



# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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September 2023

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## President's Corner

I am excited to begin my two-year term as President of the guild. Thank you for your support. Welcome to the new board members! I'm looking forward to working with Kayleigh, Kathie, Jen and Rita as new board members, and I'm grateful that Karen, Judy, and Lou will remain on the board. A huge thanks to Deb, Laura, Connie, and Babette who are leaving the board. We appreciate your dedication and contributions.

Speaking of contributions - there are many ways you can help our guild. Think about what you could offer. You can help with refreshments, offer workshop and speaker ideas, take pictures, or help a new member feel welcome. Look at the committees listed on the last page of this newsletter and offer to help.

I'm looking forward to some wonderful activities in September. There's still time to get your challenge entry ready, and you can join our tea and dress up like the ladies in Downton Abbey. On top of that, the quilt show at Oaks will have plenty of quilts to admire and stuff to buy!

Until next time,

*Linda Mitchell*

## September 19, 2023 Meeting

Our next meeting is September 19 at Good Shephard Church and on Zoom. We will reveal our challenge entries this month and you still have time to enter. Give it a go. Is there a new technique you'd like to try... incorporate it into a challenge entry. Be creative and have fun with it. The challenge quilts will be on display and voted on. You can also vote on Zoom.

### Refreshments for September Meeting

Sweet	Savory	Beverages/Ice
Kathie Haney	Cathy Fennell	Meg Gerstenfeld
Kayleigh Graff		Babette Sutherland
Colleen Wortley		Joan Shaw
Christina Fink		Charlene Hagerty
Susan Howatt		



## Birthdays

### **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

### **October:**

- 2 Marci Mancini
- 6 Christina Fink
- 7 Dara Dinner
- 7 Kayleigh Graff
- 9 Joy Brown
- 11 Peggy Melachrinis
- 18 Karen Glasthal
- 21 Patti Tillman
- 30 Christine Capece

## **October Program**

Our speaker this month is Michele Scott. She is an official 'Aurifilosopher.' I'm looking forward to what she will tell us about Aurifil threads. This is my favorite brand of thread for quilting.

Karen Glasthal

## Dues Are Due

### **Introducing our New Dues Collector**

Thank you to those that have paid their dues! The guild dues remain at \$35. If you haven't done so yet, you can send them to our next Membership Chair, Karen Glasthal at 675 Westwind Drive, Berwyn, PA 19312.

Connie Stevenson

## Tip: Caring for your Walking Foot!

Ever oil your walking foot? Yeah, me neither. I have had it since 1999, but today it just started bunching fabric and making tiny little stitches. Ack! Bernina Jeff to the rescue. The video is kind of long but shows EXACTLY what to do. The foot maintenance only took 15 minutes. (My walking foot is the older version, but this worked for me.) Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXS0TH8irtg>.

Deb Graves

## Meeting Minutes - August 15, 2023

**WELCOME:** Deb welcomed our guest, Denise Blake, present members, and the members on Zoom.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Need for a new guild photographer/historian to take pictures at meetings and events, to put together slide presentations, and to save the photos to an external hard drive.

- Sandy Dounce shared procedures and ideas for quilts to be entered in the Challenge for our September meeting. There is still time to make a quilt with the theme - weather, pink, polygon. Please bring it by 6:30 in a paper bag with no name on it or on the quilt. See the website and newsletters for details.

- Cathy Fennell and Ethel Hutchinson won the door prizes.

**BLOCK of the MONTH:** Beth presented the next block for the 2023 Block of the Month Mystery. Carol Mellom won the drawing for the block of the month's participants.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership dues are still \$35. Dues are due! If you haven't paid yet, please mail a check to Karen by September.

**COMFORT QUILTS:** Linda Newpher shared that 18 quilts were donated last month plus 7 during the workshop for a total of 114 for the year. 18 dolls were made at the workshop and Linda made 22 more for 70 total.

**WORKSHOPS:** Current workshops were presented by Cathy Fennell.

- August 19 workshop will be a UFO on Zoom, but the backpack demo will be rescheduled.

- September Friendship Tea (Cathy and Molly) has a Downton Abbey theme. It is a UFO time with demos, and prizes.

- October 21 yard sale and craft boutique will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Set-up begins at 7:30. We can have up to 30 tables. The fee is \$10.00, and all proceeds are your own.

- November 18 is Accuquilt Saturday from 9:30-1:00 with Cathy Fennell, Judy Snook, and friends. This is an opportunity to use the guild's Accuquilt studio and dies, and member dies as well. Our website lists our dies. Bring fabric to cut.

**UFO CHALLENGE:** Cathy announced the number for the 2023 UFO Challenge is #9 on your list. Bring your finished project to the September meeting.

