



Valley Forge Homestead
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Guild Newsletter

August 2007

Lines from Lou

September marks the end of my tenure serving as president of the guild, so this is my last opportunity to write “*Lines from Lou.*” That being the case, I must tell you how much I appreciate all those who have helped to make these last two years an absolute pleasure. First and foremost, our board has consisted of the finest collection of people with whom I’ve ever had the opportunity to serve—every one talented, capable, and reliable! And our fine committee heads have been fabulous at keeping our very active guild going strong. And, last-but-not least, I appreciate all of you for all you do and for allowing me the privilege of serving you as president of this outstanding organization. While the job has required a tremendous amount of time and effort, it’s been a true labor of love and a real highlight of my life.

Thanks to all!

Lou



August Guild Meeting Information – 8/21/07

Betty Lou Cassidy will join us in August to share “Crazy Quilts: Then and Now.” She will show us numerous examples of antique and modern crazy quilt examples. We will learn the history and characteristics of this Victorian fad that is still popular today.

Refreshment assignments

Hors d'oeuvres	Sweets	Beverages
Betty Dix	Janet Letz	Chris Candello
Joan Lendacky	Carol Divis	Irene Pettigrew
Donna Raymond	Arlene Greenwald	Ethel Hutchinson
	Winnie Spoons	Shellie Blake

Block of the Month

Dimensional Whimsy #9 for September is available on the website and will be presented at the August meeting. Paper copies of Dimensional Whimsy #9 will be at the BOM table. Bring your August block, to the guild meeting and you could win one of the prizes. Photos of the blocks can be seen in the graphical version of the newsletter and on the web site.



August

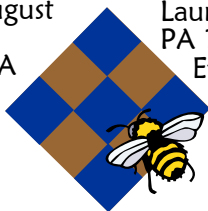


September

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Afternoon Bee—2nd Tuesday

The Afternoon Bee will take place on August 14, 2007, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Gloria Clark, 762 Laurel Lane, Wayne, PA 19087, 610-687-1728. Everyone is welcome. Bring whatever project(s) you're working on. We'll sew, eat, and chat.



Evening Bee—4th Tuesday

Laura Chaplar, 388 Ross Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406, 610-337-3756, will host the August Evening Bee, on August 28, 2007 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!

Mark Your Calendar

Happy 20th anniversary to the Valley Forge Homestead Quilters! Mark your calendar to attend our gala celebration on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA. Although this is being held on our regular meeting night, a very special celebration dinner and program will begin at 6:00 PM. Most of the cost will be covered by our guild budget so the cost to members is only \$10.00 (in keeping with responses from our survey). You can pay Jean Hayden to reserve your spot. We will have plenty of food, dessert, entertainment, door prizes and much more. Don't miss out! Reserve your spot at the gala today!

Happy 20th Anniversary!

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**Reserve the date:
October 16, 2007**

Our dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. This will be a special catered affair for all guild members to enjoy as we celebrate our 20th anniversary together. It's being subsidized by the guild so the cost to members is only \$10.

We'll have plenty of food, desert, great entertainment, and surprises. You won't want to miss it!

Welcome

Jacquie Santangelo heard about us at the PA Quilt Extravaganza and again, at our quilt show last year. She has been sewing since she was a little girl and was influenced by her mother and her father's mother. Her first try at quilting was when she bought a kit in 1977 and made her first log cabin quilt. In 1997, she attended the PA Quilt Extravaganza and really caught the quilting fever. Jacquie enjoys quick quilting projects, wearable quilted clothing, holiday projects and any thing that has a star pattern. She has completed a bed-size quilt but also enjoys collecting glass baskets, crocheting, sewing, painting and

attending quilt shows and exhibits. Jacquie is a printing production coordinator. Her husband and she enjoy their home away from home in Ocean City, MD when they are able. They have two children who are both married. Her daughter has a daughter Avery and two sons, Luke and Vincent while her son has a daughter Isabella and a son, Tommy. Jacquie loves being a grandmother. When not in Ocean City, MD, she resides in Trappe, Pa with her husband, Tom, and their three cats.

