



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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President's Corner

Zoom meetings in January and February allowed us to avoid going out in the cold, and we were able to hear from speakers at distant locations. But I sure am looking forward to getting together in person for our March meeting.

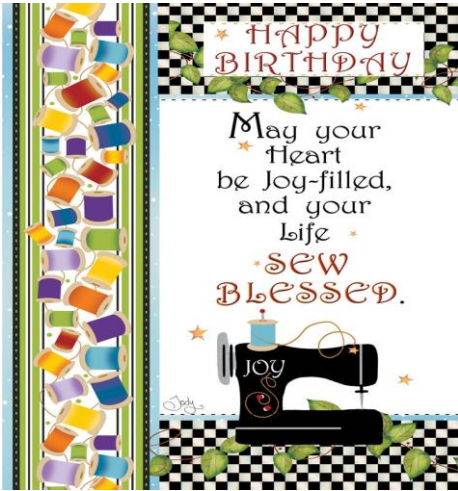
Starting with that meeting, we will have a prize drawing each month for comfort quilts submitted. You will get an entry for each quilt completed. Just another way to support our charitable efforts.

Speaking of charity, we recently received a wonderful donation of supplies from a family whose mom, an avid quilter, had passed. I have already been able to make three comfort quilts from it, and the stash has provided a lot of yardage and batting to support Maxine's team. The family also asked that I complete a quilt that their mother had started so they would have a lasting memory. They were so grateful when I gave them the completed quilt. What joy we can bring with our sewing!

I hope you'll find joy, too, in the guild's work.

Until next time,
Linda Mitchell





Happy Birthday

March:

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

April:

- 4 Rosemary Geisler
- 6 Arlene Greenwald
- 6 Marge Quinn
- 8 Carol Olinick
- 8 Babette Sutherland
- 9 Jean Corday
- 22 Denise Pokorny
- 23 Kate Sevensky
- 27 April Hostler

Programs

Our March Program will feature a travelogue by our member, Dawn Heefner. She will share her experience attending the 2023 European Patchwork Meeting in Alsace, France. The EPM is unique because it is not held in an exhibition hall but in smaller spaces across five villages. Each exhibit is hosted by local organizations. I can't wait!

If you participated in my survey to find out what types of quilting our members would like, our April Program is for the many members who asked for ideas to use up our fabric stashes. Brita Nelson, "The Questioning Quilter", will give her newest lecture and trunk show, "Every Last Crumb", an adventure in scrap quilting. She will take us on a fun, informative and inspirational trek to find the best way to tackle our mountains of leftover fabric. With over two dozen quilts she'll demonstrate some great ways to use our stash treasures. She will also cover basic color and contrast principles to make our scrap beauties really shine!

Rita Mack

Refreshment List for March 19 Meeting

Sweet	Savory
Gail Forster Karen Glasthal Kayleigh Graff Kathie Haney Ellen Kane Lisa Lombardo Denise Pokorny	Joy Brown Cathy Fennell Janet Gaboury Linda Newpher GiGi Procario
Drinks/Ice	
Rosemary Geisler Charlene Hagerty Linda Jarosz Laura Ocker Karen Saalfrank	

Minutes from February 20, 2024 Meeting

Welcome: Linda Mitchell welcomed all members, including five new members.

Announcements: Jen Fillman spoke about the 2024 Kutztown Folk Festival and entry guidelines. Deadline for registration is April 1, 2024. Please see the February newsletter for additional information or contact Jen with any questions.

Deb Graves discussed the guild's Facebook page and noted that the page is now private. Individuals who want to join the page will now be required to answer questions prior to being accepted.

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

Membership: Five new members have joined the guild, Grace Sorrell, Francine Mellott, Carolyn Ferrandino, Debra Summers, and Mary Larkin.

Comfort Quilts: Maxine Close mentioned that there were no quilts collected in January, but she did pick up some quilts in February and would be picking up more before the March meeting.

Workshops: The February workshop will be via Zoom with a demonstration by Connie Stevenson on "Crayon Quilts." Connie will complete a demonstration during the workshop at 10:00am and at 1:00pm. A supply list will be sent via email.

- The March workshop will be Rope Bowls with Deb Graves.
- The April workshop will be Comfort Quilts and Dignity Bibs.
- The May workshop will be Quilted Jackets with Barb Jones. There will also be a pattern for a tote bag to use up the leftover squares. A supply list will be provided at the March guild meeting. Cathy Fennell will send a sign-up genius email out for the workshops as well as have a sign-up sheet at the March guild meeting.

