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Guild Newsletter

May 2007

Lines from Lou

Those of you who were at our last guild meeting saw a preview of our new web site design and approved it with some enthusiasm. We plan to "go live" with it by June 1st. But while we celebrate the new, we must also honor the old. Our web site was originally initiated and built by Donna Parmet, who was a member of our guild until recently when she gave birth to twins. This pioneering effort was truly heroic and required tremendous amounts of work. Subsequently, Susan Glaser accepted the challenge and spent unbelievably long hours updating the material and fixing old links. This and the on-going task of keeping it up-to-date has been such a time-consuming effort because the current web site is built on old software that demands tedious concentrated effort. And so, as we initiate the new web site, built on state-of-the-art software, we should all express our thanks to those who built and maintained the foundation. Thank you so much, Donna and Susan, for your dedicated and highly skilled efforts.



Lou

May Guild Meeting Information – 5/15/07

Stars by Magic presented by Nancy Johnson-Srebro. For more information about this nationally renowned quilter, designer, and author, visit <http://www.nancyjohnsonsbrebro.com/>. Additionally, our incoming officers—Chris Candello, President, Jean Hayden, VP, Marge Quinn, Secretary, Linda Hamel, Membership Secretary, and Gail Dovalosky, Treasurer—will speak briefly.

Refreshment assignments

Hors d'oeuvres	Sweets	Beverages
Laura Chaplar	Marge Quinn	Ethel Hutchinson
Chris Candello	Carole Armstrong	Gerry Fontaine
Ann Palmer	Barb Melnyk	Gail Dovalosky
Cathy Fennell	Karen Glasthal	Donna LeBlanc

Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Afternoon Bee—2nd Tuesday

The Afternoon Bee will take place on May 8, 2007, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Nancy Hannum, 2652 Amy Drive, Norristown, PA 19403, 610-539-7066. Everyone is welcome. Bring whatever project(s) you're working on. We'll sew, eat, and chat.



Evening Bee—4th Tuesday

Patti McLain Fulton, 87 Hill Church Road, Spring City, PA 19475, 610-948-5739, will host the May Evening Bee, on May 22, 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!

Birthdays

May

- May 2 Beth Quigley
- May 5 Shirley Horning
- May 6 Cynthia DiLorenzo
- May 14 Ruth Heslin
- May 18 Kate Hill
- May 22 Carol Dilks
- May 23 Edith Neal
- May 26 Irene Pettigrew

June

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

Block of the Month

Dimensional Whimsy #6 for June is available on the website and will be presented at the May meeting. Paper copies of Dimensional Whimsy #6 will be at the BOM table. Bring your May block, to the guild meet-



May

ing and you could win a prize. Photos of the blocks can be seen in the graphical version of the newsletter and on the web site.



June

To All My Co-quilters:

I have put off sending a thank you to all of you, until I had positive news to report from my ordeal with breast cancer. I am pleased to say that I only have 1 more chemo to go and then the surgery followed by radiation and that the doctor has told me that he is most pleased with my progress and response to the chemo.

The love and support that I have received from family, friends, co-quilters and even strangers, has both encouraged me and kept me in good spirits with high expectations. I cannot thank you all enough for your warm and loving thoughts, cards and emails.

Cynthia DiLorenzo

Proceeds

The funds raised by the raffle quilt are earmarked for two purposes. 1) our guild programs and quilt-related education, and 2) charitable contributions. Proceeds from last raffle quilt have gone to the following charities: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA; AQS Museum, Paducah, KY; Valley Forge Homestead Quilters Comfort Quilt committee, King of Prussia, PA, and the Hospitality Center, Norristown, PA 19401 (which offers resources to homeless people to enable them to get back on their feet).

Welcome New Members

Sherlee Hilberg resides in Phoenixville, Pa and heard about us from Winnie Sponts. Although she considers herself a novice quilter, Sherlee enjoys all types of quilt projects and has completed a bed-size quilt. Sherlee also enjoys knitting and reading. Welcome!

Welcome to **Patricia Brant**, also of Phoenixville, PA and also heard about us from Winnie Sponts. Patricia has been quilting and sewing for almost 50 years. She became interested through her friends, TV and quilt shows. She enjoys all types of quilt projects but especially landscape quilts. Patricia is a homemaker and does not work but enjoys oil painting, pastels and sewing.

Fatima Gespo lives in Glenmoore, PA and heard about the guild through her friend Carol Friesen. She has been quilting for about 15 years and began quilting through her mother influence. She enjoys appliqué and quilting by hand the most. Fatima has completed many bed-size quilts and also enjoys cooking, reading, gardening and music. Fatima can spend time quilting as she does not work outside her home. She has been married for 28 years to a man that inspires and supports her dream of quilting. She also has an adorable son and daughter. Welcome!

Welcome to **Gerry Higgins** of Phoenixville, PA who heard about us through one of our members. Gerry has been sewing for 40+ years and quilting for about 5/6 years. She took a beginner quilt class as another way to use her sewing skills. She likes to make purses, jackets, and vests. Gerry also enjoys knitting, cross stitch and sewing. Gerry is a physical therapist. She is married and has two grown daughters.