Are You Up to the Challenge?

The culmination of our challenge for 2006/2007 – The Proverbial Challenge – is rapidly approaching. By way of review, please see the rules on the website. Good luck to all who are working to complete their projects.

All questions regarding this challenge should be directed to Linda Hamel at 610.454-1283 or dhamel1283@aol.com



Challenge Ideas Requested!

As we near the end of this year's challenge, it's time to consider the challenge for the up-coming year. If you have any ideas, please submit them to Linda Hamel ASAP either in person at the meeting or by e-mail or by phone.

And if you'd like to participate on a committee to determine and outline the upcoming challenge, e-mail Linda ASAP.

Giant Fabric & Quilting Book Sale –

September 18 guild meeting

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. Included in the sale this year are any quilting books you may want to part with or duplicates you may have. Why not sell them at our September 18th 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:

- You set the price
- Each piece of fabric, "package" of fabrics or quilting books must be clearly labeled with:
your name
price you are asking
yardage or size of fabric (not for books)
- 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 14 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.

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

If you have questions, please call Sally Rapp or Gloria Clark.



Birthdays

August

August 3	Barbara Sherman
August 9	Martha Klein
August 14	Kathy Graff
August 15	Vickie Lopresti
August 21	Linda Ulinski
August 29	Diana Richardson

September

September 2	Linda Hamel
September 5	Deb Graves
September 12	Cathy Radcliffe
September 15	Jacqui Santangelo
September 22	Jean Hayden
September 27	Sherlee Hilberg
September 30	Lori Memmen



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 Linda Hamel, 334 Avon Avenue, Collegeville, PA 19426. 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 by the October deadline. Thanks!

Come One and All

Time to start thinking about the next retreat...

The Fall Quilter's Retreat will be November 1-4, 2007 at Mensch Mill Retreat Center - Kline Lodge in Berks County. The cost is \$180 for the Thursday to Sunday package or \$130 for the Friday to Sunday package.

This includes meals and linens. Bring your own quilting project(s) to work on. A deposit of \$20 (non-refundable) holds your space. Interest is high and space is limited so sign up today with Sally Rapp or see her for further details.



Thank You

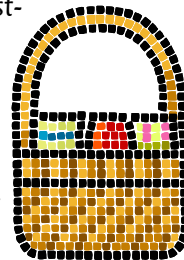
Thanks to those members who volunteered to sell tickets at the Hershey Quilt Show. It was a great three days of sales and we sold close to \$600.00 of raffle tickets. Your sales ability and friendliness was what helped us achieve this great start and I truly appreciate you taking the time to do this, special thanks to Linda Hamel and Lou Chandler.

-Cathy Fennell



Fat Quarter Raffle

The current Quarter Raffle drawing will occur at November's guild meeting. The fabric theme for this time is Winter, Christmas, or Hannukah fabric. To participate, simply bring fat quarters (to any guild meeting between now and November), place it in the designated basket, along with and your name, and you'll be eligible for the drawing to win them all! You will receive one chance to win for each fat quarter you contribute. The guidelines are simple:



1. The fabric must be a fat quarter measuring 18" X 22".
2. It should be washed and ironed
3. It must keep to the announced theme
4. It should be "quilt-shop-quality" fabric

Any questions, contact Linda Hamel

Guild Workshop *Mark Your Calendars!*

Take 5 – JoAnn Thomas

PROJECT: Lap Quilt using five 5/8ths of a yard of different fabrics. This includes a road trip to Steve's (they'll open early for us).

