



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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April 2024

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President's Corner

Everyone is talking about Spring. A few days of higher temperatures really got people excited about warmer weather, flowers, and all else Spring.

And that includes spring cleaning!

We had several members post on Facebook about ways they sort their stash. Barbara Hughes has made great progress and Kathie Haney asked for suggestions. I loved reading the comments.

My spring cleaning hasn't been my own stash but sorting donated stash. After I sort yardage for comfort quilts and Grandma's attic, I cut charm squares from fabric that is smaller than a fat quarter. I'm collecting charm square patterns to use them for comfort quilts. Any suggestions? I'd love to hear your ideas.

Happy Spring!

Until next time,
Linda Mitchell

Our "BE" Challenge

If you want to be involved in our "Be" Challenge, you can email or call Sandy Dounce to receive a topic. You can also contact her to answer any questions you might have.





Happy Birthday

April:

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

May:

- 2 Beth Mancini
- 14 Ruth Heslin
- 27 Linda Jarosz

Programs-Updates

Our April program will feature Mary Koval, an expert on antique quilts. Mary currently designs fabric for Windham. Her lecture is titled: "Designing Fabrics - the How To". Mary has published several books about antique quilts. She exhibits at antique shows and has designed exhibits for museums and other venues around the world. As a bonus, Mary has a quilt shop in Bedford, PA and will be offering fabric for sale at 40% off!

Brita Nelson was originally scheduled for April, but she has graciously agreed to postpone her lecture to a later date.

In response to the surveys you completed, our May program will feature Kathryn Groves who specializes in paper piecing. The title of her lecture is "How to Eat an Elephant". Aren't you curious?

Rita Mack

Refreshment List for April 16 Meeting

Sweet	Savory
Venessa Garst	Sue Fisher
Barbara Hughes	Mary Larkin
Karen Saalfrank	Rose McKinley
Elsa Scherphorn	Ann Palmer
Leslie Smith	Donna Sneed
Becky Weiland	
Drinks/Ice	
Meghan Heslin	
Ruth Heslin	
April Hostler	
Ethel Hutchinson	
Carol Olinick	
Joan Shaw	

A Special Afternoon Bee

You are invited to attend the second Tuesday "Day Bee" on April 9th, in person, at 565 General Steuben Road, King of Prussia, 19406 the home of Linda Newpher. Please plan to arrive at 1:00 p.m. or later. We will do "quilt stuff" about four to five hours, followed by a casual dinner. Please RSVP by Sunday, April 7th, directly to Linda by phone or text at 609-741-9620.

Minutes from March 19, 2024 Meeting

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

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

-A clipboard was placed in the back of the room for members to recommend long-armers.

-The 2024 Fall Quilt Retreat dates were announced and will be October 24, 2024- October 27, 2024.

-Deb Graves announced that the 2024 Quilt Show will be held October 18, 2024, through October 19, 2024. There are plenty of opportunities for members to contribute to the show. The committee heads will be sharing additional information during future meetings.

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

Membership: One new member joined the guild, Leslie Smith.

Comfort Quilts: Maxine Close mentioned that there were 10 quilts collected in February, and her team dropped off multiple quilts to Einstein's, Paoli Hospice, and St. Christopher's hospitals. The winner of the Comfort Quilt drawing was Janet Gaboury.

Workshops: 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.

-The June workshop will be the SAM (**S**tash-buster **A**ccuquilt **M**ystery) Workshop with Beth Mancini. The studio will be set up during April's meeting and other workshops for members to cut their fabrics in advance. Cathy Fennell will send a sign-up genius email out for the workshops as well as have sign-up sheets at the April guild meeting.

50/50 Drawing: Jen Fillman won the 50/50 drawing this month.

Door prizes: Marcy Mancini and Becky Weiland won the door prizes this month.

Program: This month the program featured Dawn Heefner on her trip to the 2023 European Patchwork Meeting in Alsace, France. She shared a slideshow with photos of many quilts created by artists from the Korean Contemporary Quilt Group, Jong Kyeong Lee, and her translucent patchwork by soldering iron, artist from the Czech Republic, Amish, and more. She shared details about local venues and history of the event and the town of Alsace, France.

UFO Challenge: The UFO Challenge number for March was #2. There were 8 members who presented their completed quilts. Judy Snook won the UFO drawing. For the April meeting, please complete #5 from your list.

Show and Tell: Show and Tell followed.

Next meeting: The April meeting will be both in-person and on Zoom. The April speaker is TBD, but most likely will be Mary Koval who specializes in antique quilts and reproduction fabrics. She will be offering her fabrics for sale at 40% off. Brita Nelson will be moved to a later date.

The meeting was adjourned.

