



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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Quilt Guild

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Lines from Lou

I glanced out my kitchen window this morning to discover the first blossoms of spring on a young fruit tree. I've been so eager for spring (I don't do winter well), and those blossoms just filled me with warmth! It's interesting how spring opens my eyes to the valuable things in life, feeds my ambition, and inspires me to creativity. And speaking of creativity, I can't wait to finish the lone-star I started at our most recent workshop (Chris Candello did an excellent job helping us develop our various creations). And I'm eager to quilt the round robin top I just received (a treasure that's full of the best efforts of dear friends). Ah yes... the emerging warmth of spring, and the warmth of friendship... it's nourishment for the soul.

Lou

April Guild Meeting Information - 4/18/06

B.J. Titus will visit with the guild and talk about her "Transition from Traditional to Art Quilts". B.J. Titus is an award winning quilter having recently won Honorable Mention at the Hershey Show with her "Toucan at Twilight". A photograph of "Toucan at Twilight" was in the September 2005 issue of Quilter's Newsletter Magazine. B.J.'s newest quilt, "Whimsical Rhapsody", won Best Machine Workmanship at the PA National Quilt Extravaganza at Ft. Washington. B. J. will be bringing her hand dyed fabrics to sell, so bring your cash!

Refreshment assignments

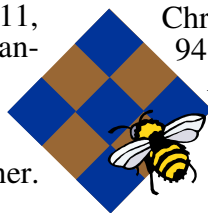
FOOD	BEVERAGES
Susan Stehman	Ethel Hutchinson
Sally Rapp	Sandy Darlington
Marebeth Conard	Chris Candello
Karen Glasthal	
Marsha Bullwinkle	



Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Afternoon Bee—2nd Tuesday

The Afternoon Bee will take place on April 11, 2006, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Nancy Han-num, 2562 Amy Drive, Norristown, 610-539-7066. Everyone is welcome. Bring whatever project(s) you're working on. We'll sew, eat, chat, and learn from each other.



Evening Bee—4th Tuesday

Chris Candello, 322 Vista Drive, Phoenixville, 610-948-1061, will host the April Evening Bee, on April 25, 2006 from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. Work on your own projects, get help and advice and refreshments, and enjoy the company. Hope to see you there!

Hershey Plans

We're planning to sell raffle quilt tickets at the Hershey show. We haven't done this in the past because, with the distance, it's been difficult to schedule people to work the table the way we've traditionally done it. So we'd like to try doing it a different way. What we'd like to do is have two people take responsibility for a whole day of the show and trade off each hour. So while person A is exploring the show, person B is selling raffle tickets. The next hour, person A gets to rest her feet while selling raffle tickets while person B explores the show. And, of course, they trade off every subsequent hour through the day. This way, we only really need 6 volunteers. And if more teams volunteer, each team will only have to assume responsibility for half a day. So if you and a friend would like to participate in this way at the Hershey show, please notify Cathy Fennell or Lou Chandler. (We're also thinking about getting a hotel room or and sharing the related costs.). A sign up sheet will be sent around at the April Guild meeting for those interested in volunteering their time.

Escape Weekend

This will again be held at the Kline Center, Mensch Mill Retreat Center. The dates are: May 4-7, 2006

Package A - \$160

- 4 days, 3 nights
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on Friday and Saturday
- Breakfast on Sunday
- No dinner included on Thursday night

Package B - \$110

- 3 days, 2 nights
- Dinner Friday (optional) = \$8.00 additional cost
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on Saturday
- Breakfast on Sunday

\$20.00 deposit holds your space. Balance due by April 20th. Remit monies to Sally Rapp, 28 Marian Rd., Trappe, PA 19426. Phone: 610-489-6892

AQS Book Orders You will be able to order discounted books through our AQS program during the next two Guild meetings, April and May. You may pay in cash or make your check out to Kathy Graff.

