



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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February 2024

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President's Corner

Winter is a wonderful time to stay home and work on projects. I love to avoid the bad weather and cold temperatures and get something done or learn something new.

The Comfort Quilt and Dignity Bib workshop on Zoom was a perfect way to stay home and be warm, chat with friends, learn something new and sew charity projects. Deb Graves shared a pattern for making charity quilts with charm squares. I'm looking forward to using some of my stash to make one. Thanks for all the positive comments and suggestions for additional Zoom sessions. We'll be adding more Zoom charity sewing events soon.

There are some learning opportunities coming up. During the February Zoom workshop, Connie Stevenson will demonstrate Crayon Quilts - coloring in the shapes, then using an iron and paper towels to remove the wax. And in March, Deb Graves will show us how to make rope bowls. Sounds fun, doesn't it?

As you're developing your plans for projects and workshops, be sure to include a comfort quilt or two and think about your contributions to the quilt show. Happy sewing!

Until next time,
Linda Mitchell





Happy Birthday

February:

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

March:

- 4 Lou Chandler
- 10 Norma Richard
- 13 Gail Forster
- 15 Lisa Steuer
- 18 Cathy Fennell
- 28 Tracy Klinger

Programs

We have two exciting programs coming up!

Our February program will be a lecture and trunk show by Nancy Hershberger, a fiber artist from rural Pennsylvania who was the winner of the Bernina Best Sewing Machine Workmanship Award at the 2023 Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza. Nancy loves creating with fabric and thread and has been awarded many artist in residencies. Her topic will be: Interpreting the Landscape.

In March the program will be provided by our member, Dawn Heefner. She will be sharing photos of her trip to the 2023 Festival of Quilts, Europe's biggest patchwork and quilting event held in Birmingham, England.

Rita Mack

Spring Retreat

The balance payment for the Spring Retreat is due by February 20. Please send your check and the second slip on the registration form to Barbara at 362 Church Rd., Elkins Park, Pa. 19027 by that date. Thank you

Barbara Hughes



Minutes from January 16, 2024 Meeting

Announcements: Kayleigh Graff welcomed all members, including one guest, and one new member, Rose McKinley. Kathie Haney provided a treasurer's report which detailed the guild's current bank account balance. Barbara Hughes reminded those planning to attend the Spring 2024 Quilt Retreat that she will be sending emails soon that will provide additional information for the attendees.

BOM: There is no BOM program for 2024 so that members can prepare for the 2024 Quilt Show in October.

Comfort Quilts: Maxine Close mentioned that there were 17 quilts collected since the last meeting, making for a total of 201 quilts for 2023. 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 and "Crayon Quilts." A supply list will be sent via email for the workshop. The March workshop will be a Rope Bowls workshop with Deb Graves. Cathy Fennell will send a sign-up genius email out for the workshops. *(Please see updated workshop information on pages 8 and 9)*

Program: This month the program featured Jennifer Houlden, a textile artist from Canada. Her lecture was titled, "Creating Contrast in your Quilts; How is it Done?" During her presentation, she shared quilts created in different styles and colors, as well as detailed different ways to add contrast to quilts via color, texture, and embellishments. She often creates scrap quilts and is an advocate of sustainability in quilting. Please see the email provided to the guild for her website and additional information about her workshops and patterns. There were no 50/50 drawing or door prizes this month.

UFO Challenge: The UFO number for January was #10. There were six members who presented their completed quilts. Meghan Heslin won the UFO drawing. For the February meeting, please complete #12 from your list.

Show and tell followed.

Next Meeting: The February 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 February meeting. The February program will feature Nancy Hershberger. Her lecture is titled, "Interpreting the Landscape." Please see the newsletter for additional information.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Fillman

Comfort Quilts

For those that missed our Zoom Workshop Saturday, we were quite productive. We will be delivering many quilts in the near future. Thank you everyone who was able to join us.

If you wish to put batting in when making flannel quilt, that is your personal preference. The thought behind not putting batting in when flannel is being used, it keeps the cost down for the guild.