**50/50 DRAWING:** Meghan Heslin won the 50:50 drawing.

**PROGRAM:** Karen Glasthal introduced our speaker, Cyndi Hershey, who presented her program called Barn-In-A-Basket about the Kutztown Folk Festival's Quilt Barn. She gave a history of the German Pennsylvania Dutch Arts Festival. Then she explained that the Quilt Barn is an opportunity to sell quilts, not a show. She explained the standards and procedures and showed examples of quilts. You can sign up for their newsletter on the festival website.

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

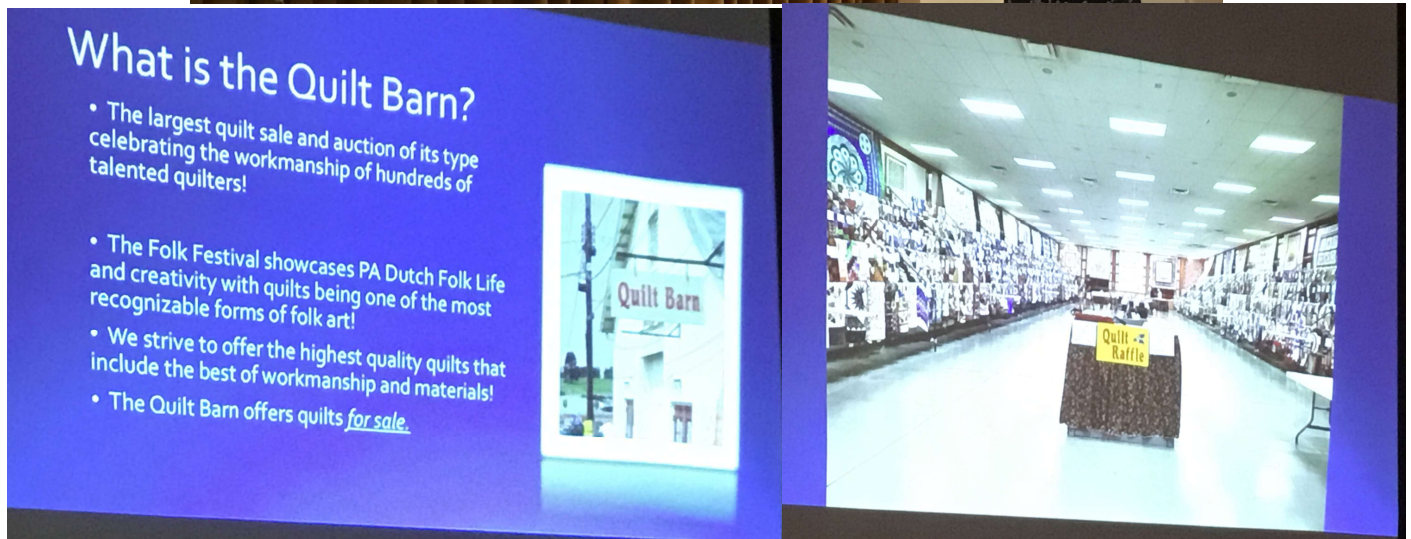
**SEPTEMBER MEETING:** Our next meeting is September 19 at Good Shephard Church and on Zoom. Our challenge quilts will be presented and voted on. You can vote on Zoom too. Deb shared the sad news that Gloria Clark is on hospice. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Laura Ocker*

## August Guest Speaker

### **Cyndi Hershey, Kutztown Folk Festival Quilt Barn**



## Quilter's Yard Sale & Boutique



Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, Pa

Price: \$10 for a table.

Members may purchase space/table to sell their gently used or new quilting/crafting items. This is advertised and open to the public. All proceeds from your sales are yours.

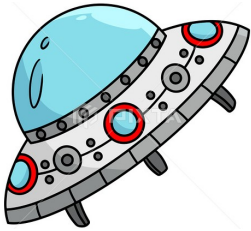
## September Meeting - Weather, Pink, and Polygon Challenge



"Be Challenged! There is still time to do the Weather, Pink, and Polygon Challenge (pentagon, octagon, or hexagon). Check past newsletters for directions. To enter your quilt: place your quilt in an unlabeled bag. You should have no name on the quilt, as well. Include up to 80 words describing your quilt and bring it to the September meeting by 6:30 pm. Have fun! Any questions, please contact Sandy Dounce. Thank you!"

Sandy Dounce

## Cathy's UFO Challenge



The challenge number for September is 9. Please complete this UFO and bring it to the September meeting for Show & Tell.

Cathy Fennell

## August BOM Mystery Quilt Blocks



## 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](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>.

**Gathering Piece by Piece** - September 23, 2023. Presenting by the Helping Hands Quilt Guild at the Wyoming United Methodist Church, 216 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover, DE. Featuring internationally acclaimed quilter Anna Maria Horner. For more info visit <https://www.helpinghandsquiltguild.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/>.

