



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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June 2025

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President's Corner

It's wonderful to hear people talk about the guild and its benefits. I appreciate Mary M. saying that she appreciates Zoom so she can still participate after moving away. I loved Tracy's comment about the help she received on her flag quilt. I enjoyed hearing April and Kayleigh talk about how they enjoy their assignments. And it was great to see the wonderful picture of the participants at the RazBeca workshop and to hear that they had a fun time.

Our monthly meetings are great, but you can gain so much by participating in workshops, going to retreats and taking a guild assignment. I'm amazed at how my friendships have grown since I did all three of these things.

Consider how you might participate in any of these areas. The rewards are worth the effort.

Until next time,

Linda Mitchell

Save the Date

We now have confirmed dates with Black Rock for spring 2026 retreat - April 9-12.

Picture from 2025 Spring Retreat.





Happy Birthday

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

July

- 8 Laura Chaplar
- 8 Joan Shaw
- 11 Carol Mellom
- 13 Jeanne Dzedzy
- 19 Maxine Close
- 21 Judy Snook
- 22 Barbara Hughes

Programs

June Program

It's Picnic Time! Our meeting will **start earlier – at 6:00 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

July Program

We welcome Rachel Derstine, an art quilter living in Philadelphia. Rachel's works have been featured in invitational and juried gallery shows and fine art/craft shows throughout the country. She specialized in invisible applique and her quilts reflect an Asian influence as she works in hand-dyed or painted cottons, silks and non-woven materials.

Rita Mack

Additional Row of Every Other Month



Cathy Fennell

Guild Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2025

Welcome: Linda Mitchell welcomed members on Zoom.

Announcements: -Rita Mack announced the refreshment assignments for the June picnic. Members with last names between A and G should bring a dessert, between H and O should bring an entree, and between P and Z should bring an appetizer. Reminder: the picnic will begin at 6:00 p.m.

-Board Candidates for the 2025-2027 briefly introduced themselves to the members: Connie Stevenson (President), April Hostler (Vice President), Babette Sutherland (Treasurer), Kayleigh Graff (Secretary), and Jean Corday (Membership). Voting will occur during the June meeting.

-Venessa Garst provided the pricing for the Fall 2025 Retreat. An email will go out with the registration form and additional information. A deposit of \$50 should be mailed to Venessa by June 20, 2025. Registration form is on Page 7.

Comfort/Fidget Quilts: Maxine Close announced that during April, 29 dolls, 28 fidget quilts, 11 dignity bibs and 28 comfort quilts were turned in at the meeting and the Comfort Quilt Workshop, for a total of 77 comfort quilts so far this year. Maxine and Rita Mack dropped off quilts and dolls to St. Christopher's and Einstein, and Linda Mitchell notified the VA that we can no longer provide dignity bibs. Connie announced that fidget quilts will be accepted by the VA and not by Paoli hospital.

Workshops: -June 21st will be the second Stashbuster AccuQuilt Mystery (SAM) workshop with Beth Mancini. You can talk to Beth (between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.) if you do not want the quilt to be a mystery or if you need help selecting fabrics. The whole quilt can be cut with the AccuQuilt (except for the borders), but directions are also available for cutting without the AccuQuilt. Space is still available and AccuQuilt cutting can be done prior to the picnic.

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

50/50: none this month

Door Prizes: none this month

Row of Every Other Month: 16 members created rows for this month. Please create and bring your completed 4th row, attached to the first three rows, to the July meeting. Marcy Mancini won the drawing this month.

Program: The speaker this month was Lois Mease. Her presentation was titled, "Stash Savvy" which is a system for organizing and using your stash. She shared examples of different ways to best fold, cut, prep and store various sizes of fabric scraps and precuts to save room and for efficiency when quilting. She showed multiple examples of quick and easy quilts created with different sized fabrics; all previously prepped from her stash using this method.

Show and Tell: a slide show of show and tell followed.

