



# Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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Quilt Guild

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## Lines from Lou

March 18<sup>th</sup> is National Quilting Day—we have our own day! And we certainly deserve it because quilters are such wonderful people. For instance, in the past few weeks we've had 2 significant opportunities for generosity as a group. At our last guild meeting, we made items to be sold at our quilt show—to benefit our guild functions, and at our last workshop, we made comfort quilts to benefit those with serious illnesses who are in need of the comfort that a quilt can offer. A great deal was accomplished at both of these events and it's so gratifying to see what generous, wonderful people you are!

For those who were unable to come to the workshop, we need people to quilt and/or tie the quilts that were made that day. If you would like to share in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Shirley Horning.

Plan something fun to do on National Quilt day!

*Lou*



## March Guild Meeting Information – March 21

At this month's meeting, quilter, Vicki Fallon, will talk about the Dear Jane Phenomena and present a trunk show of her quilts, including her Dear Jane quilt. The Dear Jane quilt is made up of two hundred twenty-five patterns that originated from a Jane A. Stickle Quilt completed in 1863, the first Dear Jane Quilt. The blocks are all different and are 4 1/2" x 4 1/2". To learn more about Dear Jane quilts, visit <http://www.dearjane.com/>. And to join in the fun on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Refreshment assignments

#### FOOD

Cathy Fennell  
Paula Pettyjohn  
Lou Chandler  
Gloria Clark  
Linda Hamel

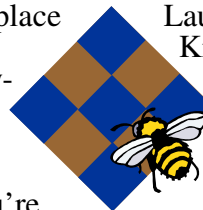
#### BEVERAGES

Chris Candello  
Jean Hayden

## Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

### Afternoon Bee—2nd Tuesday

The Afternoon Bee will take place on March 14, 2006, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Jean Hayden, 258 Lawndale Ave., King of Prussia, 610-279-2911. Everyone is welcome. Bring whatever project(s) you're working on. We'll sew, eat, chat, and get advice from each other.



### Evening Bee—4th Tuesday

Laura Chaplar, 388 Ross Road, King of Prussia, 610-337-3756, will host the March Evening Bee, on March 28, 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!

## Ran Out of a Particular Fabric? ... Search the Web

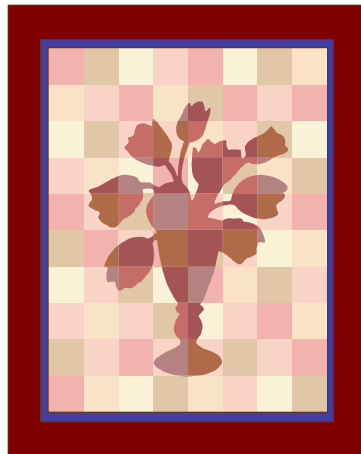
Did you ever run out of fabric before you completed your quilt? Did you call your local quilt shop and find out they no longer stock it? Here's another solution, look on the web. Below are some web sites you can search to locate those fabrics you need.

- <http://www.alwaysopenquiltshop.com> - Always Open Quilt Shop – Our Light is Always on!
- <http://www.eQuilter.com> - Your online fabric store for quilting, sewing and fashion, with OVER 20,000 Fabrics IN STOCK!
- <http://www.fabric.com> - The place to go if you sew; the world's leading online fabric store.
- <http://www.fabshophop.com> - Reach 1,000+ shops at once. FabSearch search engine makes it easy to find and buy the products you're looking for.
- <http://www.missingfabrics.com> - Dedicated to helping quilters, sewers, and crafters world wide in finding the fabric, patterns, tools, books, etc that they so desperately need to finish a project, or just gotta have.
- <http://www.quiltshops.com> - Quiltshops.com is a group of over 150 independent quilt shops. Our . Their search engine allows you to search all 150+ shops at once for any item, with or without thumbnails.

For further information, read the article in Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting, "Desperate Quilters" by Gilda V. Bryant in the March/April 2006 issue, page 56.

## National Quilting Day—A History

Celebrate the 15th annual National Quilting Day on March 18, 2006! National Quilting Day is a special holiday, set aside to celebrate quilts and quiltmakers – past, present, and future. The National Quilting Association, Inc. began sponsoring National Quilting Day with a resolution passed by members attending the 22nd Annual Show in Lincoln, Nebraska, in June 1991. The third Saturday in March is officially designated as National Quilting Day, but over the years observance of National Quilting Day has unofficially been expanded to the whole month of March. National Quilting Day gives us the opportunity to reflect with pride on the traditions of quilting and the contribution quiltmakers have made to their families and communities for many generations.



## Block of the Month

The March block of the month is the Bear's Paw. Bring your block to our March meeting and you could win a prize.

