



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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President's Corner

I hope you enjoyed seeing everyone's entries in our annual Challenge. It's so much fun to see the projects and find out how the makers came up with the ideas. I am always amazed by what our members can do. Why not get started early on next year's challenge? Sandy provided a lot of options for things we can "be" for a 16x20 mini quilt. I love that the entries can be used for both the challenge and donated for the mini quilt raffle at our quilt show.

There are many fun activities coming up for our guild. The yard sale in October provides an opportunity to sell some stash and handmade crafts, and the Accuquilt event in November should be a fun time to cut out some new projects.

I look forward to our October meeting where we will hear from an "Aurifilosopher" on all things Aurifil. Be sure to join us at the church or on zoom.

Until next time,

Linda Mitchell

October 17, 2023 Meeting

Our October program features Michelle Scott McColligan, "The Pieceful Quilter". She will join us in person to talk about her role as an "Aurifilosopher".

Refreshments for October Meeting

Sweet	Savory	Beverages/Ice
Mary Pat Smith	April Hostler	Meghan Heslin
Charlene Hagarty	Linda Newpher	Jen Fillman
Maxine Close	Rita Mack	Sheila Brassington
Gail Forster	Joan Gunder	
Joann Kirschenmann		





Birthdays

October:

- 2 Marcy 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

November:

- 5 Amy Dorsey
- 13 Sandy Darlington
- 19 Joan Markowitz
- 21 Sheila Brassington
- 29 Sharon Berry

November Program

The November program features Gretchen Gibbons. She is an avid quilter, designer, teacher, and author who will share her quilting journey with us.

Getting Ready for the Accuquilt Workshop in November

You have a wonderful, creative opportunity to use the guild's Studio dies and the Go! and Go Big! dies members will bring in for you to use. You can look to see what Studio dies are available on our website. Members are bringing many that you can use for applique. If you want to use these, bring your fabric with fusible already ironed on. These dies include sea life, umbrella, butterfly, autumn leaves, snowflakes, mini-Christmas stocking, pig, cow, chicken, bird house, and a holiday medley (tree, holly, snowflakes). There will be a teapot, teacup, and Sun Bonnet Sue. A penguin, owl, and gnome could also be ornaments. There will be large and small bowl cozy dies. **Warning:** *All fabrics, thread and batting should be 100% cotton if cozy will be used in a microwave. Using material with other fibers can cause a fire in your microwave during use. Check labels carefully. There are specific brands of batting designed for this use also.* You can make a baby bib with two fabrics and optional batting. When you go on the Accuquilt web site (www.accuquilt.com), you can get an idea of sizes to help figure out how much fabric is needed. Allow a good ¼" around the die in your figuring. Look at all the ways you can use the jar die that will be available. We hope you will be inspired to make things for yourself or for gifts.

Meeting Minutes - September 19, 2023

WELCOME: Linda Mitchell welcomed all members in-person and on Zoom. This month there was one new member and two guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Linda recognized and thanked the previous board members. Former guild president Deb Graves was presented with a quilt which had signatures and messages from guild members. She was also presented with a beautiful floral arrangement. The new board members were mentioned, and the ongoing members of the board were recognized. There was recognition of new roles: Connie Stevenson - hospitality, Charlene Hagerty - refreshments, Rita Mack - programs, Janet Gaboury – newsletter publisher, and Deb Graves - technology. A historian/ photographer is still needed for the guild.

- The 2024 Quilt Show co-chairs were announced, Cathy Fennell and Deb Graves.
- There is a large 4-H fabric and quilt supplies sale that will be running from September 21 through September 23. Please check page 7 of the September newsletter for more information.
- Lisa Steuer and Barb Jones won the door prizes.

BLOCK of the MONTH: Beth Mancini presented the mystery block for October, "Blueberry Pie." In November, she will provide the instructions for assembling the quilt top which should be completed and brought to the December meeting. Marcy Mancini won the Block of the Month drawing. There were 12 participants for September.

MEMBERSHIP: Karen Glasthal introduced our new member, Mary Pat Smith. Membership dues were due in September. Please see Karen Glasthal.

COMFORT QUILTS: Maxine Close said there were 10 quilts collected in August, making for a total of 124 quilts so far this year. Maxine Close read a lovely thank you note received from a Paoli Hospital hospice patient's family member.

WORKSHOPS: Current workshops were presented by Cathy Fennell.

- Friendship Tea is this Saturday, Sept 23. The theme is Downton Abbey. It is a UFO with demos and prizes. Please check the previous newsletter for more information. A reminder email will be sent the day of.
- 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.
- In December, there might be a dignity bib workshop on the first Saturday in December. Cathy Fennell will let us know when confirmed.
- Workshops are set for 2024 and will be announced later.

UFO CHALLENGE: The UFO Challenge number for September was #9. There were six members who presented their completed quilts. Jen Fillman won the UFO drawing. For the October meeting, please complete #7 from your list.