June meeting: The June meeting will be the picnic, and it is in-person only (no Zoom). The meeting will include a slide show and a surprise demonstration. Reminder: It will begin at 6:00 p.m. Don't forget your refreshment assignments.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Fillman

From the Archives

As the archives committee sorted through the various boxes of papers and photos, we found some interesting items. Evidently at one time, the quilt club was going to put together a recipe book. We found two recipes submitted by our Norma Brechbiel so we thought we would share them with our current members of the quilt club.

DEPRESSION CAKE

2 c. Raisins	½ tsp. Cloves
2 c. Water	1 ½ tsp. Cinnamon
3 ½ c. Flour	1 tsp. Baking Soda
2 c. Sugar	¾ c. Oil
½ tsp. Salt	1 c. Cold Water



Boil raisins and water for 15 minutes. Mix together all the dry ingredients. Add the oil, cold water, and the raisins with the water they were boiled in. Pour into a greased and floured sheet pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

There are NO eggs or butter in this cake. It was originally made during the Depression when these ingredients were too expensive to purchase.

THE RUBY SLIPPER CAKE

1 pkg. (2-layer size) Yellow Cake Mix or pudding (included in the Cake Mix)
 1 cup (½ pt.) Sour Cream
 ¼ cup Water
 2 Eggs
 1pkg. Jell-O Brand Raspberry Flavor Gelatin



Combine cake mix, sour cream, water, and eggs in a large bowl. Blend, then beat at medium speed for 2 minutes until creamy. Spoon ⅓ of the batter into a well-greased and floured 10-inch fluted tube pan. Sprinkle with ½ the gelatin. Repeat layers. Spread remaining batter over gelatin to cover. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes until cake springs back when lightly pressed. Cool in pan for 5 minutes. Remove from pan, cool on rack. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar, if desired. Enjoy!!

Charity Efforts

There were no quilts received for the month of May. Linda Mitchell and I delivered quilts and dignity bibs to the VA. We will no longer be working on dignity bibs. Rita and I delivered dolls and quilts to St. Christopher's and quilts to the NICU at Einstein. Paoli Hospital has decided not to take the fidget quilts. The Coatesville VA will gladly be taking them though.

The next workshop will be Saturday, June 14 on Zoom at 9:30. The next in-person workshop will be Saturday, July 19 from 9:30 to 3:00. Lunch will be provided.

Thank you to everyone working on comfort quilts.

Maxine Close

Quilt Shows

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](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/>.

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](http://greater-richmond-convention-center.com), 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.

Shop Hops

Row by Row: Experience the Great Outdoors in US from 7/1/2025 - 8/31/2025. For more info go to <https://rowbyrowexperience.com/>.

All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop in DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV from 7/1/2025 - 8/31/2025. For more info go to <https://allmidatlanticshophop.com/>. See the list of shops at <https://allmidatlanticshophop.com/stores/>.

All Ohio Shop Hop from 8/1/2025 - 9/30/2025. For more info go to <https://allohioshophop.com/>. See the list of shops at <https://allohioshophop.com/stores/>.

All New England Shop Hop in CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT from 9/1/2025 - 10/31/2024. For more info go to <https://allnewenglandshophop.com/>. See the list of shops at <https://allnewenglandshophop.com/stores/>.

Cathy Radcliffe

May Show and Tell



Jean Hayden



Tracy Klinger



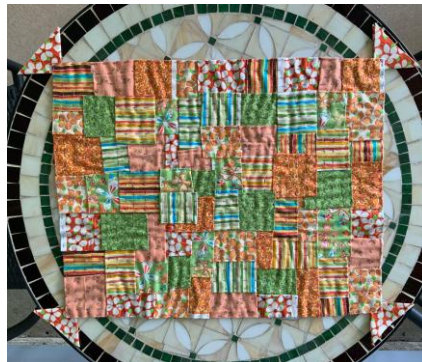
Fran Amore



Donna Raymond



Kathie Haney



Deb Graves



Jen Fillman



Mary Molettieri



Judy Snook



Joan Markowitz



Becky Weiland



April Hostler



Linda Jarosz

Coming: The Fall Retreat

The guild's Fall Retreat will be held at the Amish View Inn from November 5-9, 2025.
Pricing and instructions for signup are included in the following.