The block for April is a Basket block. The instructions can be found at our web site: [www.valleyforgequilters.org](http://www.valleyforgequilters.org). Paper copies of the instructions will be available at the March Guild meeting.

## March Birthdays

March 4	Susan Glaser Lou Chandler
March 6	Marie Waters
March 9	Patti McLain- Fulton
March 10	Nancy H. Dietch
March 14	Dawn Heefner
March 15	Karen Wagner
March 18	Cathy Fennell Michelle Ortwein
March 19	Sue Hampel Lenis Hetzinger
March 23	Mary Plewinski
March 25	Marie Taxler

## A Request

Paula Pettyjohn is seeking donations of small scraps of silk, satin or velvet for a miniature crazy quilt she wants to make for a Victorian doll bed she recently bought. If you have such fabrics and would like to donate them to Patty, please bring them to the March Guild Meeting. Thanks!

## 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](http://www.yorkheritage.org).

Peddler's Village Quilt Competition and Display, January 16 – April 2, 2006, Rtes 202 and 263, Lahaska, Bucks County, PA 18931. For information visit [www.peddlersvillage.com](http://www.peddlersvillage.com).

***For the Joy of It: Appliquéd Quilts from the Judy Roche Collection***, January 21 – March 19, 2006, Brandywine River Museum, US Route 1, Chadds Ford, PA. For more information visit [www.brandywinemuseum.org](http://www.brandywinemuseum.org).

**2006 Quilt Preview:** The PA Relief Sale Quilt committee invites you to the 2006 Quilt Preview on March 9, 10, 11. Check out the Quilter's Corner where quilt-related items such as orphan blocks, vintage fabrics, linens, notions, patterns, and unfinished projects will be for sale. Location: 517 W. Trout Run Road, Ephrata, PA 17522 or call 717-733-2847. The approximately 100 quilts on display will be sold at the PA Relief Sale held on March 31 and April 1 at the Harrisburg Farm Show Complex. For more information: [www.pareliefsale.org](http://www.pareliefsale.org).

***Variable Star quilt show:*** Pieceable Kingdom, March 17-18, 2006; Friday, 10 AM – 6 PM; Saturday, 9 AM – 5 PM.; Alderfer Auction Center, Fairgrounds Road, Hatfield, PA. Donation: \$5.00

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

## 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 [hearth@dejazzd.com](mailto: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 be 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***

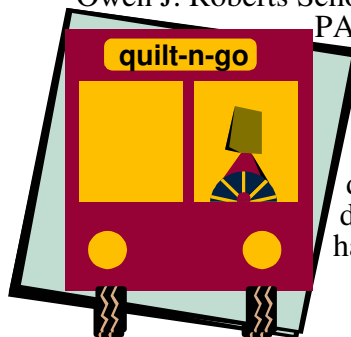
Main Line Quilters- Accidental Landscape: Beaches workshop by Karen Eckmeier, Thursday April 20, 9:30am-3 pm. Lecture April 21, 9:30 am Marriott Courtyard Devon 762 W Lancaster Ave. Guests are welcome. Workshop registration: \$35.00, spaces limited. information [www.mlq/whitecarp.com](http://www.mlq/whitecarp.com) 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](http://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

### ***Coach Trip - Two Great Festivals in the Great North Woods***

une 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.



## Guild Meeting Minutes

– February 21, 2006

- Lou Chandler welcomed all
- BOM winner—Barb Jones -- March BOM is the Bear Paw
- Door Prizes—Barb Jones, Michelle Ortwein
- Quilt bees:  
Evening bee—Tues, February 28, 2006 at Beth Quigley's -- time:6:30-9:00  
Daytime bee—Tues. March 14, 2006 at Jean Hayden's-- time: 12:30-3:30
- Jean reported 3 spots available at the lone star workshop. She had the diamond grid available for purchase from Steve's. Cost--\$12 for 4 panels
- May 6—Steve's autograph party will be a fashion show. Call Pam at Steve's if you wish to model
- Jean will hold a quilt show meeting on a Monday night in March. Check the web for projected budget. Call Jean if you have any questions.
- Members made apples, bean bags, trees, scarves, and leaving dolls for the quilt show while refreshments were available
- Shirley had kits to take home if you cannot participate in Saturday's comfort quilt workshop. Those attending were reminded to bring ironing boards, rotary cutters & mats, and extension cords
- Judy Snook found a cancer center in need of pillow cases. Her challenge is to make the same number of cases to match the number of pillow cases the members contribute. All were encouraged to participate.
- Norma thanked members for the contribution of fabric for her mission trip to the Dominican Republic. She showed a sewing kit and a shorts set she hopes to help the people make.
- Show & Tell
- Adjourned: 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Nancy Hannum, Recording Secretary



## Guild Workshops – Mark Your Calendars!

### *Lone Star Workshop – Chris Candello*

DATE: March 25, 2005

TIME: TBA

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

COST: \$20.00

BRING: The supply list to be provided upon payment of \$10.00 deposit. Jean Hayden will collect the money.

