



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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November 2023

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President's Corner

Fun times continue this fall in our guild. We had a wonderful tea in September and a successful yard sale in October. I'm looking forward to our next event where we'll use our Accuquilt to cut shapes for future quilts.

Speaking of future quilts, have you thought about what quilts you want to make to display at next year's quilt show? It's not too early to get started. I have several quilts in progress – one is a Judy Niemeyer paper-pieced gem, another is by Sew Kind of Wonderful, and the third is our Mystery Block of the Month. I am anxious to work on all of them at next week's retreat. Attending a retreat is a great way to increase your sewing time and build relationships with other members of the guild. Think about signing up for our spring or fall retreat next year. They are fun!

Until next time,

Linda Mitchell

November 21, 2023 Meeting

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

Refreshments for November Meeting

Sweet	Savory	Beverages/Ice
Barbara Hughes	Sandy Dounce	Ethel Hutchinson
Sue Fisher	Donna Sneed	
Donna Raymond	Carol Mellom	
Deb Graves	Linda Juzbasich	
Marcy Mancini		



Happy Thanksgiving



Birthdays

November:

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

December:

- 2 Joan Gunder
- 3 Ethel Hutchinson
- 4 Janet Gaboury
- 5 Ann Palmer
- 6 Connie Stevenson
- 12 Dottie Dolgash
- 19 Becky Weiland
- 25 Carol Frank
- 30 Lynn Telson

December 19 Meeting

The December program will be our annual Holiday Party - always a fun meeting. Time to put on your party clothes! We'll vote on who's dressed most festively.

Rita Mack

Reminders

The **Dignity Bib Workshop** scheduled for Saturday Nov. 18 is being moved to Jan. 20, 2024. On November 18, please support another local guild by attending the **Main Line Quilters Quilt Show**, details on Page 8.

Also, the **Thursday Evening Bee** at Fairview Church will not meet in November or December, due to the holidays.

Different Month, Still More Fun!

The **Accuquilt Workshop** has been moved to December 2. Come use any of the Studio or Go! dies to make something for yourself or for someone else. Remember Christmas is just around the corner! Check the November newsletter and our website to see all the dies you can choose from. Perhaps there will be even more. If your project is to be an applique, apply the fusible before using either of the cutters. More information to follow.

Minutes from October 17, 2023 Meeting

Announcements: Linda Mitchell welcomed all members in person and on Zoom. This month there was one new member and two guests. The new member is Anita Bennett. Membership dues were due in September. Please see Karen Glasthal if you have not paid your \$35.00 dues. Linda announced that the position of Historian was filled by April Hostler. The Friendship Tea was a big success with 24 attendees including four new members. Two new hostesses are needed for next year.

Karen Glasthal spoke about Quilts of Valor. Several members created a QOV quilt that will be awarded to a veteran by the name of Kiti Williams during the Valley Forge Chorale Fundraiser. The event takes place on Veterans Day at the Lower Providence Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m.

Our Treasurer, Kathie Haney, shared the current balance of the guild's funds. Anyone who needs reimbursement, please see Kathie.

Sandy Dounce spoke about the 2023-2024 challenge, "Be's to Live By." Each participant is to choose a slip from the envelope with different phrases. 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. For any questions, please contact Sandy Dounce.

BOM: Beth Mancini presented the new block of the month for November. At the November meeting, she will share several examples of the completed quilt and provide the instructions for assembling the quilt top which should be completed and brought to the December meeting. Charlene Hagerty won the Block of the Month drawing.

Comfort Quilts: Maxine Close mentioned that there were 14 quilts collected in September, making for a total of 138 quilts so far this year. There were also 44 dolls collected, making for a total of 92 this year.

Workshops: The October 21 yard sale and craft boutique will be from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Set-up begins at 7:30 a.m. The fee is \$10.00, and all proceeds are your own. November 18 is no longer the Accuquilt workshop. The Accuquilt workshop has been changed to December 2, 2023, and the Dignity Bib workshop has been rescheduled. The January workshop will be on Saturday, January 20, and will include both dignity bibs and comfort quilts.

Drawings: Janet Gaboury won the 50/50 drawing. Mary Pat Smith and Debbie Bianco won the door prizes.

Committee Interview: Rita Mack interviewed Maxine Close who is the chair of the Comfort Quilts Committee. Maxine described how she learned to quilt and mentioned that she has led the comfort quilts committee since 2013. Her duties often include adding quilt labels, washing comfort quilts as needed, delivering the quilts to multiple organizations, organizing and hosting meetings with the comfort quilts team to sort fabric, cut and create kits, and sort the comfort quilts for each organization. Maxine reminded the members that we provide comfort quilts to the Coatesville VA, Einstein NICU, St. Christopher's, and Paoli Hospital.

