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Guild Newsletter

October 2006

Lines from Lou

Hi Folks. Our big month—I was going to say biggest of the year but it's really the biggest of two years—is upon us. It's our quilt show month, of course, and it's always a great time for working together, getting to know each other better, and enjoying each other's company while working on this festive project. Most—if not all—of you have signed up to help during this two-day event, and your willingness to participate is so very much appreciated. I'm really looking forward to seeing all of your magnificent creations!

Lou



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October Guild Meeting Information – October 17 --6:30

It's Quilt Show Time! Bring all the quilts you registered to display at our quilt show. Each will need to be contained in a cloth bag (like a pillow case), labeled with your name, quilt name, and category written on masking tape. Please prioritize your quilts by assigning each a number from 1 - 5, with 1 being the highest (your guild project quilts need not be prioritized). Please make sure you have a label on your quilts, also. Your quilts will be formally checked in and you'll receive a receipt. Registration will begin at 6:30 PM

During check in of your quilts, we will distribute a survey for all to fill in for informational and planning purposes for the guild. Please also chat with Gloria as she is looking for suggestions for future programs and workshops.

Refreshment assignments

FOOD

Becky Weiland
Ann Palmer
Marsha Bullwinkle
Norma Brechbiel
Martine Green
Joan Markowitz

BEVERAGES

Laura Chaplar
Ethel Hutchinson
Joan Gunder

Block of the Month

The block for November is Birds in the Air. The instructions can be found at our web site: www.valleyforgequilters.org. Paper copies of the instructions will be available at the October Guild meeting. The October block is Flying Geese. Bring your block to guild meeting and you could win the prize.

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Afternoon Bee—2nd Tuesday

The Afternoon Bee will take place on October 10, 2006, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Martine Green, 477 Maynard Drive, Wayne, PA 19087, 610-687-0854. Everyone is welcome. Bring whatever project(s) you're working on. We'll sew, eat, and chat.



Evening Bee—4th Tuesday

Chris Candello, 322 Vista Drive, Phoenixville PA 19460, 610-948-1061, will host the September Evening Bee, on October 24, 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!

Our Quilt Show News

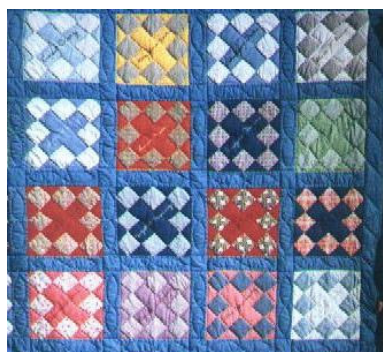
Our quilt show will be here before we know it so here are a few reminders to help us get ready:

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 this as soon as possible. Volunteers are especially needed for Friday, Oct. 20. All guild members are expected to participate in the staffing of our quilt show. If you haven't done it before, you're in for a good time as we work together on this festive event.

Security: We are looking for members to sign up for daytime security. If you are able to help, please call Laura Chaplar at 610-337-3756 to ask about times.

Grandma's Attic: Bring last minute donations to the Quilt Show.



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

Decorations: Don't forget your baskets filled with your favorite things and your small chairs or footstools.

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.

Quilt Show Wrap-up: There will be a meeting for all the Quilt Show committee chairs to wrap up and analyze our show on November 9 at 7:00. We will meet at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints off Trooper Road.



October Birthdays

October 9	Susan Stehman
October 10	Denny Shaw
October 12	Christine Candello
October 14	Arthur Hutchinson
October 15	Jacqueline Carmen
October 18	Karen Glasthal

Karen Kay Buckley Workshop at Mainline Quilters

Main Line Quilters will be hosting Karen Kay Buckley at a workshop, on hand appliqué, to be held on November 16, from 9:30-3:30. The cost is \$42. If interested, contact Pat Pasquarelli 610-265-1447

WELCOME to Our Newest Members

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to:

Carole Armstrong who lives in Jeffersonville and found us when she attended our quilt show. She was a quilt guild member in Venice, FL and has been quilting for 13 years. She truly enjoys quilting and has made a bed sized quilt but also enjoys reading, painting and red work. Carole has three children.

Deb Graves who lives in Blue Bell with her husband, Jeff and her draughts Annie, who is also a quilter. She heard about us at Steve's. She has been sewing for 30+ years and got interested in quilting in 1978 and renewed her interest in 1992. Deb is a chemist and amateur microbiologist. She enjoys gardening, hiking, biking, her family and garment sewing. The quilt projects she enjoys the most are piecing quilts especially baby quilts although she has made several twin size bed quilts.

