



Valley Forge Homestead
Quilt Guild

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Guild Newsletter

August 2006

Lines from Lou

Just got back in town after coordinating a 3-day family reunion in Utah, which went very well (*I think*). The one thing I had hoped to include was some kind of a quilt project. I incorporated a quilt activity in the reunion 3 years ago, but I just wasn't able to do the prep for it this time. When we do this again in 3 years, I'm determined to get a quilt-related thing in the works (and get the kids involved ahead of time). Quilts are so much more than just works of art—certainly more than mere utilitarian objects as my engineer husband would suggest (he refers to batting as "insulation"). There's simply nothing like a quilt to cement memories and represent loving feelings.

Lou



August Guild Meeting Information – 8/15/06

Debby Kratovil will be traveling from Georgia to talk with us at our August guild meeting. Her talk is entitled "Shortcuts from a Short Woman." Debby Kratovil is a staff writer for Quilt Magazine. The current issue has three of her quilt designs. She has created hundreds of instructional articles about quilts and how to make them. To learn more about Debbie, visit <http://www.quilterbydesign.com/>. Debby will also present a workshop on August 17 entitled "One Block Wonder." See additional information about that in this newsletter.

Refreshment assignments

FOOD

Alice Herge
Cathy Radcliffe
Sandy Darlington
Laura Chaplar
ChrisCandello
Donna Raymond

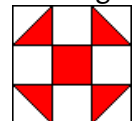
BEVERAGES

Judy Snook
Marie Traxler
Joan Gunder

Block of the Month



The block for September is the Bow Tie block. The instructions can be found at our web site: www.valleyforgequilters.org. Paper copies of the instructions will be available at the August Guild meeting. The August block is the Shoofly. Bring your block to guild meeting and you could win the prize. If you are using the Eleanor Burns' book for your blocks, this bow tie block is different. You may use either block for your quilt.



Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Afternoon Bee—2nd Tuesday

Afternoon Bee will take place on August 8, 2006, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Lou Chandler, 4 Ferry Lane (*on the corner of Rt 23 and Ferry Lane, about half-way between Valley Forge Park and Phoenixville*). If the driveway fills up, just park at the “G-Lodge” next door on Rt 23. Everyone is welcome. Bring whatever project(s) you’re working on. We’ll sew, eat, chat, and enjoy.

Evening Bee—4th Tuesday

Chris Candello, 322 Vista Drive, Phoenixville, 610-948-1061, will host the August Evening Bee, on August 22, 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!



Comfort Quilts



The Valley Forge Quilters Guild and the Loose Threads Quilt Guild were honored with a tour and lunch at St. Christopher's Hospital. The guilds donated 11 quilts and over 350 books to the hospital on that day. The staff greeted our members warmly and expressed sincere appreciation for our efforts.

Photo:-- left to right-- Barbara Liccio- Director of Volunteer Services, with guild members - Laura Chaplar, Janneke Van Der Ree, Linda Hamel, Ethel Hutchinson, Judy Snook, Lovye Oesterlin, Marie Traxler, Gerry Fontaine, Shirley Horning, and Nancy Hannum

August 15 Deadline for Quilt Show entry forms

This deadline is coming right up. Don't miss out! If you're not sure if you'll have a potential entry done in time, submit the form anyway—it's much easier for the organizers to take-away than it is to add. Please don't wait till the last minute—if we can enter the information gradually, it will be so much easier. By way of reminder, registration forms are on the website and should be returned to Cathy Fennell, preferably on-line to fennell@rosemont.edu or on paper by August 15, 2006. (The 2nd page of the form contains instructions for submitting the forms on-line by e-mail.) (If mailing, the address is: 32 Clearfield Avenue, Eagleville, PA 19430) Send your entries individually or as a group.

August Birthdays

August 3	Barbara Sherman
August 9	Martha Klein
August 14	Kathy Graff
August 15	Vickie Lopresti
August 29	Diana Richardson

Our Quilt Show News

Our quilt show will be here before we know it so here are a few reminders to help us get ready:

Next (and last) meeting of the Quilt show committee chairs

date: Sept. 11 at 7:00.

location: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints off Trooper road.

The rules: You can exhibit up to 5 quilts in addition to your guild class quilts. So pick the best of your creations and get them ready.

Registration: The reg forms are on the website and should be returned to Cathy Fennell, preferably on-line to fennell@rosemont.edu or on paper by August 15, 2006. (The 2nd page of the form contains instructions for submitting the forms on-line by e-mail.) Use one form for each entry, and



feel free to send one at a time or all of them together.

Get the word out: If you can take flyers to quilting stores, libraries, etc. they're available from Jean.

Staffing: If you haven't communicated your preferences to Susan (when you'd like to staff which

areas), be sure to do so at the next guild meeting. We all participate in the staffing of this event.