50/50 DRAWING: Kathie Haney won the 50:50 drawing.

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PROGRAM: The program for this month was the 2023 Challenge. Quilted items were required to use the color pink, include a polygon (hexagon, octagon, etc.), and weather. There were 12 participants for this year's challenge. The voting was completed via secret ballot during the refreshments break. The ballots were counted during the break including votes from members on Zoom. Before the results were presented, each participant spoke about their creation. The results: 1st place: Deb Graves, 2nd place: Linda Mitchell, and 3rd place: Marcy Mancini.

The 2024 Challenge was revealed, "Be's to Live By." Each participant is to choose a slip from the envelope with different phrases. As an example, "Be thoughtful," "Be bubbly," "Be caring," etc. A quilt should be created relating to the "Be" phrase on the slip of paper, using any technique, but must measure 16" by 20." We will present and vote on the challenge quilts at the September 2024 meeting. More information to follow. For any questions, please contact Sandy Dounce. You could even donate your challenge quilt to the mini-quilt auction at the 2024 Quilt Show!

SHOW AND TELL: Show & Tell followed.

OCTOBER MEETING: At our October meeting the speaker will be Michelle Scott, an Aurifilosopher. She will give us lots of information regarding Aurifil thread. More information to follow. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Fillman



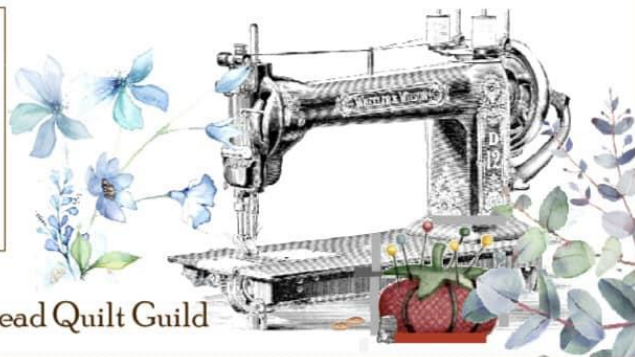
Indoor The Valley Forge Yard Sale & Craft Boutique

If you're a quilter or crafter or if you appreciate quilts and crafts, you'll find treasures galore including homemade quilts, crafts, notions and much more!
Enjoy a wide variety of different sale tables at one convenient location.

DATE & TIME: Saturday, October 21, 2023
9:00 am ~ 12:00 noon

LOCATION: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
132 E Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406

No fee for admission and plenty of free parking



Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild

Cathy's UFO Challenge

I don't have a
BUCKET LIST
JUST a bunch of
UNFINISHED
CRAFTING PROJECTS
I HOPE TO COMPLETE
BEFORE I die

The challenge number for October is #7.
Please complete this UFO and bring it to
the October meeting for Show & Tell.

Cathy Fennell

September #9 Finished UFO's



Meghan Heslin



Ruth Heslin



Deb Wallingford
showing for
Venessa Garst



Rosemary Geisler



Judy Snook



Jen Fillman

2023 Challenge - Pink, Polygon and Weather



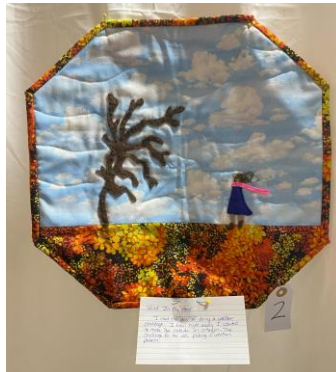
Deb Graves 1st Place



Linda Mitchell 2nd Place



Marcy Mancini 3rd Place



VFHQ 2024 Challenge is "Be's to Live By"

Explanation: Often we see sayings like "Be Happy", "Be Caring", "Be Forgiving", etc.

1. You will choose a "Be to Live By" paper from the container provided
 2. The mini quilt you create may use any quilting techniques, fabrics, and embellishments.
 3. Your mini quilt must measure 16" by 20"*
 4. Your creation should be made between October 2023 and September 2024
 5. One entry per person will be accepted.
 6. Completed quilts will be displayed and voted on at the September 2024 meeting and must include a short paragraph about the quilt.
 7. All questions regarding this challenge should be directed to Sandy Dounce
- * You might want to donate this quilt to the mini-quilt raffle at our next show.

I prefer that people choose "Be to Live By" from my envelope, so we get a variety of "Be's", but if you have a really great idea, go with it.

Sandy Dounce

New Members

Welcome Mary Pat Smith

Mary Pat searched the internet and found us! Glad you did, Mary Pat. She began quilting when she was pregnant with the oldest of her two children. While she has been quilting for 33 years, she considers herself still learning. She is ready to try any and all types of quilting. Mary Pat enjoys mountain biking and is involved in her church Bible study. She likes to read and listen to music. Mary Pat is a reading specialist. Her husband is wonderfully supportive.