April Birthdays

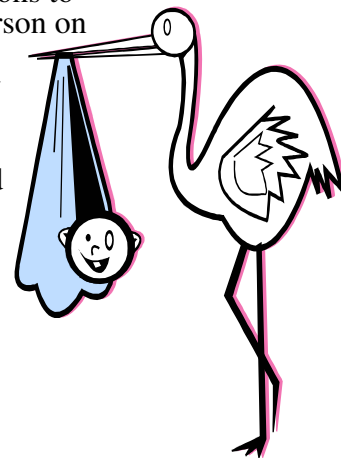
- April 2 Marsha Bullwinkle
- April 4 Rosemary Geisler
- April 6 Arlene Greenwald
- April 7 Norma Brechbiel

Block of the Month

The block for May is Crossroads. The instructions can be found at our web site: www.valleyforgequilters.org. Paper copies of the instructions will be available at the April Guild meeting. The April block is Basket. Bring your block to guild meeting and you could win a prize.

A New Baby

Congratulations to Karen Anderson on the birth of her February baby girl, Samantha. Our love and good wishes are with her at this very special time.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our guild member, Marie Traxler, who won Viewer's Choice for her quilt at the Loose Threads Tea on March 11, 2006. Way to go, Marie!



Quilt Show Update

The first meeting of the chairs of the quilt show committee met on Monday evening, March 20, 2006. A new committee has been added, lighting and Beth Bullwinkle has volunteered to chair it. The next meeting will be held on June 5th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Trooper. A list of the Quilt Show chairs will be available at guild meeting (see Jean). You'll find an on-line version of the flyer for the quilt show on the guild website, <http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/>, under Quilt Show 2006. Quilt registration forms will be available on the website sometime in April and at the April Guild meeting.

WIP vs. UFO

From Nancy Hannum

In an online newsletter entitled "Quilt Connections," Jeanne writes: "UFOs -- I used the term for many years and then decided that I like a cup half empty or half full. I changed what I call my vast collections of projects to WIP -- Works in Progress. Whether they be partially pieced, waiting for borders or binding or everything I need for a project in a container, my cup is half-full."

I like Jeanne's way of thinking. UFOs has that half-empty kind of feel -- a project that might (but probably won't) get finished. WIP gives the feeling that any day now, the project might get done. I now have a few WIP myself. Thanks for the new direction, Jeanne. *—Nancy Hannum*

Guild Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2006

- Lou Chandler welcomed all
- BOM winner—Vicki Lopresti -- April BOM is a Basket block
- Door Prizes—Irene Pettigrew, Norma Brechbiel
- Quilt bees:
 - Evening bee—Tues, March 28, 2006 at Laura Chaplar's -- time:6:30-9:00
 - Daytime bee—Tues. April 11, 2006 at Nancy Hannum's-- time: 12:30-3:30
- Vicki Fallon, the scheduled speaker was unable to meet with us due to emergency surgery. Vicki was kind enough to contact Karen Dever who presented her new talk entitled "The Joy of Collecting Quilts or Obsession". Karen talked about all the quilts she collected and why then proceeded to show them to the group. During refreshments, all were able to look more closely at Karen's obsession.
- Four of the Guild members participated in a Round Robin Quilt Challenge and each showed their finished top.
- Jean reminded everyone about the lone star workshop on Saturday, March 25.
- Jean talked about the quilt show – 5 quilts may be entered as well as any guild quilt projects. Some committee chairs also reported. The consignment committee would like every member of the guild to donate one handmade item to be sold to raise money for the guild. The Chinese Auction committee has many new gifts but said small wall hangings would attract people to take chances. Dawn talked about the special exhibit that will be in the Hollis room.
- Shirley and many of the members showed the Charity quilts they had made at the workshop. Laura had children's quilts to go home with people to be quilted or tied. The children's quilts will go to St. Christopher's Hospital.
- Judy Snook received twenty-two pillowcases. The challenge ends at Easter but there is still time to do more. Judy is making a pillowcase for each one made by a guild member.
- Kathy Graff talked about the Fort Washington Quilt show moving to Harrisburg and also that AQS books can be ordered at the next two guild meetings, April and May
- Show & Tell
- Adjourned: 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Chris Candello and Cathy Fennell
(in behalf of Nancy Hannum)