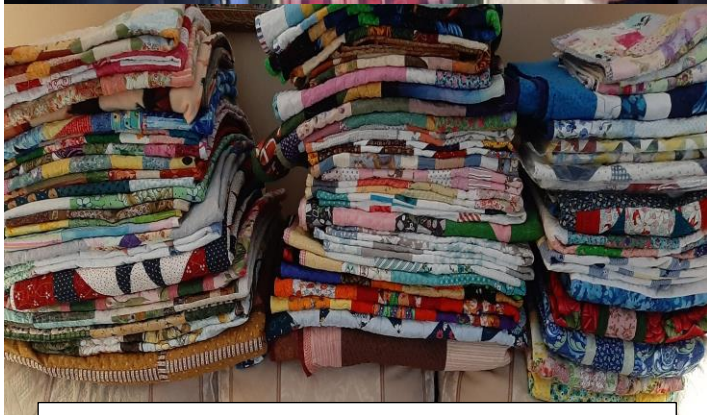
Respectfully submitted,

Jen Fillman

Comfort Quilts



Einstein NICU with Dr. Kaufman, Esther Canning and Maxine Close



58 Quilts Collected at the March Meeting

I went home from the meeting with the trunk, back seat and front seat loaded with 58 QUILTS AND 51 DOLLS!!! WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP. The total number of quilts for the year is 68!! We started doing a drawing for every quilt you turn in; your name will go into a basket for a drawing.

Please plan on joining us Saturday, April 20 from 9:30a.m.-3:00p.m. for our in-person Comfort Quilt Workshop. Lunch is provided by our committee. If you don't wish to bring along your machine, you may help with stuffing dolls. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me at any time. If you can't come, grab a prepared kit from the Comfort Quilt table at our next meeting. Also, if you need backing or batting, let me know and we can make arrangements to meet, or I will bring them to the next meeting.

Maxine Close

Rope Bowl Workshop



Donna Raymond



Maxine Close



Ann Palmer



Karen Glasthal



Francine Mellott



Nancy Hannum



Linda Ulinski & Deb Graves



Kate Sevensky



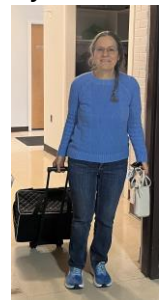
Carol Mellom



Dawn Heefner



Karen Saalfrank



Laura Ocker

New Members

WELCOME GRACE SORRELL

Grace started cross stitching in middle school. A hiatus from sewing followed until a few years ago, Grace went online and found patterns and inspiration. Desiring more of a challenge, Grace began to learn to quilt from a beginner's class at Seamless Sewing Arts in Phoenixville. I believe Grace has caught the quilter's bug when I see that she has explored local quilt shops, gone to a quilt show, did a shop hop (she loved the Philadelphia Shop Hop last year), and searched online for other quilters and more inspiration. She loves the Mystery Block of the Month that she is doing now. Projects with variety and an unknown element fascinate her. She is also experimenting with hand piecing. Grace was gifted her husband's grandmother's Singer featherweight that still runs beautifully. Grace is a Water Resources engineer. In her spare time, she likes to climb, hike, play board games, cook, go to thrift shops, travel especially to historic sites, read, and go to craft fairs. We are looking forward to meeting Grace and are glad she searched for us on Google.

WELCOME LESLIE SMITH

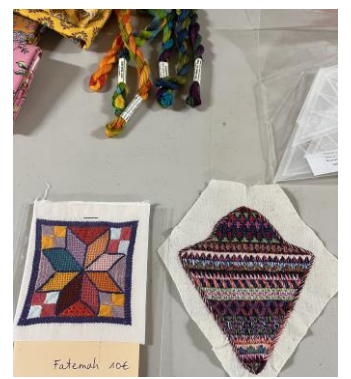
You never know when you are going to find a fellow quilter. Leslie met one of our members when looking at glasses at America's Best. While Leslie has limited sewing background, she is very creative, has lots of fabric and is keen to learn. (Great traits for a quilter!) Her great aunt had many quilts. She enjoys making smaller quilts. She always has loved design and likes to interior decorate. Her love of history and books led to two Presidential libraries requesting donations of books. Leslie is a receptionist. She likes to read, cook, and delve into history.

WELCOME DEBRA SUMMERS

An internet search led Debra to our guild. She began sewing when she was 12 although quilting really came into her life with the birth of her granddaughter ten years ago. Debra favors small quilts and table runners especially since there is no room in her home to go large. She is retired and likes to crochet, read, and try to exercise. She likes to travel too.



March Speaker Dawn
Heefner's souvenirs from
trip to 2023 European
Patchwork Meeting in
Alsace, France





Cathy's UFO Challenge

For the April meeting, the UFO to complete is #5. Bring your completed project to the April meeting for all to see.

Cathy Fennell

March UFO Finished Projects



Cathy Fennell



Linda Juzbasich



Ruth Heslin



Judy Snook



Meghan Heslin



Venessa Garst



Linda Jarosz

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. The Pennsylvania Relief Sale features the renowned Quilt Auction, Country Auction, Coin Auction, Silent Auction, Children's Auction, My Coins Count, Ten Thousand Villages items, artisan crafts and goods, food, displays, activities, entertainment, and more! Proceeds benefit Mennonite Central Committee. 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 over 500 quilts displayed throughout historic downtown Palmerton; live entertainment and vendors in the park; a quilt show with artisans, crafters and vendors at the Palmerton High School gymnasium; and a scavenger hunt with prizes! For more info visit <https://www.theairingofthequilts.com/>.

