



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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President's Corner

I enjoy every meeting of our guild. But I especially look forward to September and the Challenge. Why am I talking about September now? Because I love it when we have a lot of entries, I know summer can get busy, and you may want to get your challenge entry done before summer flies by.

You'll need to use your three initials - one for color, one for the name of the quilt block, and one for the quilting design. And you can use a nickname or maiden name! Just remember to keep it 40" or under on all sides. So, let's see..... I could make my quilt in lavender, use an anvil quilt block and meander for the quilting. Or I could do a quilt in aqua, with a maple leaf block and use loops for the quilting. Or I could make a mauve quilt with a log cabin block and use an abacus pattern for the quilting. It's fun to play with ideas.

Please plan to participate. I look forward to seeing your creations!

Until next time,
Linda Mitchell

Row of Every Other Month - 2025

Please email a picture of your three rows sewn together to Deb Graves to share at our May Zoom Meeting. Any questions, please contact me.

Thanks,
Cathy Fennell



Happy Birthday

May

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

June

- 4 Lisa Lombardo
- 6 Sue Fisher
- 8 Nancy Hannum
- 10 Kathie Haney
- 15 Colleen Wortley
- 16 Rita Mack
- 16 Linda Muzroll
- 23 Joyce Stemple
- 25 Carolyn Ferrandino
- 28 Donna Raymond
- 29 Linda Mitchell

Programs

May Program

This month we'll welcome Lois Mease of River Lawn Quilting in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The key word is STASH and Lois has devised her own method for organizing and using one's fabric stash. I see this as another tool to help me stay organized and productive. I'm looking forward to Lois' presentation being helpful and interesting and I hope you find it so as well.

June Program

It's Picnic Time! Our meeting will **start earlier – at 6 pm.**

Please plan to **bring a dish to share** based on your last name. See below:

A – G Dessert

H – O Entree

P – Z Appetizer

This month our entertainment is home-grown. Cathy Fennel will share her pictures from Quilt Con 2025 and Nancy Hannum will give us a mystery demonstration.

Rita Mack

A Netflix Documentary

Joan Markowitz suggested letting everyone know about an award-winning short documentary that will be available to be seen on Netflix beginning May 16, 2025 called The Quilters. The documentary shows the lives of several quilters that are in a maximum-security prison in Missouri. These men are making quilts for foster children. Their sewing room is as chaotic as yours and mine might be. It will be interesting to learn how this program began and who the men are who have become quilters.

Guild Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2025

Welcome: Linda Mitchell welcomed members and guests in person and on Zoom.

Announcements: -New books are available in the library.

-Sue Fisher and Barbara Hughes announced that voting will take place in June for the 2025-2027 Board term. Board Candidates are Connie Stevenson (President), April Hostler (Vice President), Babette Sutherland (Treasurer), Kayleigh Graff (Secretary), and Jean Corday (Membership). Board candidates will introduce themselves briefly during the May meeting.

-Connie Stevenson reminded members that we are updating our Member Photo Directory. You can email or text your photo to Connie. If your photo was in the old photo directory, we can use the same photo again.

-Kathie Haney gave her quarterly Treasurer's report. Money was spent this quarter on door prizes, books, speakers, workshops, and the retreat.

Membership: Two guests attended the meeting.

Comfort/Fidget Quilts: Linda read a grateful message from the family of a hospice patient who received one of our comfort quilts.

-Maxine Close announced that 42 comfort quilts were turned in at the March meeting and 7 were turned in during the comfort quilt workshop, for a total of 49 quilts so far this year.

-Maxine and Connie Stevenson met with the Manager of Spiritual Care at Paoli Hospital, who told them that agitation in dementia patients can be alleviated by fidget quilts. Patients who benefit from the fidget quilts are able to take them home, so there is a need for about 4-5 fidget quilts per month. Connie is creating a document for our webpage with finished examples.

-Laura Chaplar won the comfort quilt drawing.

Workshops: -The April 26th workshop with Rebecca Penniston is sold out.

-May 17th will be a "We All Sew Saturday" workshop on Zoom. Deb Graves will demo a traditional Western India style of needlework.

-June 21st will be the second Stashbuster AccuQuilt Mystery (SAM) workshop with Beth Mancini. You can talk to Beth (between the hours of 5am and 7pm) if you do not want the quilt to be a mystery or if you need help selecting fabrics. You do not have to use fat quarters, but a bundle would work. The blocks will have 6-1/2" center squares, so a panel could also work. The whole quilt can be cut with the AccuQuilt (with the exception of the borders), but directions are also available for cutting without the AccuQuilt. You can cut the fabric using the AccuQuilt ahead of the workshop at the church on April 26th from 9:30 to 12:30 or May 10th from 9:30 to 12:30. A Sign-Up Genius will be sent for this workshop.