DATE: October (TBD)

TIME: 9:30AM – 4:00 PM

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

PRICE: \$10.00

BRING: Supply list will be provided upon payment to Jean Hayden

Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2007

- Lou Chandler welcomed all including two guest and one new member
- As we passed along the sign-up sheet for raffle ticket sales at the Upper Providence Day and the Hershey Quilt Show, Lou sang “In the Good Old Summer Time” while playing her grandmother’s old ukulele. Members all joined in to finish the rendition and continued on to sing “Happy Birthday” to Shellie Blake since this is her actual birthday.
- Members were treated to an ice cream social with all the toppings.
- BOM winner—Paula Pettyjohn
- Door Prizes -- Jacqui Santangelo and Lisa Hudock
- Evening bee, Tuesday, July 24th 6:30 – 9:00 at the home of Beth Quigley.
- Afternoon bee, Tuesday, August 14th 12:30-3:30 at the home of Gloria Clark
- Ally Howell and Ann Lister won fat quarter raffle drawing for the Reproduction 1930’s fabrics. The next raffle will be in November. The theme is traditional Christmas, Hanukkah, or winter.
- Linda Hamel reminded us to work on our proverbial challenge, which will take place in September. She also asked for suggestions for next years challenge and anyone interested in working on a challenge committee, should let Linda know.
- Gloria introduced Jeannie Campbell who ex-

plained her technique of making Bargello Quilts. She showed examples of Bargello as well as other quilts.



- Jean said there would be more information coming for our October workshop.
- Shirley passed out comfort quilts kits and batting. The quilts will be delivered to Walter Reed Hospital, St. Christopher’s, and the Abramson Cancer Center in the fall. Bring in your quilts whenever you finish.

- Gloria Clark thanked everyone responsible for making the raffle quilt, which was displayed on the back rack. Everyone was invited to take a close-up look.
- A motion was made and a vote was taken to accept the changes in the bylaws.
- If you are interested in making a testimonial quilt for someone outside the guild, see Nancy Hannum for details.
- Lou will not be at the August meeting so, while she’ll continue as president until September, this was her last opportunity to conduct guild meeting. She thanked the members, the Board, and the committee members for their support during her tenure.



- Show & Tell
- Adjourned: 9:20 with time to shop.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Hannum, Recording Secretary

Chester County Quilting Information

Anniversary Sale: September 19th is the big day, their first anniversary. Please check the website or the store for more details about the celebration. www.ChesterCountyQuilting.com

2007 Shop Hop Info: Chester County Quilting is thrilled to be a part of the 2007 Shop Hop Adventure & Fall Fabric Frenzy, being held this year from November 9th through the 12th.

Stone House Quilting: Lisa Calle, professional machine quilter, will be available at CCQ for consultations on the second Sunday of the month. Please phone Lisa at 610-495-8762 to schedule your appointment.

Raffle Quilt Time

It is that time once again...Raffle quilt time. Yes, believe it or not... it is done thanks to the hard work and talented efforts of many guild members who worked feverishly in every aspect of the quilt...Thank you...you are great!!!

Please check your calendars...there are a number of upcoming dates that we will need members to help sell tickets at special events. We will pass around our Raffle quilt sign-up sheets at the meeting.

Some of the upcoming dates are:

Upper Merion's Community Day = 9/8/07

Upper Providence Community Day = 9/22/07

Skippack Days...in the fall we will firm up the date

So members...if you have some time to spare (at least one hour is helpful)...please help man our table and represent our guild in these events. Also, if you have any suggestions regarding special events or ideas please contact Chriscandello@comcast.net.

You'll find lots of information about our raffle quilt in our web site—including a printable 8x10 photo/sign that you can use for selling your allotment of tickets.

Thank you again !!!
- Chris Candello



Quilt Shows

The Heritage Center Museum presents "Stars Over Pennsylvania": an exhibition featuring quilts and other textiles with a star theme; April 6 – December 31, 2007 at The Heritage Center Museum, 5 W. King St., Lancaster, PA, 717-299-6440. For more information visit www.lancasterheritage.com

"A Quilt Sampler" at the Chester County Historical Society located at 225 N. High St. in West Chester - March 29 through Sept 16, 2007. For more information visit their website: www.chestercohistorical.org.