The following is the guideline for the places we donate our quilts to:

- Einstein NICU: size 36" X 36" or a little longer
- Paoli in-house hospice prefers 36" X 48".
- VA - the nursing home would like 48" X 56". (The rest of the VA will use anything larger than a lap quilt. The people there are for drug rehab.)
- St. Christopher's: 36" X 36" and up. (The kids can go there up to the age of 21.)

There were no quilts picked up for January.

Maxine Close

2024 Kutztown Folk Festival

The dates for the next Kutztown Folk Festival will be June 29, 2024-July 7, 2024. The deadline to register is April 1, 2024. To participate, you need to register online at www.kutztownfestival.com/quilters. Here you will find the online quilt application, rules for participation, and the information packet. Within the information packet is a guide for pricing and size requirements. Each participant will be contacted by the organization and will schedule a specific time for you to drop off your quilts and a pickup time for any unsold quilts. All information and more are found on the website. Copies of this information will be available at the March 2024 guild meeting. If you need help with drop-off pick-up or have any questions, please contact Jen Fillman.



Spotlight on a Quilt Shop - Needles & Bolts

a new feature in the newsletter led by Barbara Hughes

Needles & Bolts is located at 6819 Germantown Avenue in the Mount Airy section of northwest Philadelphia. Stella Singleton is the proprietor. The shop phone number is 215-316-5696. The website is www.needlesandbolts.com. The shop is also found on Facebook, YouTube, and Pinterest at @needlesandbolts. Stella does have an online store and sends regular emails detailing sales and new merchandise if you are on the email list.

While there is no discount for guild members, there is a loyalty program for everyone. For every \$100 spent you earn a \$5 coupon. As can be imagined, it doesn't take too long to earn a coupon.

When asked what makes Needles & Bolts special Stella replied, "Nestled at the heart of creativity, Needles & Bolts stands as more than just a crafting haven; it's a vibrant community that celebrates the art of making. Offering an eclectic array of top-quality supplies, from modern fabrics to stitching tools, the shop caters to seasoned crafters and enthusiastic beginners alike. What truly sets Needles & Bolts apart is its commitment to fostering a supportive and inspiring environment. Beyond the shelves stocked with creative possibilities, the shop hosts engaging workshops, and loves bringing in guest instructors. The warm and welcoming atmosphere encourages collaboration and the exchange of ideas, making Needles & Bolts not just a store but a hub where passion and creativity intertwine."

In addition to quilting fabrics including lines from well-known designers such as Tula Pink and Tilda the shop has a select offering of garment fabrics. There are also embroidery kits and supplies including a large section of Sashiko kits and supplies. For a smaller shop, there is also a good selection of notions.

Quilting classes are offered, of course, but also garment sewing and hand stitching classes are available. There are sew-ins and open sews offered in the makers space and, in the summer, a grownup sewing camp. Additionally, Needles & Bolts has a Super Bowl Sew Day, a Countdown to Christmas event, and celebrates Small Business Saturday, Worldwide Quilt Day and Local Quilt Shop Day with special events. They also have participated in the Mystery Quilt Shop Hops and will be in the Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop in July and August this coming summer.

needles
& BOLTS
a modern quilt shop
& haberdashery

Cathy's UFO Challenge

For The February meeting, the UFO to complete is #12. Please send a photo of your completed project to Deb Graves to share during the February Zoom guild meeting.

Cathy Fennell



Meghan Heslin



Venessa Garst



Judy Snook

January UFO Finished Projects



Jen Fillman



Ruth Heslin



Sandy Dounce



Cathy Fennell

Quilt Shows

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>.

May

Spring Radiance A Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition - May 4-5, 2024. Presented by County Line Quilters Guild at St Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd, Jamison, PA. For more info visit <https://countylinequilters.org/quilt-show-2024>. Go to <https://saint-cyril.com/directions/> for directions.

Airing of the Quilts - May 11, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Palmerton, PA. The event will include quilts displayed in the storefronts on Delaware Ave., a quilt show with vendors, quilt lectures, food vendors, entertainment in the park, and a scavenger hunt with prizes! For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3447465702234961/>.

Penn Dry Goods Market - May 31 to June 1, 2024. Presented by the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center at 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA. The Penn Dry Goods Market is a textile-focused antiques and vintage show that offers a textile history lecture series during the antiques show with 11 nationally and internationally known speakers on many aspects of textile history. For a full list of dealers, to register for lectures, and download an admissions coupon go to <https://www.schwenkfelder.org/penn-dry-goods-market>.

