



Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

Guild Newsletter

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Quilt Guild

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Lines from Lou

Our guest speaker last month, BJ Titus, was utterly blown away by our Show-&-Tell-session where we didn't just do show-&-tell, we did 3 phases of show-&-tell! And it was, indeed impressive! It's amazing how different but equally wonderful each of our block-of-the-month quilts were, as well as our various lone-star quilts. And to top off the evening, our regular show-&-tell was as wonderful as ever. I, too, was speechless with awe. Damn we're good!

Lou

May Guild Meeting Information – May 16, 1006

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

Secret Pals will be revealed at this May meeting. And sign up sheets will be available to participate in Secret Pals starting in June.

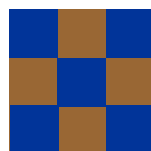
Due to May preliminary elections being held in the room where we normally meet, our meeting this month will be held in the Sanctuary of the Church.



Refreshment assignments

FOOD	BEVERAGES
Mary Plewinski	Jacky Carmen
Joan Lendacky	Cynthia DiLorenzo
Chris Candello	Joan Gunder
Helen Gray	
Joan Gunder	
Barb Sherman	

Block of the Month

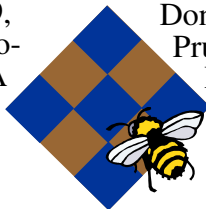


The block for June is Nine Patch. The instructions can be found at our web site: www.valleyforgequilters.org. Paper copies of the instructions will be available at the May Guild meeting. The May block is Cross Roads. Bring your block to guild meeting and you could win a prize.

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Afternoon Bee—2nd Tuesday

The Afternoon Bee will take place on May 9, 2006, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Vickie Lopresti, 2001 Sterigere Street, Norristown, PA 19403, 610.631-5675. Everyone is welcome. Bring whatever project(s) you're working on. We'll sew, eat, chat, and learn from each other.

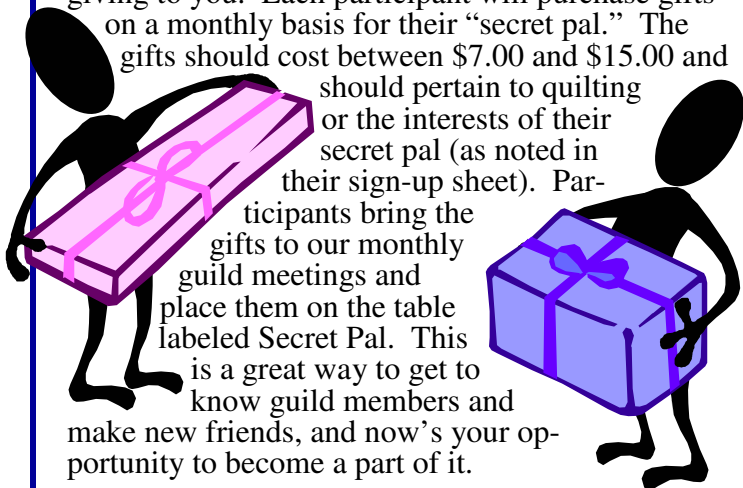


Evening Bee—4th Tuesday

Donna Raymond, 106 Spring Ridge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406, 610-265-0440, will host the May Evening Bee, on May 23, 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!

Secret Pals—Out with the Old, In with the New

Our Secret Pal year is coming to a close this month. At May's meeting, the secret pals will be revealed. And a new year for secret pals will begin in June. If you'd like to participate, sign-up sheets will be available this month. As explained in last month's newsletter, a secret pal is an anonymous friend in the guild who gives gifts to you every month. And, as a secret pal yourself, 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. 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 (as noted in their sign-up sheet). Participants bring the gifts to our monthly guild meetings and place them on the table labeled Secret Pal. This is a great way to get to know guild members and make new friends, and now's your opportunity to become a part of it.



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 ones you want to exhibit and get them ready.

Registration forms are on the website and should be returned to Cathy Fennell, preferably 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 EQ?

There's still time to take the Electric Quilt Challenge. Pffaf, EQ, and Quilter's Newsletter Magazine are offering more than \$13,000.00 in cash and prizes, and a chance to have your quilt shown on the cover of Quilter's Newsletter Magazine. Entry deadline is

June 16, 2006, for completed quilts designed using Electric quilt software. Complete contest rules and entry forms are posted at www.quiltersnewsletter.com and www.electricquilt.com.