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Program: The guest speaker this month was Michele Scott, the "Pieceful Quilter." She spoke about her quilting journey since the 1990's, including stories about how she submitted many different designs to various magazines for publication. Michele shared numerous quilts she designed and created over the years, each one being different and unique. A handout with additional information was provided. Her website is www.piecefulquilter.com.

UFO Challenge: The UFO number for October was #7. There were 6 members who presented their completed quilts. Meghan Heslin won the UFO drawing. For the November meeting, please complete #8 from your list.

Show and tell followed.

Next Meeting: At the November meeting, our speaker will be Gretchen Gibbons, quilter, designer, teacher, and author. She will be sharing her quilting journey.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Fillman

New Members

Welcome Anita Bennett!

Anita has been sewing for 34 years. She visited a fabric shop in Connecticut and they encouraged Anita to take a class. She likes to do various quilt projects plus other sewing. Anita is relatively new to Pennsylvania. One day she decided to see if there was a quilt guild nearby and searched the web. Aren't we glad she found us! She works from home as a medical consultant. Her husband, Chris, and Anita have two grown children. Anita can also be found rooting for the Phillies, hiking, and cooking.

Welcome Denise Pokorny!

Denise found out about our guild from Carol Olinick and Rose Warren. Denise grew up in a home with an attached tailor shop for her mother to do clothing alterations. Denise learned to sew clothes in 4H. In 2018, she became interested in quilting and especially enjoys making donation quilts for kids. Denise likes to read and is retired.

October Program - Michele Scott



Cathy's UFO Challenge



The challenge number for November is #8. Please complete this UFO and bring it to the November meeting for Show & Tell.

Cathy Fennell

October UFO Finished Projects



More Michele Scott Quilts



Conquer Tangled Threads

A recent discussion on our guild's Facebook page led to the sharing of some great tips on how to avoid tangled threads along the edges of fabric when pre-washing fabrics. While many modern fabrics don't have problems with bleeding or shrinking, they can be checked for bleeding by washing in the sink and testing with a small piece of white fabric. If you do choose to pre-wash, smaller pieces can be put into a laundry bag or safety-pinned together on one or two corners. Another method to reduce the fraying is to clip small triangles off the corners of the pieces of fabric. For the more patient among us, pinking the edges or finishing them with a serger or zigzag stitch will go a long way towards avoiding this issue.

Connie Stevenson

October Show and Tell



Bees, Bees, Bees!

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

Evening Bee 1 st Tuesday Zoom 7:00 - 9:00 PM Coordinator – Deb Graves	Afternoon Bee 2 nd Tuesday Zoom 12:30 - 3:30 PM Coordinator - Jean Hayden	Evening Bee 4 th Thursday 6:00 - 8:30 PM Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, PA Coordinator - Ruth Heslin	Northern Bee 5 th Tuesday Zoom 6:30 - 9:30 PM Coordinator - Barbara Hughes
November 7	November 14	January 25, 2024	January 30, 2024

Quilt Shows

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/>.

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/>.

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>.

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.

Cathy Radcliffe

Comfort Quilts

There were 19 quilts picked up at the October 17 meeting making a total of 157 for the year! Ethel Hutchinson, Joan Shaw, Rita Mack, and Carol Mellom meet at the Upper Merion Senior Center to work on comfort quilts from fabric donated to the center.

Maxine Close



Block of the Month

Coming to a close, Beth is showing the last block (November).



Workshops

No Workshop for November (see Page 2)

AccuQuilt Saturday with Cathy Fennell, Judy Snook, and others

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Price: Free

Lunch: Please bring your own lunch.

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

Comfort Charity Quilt Workshop with Maxine Close and

Dignity Bib Workshop with Linda Mitchell

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Price: Free

Lunch: Wonderful lunch will be provided.

Please contact Maxine if you need a kit, backing and/or batting

Saturday Sew Along

Date: November 4, 2023

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

Place: your home via Zoom

Project: one of your own choosing



November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Zoom Saturday Sew Along 9:30-4:00
5	6	7 Zoom Evening Bee 7:00-9:00 pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Zoom Afternoon Bee 12:30-3:30 pm	15	16	17	18 Main Line Quilters Show
19	20	21 Guild Meeting 7:00 pm	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		





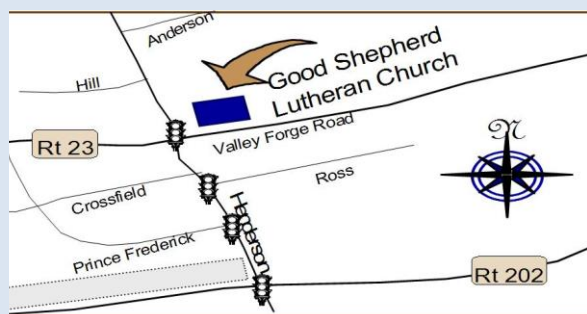
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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



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

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