Stay the night: We are looking for members to sign up for staying overnight on Thursday Oct. 19th from 9PM to 8AM and for Friday night from 9PM to 8AM. We will also need volunteers to work security for the quilt show.

The duties will involve greeting attendees and directing them to the admissions table and going from room to room to be sure no one is tampering with the quilts. These security responsibilities are being scheduled separately from the general staffing. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the next guild meeting or call Laura Chaplar at 610-337-3756 to ask about times.

Grandma's Attic: Gather items that you'd like to donate to Grandma's attic and get them to Ruth Heslin or Chris Candello.

Chinese Auction: If you're making an item (or contributing an item) for the Chinese auction, notify Patty Fulton.

Money Matters: For the various Quilt Show Committee Chairs, make sure you get your receipts and the expense reimbursement form to Linda Hamel for reimbursement.

Membership Renewal Time

Time to re-up! Membership Renewal will start in August (at the August meeting) and run through September. Annual Dues are \$25. Please plan accordingly and be ready to give your check or cash to the Membership Committee at the August or September meeting OR mail your check to Chris Candello, 322 Vista Drive, Phoenixville, PA 19460. The Executive Board and your Membership Committee appreciate your help in expediting renewal - ours is a very active guild and we need everyone's prompt action to accomplish this! Thanks!

Easy Money Continues

Don't forget those grocery store tapes from Acme and Redner Warehouse Market. Bring them to the guild meeting and deposit them in the cans provided at the Welcome Table. (The Genauardi program doesn't require tape submission—just register on line). You can review the instructions for these 3 programs in the March 2006 newsletter. Thanks again for your support of this program and the guild.



Meeting Minutes ~ July 18, 2006

- Lou Chandler opened the meeting by welcoming all including two guests and two new members
- The Ice Cream Social was enjoyed by all. Plenty of ice cream and toppings with some to spare.
- Door prizes were won by Donna Raymond and Laura Chaplar
- BOM winner was Denny Shaw. August's block is Shoo-fly.
- Quilt Bees
- Evening bee – Tuesday, July 25, 6:30 – 9:00 at Beth Quigley's
- Daytime bee – Tuesday, August 8, 2006, 12:30-3:30 at Lou Chandler's
- Laura Chaplar asked for volunteers to assist with Security staffing of the Quilt Show and a sign up sheet was passed around.
- Susan Glaser asked for folks to sign up at the Welcome table for various areas of the quilt show that need to be staffed.
- Linda Hamel told us about the items on the back table:
- Magazines that could be borrowed by guild members: Quilting Quarterly, American Quilter and Asian Fabrics;
- Information about PA Quilt Shows: Muncie, PA and Brandywine Valley Quilters;
- Book, Show Time Quarterly's Guide for the Northeast that will be added to the library. Incidentally, our quilt show is listed.
- Next month we will have Debbie Kratovil as our guest speaker and she will offer a workshop, "One Block Wonder" on August 17 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints off Trooper Road.
- September meeting: Old Challenge and New Challenge and Fabric Sale. Sally Rapp sent around a sign up sheet for the sale and handed out guidelines. Must sign up to sell your fabric by September 15.
- If one has suggestions for programs, please contact Gloria Clark.
- Gloria Clark introduced our speaker Vickie Fallon who shared with us her interest in Dear Jane Quilts and talked about Jane Stickle, her quilt and the history and development of Dear Jane Quilts. Vickie also shared her quilt journey with us via her own quilts.
- Gloria will put together a Dear Jane club for those interested in trying their hand at a Dear Jane Quilt.



- Cathy Fennell placed a sign up sheet for help with selling raffle quilt tickets at the Hershey Quilt Show on the Welcome Table.
- Paula Pettijohn sent around the Refreshment sign-up sheet and requested donations to help a Native American quilter to raise money to buy a log cabin kit to replace her trailer home that was destroyed by a tornado.

• Jean Hayden shared information about the August 17 workshop with Debbie Kratovil: One Block Wonder. It is a half-day workshop so please bring lunch and you can stay longer to work on this project. Workshop cost: \$20.00, \$10.00 deposit gets you the supply list. Please contact Jean if interested in attending.

• Jean reported that the last meeting for the quilt show chair people will be on September 11 at 7:00 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. August 15 is the deadline to get quilt registration forms to Jean or Cathy. Need one registration form for each quilt entered.

• Carol Divis requested items for the Boutique.

• Secret Pal: Joan Gunder needs members to send her the forms if interested in being a secret pal. Please contact Joan: home: 610-630-9409; fax: 610-630-0803; or email: j_gunder@msn.com.

• Judy Snook received a thank you for the pillowcases made by Guild members and matched by Judy. She donated 102 pillowcases and they were all delivered to the children.