Longarm Quilters' Directory Released

Locating a professional longarm quilter just got easier with the release of a directory by the Sewing Dealers Trade Association. Copies of the Professional Longarm Yellowbook, which identifies longarm quilters across the United States and Canada, were distributed at the International Quilt Market and Festival/Houston in October 2005; the directory is also available online. Professional longarm quilters can add their listings through the same website address. 800-367-5651; www.quiltingprofessional.com. (From Quilter's Newsletter Magazine, May 2006, page 10.)

Alex Anderson Quilt Connection

There's an audio program, similar to Simply Quilts but without visuals. You can tune in by visiting her website, <http://AlexAndersonQuilts.com>. The Alex Anderson Quilt Connection is dedicated to inspiration, education and growing today's quilting community. Segments will include quilt related topics including, instruction, events, interviews, questions and answers and much, much more. Either listen to the show from this page (<http://AlexAndersonQuilts.com>) or subscribe so your shows are downloaded automatically. Either way, they have a lot to share and invite you to join them!

Jennifer Chiaverini Quilt Challenge

In honor of National Quilting Day, it's Jennifer's pleasure to announce a contest for fans of the Elm Creek Quilts series. In her new novel, *Circle of Quilters*, applicants for two teaching positions at Elm Creek Quilt Camp are instructed to design an "Elm Creek Quilts" quilt block as a test of their quilting skills, creativity, and understanding of the spirit of Elm Creek Quilts. In celebration of the publication of *Circle of Quilters*, Elm Creek Quilts fans are invited to design an original quilt block that will be used as the new logo for Elm Creek Quilts. Blocks are to be 12" square finished size (12.5" unfinished including a .25" seam allowance). Focus fabrics should be blues, greens and/or golds, with cream, off-white, or light beige as a background color if the design uses a background color. The winner will be chosen from among ten finalists by an online vote. Prizes include autographed Elm Creek Quilts books, Elm Creek Quilts fabric from Red Rooster Fabrics, and an Elm Creek Quilts pin made from the winning design.

For official contest rules and list of prizes, please visit my web site, <http://www.elmcreek.net>, and register for the Elm Creek Quilts Readers' Circle. Entries must be postmarked by September 1, 2006. Good Luck and Happy Quilting!



What is a Secret Pal?

A secret pal is an anonymous friend in the guild who gives gifts to you every month. And, as a secret pal, you, likewise, give gifts to another member of the guild every month. You know who you're giving to, but you don't know who is giving to you. You can try to guess who your secret pal might be but no one knows until May. Every year in June, Guild members have the opportunity to participate in the secret pal program by filling out a questionnaire about themselves. The Secret Pal Chair uses the information on the questionnaires to match up the secret pals and notifies each participating guild mem-

ber of the name of his/her secret pal to whom they're to give gifts. Each participant will purchase gifts on a monthly basis for their "secret pal." The gifts should cost between \$7.00 and \$15.00 and should pertain to quilting or the interests of their secret pal. Participants bring the gifts to the monthly guild meeting and place them on the table labeled Secret Pal. In addition to this, secret pals send birthday cards or provide little gifts for special occasions, etc. This is a great way to get to know guild members and make new friends. June is just around the corner so consider participating in this guild program as a Secret Pal.

Quilt happenings

Historic Homes of Donegal Quilt Tour and Tea

Historic Homes of Donegal Quilt Tour and Tea will be held April 6, 7, and 10, 2006. Visit three historic private homes and view the owners' personal antique quilt collections and have a light tea. Cost is \$24.00 per person. Located in countryside surrounding Marietta, PA. Please wear low-heeled shoes. Pre-paid reservations are necessary. For more information, please call Marian Miller, 426-4533 or e-mail me at hearth@dejazzd.com

The Quilt Idea

AQATS juror, Rebecca Stevens will present a lecture, "The Quilt Idea", on Saturday April 8th at Stotesbury Mansion, 1923 Chestnut St., Philadelphia. Brunch will begin at 11:00AM and the lecture at 12:30PM. Cost for the brunch and lecture is \$20, lecture only \$8. For reservations please call 215-840-8778.