Marge Quinn who lives in East Norriton and found us through the Internet and through Steve's. Marge has been sewing for about 35 years and quilt for 10 years. She has completed a few projects including 2 queen size quilts and a wall hanging. Besides quilting she enjoys crocheting, reading and gardening. She is a legal secretary with a husband, two sons, one daughter and a grandson.

Jo Ann Thomas who lives in Schwenksville. Jo Ann heard about us through Chris Candello and the Internet. She has been sewing for 40 years and quilting for about 6 years. Her friend got her started in quilting and has been quilting ever since. Jo Ann especially enjoys paper piecing and has made many bed quilts. Her other hobbies are reading, knitting and counted cross-stitch. She is retired and lives with her daughter and her family. She has two granddaughters, Katie and Cameryn and loves making things for them.

Linda Ulinski who lives in Phoenixville and heard about us from two current guild members. She has been sewing for about 30 years and began quilting 16 years ago when she moved to Eastern PA. Linda enjoys making projects with the log cabin block, embroidery, hand, and sewing machine quilting. Besides quilting, she enjoys reading and general sewing. Linda is a nurse with a husband, 2 sons and 3 grandchildren.

Congratulations to Nancy!



Our Nancy Hannum won first prize in the miniature class of the Norristown Garden Club's "Grandmother's Attic" flower show, on September 14-15. "Sew Many Memories" was the title of Nancy's entry, which was in a thimble. She made the fabric in a VFHQ workshop and bought the pincushion at the VFHQ quilt show boutique.



Fall Fabric Frenzy Shop Hop

Nov. 10 – 13, 2006

It's time for the annual Fall Fabric Frenzy Shop Hop. Starting on Friday, Nov. 10 until Monday, Nov. 13, one may purchase a passport for \$5.00 from any one of the eight participating shops. (Since Steve supports our guild in many ways, you may wish to purchase your passport there.) So gather your quilting friends and enjoy lots of fun and surprises visiting these eight quilt shops. When you purchase your passport, you will receive a Shop Hop pincushion kit and at each of the shops you'll pick up the pattern for one of the blocks in the Shop Hop quilt. Mark your calendar for a weekend or day of fun!

Escape Weekend

Nov. 2, 3, 4, 5, 2006

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.



News from Steve's

Most of our Clubs at Steve's start up this month. Coming to Clubs is a great way to stay plugged in to what is new and exciting in the world of sewing, as well as learning more about your own equipment. Our Clubs include Bernina, Baby Lock, Embroidery, Directions, Software, Serger, and JKS Kids Club.

Saturday, October 28 is make A Difference Day. We will have two events that day - one for kids and one for adults. This is your chance to come and "Make A Difference" in your community. Come and donate a little time to help a child in need!

We have a lot of new and inspiring classes starting in October. Check out our newsletter online or in person to get all the details. Class samples are on display in our "new and improved" classroom!

How Many UFO's Do You Have? Continued.

(from Quilter's Newsletter Magazine, September 2006, No. 385, pages 56-57)

Pamela J. Durant, a quilter from Indianapolis, IN, published an article with ideas that might trick us into actually completing our UFO (Unfinished Objects). Here are a few to get you started:

Make a list of your "works in progress". Once they are written on paper, you will have your "to do" list to help you prioritize. When you get one of these items done, you'll have the personal satisfaction of crossing it off.

When you stop sewing, try not to quit at a stopping place. Have more pieces cut or pinned so that it is easy to start working whenever you get a chance.

Keep a part of a UFO near your sewing machine, ready to sew. Then when you are chain piecing, instead of cutting off the thread, sew a seam between pieces on a UFO.

One quilter's trash is another quilter's treasure. Give your unfinished work to a friend who has expressed interest.

November Meeting Preview

November 21, 2006

Santa or Menorah Wall hanging will be made during the November meeting.

The guild will supply the fusible webbing. You will supply the fabric. At the November guild meeting, we will iron on the project. You will do any stitching you want at home.

Please bring the following for the Santa:

- Approximately 12"x16" for background (I chose tea-stained muslin)
- 6"x12" red for robe and hat
- 2 1/2"x8" brown for sack and mitten
- 3"x6" off-white for fur on Santa's robe
- 3 1/2"x7" bright white for his hair and beard
- 2"x3" black for boots
- 3"x3" bright yellow or gold for star
- 1 1/2"x1 1/2" rosy pink for face
- To finish the Santa wall hanging at home, you will need enough fabric for a 2' border with 4 cornerstones, plus fabric for backing, binding fabric, and batting.

Please bring the following for the Menorah:

- 1 fat quarter (background and four corner squares) Susan used cream
- 1 fat quarter (Menorah and four borders) Susan used blue
- Fabric scraps:
- 4 different colors for the dreidels
- Yellow for the candle flames
- Candle fabric
- Black for the Hebrew letters
- To finish the Menorah wall hanging at home, you will need fabric for backing, binding fabric, and batting.