NAME:	EMAIL:	PHONE:
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2025 PRICE PER ROOM WITH TAX INFO

	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	QUAD	ROOMMATE NAMES
WED 11/05	219.45	219.45	235.20	250.95	
THURS 11/06	240.45	240.45	256.20	271.95	
FRI 11/07	277.20	277.20	292.95	308.70	
SAT 11/08	277.20	277.20	292.95	308.70	

CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE to calculate your cost.

	Per Person	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	QUAD	Per Person	Fill in Amount
						Your selection
WED 11/05	219.45	109.73	73.15	54.86	\$	
THURS 11/06	240.45	120.23	80.15	60.11	\$	
FRI 11/07	277.20	138.60	92.40	69.30	\$	
SAT 11/08	277.20	138.60	92.40	69.30	\$	
					# Nights _____ x \$25/night =	
					***Workroom	
					Your estimated cost to attend	
					Less Deposit Due 6/20/2025	
					Balance Due 9/23/2025	
					\$	
					Less \$50.00	

- ☐ Print this page and send with \$50 Deposit payable to Valley Forge Homestead Quilters (or VFHQ)
- ☐ Mail deposit and form to Venessa Garst, [REDACTED] by 6/20/2025
- ☐ Keep a copy for yourself.

*** Workroom rate may be more depending on number of attendees. Final cost will be determined once the number of registrations are received.
There are a maximum of 10 slots, taken in order of receipt of deposit per person AND roommates.
Effort to add additional attendees will be attempted based on need.

Questions? Venessa Garst [REDACTED]

Row of Every Other Month - 2025



Rosemary Geisler



Jen Fillman



Elsa Scherphorn



Judy Snook



Meghan Heslin



Ruth Heslin



April Hostler



Laura Ocker



Linda Ulinski



Joann Kirschenmann



Marcy Mancini



Linda Juzbasich



Anita Bennett



Nancy Hannum



Barbara Hughes



Jean Hayden

Saturday Sew Along

Date: June 7, 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, June 14, 2025

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

Place: your home via Zoom

Workshops

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.

Comfort Charity Quilt and Fidget Quilt Workshop *with Maxine Close 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: Yummy lunch provided by the Comfort Quilt Committee

May RazBeca Workshop with Rebecca Penniston



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
June 3	June 10	June 26	July 29

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Zoom Evening Bee 7:00 - 9:00 pm	4	5	6	7 Zoom Saturday Sew Along 9:30 - 4:00 pm
8	9	10 Zoom Afternoon Bee 12:30 - 3:30 pm	11	12	13	14 Zoom Comfort Quilt Workshop 9:30 - 4:00 pm
15	16	17 Guild Meeting Annual Picnic No Zoom 6:00 pm	18	19	20	21 SAM II Workshop 9:30 - 3:00 pm
22	23	24	25	26 Evening Bee 6:00 - 8:30 pm Fairview Church	27	28
29	30					



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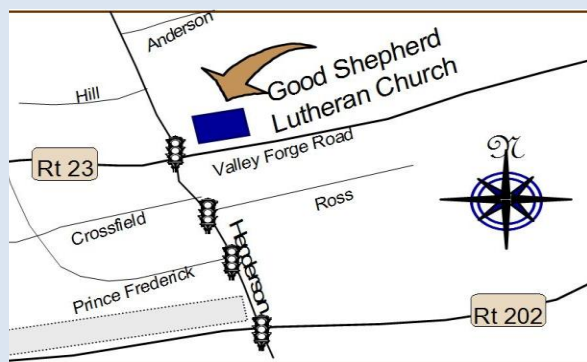
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Monthly Guild Meetings are held on the **Third** Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia, PA



Newsletter Submissions

Send to: Judy Snook

Information for the next newsletter must be received by the 25th of the month.

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