• Show and Tell

• Norma Brechbiel announced her church's Fall Fest, September 23, where we can sell Raffle Quilt tickets. We will need volunteers to sell tickets. More information will be in the newsletter.

• Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by
Cathy Fennell, VP

One Month to Go ...

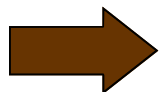
The culmination of our Challenge for 2005/2006--My Favorite Things--is rapidly approaching.. By way of review, please see the rules on the web site.

Good luck to all who are working to complete their projects.

Giant Fabric Sale – September 19, 2006

Clear out your unwanted fabric from your stash – fabrics you liked when purchased, but that you now know they are probably not going to get used. Why not sell them at our September 19th guild meeting? All monies realized would go directly back to you so that you can buy more new fabric to replace what you just sold. And remember—One quilter's stash-trash is another quilter's treasure... So whether you're bringing fabric to sell or not, come prepared with cash for those treasures you're sure to find!

Here are the guidelines



We hope this will give members an opportunity to earn some money for themselves while cleaning out your fabric stash to make room for more.

If you have questions call Sally or Gloria Clark.

Fabric Sale Guidelines:

- You set the price
- Each piece of fabric or “package” of fabrics must be clearly labeled with:
 - your name
 - Price you are asking
 - Yardage or size of fabric
- Put all this information on a removable label or tag so when the buyer goes to pay at the cashier table it can be recorded on the “sellers” sheet.
- You may also sell kits, completed tops or orphan blocks. (PLEASE no U.F.O.'s.) All items or packages, must be labeled like above.
- Pre-register your name with Sally Rapp (610-489-6892) by Friday, September 15 if you plan to sell fabric. Since we have to plan the set-up in advance, only names registered will be given table space at the September meeting.
- Buyers need to pay in cash, so come prepared.
- Bring your own shopping bag to take home your purchases.

Looking for a Long-arm Quilter ...

Kim Stefus is a member of our guild and also a long-arm quilter. She is offering members of the guild a special on her services. Through August and September she is offering a TWO for ONE sale. Bring in two quilts between August 1st and September 30th, 2006 and have second one (equal or lesser price) quilted free. Both quilts must be turned in at same time to receive sale price. For more information contact Kim Stefus, 345 Misty Patch Road, East Fallowfield, PA 19320, 610-384-3973, or email: qyt04@yahoo.com. More information will be provided at the August Guild Meeting.

Escape Weekend

Nov. 2–5, 06

Please sign up ASAP. We need a minimum of 24 people or the cost of the weekend will increase. This is always an enjoyable weekend of quilting, relaxing, shopping and learning. Contact Sally Rapp for more details.



Photo from "Everything Quilts"

Guild Workshop

One Block Wonder – Debby Kratovil

DATE: August 17, 2006

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Trooper, PA (map available on guild web site)

COST: \$20.00

BRING: Your sewing machine, normal sewing supplies, and your lunch. Supply list to be provided upon payment of \$10.00 deposit. Jean Hayden will collect money at July Guild meeting.

Another Transportation Option for Harrisburg

Several members of the guild will be renting a van to go to the Harrisburg quilt show. The van will hold fifteen people. If you are interested in going on this van, please contact Jean Hayden, 610-279-2911 or jhbaglady@juno.com. The price is to be determined.

Quilts on Display

Starting August 4 through September 1, 2006, quilts made by members of the Valley Forge Homestead Quilters' Guild and quilt information will be on display at the Upper Merion Township Library, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. 19406

Raffle Ticket Sales Opportunities

Skippack Days Oct. 7 & 8, 10 AM – 4 PM

We need help selling raffle tickets during the 2-day craft show that is held throughout the village. We will have table space on the property of "Playcrafters" Theater. In addition, you are welcome to sell your own crafts. Sign up with Sally Rapp. Please volunteer and make my day! Thanks.

Phoenixville Festival—Sept 23, 10am to 4pm

Calvary Bible Church in Phoenixville is hosting a Community Fall Fest on the church grounds (the corner of Valley Park Road and White Horse Roads) on Saturday, September 23, 2006 from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. This will be an outreach to everyone in the community. There will be games and pony rides for the children, The Valley Forge Fire Co. will be there, and all community organizations are urged to participate. We've been given the opportunity to participate in this Fall Fest by showing our Raffle Quilt and selling tickets. At the August meeting, we will pass around a sign up sheet for volunteers to sell tickets. Please see Norma Brechbiel for more information.