Welcome Linda Juzbasich (the J is silent)

One day Linda was at Steve's Sew and Vac sewing a weighted blanket and she happened to talk to a guild member who suggested she might like to look into our guild. So she did! Linda has been sewing and making crafts her entire life. Her quilting journey began when she made a quilt while in high school. She favors scrap quilts loving the idea of saving fabric from the landfill. Linda also knits and continues to do crafts. She likes to read, travel and she loves to clean. She retired from her nursing career, but she missed working so now she works as a nurse part time. Linda and her husband keep bees on their property which keeps them busy. We're glad you are here, Linda.

Welcome Ellen Kane

Linda Juzbasich talked to Ellen about our guild, and we're glad they both came to a meeting and joined. Ellen began sewing clothes for herself when she found her tall stature was hard to fit. She has always loved fabric and did patchwork and tying in high school. In her early 20s, she took a formal quilting class. Ellen loves to make lap quilts. She also enjoys modern quilts and vintage fabrics, an interesting combination. She likes to cook, garden, read, do Pilates, and travel. Ellen is a retired nurse. She has three daughters and none of them sew!

Friendship Tea - Downton Abbey Style



Comfort Quilts

At the September 19th meeting, we picked up 14 more quilts making 138 for the year. We only need 62 more quilts over the next 3 months to have 200!!! There were also 44 dolls turned in making a total of 92 dolls for the year.

Thank you again for all the hard work ladies,
Maxine Close



Jean Hayden cleaned out her sewing room and finished 3 wonderful comfort quilts!

An Easy Binding Solution

This website that shows an easy way to bind your quilts including that tricky part of joining the ends of the binding.

<https://www.merrymabelmarket.com/quiltingposts/bindingwasnteasyforme>

Joan Markowitz

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
October 3	October 10	October 26 Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, PA	October 31

1st Saturday Sew Along -Zoom

Date: October 7

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

Place: Your home via **Zoom**

Project: One of your own choosing

Workshops**Quilter's Yard Sale and Boutique**

Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023

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

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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.

Accuquilt Saturday with Cathy Fennell, Judy Snook, and others

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2023

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Time: 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fee: Free

Lunch: Please bring your own

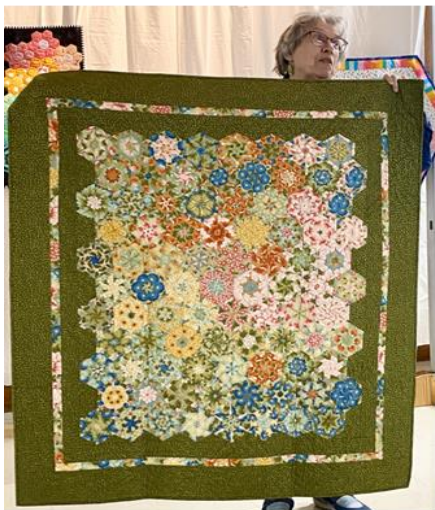


Congratulations to Rosemary Geisler, Linda Hamel, and Judy Snook! Your quilt is absolutely beautiful and very deserving of the 3rd place ribbon you received for wall hanging quilts at the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza. Seven Loose Threads members took apart a photo and each person reproduced a section to make this quilt.

Congrats, again!

Cathy Fennell

September Show and Tell



Quilt Shows

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.quilts.com/quilt-festival/) 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.

Shop Hops

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

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

Cathy Radcliffe

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Zoom Evening Bee 7:00-9:00 pm	4	5	6	7 Zoom Saturday Sew Along 9:30-4:00
8	9	10 Zoom Afternoon Bee 12:30-3:30 pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Guild Meeting "Aurifilosopher" 7:00 pm	18	19	19	21 Yard Sale 9:00-1:00
22	23	24	25	26 Thursday Bee Fairview Church 6:00-8:30 pm	27	28
29	30	31 Zoom Northern Bee 6:30-9:30 pm				





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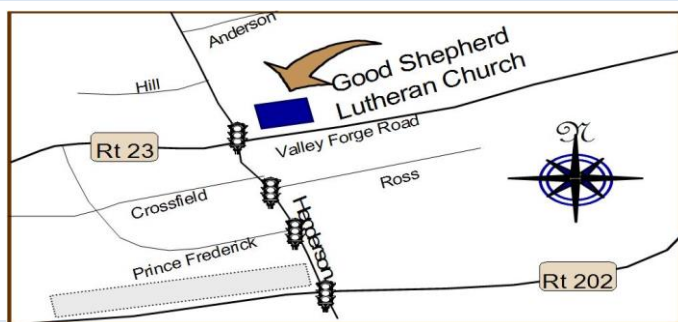
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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



Newsletter Submissions

Send to: Judy Snook

Information for the next newsletter must be received by the 25th of the month.

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Afternoon	Jean Hayden
Evening	Deb Graves
Northern	Barbara Hughes
Thurs Evening	Ruth Heslin
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