Paducah Trip



The singing quilter, Cathy Miller, with guild members

Fat Quarter Raffle

As announced earlier, the fabric theme for the upcoming July Fat Quarter Raffle drawing is 1930's Reproduction fabrics. To participate, simply bring a fat quarter, place it in the designated basket and your name will then be entered 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 Workshops – Mark Your Calendars!

Stars by Magic – Nancy Johnson-Srebro

DATE: May 16, 2007
TIME: 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
PLACE: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Trooper, PA
COST: \$25.00
BRING: Supply list to be provided upon payment of deposit to Jean Hayden.

Comfort Quilt Workshop- Shirley Horning re-scheduled from show-interrupted date

DATE: May 19, 2007
TIME: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA
BRING: Your sewing machine, normal sewing supplies, and your lunch. We will also need extra mats, rotary cutters, Irons and ironing boards and power strips/extension cords.

UFO Tea Party– Another of our 20th Anniversary Celebrations (UnFinished Objects)

There'll be lots of prizes and surprises.
GREAT FUN FOR ALL! Wear an original bonnet/hat and gloves.

DATE: June 23, 2007
TIME: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
PLACE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA
PRICE: \$10.00
BRING: Any UFOs you want to complete, your sewing machine, normal sewing supplies, and your lunch.

Christmas in July – Beth Quigley

DATE: July 7, 2007
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

2007 Quest for a Cure Block Challenge

Each year, Northcott Silk, Inc., contributes a portion of the proceeds from its Quest for a Cure fabric collections to breast cancer research and support programs. You can participate in this Quest for a Cure Block Challenge. It's as easy as making a 12 ½" pieced or appliquéd block using Northcott's Heaven on Earth collection available at participating quilt shops together with full contest details and entry forms. All the fabrics in this collection can be viewed by visiting www.northcott.net and entry forms can also be printed out from this site.



*Singing Quilter w/ Arlene.
One of Cathy's songs depicts a story from Arlene*

Quilt Block Challenge

Forget Me Not and 4 R Kids Sake, two organizations committed to protecting children from preventable injuries and death in and around cars, has issued a challenge to quilters across the U.S. Quilters are asked to submit 12 ½" blocks, which will be assembled into sampler quilts and sold on eBay starting in early summer. Andrea Lester, who is spearheading the challenge, hopes to keep the program alive indefinitely. Tammy Russell started 4 R Kids Sake in memory of her baby daughter, Kaitlyn, who died of hyperthermia when a caretaker left her in a hot car. To submit a block, visit 4rkidssake.org or forgetmenotusa.com for guidelines.



Braided quilt workshop

The Quilt Show with Alex and Ricky

A new internet-based program for quilters launched April 2 with hosts Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims is Presented by Bernina, "The Quilt Show with Alex and Ricky" will consist of 13 online episodes plus chat-rooms, weblogs, world-wide quilt forums and more. The show promises education, ideas, entertainment and inspiration. Check it out at thequiltshow.com.

June 1...

Watch your computer screens for the unveiling of the Valley Forge Homestead Quilters Guild new website—available by June 1st. Visit www.valleyforgequilters.org/ and enjoy!

Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2007

- Lou Chandler welcomed all including 3 guests.
 - BOM winner—Laura Chaplar. Paula Petty-john described the next block – The Terrible Ts with Flying Geese.
 - Door Prizes—Chris Candello and Denny Shaw
 - Evening bee, Tuesday, April 24, 2007, 6:30 – 9:00 at the home of Rosemary Geisler
 - Afternoon bee, Tuesday, May 8, 2007 12:30-3:30 at the home of Nancy Hannum
 - Lou Chandler thanked Susan Glaser who did a great job as our web master. Lou demonstrated our new web site designed by her as a final project for a class at Penn State. Site targeted to "go live" around mid May.
 - Jean reported on workshops:
 - Braided quilt as you go workshop will be held at the Trinity Reformed Church in Collegeville- April 21, 2007
 - Magic Star workshop- Wed., May 16, 2007 at Church of Latter Day Saints in Trooper. There are still two spaces left.
 - Comfort quilts- May 19, 2007 - Good Shepherd. Shirley passed a sign-up sheet.
 - UFO tea party – June 23, 2007. All part of our 20th anniversary celebration. Members are invited to wear bonnets/hats and gloves and to bring a UFO to work on. We were promised prizes and surprises great fun.
 - Christmas in July – Beth Quigley- Christmas tree at Good Shepherd Church on July 7, 2007.
 - Challenge quilt – Linda Hamel explained the general rules for the quilt guild challenge and this year's specific challenge, The Proverbial Challenge to be viewed at the September meeting.
 - The batik fat quarter raffle was a big success with 41 fat quarters. A vote was taken and two winners were chosen. Gloria Clark won 21 fat quarters and Barb Jones won 20. The next fat quarter raffle will be held at the July meeting – 1930s reproduction fabrics.
 - Gloria presented the slate of officers for the next term. They are: President, Chris Candello; Vice president, Jean Hayden; Corresponding secretary, Linda Hamel; Recording secretary, Marge Quinn; and Treasurer, Gail Dovalovsky.
 - Program – Round Robin. Our own member experts ran four mini workshops. Each participant chose two. Refreshments were enjoyed between the sessions.
 - Show & Tell
- Adjourned: 9:40
Respectfully submitted
Nancy Hannum, Recording Secretary