Accidental Landscape: Beaches workshop

Main Line Quilters- Accidental Landscape: Beaches workshop by Karen Eckmeier, Thursday April 20, 9:30am-3 pm. Lecture April 21, 9:30 am Marriott Courtyard Devon 762 W Lancaster Ave. Guests are welcome. Workshop registration: \$35.00, spaces limited. information www.mlq/whitecarp.com or payment with SASE to Pat Pasquarelli 239 S. Gulph Rd. King of Prussia, PA 19406. To see the project please visit www.quilted-lizard.com for Karen Eckmeier Accidental Landscape gallery. Description: Create miniature Beach seascapes using Karen's Layered Curves technique. These little scenes are quick and easy to make, no templates, just free form rotary cutting and top stitched edges size approx. 8"X12" w.o. borders

Bus Trip – Girl's Day Off- Fabric Shopping in New York City Tuesday, June 6, 2006 Steve's Sewing, Vacuum and Quilting is sponsoring a bus trip to NYC for fabulous fabric shopping in the Garment District in Manhattan. Round trip bus fare is \$35.00 (including gratuity), meals are your own responsibility. The fee must be paid two weeks in advance. The bus will leave the parking lot at Steve's promptly at 7:00 AM and return at approximately 9:00 PM. For more information, call 610-768-9453.

Coach Trip - Two Great Festivals in the Great North Woods

June 25-30, 2006 (6 days/5 nights) - Trip includes time at the Vermont Quilt Festival and Keepsake Quilter's Quilt Shop in New Hampshire. Full itinerary and details are available from Sue Weber, Owen J. Roberts School District, Pottstown, PA, Phone: 610-469-5141. Registration deadline is mid-February. This excursion is sponsored by the continuing education department of the school district. Sally Rapp will have more information.

Quilt Shows

Quilts: A Testimony to Friendship, offers a glimpse into early York County. It will spark an admiration of extraordinary needlework skills, generate an appreciation for early fabrics, especially chintz, and reveal remarkable differences of design within one county. Now through June 2, 2006, Historical Society Museum & Library, 250 E. Market St., York, PA. For more information visit www.yorkheritage.org.

Quilter's Heritage Celebration, Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster, PA; April 6 – 9, 2006. For information visit: www.qhconline.com.

ArtQuilts at the Sedgwick: On the Square –April 8, 2006—May 21, 2006, opens Friday, April 7, 2006 with a reception 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Philadelphia Art Alliance, 251 S. 18th St., Philadelphia, PA. Show hours are Tuesday to Sunday, 11 A.M.-5 P.M. Guided tours will be offered on Thursdays and Sundays at 2 P.M. It is a testament to the widespread fame of AQatS that it receives hundreds of submissions from artists from every region of the country and from abroad as well. For AQATS 2006, 44 quilts were selected by three illustrious jurors—Rebecca Stevens, author and curator of Contemporary Textiles at the Textile Museum in Washington, D.C., and Lewis Knauss, textile artist and Professor at Moore College of Art and Design and Amy Orr, textile artist and Associate Professor at Rosemont College.

Big "Easy Star Sampler" Show and Tell Bring your E.S.S. quilt top or finished quilt to the April meeting. We will recognize each one who brings in some stage of the quilt. This will help motivate us all to complete our quilt for our October show. I'm expecting to see over 20 people participating! Don't disappoint me! -Sally Rapp

May Guild Meeting Preview - May 16

Donna Laing will share with us Aging Gracefully - how to make a new "old" quilt. Donna Laing won first place with her quilt "Reconstruction" at the Allentown Art Museum's A Season of Toiles Quilt Challenge Exhibition.