-July 19th will be the next Comfort Quilt Workshop.

50/50: Jennie Spotila won the 50/50.

Door Prizes: Deb Bianco and Cathy Fennell won door prizes.

Program: The program was RazBeca's Birds, presented by designer, quilter and storyteller Rebecca Penniston.

Show and Tell: show and tell followed.

May meeting: The May meeting will take place on Zoom only. Our speaker will be Lois Mease, who will present her "Stash Savvy" system for organizing and using your stash.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayleigh Graff

Charity Efforts

At the April meeting there were 19 fidget quilts (plus nine from the workshop), 29 dolls, 11 dignity bibs, and 28 quilts turned in making a total of 28 fidget quilts, 43 dolls, 11 dignity bibs, and 77 quilts for the year!!! Wonderful job everyone!!

The next Zoom meeting will be on Saturday, May 10 at 9:30. The next in person Comfort Quilt Workshop is Saturday, July 19 from 9:30 to 3:00. Please put it on your calendar. Since the May meeting will be on Zoom, if you need backing and/or batting let me know and we can make arrangements to get you what you need.

Thank you to everyone for helping out in your own special way.

Maxine Close



Comfort Quilts and Dignity Bibs



and Fidget Quilts from April Meeting

Two New Members!

WELCOME JENNIE SPOTILA

We are lucky Jennie found us at a quilt show and was encouraged to join by Gail Forster. An aunt introduced Jennie to quilting in 1988. Since then, she has made quilts in various sizes. While Jennie has made clothing, it is interesting to note she has sewn replicas of movie costumes. Her home is decorated with pillows and curtains made by Jennie. She has hand pieced and hand quilted but prefers machine pieced patterns. She also knits, crochets, and reads. Jennie was trained as a lawyer, but a chronic illness changed her path, and she is now disabled. Jennie uses her talents to be an advocate and writer.

WELCOME MARY ELIZABETH LARRIEU

Mary Elizabeth always had an interest in connecting with a friend who started quilting. Last year her friend introduced Mary Elizabeth to quilting. She has made a baby quilt and whimsy projects. Whimsy? That sounds interesting. She also made a Halloween quilt. She likes to crochet. Her family is important to her. You can also find Mary Elizabeth walking, exercising, and enjoying nature. She is a registered nurse.

Quilt Shows

May

Airing of the Quilts - May 3, 2025. In historic downtown Palmerton, PA and Palmerton High School. 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; free parking at the high school with shuttle bus to the venues, a scavenger hunt with prizes, and more. For more info visit <https://www.theairingofthequilts.com/>.

Hopewell Valley Quilters Annual Pennington Day Show 2025 - May 17, 2025.

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 16-17, 2025. 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>.

Quilts in the Vineyard - May 31-June 1, 2025. Presented by the Evening Star Quilters Guild of Belvidere at the [Brook Hollow Winery](#), 594 State Highway 94, Columbia, NJ. Amazing quilts made by local artists, visit with quilt makers and browse through the boutique of hand-crafted items. For more info visit <https://www.esqg.com/index.shtml>.

June

MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - June 6-8, 2025. The Mid-Appalachian Quilters gather each summer for a three-day quilting seminar at [Gettysburg College](#), 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/>.

Trash to Treasure Sale - June 14, 2025. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA. For more info visit <https://mainlinequilters.org/2025-trash-to-treasure/>.

Road to Virginia Quilter's Conference and Showcase - June 26-28, 2025. A new quilt show sponsored by the Road to California, Inc, the company that puts on one of the largest quilt shows in the USA - Road to California. It is at the [Greater Richmond Convention Center](#), 403 N 3rd Street, Richmond, Virginia. For more info visit <https://www.road2va.com/>.

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

Cathy Radeliffe

April Show and Tell



Jean Hayden



Ellen Kane



Linda Juzbasich



Jean Corday



Sandy Dounce



Carol Mellom



Sue Fisher



Linda Ulinski



Joan Shaw



Kathie Haney



Connie Stevenson



Rose McKinley



Pat McKee



Meghan Heslin



Ruth Heslin

Spotlight on a Quilt Shop - Primrose Quilts

You may have seen information about a new shop opening in Christiana, Pa. (in eastern Lancaster County) which is named Primrose Quilts. The shop was previously located in Hanover, Pa but just relocated to this location. The grand opening was on March 22, 2025. While our group was on Spring Retreat many of us took a little road trip to check it out. The shop is located in the back of 1110 Georgetown Road and is big and bright. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. The owner, Lora, was not there when I visited but the manager, Brandon, was very friendly and helpful. The website is primrosequilts.com and the phone number is 717 806-5072.