Quilt Lecture Series

In keeping with the quilt exhibit at the Chester County Historical Society, there will be a lecture series with 3 events over the summer. *"The Fabric of Their Lives,"* by textile expert Debora Krank will discuss the love of quilt making in this entertaining illustrated program about American women and their writings about quilts on June 27. *"Always in Fashion,"* on August 21, looks at the history of the use of silks in quilts, covers, and cushions (also by Deborah Krank). And *"Pieces and Patterns,"* on September 5th, explores materials, construction, and styles of Chester County quilts, presented by Ellen Endslow. All lectures begin at 7pm and will be held at the historical society located at 225 N. High St. in West Chester. Admission is \$5/person or \$12 for the entire series. For more information visit their website: www.chestercohistorical.org.

Quilt/House Tour

Quiltmakers of Boyertown presents Quilt and House Tour on Saturday May 19, 2007 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased that day at the Boyertown Historical Society or Homespun, or send check and a S.S.A.E. to Quiltmakers of Boyertown, C/O Sandy Evans, 4948 Steeple Chase Drive, Macungie, PA 18062. For more information call 610-530-9788 or 610-369-1311.

Quilt Shows

Wild By Design: 200 Years of innovation and artistry in American Quilts at the James A. Michener Art Museum in New Hope, PA on Friday, Feb 16 through Sunday, June, 3, 2007. This lively exhibit, which was organized by the International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, presents quilts from the early 1800s to the present day that explore innovations in color, abstraction, figuration, and other models of expression. The selection of works in the exhibition affirm that American quilt artists' greatest aesthetic legacy is that their work is in every sense of the term, *Wild by Design*. For more information: call 215-340-9800, Ext 140 or email dambrose@michenerartmuseum.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.

"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.

Internationally renowned quilt maker Jane Blair (formerly of Conshohocken, currently of Wyomissing, PA) will have a one-woman show of her quilts at The GoggleWorks in Reading, PA from May 13 through June 29. Jane has won numerous awards in national and international shows, placing first or second in the master division more than a dozen times. She also won best of show at American Quilters Society. A quilt by Jane was chosen by international jury and judges as one of the best one hundred quilts of the 20th century. The GoggleWorks Center for the Arts is at 201 Washington St., Reading, PA 19601, and is open Mon. – Sat. 9am – 9pm and Sunday 11 am – 7 pm. You can view her quilts on her website www.janeblairquilts.com.

Vermont Quilt Festival – June 28 - July 1 in Essex Junction, Vermont. This is New England's largest quilt event and features hundreds of dazzling quilts on display, classes, lectures, appraisals, a merchant's mall, and much more. For information: www.vqf.org or (603) 444-7500.

July 26-29 - Quilt Odyssey 2007, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania. (QO 2007, 15004 Burnt Mill Rd., Shippensburg, PA 17257; phone/fax 717-423-5148; quiltodyssey@supernet.com; quiltodyssey.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 topothehillfarm@hotmail.com or www.keystonequilters.org



Paducah Trip

June Meeting Preview ~ June 19, 2007

Our Traditional Guild Picnic - Don't forget that our picnic begins at 6:00 p.m. After the picnic, our elections will be held and we will have a demo on making a Quiltgami Pinwheel Wallhanging.

Refreshments

Remember to bring food to share as follows:

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

Recipe from Norma

Depression Cake - Norma Brechbiel

This recipe is from my husband's Aunt Ada. It was made during the Depression--there are no eggs and no butter in this recipe.

- 2 cups Raisins
- 2 cups Water
(Boil the raisins and water for 15 minutes or while you are mixing rest of ingredients)
- 3 1/2 cups Flour
- 2 cups Sugar
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1/2 tsp. Cloves
- 1 1/2 tsp. Cinnamon
- 1 tsp. Baking Soda
- 3/4 cup Oil
- 1 cup Cold Water

Mix together all the dry ingredients (while raisins are boiling on stove). Add oil, cold water, and the raisins (and the water they were boiled in). Mix altogether. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes in 9" by 13" baking pan.



Bullwinkles at Braided quilt workshop

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.)*

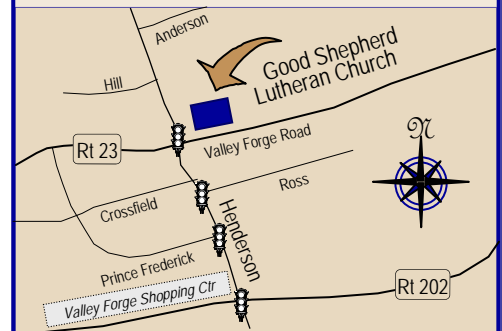
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Guild Meetings

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 – Shellie Blake
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