



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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Quilt Guild

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Lines from Lou

Good grief! Is it June already? Spring slipped by and I didn't get much chance to even notice it. I'm happy to report that the play I was directing (*1776*) is now completed, I'm delighted with how well it went, I'm touched by how many of you came to see it, and I'm thrilled to get back to quilting! Now, in honor of that play (and the miracles associated with the founding of our country... and the fact that July is right around the corner), I'm in the mood to make something patriotic...

Lou



Photo from Heirloom Gift Bazaar

June Guild Meeting Information – June 20, 2006

Our Traditional Guild Picnic is this June- Don't forget that our picnic begins at 6:00 p.m. Following the picnic, our special guest speaker, Jane Hamilton, will share her topic: "Scrap Attack." During this presentation we'll explore the world of vintage scrap quilts, their history and characteristics. Through many examples from her private collection, Jane will give us ideas on how to deplete our scraps and make an eye-appealing quilt. Feel free to bring your vintage scrap quilts or any other scrap quilts to share during Show and Tell.

Don't forget
In June we
begin at 6:00



Refreshment assignments

Remember to bring food to share as follows:

- If your last name begins with A—F, bring a salad or hors d'oeuvre
- If your last name begins with G—L, bring a main dish
- If your last name begins with M—Z, bring a dessert

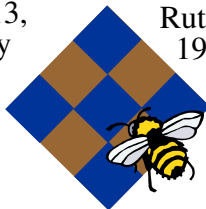
Guild Workshop—Hold this Date: August 17, 2006

Debby Kratovil will be traveling from Georgia to talk with us at our August guild meeting. A workshop with Debbie will be offered on Thursday, August 17, 2006. It will be an all day workshop so hold this date on your calendar and more information will be published in the newsletter as it becomes available. To learn more about Debbie, visit <http://www.quilterbydesign.com/>.

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Afternoon Bee—2nd Tuesday

The Afternoon Bee will take place on June 13, 2006, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Rosemary Geisler, 305 Tavistock Drive, Royersford, PA 19468, 610.792-3436. 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

Ruth Heslin, 1100 Betzwood Drive, Norristown, PA 19403, 610-650-9660 will host the May Evening Bee, on June 27, 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!

Quilt Show News

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

- 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 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 you can take flyers to quilting stores, libraries, etc. they're available from Jean.
- Gather items that you'd like to donate to Grandma's attic and get them to Ruth Heslin or Chris Candello.
- If you're making an item (or contributing an item) for the Chinese auction, notify Patty Fulton.
- For the various Quilt Show Committee Chairs, make sure you get your receipts and the expense reimbursement form to Linda Hamel for reimbursement.
- Baskets (that will hold a large potted mum) are still needed. Give them to Cathy Fennell. Also as the time gets closer, think about donating a potted mum, you will get it back along with the basket it is in.



Do you need more raffle tickets to sell? Contact Gloria Clark

Summer Reading

Too hot to quilt, try reading about quilts and quilting instead. Here are a few titles to start off your reading. Find a cool spot, grab a glass of your favorite cold beverage and enjoy!

- *How to Make an American Quilt* by Whitney Otto, Ballantine, 1992.
- *Mariner's Compass* by Earlene Fowler (Mystery), Berkley Prime Crime, 2000.
- *Stitches in Time* by Barbara Michael (Mystery), HarperCollins, 1999.
- *Circle of Quilters* by Jennifer Chiaverini, Simon and Schuster, 2006.
- *The Persian Pickle Club* by Sandra Dallas, Griffin: St. Martin's, 1996.
- *Endless Chain* by Emilie Richard, Mira: Harlequin, 2005.
- *Sarah's Quilt* by Nancy E. Turner, Thomas Dunne Bks: St. Martin's, 2005.
- *Aunt Jane of Kentucky* by Eliza Calvert Hall, Univ. Press of Kentucky, 1995.
- *Love of Quilts: A treasury of classic Quilting Stories* by Cuesta Ray Benberry and Carol Pinney Crabb, Voyageur, 2004.

Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2006

- Cathy Fennell welcomed all – no guests present
- BOM winner—Vickie Lopresti -- Next month's block is nine patch, July- log cabin
- Quilt bees:
- Evening bee—Tues, May 23, 2006 time:6:30-9:00 at Donna Raymond's
- Daytime bee—Tues. June 13, 2006 time: 12:30-3:30 at Rosemary Geisler's
- Gloria introduced Donna Laing who shared her process of how to make "new" old quilts
- During the break we looked at Donna's quilts and stash. Refreshments were enjoyed
- Secret pals were revealed. Forms for next years secret pal are available on the web site and on the back table. Will start again in July
- Jean reported that the quilt show registration is available on the web site for guild members only. Meeting for chairmen - June 5 at 7:00 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints
- Shirley announced that the St. Christopher's Hospital is giving a private tour of the hospital to our guild members followed by a lunch in their cafeteria on Friday, June 9th. A sign up sheet was passed.
- Cathy Fennell passed a sign up sheet for help with raffle quilt at Hershey quilt show
- Kathy Graff invited members to the Home-maker's meeting on June 19th at 10:00 at the 4H center in Creamery – Eleanor Burn's sister will be there. Oct 13th- Nancy Johnson Srebro at 9:30 – Guest fee this year \$5. She also mentioned the Byrne's sale in May and the Patch of Country Memorial Day sale.
- Sally Rapp announced the Escape weekend on Nov. 2-5. We need a minimum of 24. Price- \$160 for 4days/3 nights or \$110 for 3 days/ 2 nights
- Barb Jones brought up the idea of a cookbook.
- June meeting will be the annual picnic at 6:00. Members provide salad, main dish, and dessert. The guild will provide plates, silverware, and beverages.
- Ruth Heslin thanked everyone for bibs.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Hannum, Recording Secretary

Quilt Escape Weekend

DATES: November 2, 3, 4, 5, 2006
PLACE: Kline Center, Mensch Mill Retreat Center, Alburdis, PA (Berks County)

Package A: \$160.00

4 days, 3 nights

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on Friday and Saturday

Breakfast on Sunday

No dinner included on Thursday Night

Package B: \$110.00

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 October 10, 2006. Remit monies to Sally Rapp, 28 Marian Rd., Trappe, PA 19426. Any questions please call 610-489-6892.



Laura, Sally, & Patti at the last Retreat

Challenge, Challenge, Who's Up to the Challenge?

My Favorite Things

- 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 Bethquilts@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 favorite 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 favorite things.

June Birthdays

June 4	Helen Gray Sally Rapp
June 5	Mare Beth Conard
June 8	Nancy Hannum
June 23	Joyce Stemple
June 28	Donna Raymond



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 favorite things.

When the dog bites,
When the bee stings,
When I'm feeling sad,
I simply remember my favorite things
And then I don't feel so bad.

Quilt Shows

NQA Quilt Show: National Quilting Association, Inc. welcomes you to the 37th Annual Quilt Show to be held at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, Columbus, Ohio on June 8 through 10, 2006. Nearly 400 quilts plus 100 vendors will be available for your viewing and shopping pleasure. For more information visit www.nqaquilts.org/2006show/.

North Country Quilt Show June 9-11 in Clayton: Quilts, vendors, demonstrations and a silent auction will fill the Clayton, NY, Recreation Park Arena June 9-11 for the 2006 North Country Quilting Guild Quilt Show. This event is held every other year and features quilts, wall hangings, and wearables beautifully made by Guild members. The show hours are 10 am to 6 pm on Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10, and 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday, June 11. Admission is \$5; under 6 free. For more information: 315-686-4416 (evenings), www.jjstocker.com/ncqg/ncqg.htm.

Quilting by the Lake Quilts & Wearable Show: July 23 – August 3, 2006 in Morrisville, NY. Includes a merchant mall. For Quilt Show hours or more information, please go to <http://www.quiltingbythelake.com>.

Quilt Odyssey 2006: Is pleased to return to the Hershey Lodge and convention Center from July 27 through 30, 2006. Show Times for Merchants Mall and Quilt Exhibits are Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 10am – 6 pm and Sunday – 10am – 4pm. Admission is \$7.00 per day or \$12.00 for a multi-day pass. For more information: <http://www.quiltodyssey.com/quiltshow.htm>

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>.