### November

**International Quilt Festival Houston** - November 2-5, 2023. Quilts, INC. produces this show at [George R. Brown Convention Center](https://www.georgebrownconventioncenter.com/) at 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, TX. For more info visit <https://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/>.

**Celebration of Quilts 2023** - November 10-11, 2023. Presented by Brownstone Quilters Guild at Eric S. Smith Middle School, 2 Monroe St. Ramsey, NJ, NJ. For more info visit <https://brownstonequilters.com/quilt-show>.

**QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #6** – November 8-11, 2023. Our sixth 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-6/>.

**Fall in Love with Quilts Quilt Show** – November 18, 2023. Presented by the Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge RD, Devon, PA. For more info visit <https://mainlinequilters.org/>.

Check out our website, the [Quilt Show page](#), 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, Collegetown, 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 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

[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 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

Checkout our website, the [Shop Hop page](#), for the more info about the shops in the Shop Hops.

Cathy Radcliffe

## August Show and Tell



Laura Chaplar's  
Scrap Quilt

August Show and Tell, Cont.



Carol Mellom showed her St. Patty's Day wall hanging with the ingenious idea of having a Valentine's design on the other side.



Jen Fillman showed several beautiful quilts including a photograph quilt that was entered in several fairs.





## Comfort Quilts

There were 10 quilts donated at the August meeting making a total of 124 quilts for the year!!

Maxine Close



Deb Graves and Joan Shaw with their Comfort Quilts

## 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>September 5</p>	<p>September 12</p>	<p>September 28                      Fairview Church,                      Fairview Village, PA</p>	<p>October 31</p>



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

Date: September 2

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

Place: Your home via **Zoom**

Project: One of your own choosing



**Workshops**

**Friendship Tea** – Downton Abbey Style with Cathy Fennell and Molly Lorenz

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



**Accuquilt Saturday** with Cathy Fennell, Judy Snook, and others

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2023

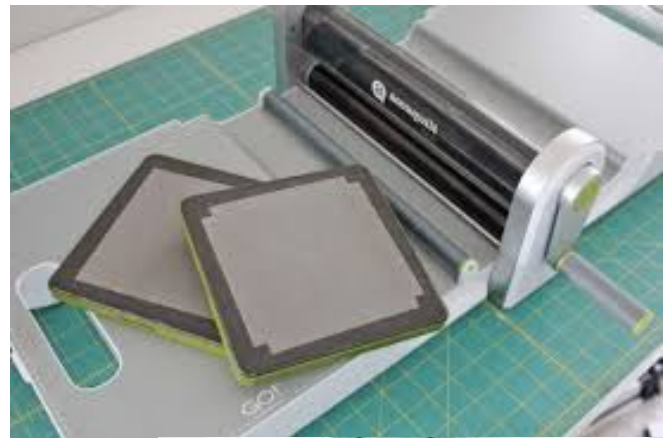
Time: 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: Free

Lunch: Please bring your own

Learn about and use the Accuquilt Go and Studio as well as many dies.



**Dignity Bib** with Linda Mitchell

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: Free

Lunch: Please bring your own



# September

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Zoom Saturday Sew Along
3	4	5 Zoom Evening Bee 7:00-9:00 pm	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Zoom Afternoon Bee 12:30-3:30 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Guild Meeting Challenge Quilts 7:00 pm	20	21	22	23 Friendship Tea 9:30-3:00
24	25	26	27	28 Thurs. Bee Fairview Church 6:00-8:30 pm	29	30





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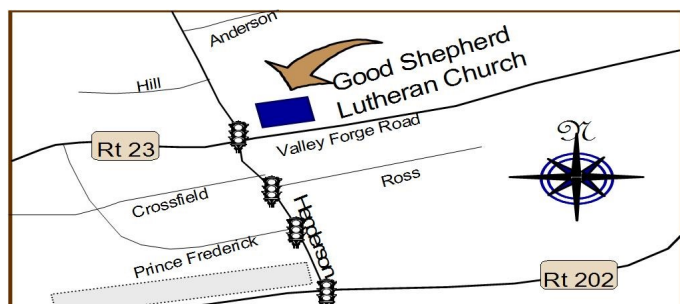
Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA

**Board of Directors**

President	Linda Mitchell
Vice President	Kayleigh Graff
Treasurer	Kathie Haney
Secretary	Jen Fillman
Membership	Karen Glasthal
Programs	Rita Mack
Newsletter Editor	Judy Snook
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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	<b>OPEN</b>
Challenge	Sandy Dounce
Comfort Quilts	Maxine Close
Facebook	Deb Graves
Historian	<b>OPEN</b>
Hospitality	Connie Stevenson
Hostess	Laura Chaplar
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	Charlene Hagerty
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Retreat/Spring	Cathy Fennell
Set-up	Joan Shaw
Sunshine	Cathy Radcliffe
Webmaster	Cathy Fennell
Workshops	Deb Graves
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.