50/50 Drawing: There was no 50/50 this month.

Door prizes: There were no door prizes this month.

Program: This month the program featured Nancy Hershberger. Her lecture was titled, "Interpreting the Landscape." During her presentation, she shared landscape quilts created in different styles and colors, using different types of thread and paint. She shared stories of her travels and quilts related to historical places. Nancy was also the winner of the Bernina Best Sewing Machine Workmanship Award at the 2023 Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza.

UFO Challenge: The UFO number for January was #12. There were seven members who presented their completed quilts. Linda Jarosz won the UFO drawing. For the March meeting, please complete #2 from your list.

Show and Tell: Show and Tell followed.

Next meeting: The March meeting will be both in-person and on Zoom. The March program will feature guild member, Dawn Heefner, who will share photos of her trip to the 2023 European Patchwork Meeting in Alsace, France.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Fillman

Comfort Quilts



For February there were 10 quilts turned in (see picture on left). I can't wait to see how many quilts and dolls are turned in at the March meeting. Let me know ahead of the March meeting if you would like me to bring backing and/or batting.

Maxine Close

A Few Comfort Quilts and Dolls from February Show and Tell



Donna Raymond



Nancy Hannum



Fran Amore



Ann Palmer



Linda Juzbasich



Deb Graves



Janet Gaboury



Kate Sevensky



Laura Ocker



Karen Glasthal



Kathie Haney

New Members

WELCOME FRANCINE MELLOTT

Francine's mother taught her to sew as a young girl. Later she became interested in quilting and took a quilting class. Since then, Francine has taken several classes including ones to learn more about samplers, applique, and other skills. She has quilted off and on but more so since she retired in 2016. She likes to make pieced wall hangings and table runners for friends and family often including applique. Francine is a busy lady. She likes to hike, bike, strength train, do yoga, run, read, make soap, and do wool applique. She also likes to travel, garden, and volunteer for various organizations including the Chester County Food Bank, Wings for Success, Habitat, the SPCA, and Home of the Sparrow. Francine and her husband take their dog to Pocopson for weekly therapy visits. She organized a gift drive for gifts for the residents. She is wondering if making Christmas stockings for each patient would be something the guild might like to do if Pocopson would like that.

WELCOME ROSE MCKINLEY

Rose comes from a family of haute couture seamstresses. Rose didn't go in that direction. Instead, she found a quilt top in her father's Army footlocker. When she took it to a quilt shop to ask them to fix it, they taught her how to do it and Rose was hooked. She took some piecing classes and joined a guild, Moorestown Area Quilters. She worked her way up to an APQS 26" longarm with robotics. Rose likes to design quilts and quilt patterns and learn new and difficult techniques. Photography, gardening, and traveling are other things Rose likes to do. She has a large extended family. She is a Human Resources and Training Consultant. Rose said, "I would be glad to volunteer for most any activity, quilting for charity quilts." It sounds like we have a talented member who likes to help others.

WELCOME BACK MARY LARKIN

Mary belonged to our guild from 2007-2013. Mary has taken advantage of many ways to learn to quilt. A friend helped her learn the basics. She also took beginning quilt classes and then participated in Block of the Month challenges. Mary learns from YouTube, magazines, and books. Joining the guild originally helped her to learn even more. One of her favorite things to do is to applique blocks and piece the blocks together, often resulting in bed size quilts. Mary likes to see Broadway shows, travel, read mysteries, go to craft shows, take bus trips, and put puzzles together. She is learning how to use her Scan and Cut machine. Mary is happy we have Zoom meetings since she doesn't drive at night and is looking forward to sunset being later so she can come to meetings. Mary also belongs to Loose Threads.

WELCOME CAROLYN FERRANDINO

Carolyn knows many of our members and decided joining us was a good idea. She has been quilting since 1982 and also makes clothing. When she moved to Gloucester, Massachusetts, she found a little quilt shop and she was hooked. She made her first queen size quilt from a book. Carolyn likes making kid-size quilts. She especially enjoys the peace that comes from cutting and sewing fabric. She is an artist.



Cathy's UFO Challenge

For The March meeting, the UFO to complete is #2. Bring your completed project to the March meeting for all to see.