Quilts in a Material World: Selections from the Winterthur Collection. March 10 – September 16, 2007 at the Winterthur Museum and Country Estate, Route 52, Kennet Pike, Winterthur, Delaware, 19753. Discover Winterthur's outstanding collection of quilts – some considered to be icons in the field. Ranging in dates from the 17th to the 19th century, more than 40

quilts will be on view – many for the first time.

September 6 – 9, 2007 – Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XIV, Expo Hall PA Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA, Thurs-Sat: 10 AM – 6 PM; Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM, for more information visit: www.quiltfest.com.

October 12 & 13, 2007 - How Sweet It Is quilt show, presented by Keystone Quilters, Inc., at Quakertown Christian School (new location!), 50 E. Paletown Road, Quakertown, PA. Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5. Contact topothehill-farm@hotmail.com or www.keystonequilters.org

Quilt Show Exhibition presented by Lebanon Quilters Guild at the 2007 Festival of Trees; Lebanon Expo Center, Nov. 29 – Dec. 2, 2007; admission to both events is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children ages 13-17, and children under 12 are free.

Big Doings at Steves

A Bernina Appreciation Event occurred on the 1st of August, and there's a hand-quilting class scheduled for August 25th, taught by Mindy Williams. For the rest of the month, things are busy at Steves with, among other things, Kids Camp which is going on the entire month of August.

Big doings are shaping up for September including a big sale—September 20th through 23rd. And National sewing day is being celebrated on Sept 29th with a wide variety of festivities which will be detailed in our September newsletter ... but a few include some Make-&Take projects, trunk shows with popular vendors (like Lazy Girl Designs and Lizzie Be Cre-8-ive), and on-the-spot scissors sharpening. Stay tuned for more.



September Meeting Preview – 9/18/07

As detailed earlier in this newsletter, our challenge quilts will be displayed, voted upon, and ribbons presented. (You have about a month remaining to finish your projects.) It's important that you notify Linda Hamel now, 610-454-1283, if you plan to bring a challenge quilt (even if you're not yet positive that you'll get it done, notify Linda) so we can gage how many quilt stands to set up for the evening. (As usual, only one entry per member). Next year's challenge will be revealed. And will also have our "2nd" giant fabric sale. Please see more information about this in this newsletter.

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.)

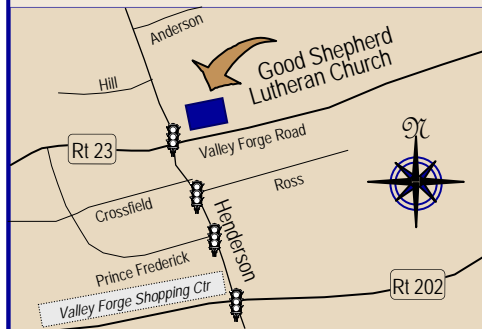
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 Eagleville, PA 19430
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 610-526-2973 (work)

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 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 – Lou Chandler
 REFRESHMENTS – Paula Pettyjohn
 SET-UP – (open)
 HOSTESS/ DOOR PRIZES – Susan Glaser
 & Vickie Lopresti
 HOSPITALITY – Donna LeBlanc
 BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Shellie Blake
 QUILT SHOW – Jean Hayden
 QUILT BEES – Jean Hayden (day)
 Beth Quigley (night)
 RETREATS – Sally Rapp
 EXCURSIONS – Susan Glaser
 COMFORT QUILTS – Shirley Horning
 PUBLICITY – Nancy Hannum
 HISTORIAN – Patti Fulton
 LIBRARY – Art & Ethel Hutchison
 AQS BOOK SALES – Kathy Graff
 SUNSHINE – Norma Brechbiel