Quilt Shows

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.

Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2006

- Lou Chandler opened the meeting by welcoming all including three guests and two new members
- Door prizes were picked and the BOM winner was Laura Chaplar. October's block is Flying Geese.
- Quilt Bees
- Evening bee – Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7:00 – 9:30 at Karen Glasthal's
- Daytime bee – Tuesday, October 10, 2006, 12:30-3:30 at Martine Green's
- Membership: Please renew tonight. New membership cards and directory will be sent.
- Sign up sheets in binder on stage along with the AQS booklist.
- Challenge quilts were viewed and voted on. Challenge Quilt Winners: 3rd Place – Beck Weiland; 2nd Place – Vickie Lopresti; 1st Place – Linda Hamel. Congratulations to all who participated (10 entries).
- Refreshments were served during the first Giant Fabric Sale. The fabric sale was a great success, will plan for another one, and possibly include quilting books to sell.
- Linda Hamel explained the new challenge for 2007: The Proverbial Challenge. For directions visit the website. Handouts of the challenge and a list of proverbs were distributed.
- Quilt Show
- Decorations: Fill a basket with your favorite things or flowers.
- Quilt Auction: can still contribute items. Need items for a Wellness Basket.
- Staffing: See Susan. Susan will be calling people who have not signed up.
- Security: Nights are covered, need daytime security. Contact Laura Chaplar.
- Grandma's Attic: can still donate. Please bring to show not to the next guild meeting.
- Jean has more flyers; she has the white gloves and pins for the white-glovers.
- October Meeting: bring registered quilts in pillowcases with your name, quilt's name, category and prioritize from 1 – 5 with one being the highest.
- Next guild meeting will begin at 6:30.
- Raffle Quilt: Please sell your tickets and mail the money to Gloria. Please return any tickets you have not sold.
- Comfort Quilts: Giving to Children's Hospital in October or November and adult quilts will be delivered in November. St. Christopher's Hospital gave the guild mugs to thank those who made quilts. Comfort Quilt Workshop in February 2007.
- November Meeting's project: Santa or Menorah wall hanging. Guild will supply the fusible web. The materials list will be in the newsletter.
- Big sale at Steve's, September 21 – 24.
- New quilt shop in Phoenixville. Coupons on back table.
- Dear Jane Club: meets from 7:00 to 9:00 PM once a month at various members' homes.
- Show and Tell
- Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by
Cathy Fennell, VP

VFHQ Challenge

At our last meeting, the past challenge culminated in voting on the winners, and the challenge for the coming year was introduced. The winners for the 05/06 challenge were: 1st Place – Linda Hamel, 2nd Place – Vickie Lopresti, and 3rd Place – Beck Weiland. The challenge for 06/07 is being headed this year by Linda Hamel who introduced the up-coming challenge as follows:

The Proverbial Challenge (06/07)

- Choose a proverb that you enjoy or that has some meaning to you and devise a way to creatively express it in a quilt (which you will, of course, design and create).
- Your interpretation of your proverb may be a literal representation, or an ironic portrayal, or a somewhat esoteric depiction, etc.
- Use any construction technique and any fabric you wish. And you may use components that are appliquéd, pieced, embroidered, cross-stitched, painted, embellished, etc., or a combination thereof.
- You must include with your submission a typed description identifying the proverb you chose and explaining the rationale for your design. Your description should be between 50 to 75 words (no more than 100 words) using 12-point type (or standard typewriter size), on a card or paper no larger than 8½ x 8½. (If you don't have access to a computer or typewriter, a neatly hand-printed description will be acceptable.)
- Your creation can be any quilted item (including jacket, bag, etc.).
- The size of a quilted wall hanging should be no larger than 50" on any given side.
- Your creation should be something made during the coming year (between 10/2006 and 9/2007).
- As usual, one entry per-person will be accepted.
- Completed challenge quilts will be displayed and voted on at the September guild meeting in 2007.
- All questions regarding this challenge should be directed to Linda Hamel at 610.454-1283 or dhamel1283@aol.com

As food for thought, an array of proverbs can be found at:
www.columbia.edu/~sss31/rainbow/proverbs.html

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.)

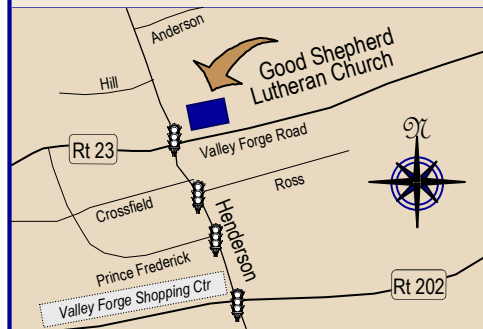
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Guild Meetings

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 Fennell
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