Cathy Fennell

February UFO Finished Projects



Cathy Fennell



Linda Jarosz



Judy Snook



Jen Fillman



Venessa Garst



Babette Sutherland



Meghan Heslin



Ruth Heslin

Quilt Shows

April

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/>.

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>.

Quilts in Wonderland 2024 Show - April 13-14, 2024. Presented by the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore at The Toms River Elks Lodge, #1875, 600 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ. See the flyer at <https://www.beachplumquilters.org/files/2024quilthandoutweb-2.pdf>.

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/airingofquiltspalmerton>.

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>.

June

A Celebration of Quilts - June 7-8, 2024. Presented by the York Quilters Guild at the York College of Pennsylvania, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center, 899 South Richland Ave, York, PA. For more info visit <http://www.celebrationofquilts.com/>.

Lazy Crazy Days of Summer - June 21-23, 2024. Presented by the Brandywine Valley Quilters at Neumann University, Aston, PA. For more info visit [Lazy Crazy Days of Summer 2024 Quilt Show - Brandywine Valley Quilters](#).

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MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - June 27-30, 2024. The Mid-Appalachian Quilters gather each summer for a three-day quilting seminar at [Gettysburg College](http://gettysburgcollege.edu), 300 North Washington Street, Gettysburg, PA. We offer a variety of classes presented by some of the best teachers in the Mid-Atlantic area. For more info visit <http://maqonline.org/>.

Kutztown Folk Festival - June 29 to July 7, 2024. The Kutztown Folk Festival is proud to present America's largest quilt sale with over 2500 local handmade quilts on display and for sale! For more info visit <https://www.kutztownfestival.com/quilts>.

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

Cathy Radcliffe

Spotlight on a Quilt Shop - Cut and Sew PHL

Cut and Sew PHL is a little bit different shop located at 7051 Germantown Ave in the Mount Airy section of northwest Philadelphia. It is just two and a half blocks from last month's shop, Needles and Bolts. Cut and Sew is owned by Mellissa Clouser-Missett. The phone number is 215-621-6504 and the web address is <https://cutandsewphl.com/>. They do have an online store and are on Instagram (@cutandsew.phl) and Facebook at Cut and Sew PHL. In the online store, you can earn rewards that can be redeemed for merchandise.

What makes Cut and Sew a little different is the selection of fabrics that they carry. They have over 100 colors of Kona Cotton. Interestingly, there is a "Previously Loved Collection" of fabric as well. That section also includes tools, thread, etc. that are offered at half price of retail (\$4/yard).

Additionally, they have a HQMoxie longarm machine that is available to rent. There is plenty of workspace in the longarm area. Of course, there are longarm classes. Also available are general sewing and quilting classes for adults and afterschool, homeschool and summer camp for kids.

You can visit Cut and Sew during the Shop Hop each October as well as during the year at their regular hours on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.



Barbara Hughes

Selection of February Show and Tell



Colleen Wortley



Marcy Mancini



Connie Stevenson



Bill Hutchinson (Ethel's son)



Fran Amore



Charlene Hagerty



Becky Weiland



Kathie Haney's BOM



Linda Jarosz



Cathy Fennell

Saturday Sew Along

Date: March 2, 2024

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

Place: your home via Zoom

Project: one of your own choosing



Workshops

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

Quilted Jacket Workshop

with Barb Jones

Date: Saturday, May 18

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

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Price: No charge

Lunch: Please bring your own

Barb will provide pattern along with a supply list for this workshop.



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
March 5	March 12	March 28	April 30

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Zoom Saturday Sew Along 9:30-4:00 pm
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 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19 Guild Meeting 7:00 pm	20	21	22	23 Rope Bowl Workshop 9:30-3:00 pm
24	25	26	27	28 Fairview Church Evening Bee 6:00-8:30 pm	29	30
31 <i>Easter</i>						

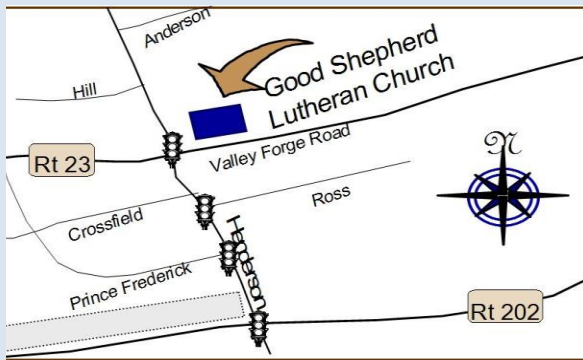


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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



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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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