## Hershey Idea...

We'll be selling 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. So if you and a friend would like to take responsibility for a day of the Hershey show (and not only help the guild, but also avoid getting too tired experiencing the show), please notify Cathy Fennell or Lou Chandler. (We're also thinking about getting a hotel room and sharing the related cost.).



## Easy Money

Just a reminder... There are three grocery store tape programs that can easily earn money for the guild. If you shop at Redners or ACME or Genuardis, you can participate. Just pick one of these programs—the one at the store where you shop most often. Here's how it's done:

- Redner's Warehouse Markets Save-A-Tape Program can earn—for the guild—1% of what members spend at Redner's. You just need to sign up for the SAV-A-TAPE program at your local Redner's and receive a plastic card that you scan each time you make a purchase at Redner's, then bring your receipts to the monthly Guild meeting and deposit them in the basket marked Redner's at the back of the room.
- ACME's Tape Saver Program also earns 1% for us. For this program, you need only bring in your receipts from ACME and deposit them in the basket marked ACME at the back of the room.
- Genuardi's program is the one with which most of us are already familiar. To join: Log on to [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) and go to "sign up"; designate Valley Forge Homestead Quilters Guild to receive contributions; register your grocery club card from a participating merchant (Genuardi's).



If you need more information, please contact Linda Hamel, [dhamel1283@aol.com](mailto:dhamel1283@aol.com) or Cathy Fennell, [fennell@rosemont.edu](mailto:fennell@rosemont.edu). Thanks for considering this, it is an easy way to make some extra cash for our guild to support our excellent programs.

## A Note of Thanks to All My Quilting Friends

"Thank you" seems like such a small and insignificant word when you want it to mean so much. However, sincere thanks are expressed to all those who gave fabric, thread, needles, pins, etc. for the women in the Dominican Republic. I will report back to you when I return from my trip the first week in April. I'm sure everything will be put to good use, and thank you all for your generosity.

-Norma Brechbiel

## Escape Weekend

*Kline Center, Mensch Mill Retreat Center, 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

## April Meeting Preview

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!

## Requested Recipe

### *Razz Ma Tazz Bars*

½ C butter or margarine  
2 cups (12-oz. pkg.) white chocolate chips  
2 large eggs  
½ C granulated sugar  
1 C all-purpose flour  
½ tsp. salt  
½ tsp. almond extract  
½ C seedless raspberry jam  
¼ C toasted, sliced almonds

- Preheat oven to 325 F. Grease and sugar a 9" square baking pan.
- Melt butter in medium, microwave-safe bowl on High for 1 minute. Stir. Add 1 cup morsels; let stand. Do not stir.
- Beat eggs in large mixing bowl until foamy. Add sugar; beat until light lemon-colored, about 5 minutes. Stir in morsel-butter mixture. Add flour, salt and almond extract; mix at low speed until combined. Spread 2/3 of batter into prepared pan.
- Bake for 15 to 17 minutes or until light golden brown around edges. Remove from oven to wire rack.
- Heat jam in small microwave-safe bowl on high power for 30 seconds; stir. Spread jam over warm crust. Stir remaining morsels into remaining batter. Drop spoonfuls of batter over jam. Sprinkle with almonds.
- Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until edges are browned. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.

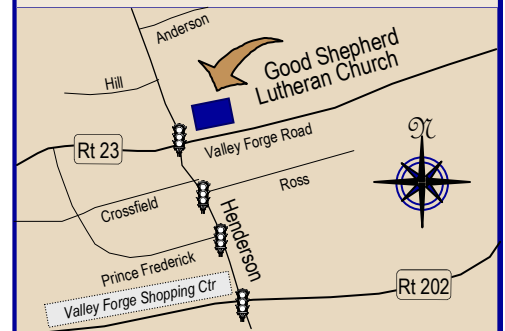
-Becky Weiland

## 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

## Just a Thought

I've been asked to direct a play for my church—actually it's for our "stake" which is a combination of 10 congregations. Anyway, the play we're doing is 1776, a delightful Broadway musical which depicts the Continental Congress during the struggle leading up to their rather incredible agreement to declare independence.

The reason I bring this up is this: If you're interested in 18th century attire, and interested in making a costume that would befit one of our founding fathers, have I got an opportunity for you! BUT—and this is really important—no one should feel any obligation whatsoever! I only bring it up in the event that someone may be interested. So if you are interested, let me know by e-mail. Otherwise, just keep on quiltn'. - Lou Chandler

## Newsletter Submissions

Inclusions for the next newsletter must be received by the 1<sup>st</sup> 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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