Guild Workshops

Hold this Date: August 17, 2006

Debby Kratovil will be traveling from California 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/>.



All y-all at the recent Lone-Star workshop

May Birthdays

May 2 Beth Quigley
May 5 Shirley Horning
May 6 Cynthia DiLorenzo
May 14 Ruth Heslin
May 17 Julie Frost
May 19 Mary Beth Bullwinkle
May 22 Carol Dilks
May 23 Edith Neal
May 26 Irene Pettigrew



Publicity

The Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild has recently been receiving recognition in our local newspapers due to the efforts of Nancy Hannum, Publicity Chair and Secretary. Here are the newspapers Nancy has contacted: Montgomery Newspapers which may include any of the following: Ambler Gazette, Central Bucks Life, The Colonial, The Globe, Montgomery Life, North Penn Life, Public Spirit, Springfield Sun, Times

Chronicle, Valley Item, and Willow Grove Guide; Times Herald (Norristown); The Reporter (Lansdale); Morning Call (Allentown); The Trend; Philadelphia Inquirer; Pottstown Mercury; Recorder (Conshohocken); and The Phoenix (Phoenixville). If you happen across an article or photo of our guild or guild member(s), please clip it and give it to Nancy. She is trying to get our name and efforts out there in the public eye and thanks to our award winning quilters, this has been happening. We want to keep the clippings for our archives and to post at guild meetings. Thanks.

June Meeting Preview – June 20, 2006

Our Traditional Guild Picnic - Don't forget that our picnic begins at 6:00 p.m. Following the picnic, there will be our guest speaker, Jane Hamilton who's talk is entitled "Scrap Attack".

Refreshments

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



Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2006

- Lou Chandler welcomed all—one guest present
- BOM winner—Denny Shaw—Next month's block is Crossroads.
- Door Prizes—Patti McLain Fulton, Donna LeBlanc
- Quilt bees:
 - Evening bee—Tues, April 26, 2006 time:6:30-9:00 at Chris Candello's
 - Daytime bee—Tues. May 9, 2006 time: 12:30-3:30 at Rosemary Geisler's
- May 6—Steve's autograph party will be a fashion show. Members were asked to participate. Jean has forms
- Gloria introduced B.J. Titus who told of her experiences as a quilter and quilt artist.
- Jean reported that the quilt show registration is available on the web site. Save the form on your computer,

complete one form for each quilt and send to Cathy Fennell via email by August 15th.

- Shirley announced that the St. Christopher's Hospital held a volunteer recognition luncheon this Tues. May 3rd the U of P is also holding a luncheon. Members who wish to attend can call Shirley. Friday, June 9th more quilts will be delivered to St. Christopher's
- Norma talked about her mission trip to the Dominican Republic.
- Show & Tell – 3 segments:
 - Easy Star Sampler—2005 BOM
 - Lone star workshop
 - Regular Show & Tell
- Adjourned: 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Hannum, Recording Secretary

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.

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.

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/.

Quilt Happenings

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.

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.*

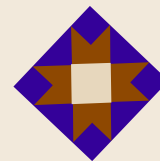
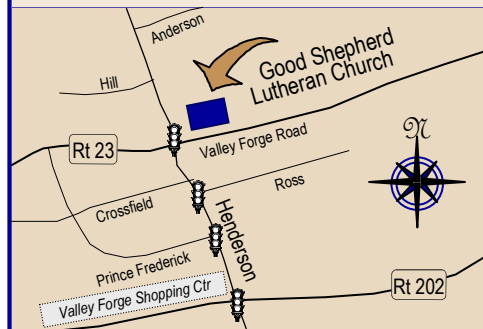


Guild Meetings

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 – Susan Glaser
& Donna Parmet
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
COMFORT QUILTS – Shirley Horning
PUBLICITY – Nancy Hannum
SECRET PAL – Joan Gunder
HISTORIAN – Patti Fulton
LIBRARY – Art & Ethel Hutchison
AQS BOOK SALES – Kathy Graff
SUNSHINE – Norma Brechbiel

Newsletter Submissions

Inclusions for the next newsletter must be received by the 1st day of June. (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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