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

Cathy Radcliffe

Workshops

Please note that some charges, dates and times have been changed.

Zoom UFO Workshop and Crayon Quilts 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. Crayon quilts are an easy, fun, and relaxing alternative to using applique - especially great for some of the very detailed patterns out there! This technique is also a wonderful way to preserve children's drawings in a unique way.

Supply List:

Crayons – any brand, in any size package. I found I prefer the more intense pigments of the Crayola brand. If you do buy Crayola, make sure to NOT get the Ultra-Washable type! **Fabric** – light-colored quilting fabric. White will give you the true color of the crayon, but other light colors are certainly an option! Try out colors on scraps of different fabrics to see the effect. Muslin is fine; just make sure to use a tighter woven one to minimize any stretching due to coloring. **Freezer paper** – not required, but highly recommended. It is used to stabilize the fabric and makes the coloring process much easier.

Paper towels, Iron, ironing board or pressing mat

Something to protect your ironing board, just in case – pressing cloth, applique pressing sheet, etc.

Permanent fabric marker, such as Pigma – if you wish to trace a design onto your fabric or outline colored areas later. The marker isn't necessary if you just want to experiment with the technique for now.

Pattern to trace and color, if desired. Perhaps you have an applique pattern with a flower, animal, etc., that you would like to use. Free coloring book pages are also available from a variety of websites including www.crayola.com. An alternate method is doing a freehand drawing and then coloring it in.

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Saturday Sew Along

Date: February 3, 2024

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

Place: your home via Zoom

Project: one of your own choosing



Workshops, continued from Page 8

Please note that some charges, dates and times have been changed.

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: no charge

Lunch: Please bring your own

Supply list will be provided at time of sign up.

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

Workshop with Linda Mitchell

Date: Saturday, April 20

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

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Price: No charge

Lunch: Will be provided by the Comfort Charity Quilt Committee

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

A Few Pictures from January Program with Jennifer Houlden



Selection of January Show and Tell



Mary Molettieri's Mystery BOM



Deb Graves' Wall Hanging



Joann Kirschenmann



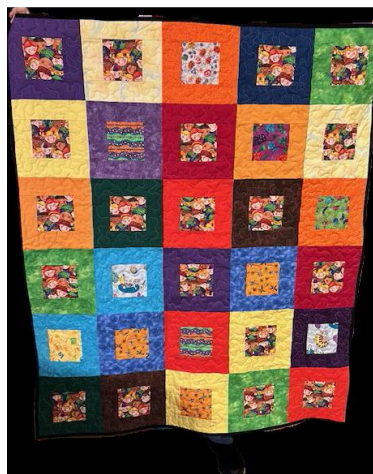
Cathy Fennell



Becky Weiland



Cynthia Krommes



Joan Markowitz



Nancy Hannum made for Kate Sevensky

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
February 6	February 13	February 22	April 30

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Zoom Saturday Sew Along 9:30-4:00 pm
4	5	6 Zoom Evening Bee 7:00-9:00 pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Zoom Afternoon Bee 12:30-3:30 pm	14 Happy Valentines Day	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day	20 Zoom Only Guild Meeting 7:00 pm	21	22 Fairview Church Evening Bee 6:00-8:30 pm	23	24 Zoom UFO Workshop and Demo 9:30-3:00 pm
25	26	27	28	29		

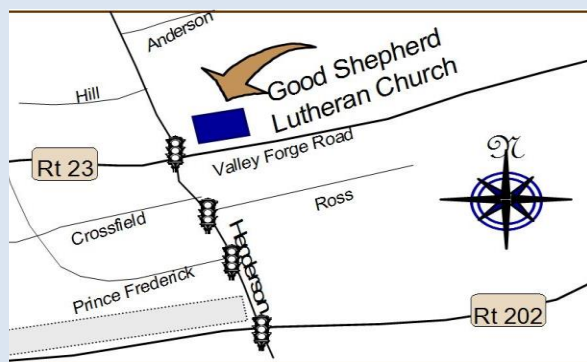


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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



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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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