Hopewell Valley Quilters Annual Pennington Day Show 2024 - 5/18, 2024. Hopewell Valley Quilters invite you to visit their annual quilt show as part of Pennington Day at the Toll Gate Grammar School Cafeteria at 275 S Main St, Pennington, NJ. For more info visit <https://www.penningtonday.org/quilt-show>.

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/>.

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Trash to Treasure Sale – June 15, 2024. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA. For more info visit

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=800672142099255&set=pb.100064694286642.-2207520000&type=3>.

Lazy Crazy Days of Summer - June 21-23, 2024. Presented by the Brandywine Valley Quilters at Neumann University, Aston, PA. For more info visit <https://www.brandywinevalleyquilters.org/lazy-crazy-days.html>.

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://www.gettysburg.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>.

August

Maker Festival - August 1-3, 2024. Maker Festivals featuring the event formally known as Bead Fest returns to the [Lancaster Marriott & Convention Center](http://www.lancastermarriott.com), 25 S Queen Street, Lancaster, PA, and we will once again be bringing our fiber artists with us! For more info visit

<https://www.makerfestivals.com/lancaster>.

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

Cathy Radcliffe

HUGE FABRIC SALE

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QUILTERS GUILD

Saturday, April 6, 2024
9 am to 2 pm
145 Chestnut St, Spring City, PA

Something for everybody!

Fabric - Thread - Craft Supplies
Yardage - Precuts - Fat Quarters
Batiks - Flannel - Quilt Kits
Counted Cross-Stitch Kits - DMC
Hand-Dyed Silk Thread - Rulers
Embroidery Kits - Wool for Applique
Cutting Mats - Rotary Cutters
Patterns - Scissors

Cash or checks only

Spotlight on a Quilt Shop - Stitch Central

Stitch Central has just moved from Huntingdon Valley to downtown Glenside. They have a beautiful, light, and airy permanent home at 128 East Glenside Avenue about a block and a half from Easton Rd. The phone number is 267-277-4148 and the website is www.mystitchcentral.com. They have an online store as well. Social media locations are @stitchcentral on both Instagram and Facebook. Look for their entertaining posts at those sites.

At Stitch Central, you will find a collection of well curated modern fabrics as well as yarn for those who knit or crochet too. It is a bright and cheery space with knowledgeable owners, staff, and teachers to provide expert help with selecting projects and materials to carry them out. They have loads of samples, books, and patterns for inspiration. If you are in the market for a sewing machine, they carry EverSewn machines, Bernina and other brands.

There are sewing, quilting, knitting, and crochet classes with clinics so you can bring your project for help. Feel free to just be social with like-minded individuals as well in their large class space. You will find a parking lot beside the building as well as street and municipal parking nearby.

Some of you may have been to the former location for the yearly Mystery Quilt Shop Hop held in October each year. You will be amazed at the new store when you go this year. Stitch Central is also participating in the All-Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop in the summer and the Philly Yarn Crawl which is in March. They also celebrate Small Business Saturday and send birthday greetings (with a discount) if you register the month and day of your birthday. You can follow them on social media to get news of other special events. Look for their booth at the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza in Oaks in September as well.

When you go there look for the sheep and ask if there is a raccoon in the house.

Barbara Hughes



Stitch Central

Selection of March Show and Tell



Laura Chaplar



Tracy Klinger



Ann Palmer



Rita Mack



Venessa Garst



Janet Gaboury



Elsa Scherphorn



Rose McKinley



Megan Gerstenfeld



Sandy Darlington



Becky Weiland



Donna Raymond (BOM)



Laura Ocker (BOM)



Jen Fillman and Linda Mitchell

Saturday Sew Along

Date: April 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, 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, backing 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.



Previous Workshop Projects



Nancy Hannum



Linda Jarosz



Deb Graves

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
April 2	April 9 (No Zoom, see separate posting)	April 25	April 30

April 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 Afternoon Bee 1:00 pm - Dinner Linda Newpher	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Guild Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18	19	20 Comfort Quilt & 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				

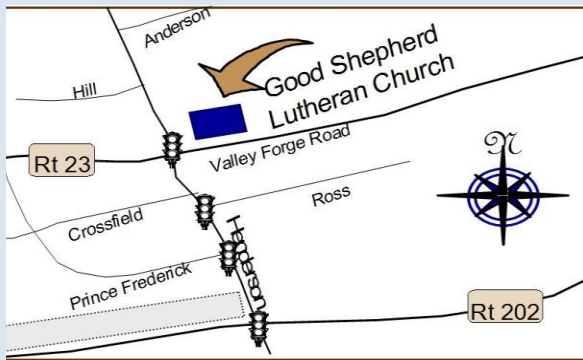


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VFHQ on Facebook

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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