Transportation Possibilities to Harrisburg

There are now 4 transportation possibilities to the Harrisburg quilt show (3 busses & a van):

Mainline Quilters Bus—

Thursday, September 7

Leave at 7:30am & return around 4pm

Leave from Devon area (K-mart or Devon horse show grounds)

Cost will be about \$35/person including admission to show, no waiting in line (show admission is \$2 less for groups over 20)

They won't be stopping for meals

If interested, contact Ruth Lazarus at 610-688-5388 or

[<rplaz@enter.net>](mailto:rplaz@enter.net). She'll need commitment by last week in July. Availability will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

Barb Tudgay Bus—

Friday, Sept. 8,

Leave at 8am and return at 4:30 (however several women asked if we could stay later)

Leave from Montgomery Mall and/or

the Hagey bus depot on School House Rd. in Souderton

Cost \$25/person, not including admission (but admission cost will be \$2 less because it will be purchased as a group so price is the same as Main Line)

Lunch will also be on your own

If interested, e-mail Barb Tudgay at [<barbt@usadatanet.net>](mailto:barbt@usadatanet.net) or call 610-584-5933

Country Quillworks Bus—

Thursday (Sept 7), and Sat (Sept 9)

Leave 7:15 arrive around 9:30am

Leave from the shop

Will return to the shop by about 8pm after a dinner break at a restaurant on the way.

\$45/person includes admission

Bring extra funds for lunch and dinner

Call 215-855-5554 to reserve your seat

Our Members—organizing a van

Van being rented

Date and time TBD

15 people can fit

If interested, contact Jean Hayden 610-279-2911 or jhbaglady@juno.com

Quilt Shows

PA National Quilt Extravaganza: Will be held at the Expo Hall of the PA Farm Show complex, Harrisburg, Pa on September 7 – 10, 2006. This show has traditionally been held at the Fort Washington Convention Center but has now moved to the Farm Show Complex due to the sale of the Fort Washington facility. For more information visit <http://www.quiltfest.com>.

The Courthouse Quilters of Hunterdon County, NJ: Quilts in the Mill, Oct. 6, 7, 8, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Prallsville Mills, Route 29, Stockton, NJ. For more information contact: Linda Alexander at 908-806-4523 or lsalexnj@earthlink.net.

African American Quilters of Baltimore: Painting in Stitches: Quilt and Fiber Art show and Sale; October 7 – 8, 2006, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Waldorf School of Baltimore, Children's Garden Building, 4701 Yellowwood Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209. For directions or more information, visit: www.AAQB.org or call Valeri McNeal at 410-566-6423.

Berks Quilters Guild: Quilts from the Heart of Berks, Quilt Show 2006; October 13, 2005 and October 14, 2006 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the Leesport Farmers Market, Leesport, PA; Admission is \$6.00. Children under 12 free. For more information: Barbara Slegel, 610-926-3061 or email BSCookie@aol.com or visit www.berksquiltersguild.org.

Brandywine Valley Quilters: Somewhere in Time, 2006 Quilt Show, Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15, 10:00 – 4:00 PM daily; Auction on Saturday at 4:30 – 7:00 PM; Admission \$5.00, children under 12 free at Brookhaven Municipal Building, 3 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015. For more information or a quilt entry registration form, visit www.brandwinevlyquilters.org, or email show@brandwinevlyquilters.org or call 610-925-5645. The deadline for quilt entries is September 12, 2006.

Locust Quilt and Craft 2006 WinterFest, Hilton Columbia, Columbia, MD – Nov. 4 – 5 2006. For more info: www.LocustQuiltandCraft.com.

September Meeting Preview – Sept 19, 2006

Challenge quilts will be displayed, voted upon, & ribbons presented. (you have about a month remaining to finish your projects). Also next year's challenge will be revealed. Please notify Gloria Clark, 610-687-1728, if you will be bringing a challenge quilt so we know how many quilt stands to set up for the evening. *(As usual, only one entry per member.)* We will also have our first giant fabric sale. Please see information under Giant Fabric Sale on page 5 .

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.)

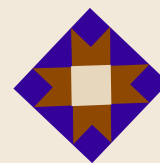
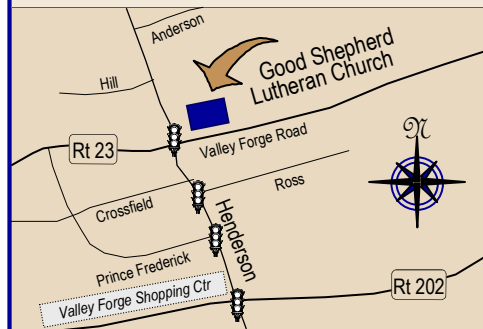
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32 Clearfield Avenue
Eagleville, PA 19430
610-630-8645 (home)
610-526-2973 (work)

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 Fennell & Lou Chandler
WEB MASTER – 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 Fennell
QUILT SHOW – Jean Hayden
QUILT BEES – Jean Hayden (day)
Beth Quigley (night)
ADVENTURE – Sally Rapp
COMFORT 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