



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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President's Corner

A new year will soon be here. I love the idea of "new!" A new day, a new month, and especially a new year. What will it bring?

Plans for guild events are well underway. Can you join us at the workshop on January 20 and help us get our charity efforts off to a strong start? We have more fun workshops and demos planned for the year. Do you have a plan for the "Be" Challenge? And it's not too early to start thinking about our fabulous quilt show in October. What quilts will you have ready for display? What will you sell in the boutique? What can you put aside from your stash for Granny's attic?

For me personally, the new year always makes me think about how many projects I want to get done. Can I please stop myself from buying more? I know I'll feel better if I reduce my stash!

I have high hopes for getting projects done in the new year, and for more great times with guild members.

Until next time,
Linda Mitchell





Happy Birthday

January:

- 11 Cynthia Krommes
- 14 Martine Green
- 21 Mary Molettiere
- 21 Gigi Procaro
- 30 Debbie Bianco

February:

- 2 Ellen Kane
- 10 Barbara Jones
- 13 Joann Kirschenmann
- 17 Esther Canning
- 19 Ann Lister
- 24 Sandy Dounce
- 26 Jen Fillman
- 26 Laura Ocker

Programs

The January program will feature Jennifer Houlden, a textile artist from Canada. Her lecture is titled: Creating Contrast in Your Quilts: How Is It Done? This program will be only on **Zoom**.

Our February program will be provided by fiber artist Nancy Hershberger. She was the winner of the Bernina Best Sewing Machine Workmanship Award at the 2023 Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza. Her topic: Interpreting the Landscape. This program will also be only on **Zoom**.

Rita Mack

New Member

Welcome Fran Amore!

Fran came to our Holiday Party meeting with bingo card in hand ready to participate in the guild's activities. It's great to see enthusiasm! Fran sewed masks and when we stopped wearing them, she had lots of squares and started stitching them together. Fran loves to piece and has made six bed size quilts. She also likes to cross stitch, do beading with wire, crochet granny squares, and do machine embroidery. I bet Fran's enthusiasm works well with her job as a teacher at Toddle Town.

Minutes from December 19, 2023 Meeting

Announcements: Linda Mitchell welcomed all members, including two guests. One new member has joined the guild, Fran Amore. Linda announced that during the dinner, members were to vote on the multi-guild "Light" challenge quilts which were on display and instructed members to give their ballots to Sandy Dounce. Dinner followed.

Holiday Party:

BOM: Eleven members presented their completed Block of the Month quilt tops. Charlene Hagerty won the BOM drawing. There will be no Block of the Month program for 2024 so that members can prepare for the 2024 Quilt Show in October.

Comfort Quilts: We Met Maxine's Goal! Maxine Close mentioned that there were 27 quilts collected since the last meeting making for a total of 184 quilts so far this year. She reminded members to ask for a quilt kit, batting or backing if needed to complete a comfort quilt.

Workshops: The January workshop will be on Saturday, January 20 and will include both dignity bibs and comfort quilts. The February workshop will be a Zoom demonstration with Connie Stevenson on "Crayon Quilts." The March workshop will be a Rope Bowl workshop with Deb Graves. Cathy Fennell will send a sign-up genius email out for the workshops after the holidays.

Program: This month was the annual holiday party. Members enjoyed dinner, music, a visit from Santa, and games which included Bingo, an Ugly Sweater contest, and a Unique Christmas Item contest. There were multiple Bingo winners. Linda Juzbasich won the Ugly Sweater contest, and Ellen Kane won the Unique Christmas Item contest. The Christmas gift exchange followed. There were no 50/50 drawing or door prizes this month.

UFO Challenge: The UFO Challenge number for December was #6. There were seven members who presented their completed quilts. Venessa Garst won the UFO drawing. For the January meeting, please complete #10 from your list. Show and tell followed.

Next Meeting: The January meeting will be Zoom only. Members will need to email photos of their completed UFO and Show and Tell items to Deb Graves for the January meeting. The January program will feature Jennifer Houlden, a textile artist from Canada. Her lecture is titled, "Creating Contrast in your Quilts; How is it Done?" Please see above and the newsletter for additional information.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Fillman

Comfort Quilts

There were 17 quilts turned in at the December meeting making a total of 201 quilts for the year!!! There were also 15 dolls turned in for a total of 107 dolls for the year. I hope to see you at our workshop on Saturday, January 20. We will be making the dignity bibs, stuffing dolls, and making quilts. Lunch will be provided. It starts at 9:30. Call or email me if you have any questions.

I would also like to add that there were 63 Bingo Quilt Cards made. These will become comfort quilts.

Thank you everyone again for your support in helping us reach the goal of 200.

Maxine Close

Comfort Quilts collected at December Meeting



Block of the Month

Final Quilt Tops!



Spotlight on a Quilt Shop -Pottstown Sewing

a new feature in the newsletter led by Barbara Hughes

Pottstown Sewing, your "Sew" Happy Place, is located at 142 Shoemaker Road in Pottstown, not too far off route 422. While it is owned by Steve Chubin of Steve's Sew and Vac, it is managed by Liz Bedell. The phone number is 610-326-5055. The website is Pottstownsewing.com. They don't yet have an online store, but they are on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Don't forget to ask for your discount when you shop there as they give 10% off to guild members. Take your membership card in case you need to show it. The staff members are friendly and love to help customers pick out fabrics for their projects. Pottstown Sewing carries a large selection of bright and traditional fabrics. Also check out their selection of blenders. Staff are knowledgeable in many sewing and crafting disciplines. Plus, you can find some yarn and other needle craft supplies in the store.

