      Barbara Hughes</p>
<p>August 1</p>	<p>August 8</p>	<p>August 24                      Fairview Church,                      Fairview Village, PA</p>	<p>August 29</p>

# August

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Zoom Evening Bee	2	3	4	5 Zoom Saturday Sew Along
6	7	8 Zoom Afternoon Bee	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Guild Meeting Cyndi Hershey	16	17	18	19 UFO & Back-pack Demo Workshop
20	21	22	23	24 Thurs. Bee Fairview Church	25	26
27	28	29 Zoom Northern Bee	30	31		
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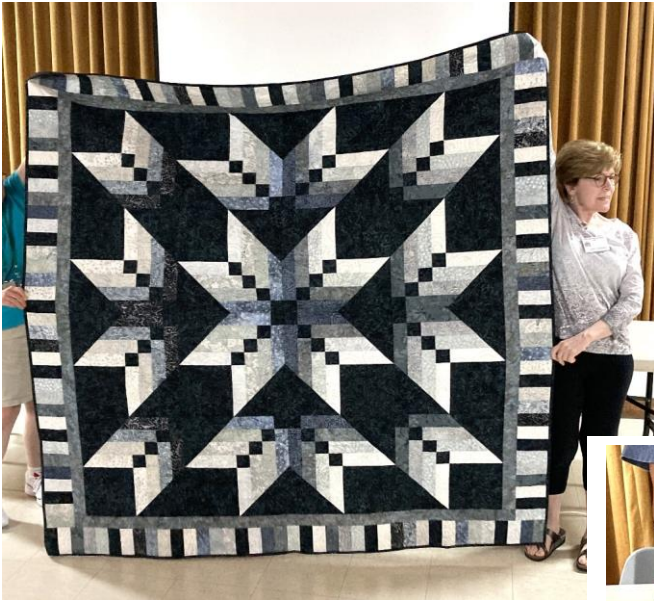


Janet Gaboury



July Show and Tell

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Linda Mitchell



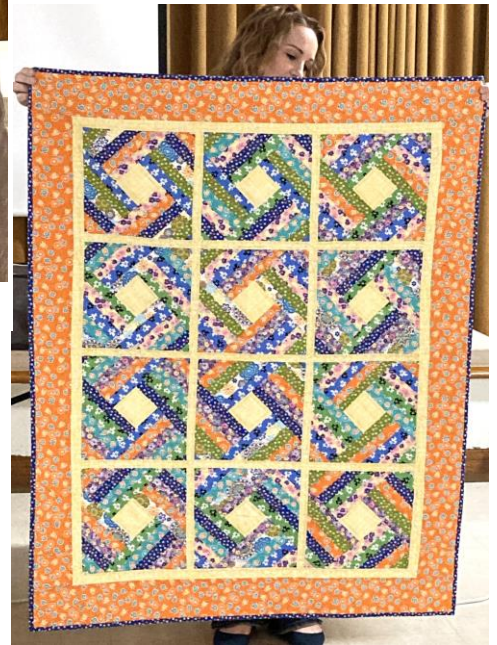
Jen Fillman



Debbie Wallinaford



Laura Ocker



Jen Fillman



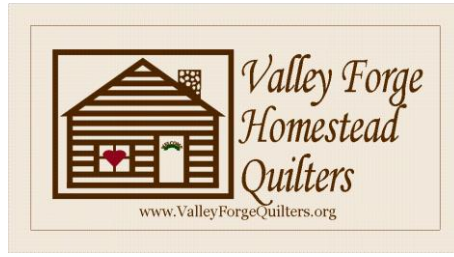
Charlene Hagerty



Joann Kirschenmann



Susan Gustafson



# Cathy's UFO Challenge 9-2023 to 8-2024

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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

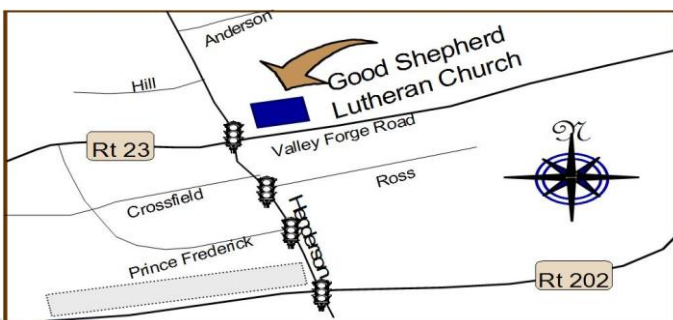
**Board of Directors**

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	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
	Joan Gunder
Retreat/Fall	Barbara Hughes
Retreat/Spring	Cathy Fennell
Set-up	Joan Shaw
Sunshine	Cathy Radcliffe
Webmaster	Cathy Fennell
Workshops	Sue Fisher
Zoom/Technology	



**Newsletter Submissions**

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