The motto for the shop is "Where modern quilters meet and create!" Primrose Quilts offers expert quilt finishing as well as renting longarms, providing assistance, and teaching how to quilt your quilt. They have three longarms for rent, two computerized Bernina Q24s and a sit down Q20. There is a huge selection of wide backs available in beautiful designs. It is hard to narrow the selection to just one to use for your quilt.

Primrose has a beautiful selection of brightly colored fabric with special areas for Kaffe, Tilda and Tula fabrics. There is also a good supply of tone-on-tone type fabrics. The wall of notions is well supplied with things useful to a quilter, and there were some cute kits too.

The class and event section of the website shows a number of quilting classes as well as things like bags and rope bowls. Additionally, they plan to offer lectures with well-known quilters. There are also ongoing groups that meet regularly to make charity quilts and do other kinds of projects.

In addition to fabrics and quilting supplies, there is a selection of interesting yarns at the back of the store.

Check out Primrose Quilts for yourself! Spring is a nice time to take a drive to Lancaster County.



PRIMROSE
QUILTS
 WHERE MODERN QUILTERS MEET & CREATE

Barbara Hughes

Saturday Sew Along

Date: May 3, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Place: your home via Zoom

Project: one of your own choosing

Zoom Comfort Quilt Workshops

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Place: your home via Zoom

Workshops**Zoom Workshop - We All Sew Saturday**

Date: May 17, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Place: via Zoom in your home

Take some time for yourself to just sew. Join other member quilters. Share projects, ask questions, work on UFOs and just enjoy the Zen of sewing while enjoying the company of other quilters via Zoom. Hope to see you on May 17.

SAM 2 Scrappy (kind of) AccuQuilt Mystery (doesn't have to be) Quilt Workshop
with Beth Mancini

Date: June 21, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA

Price: No charge

Lunch: Please bring your own lunch

Supply list will be provided at time of sign up. Fabrics need to be cut before the workshop. Watch for further information about coming to the Church to cut your fabric using the studio AccuQuilt (see Minutes on page 3).

Comfort Charity Quilt/ Dignity Bib/ Fidget Quilt Workshop *with Maxine Close, Linda Mitchell and Connie Stevenson*

Date: Saturday, July 19, 2025

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

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Price: No Charge

Project: Please contact Maxine if you need a kit, backing and/or batting. A supply list for the Fidget Quilt will be provided.

Lunch: Provided by the Comfort Quilt Committee

Bees, Bees, Bees!

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

Evening Bee 1st Tuesday Zoom 7:00 - 9:00 PM Coordinator – Deb Graves	Afternoon Bee 2nd Tuesday Zoom 12:30 - 3:30 PM Coordinator - Jean Hayden	Evening Bee 4th Thursday 6:00 - 8:30 PM Fairview Church, Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, PA Coordinator - Ruth Heslin	Northern Bee 5th Tuesday Zoom 6:30 - 9:30 PM Coordinator - Barbara Hughes
May 6	May 13	May 22	July 29

May 2025

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 Zoom Comfort Quilt Workshop 9:30 - 4:00 pm
11	12	13 Zoom Afternoon Bee 12:30 - 3:30 pm	14	15	16	17 Zoom We All Sew Workshop 9:30 - 3:00 pm
18	19	20 Guild Meeting <u>Zoom Only</u> 7:00 pm	21	22 Evening Bee 6:00 - 8:30 pm Fairview Church	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31



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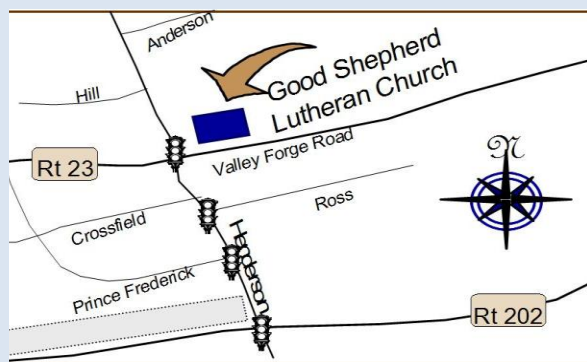
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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



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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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