In addition to being a BabyLock sewing machine dealer, Pottstown Sewing also sells Miele and Riccar vacuums. They have a trained sewing machine repair technician on site and service all makes of machines. Coming in 2024 will be longarm quilting services if all goes according to plan.

Along with the usual variety of quilting and sewing classes, they offer crocheting and knitting, machine embroidery playdates, open sewing times and digitizing and computer classes. Homeschooler classes are also available.

Look for weekly specials in their advertising and visit Pottstown Sewing during Row by Row and Mystery Shop Hop events.



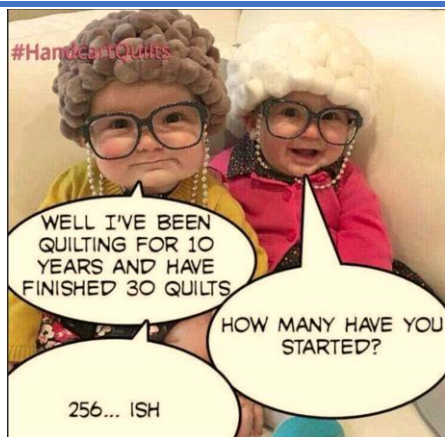
Your "Sew" Happy Place

142 Shoemaker Road
Pottstown, PA 19464

Cathy's UFO Challenge

The challenge number for January is #10. Send a photo of your completed project to Deb Graves to be shown at the January ZOOM meeting.

Cathy Fennell



December UFO Finished Projects



Meghan Heslin



Judy Snook



Jen Fillman



Linda Jarosz



Ruth Heslin



Sandy Dounce



Venessa Garst

Holiday Party



Linda Juzbasich-Ugly Sweater and Ellen Kane-Unique Item

Quilt Shows

January

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #7 - January 24-27, 2024. Our seventh 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-5/>.

March

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #8 - March 20-23, 2024. Our eighth 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-8/>.

Art Quilt Elements 2024 - March 24 to April 27, 2024. At the Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave, Wayne, PA. Art Quilt Elements 2024 is the 16th biennial exhibition of this internationally acclaimed show, unique for its professional presentation of contemporary fine art quilts. For more information, visit <http://artquilelements.org/>.

April

2024 Relief Sale - April 5-6, 2024. Since 1957, all sale day proceeds benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee which include aid to the victims of poverty and other man-made and natural disasters. At the [Farm Show Complex](#), Giant Expo Hall, Harrisburg, PA. For more info visit <http://www.pareliefsale.org/>.

Lancaster Lebanon Quilt Show - April 10-13, 2024. At the [Lebanon Valley Exposition Center](#), 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. The show features over 45 vendors, 150 quilts and 30 classes. This show was previously in Lancaster but it is moving to Lebanon in order to bring you a great show, with lots of space, somewhere easy to travel to and be able to continue to offer free admission and free parking. For more info visit <https://www.aquiltersdestination.com/lancaster-pa>.

Check out our website, the [Quilt Show page](#), for upcoming local and regional shows.

Cathy Radcliffe

Saturday Sew Along

Date: January 6, 2024
 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Place: your home via Zoom
 Project: one of your own choosing

Workshops

Comfort Charity Quilt Workshop
 with Maxine Close **and**
Dignity Bib Workshop with Linda Mitchell

Date: Saturday, January 20

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

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Price: Free

Lunch: Lunch will be provided by the
 Comfort Quilt committee

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

Zoom UFO Workshop and **Demo** with
 Connie Stevenson

Date: Saturday, February 24

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

Place: Your home via Zoom

The demo is 'Crayon Quilts'. Coloring on
 shapes then using an iron and paper towels
 to remove the wax.

Rope Bowl Workshop with Deb Graves

Date: Saturday, March 23

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

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Price: \$15 to cover the cost of the rope for
 all members attending

Lunch: Please bring your own

Supply list will be provided at time of
 payment.

December

Accuquilt Workshop



Cathy Fennell and Laura Ocker



December Show and Tell



Emily and Kayleigh Graff



Tracy Klinger



Gail Forster



Marcy Mancini



Jen Fillman



Rosemary Geisler



Laura Ocker



Becky Weiland



Cathy Fennell



Rita Mack



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
January 2	January 9	January 25	January 30

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Zoom Evening Bee 7:00-9:00 pm	3	4	5	6 Zoom Saturday Sew Along 9:30-4:00 pm
7	8	9 Zoom Afternoon Bee 12:30-3:30 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Zoom Only Guild Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18	19	20 Comfort Quilt and Dignity Bib Workshop 9:30-3:00 pm
21	22	23	24	25 Fairview Church Evening Bee 6:00-8:30 pm	26	27
28	29	30 Zoom Northern Bee 6:30-9:30 pm	31	.	.	.



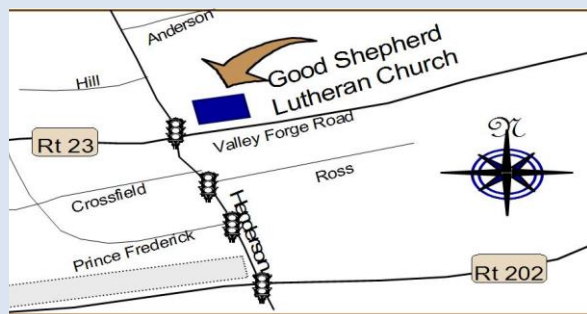
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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



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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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