Challenge 2005-2006

My Favorite Things

- Have you thought about the challenge for 2006? There's only six months to do it. Here's a reminder of the rules:
- Utilize something—or several things—mentioned in the song: "My Favorite Things from The Sound of Music" (see lyrics below).
- You may represent the theme with your design or your fabric or both.
- Use any construction technique you wish.
- You may choose to use appliqué or pieced blocks to help suggest the theme. Or you may use a combination thereof.
- You must include with your submission a typed explanation of how you interpreted the theme, with 75 words or less (using 12-point type [or standard typewriter size]), on a paper or card no larger than 8½ x 8½).
- Your creation should be a quilt (rather than jacket, bag, etc.).
- The size of your quilt should be no larger than 50" on any given side.
- Your creation should be something made during the coming year (between 10/2005 and 9/2006).
- As usual, one entry per-person will be accepted.
- Completed challenge quilts will be displayed and voted on at the September guild meeting in 2006.
- All questions regarding this challenge should be directed solely to Beth Quigley at 484-437-9540 or Beth-quilts@comcast.net

Song Lyrics:

*Raindrops on roses and
whiskers on kittens,
Bright copper kettles and
warm woolen mittens,
Brown paper packages tied
up with string,
These are a few of my favor-
ite things.
Cream colored ponies and
crisp apple strudels,
Door-bells and sleigh-bells
and schnitzel
with noodles,
Wild geese that fly with the
moon on their wings,
These are a few of my favor-
ite things.
Girls in white dresses with
blue satin sashes,
Snowflakes that stay on my
nose and eyelashes,
Silver white winters that melt
into springs,
These are a few of my favor-
ite things.
When the dog bites,
When the bee stings,
When I'm feeling sad,
I simply remember my favor-
ite things
And then I don't feel so bad.*

Secret Pal Thanks

Thank You secret pal for all the wonderful gifts this year! I have been so busy with work I have forgotten to just say Thanks in the newsletter. - Barb Jones

Newsletter Submissions

Inclusions for the next newsletter must be received by the 1st day of the month. (If e-mailing your article, an MS Word file as an attachment is preferred, Articles embedded in e-mails are acceptable, of course, but require more work on our end.)

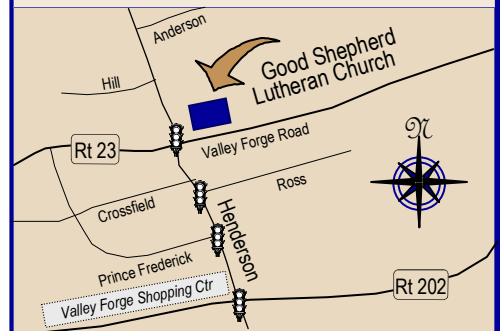
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Guild Meetings

DAY: Third Tuesday of each month

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
King of Prussia, PA



Guild Officers

PRESIDENT – Lou Chandler
VICE PRESIDENT – Cathy Fennel
TREASURER – Linda Hamel
RECORDING SECRETARY – Nancy Hannum
CORRESPONDING SEC – Chris Candello
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – Gloria Clark

Committee Chairs

PROGRAM CHAIR – Gloria Clark
WORKSHOPS – Jean Hayden
NEWSLETTER – Cathy Fennel
& Lou Chandler
WEB MASTER – Donna Parmet
& Susan Glaser
REFRESHMENTS – Paula Pettyjohn
SET-UP – Mary Beth Bullwinkle
HOSTESS/ DOOR PRIZES – Susan Glaser
& Nancy Dietch
HOSPITALITY – Donna LeBlanc
BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Cathy Fennel
QUILT SHOW – Jean Hayden
QUILT BEES – Jean Hayden (day)
Beth Quigley (night)
ADVENTURE – Sally Rapp
CHARITY QUILTS – Shirley Horning
PUBLICITY – Nancy Hannum
SECRET PAL – Joan Gunder
HISTORIAN – Patti Fulton
LIBRARY – Art & Ethel Hutchison
AQS BOOK SALES – Kathy Graff
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION – Kathy Graff
SUNSHINE – Norma Brechbiel