Block of the Month

The block for July is the Log Cabin. The instructions can be found at our web site: www.valleyforgequilters.org. Paper copies of the instructions will be available at the June Guild meeting. The June block is Nine Patch. Bring your block to guild meeting and you could win a prize.

Quilts for the Kline Center

I am facilitating the making of several Perkiomen Valley pattern bed quilts for use at the Kline Center where we hold our retreats. I invite anyone who is interested in helping to come to Trinity Church, Collegeville (church across from Ursinus College) and have a sew-a-thon on MONDAY, JUNE 12 from 10-2 p.m. (bring a bag lunch) AND 7-9 p.m. and again on MONDAY, JUNE 26, same times.

Bring 100% cotton scraps of earth tone fabrics (medium/lights and darks) or bring some pre-cut squares that measure 3". Bring fabrics that you feel would be good for the project. I do not recommend brights or jewel-tone colors. I will provide the "Thangles" and additional fabric to make the triangle squares for the split-nine blocks.

Bring your sewing machine, thread, small amounts of quality fabric, rotary cutter, mat and rulers, iron and pressing mat.

We need people to cut, sew, press and remove Thangle papers. Many hands make light work so come when you can, leave when you must.

Thank you for your interest in yet another worthwhile quilting service project!

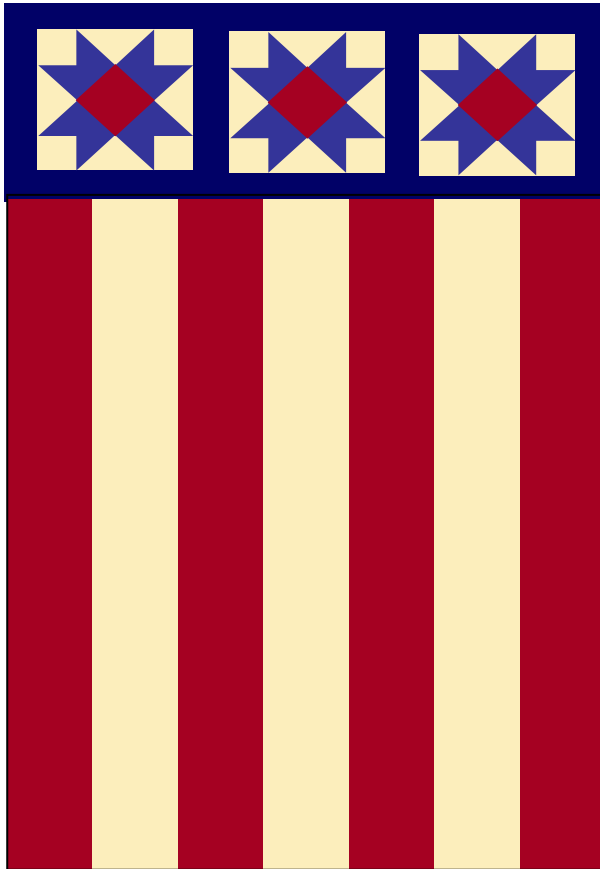
Thanks Sally Rapp



July Meeting Preview

July 18, 2006

Please join us for our annual Ice Cream Social. In addition to that, our guest speaker, Vickie Fallon, will talk about the Dear Jane Phenomena and present a trunk show of her quilts, including her Dear Jane quilt. So far, Vickie has made one Dear Jane quilt, but she has started 2 others and hopes to have them finished soon. She has been quilting for 10 years and enjoys replicating old quilts.



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.)

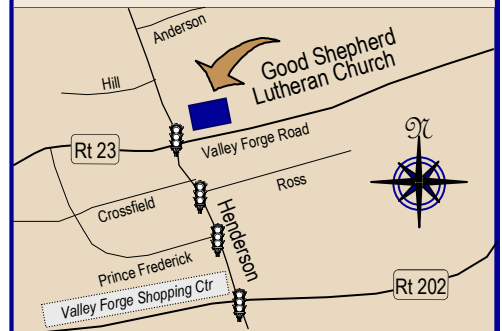
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Guild Meetings

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 Fennell
& 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 Fennell

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