



Valley Forge Homestead
Quilt Guild

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Guild Newsletter

November 2007

Clips from Chris

We've now turned twenty and we marked the occasion with a gala event complete with special guests, sumptuous food, delightful presentations, and prizes galore. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard making our anniversary celebration such a success!

Going from one great event to another, our annual Fall Retreat 2007 was a big hit. Sally once again outdid herself by coordinating a wonderful weekend in a resort type facility in the country. We had lots of time to meet old and new



friends, shop, eat and do what ever we desired. The weekend allowed several (me included) to complete a few UFOs and of course produce some new ones. We got a math lesson (I choose to buy the special ruler) and enjoyed an array of discoveries. Our toy discovery of the weekend was the Oliso iron (that is one great toy), the technique was how to stain a quilt with coffee (you didn't want the coffee anyway!), and the phrase of the weekend was: We don't make mistakes! We make improvements! This of course pertained to our favorite stitch, the frog stitch?! Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Chris

Guild Meeting Information – November 20

Refreshment assignments

Hors d'oeuvres	Sweets	Beverages
Marebeth Conard	Shirley Horning	Lisa H
Marge Quinn	Nancy Hannum	Edith Neal
Amy Frazier	Gail Forester	Martha Klein
	Anne Lister	Lisa Steuer

Cyndi Hershey will be our guest speaker this evening. Cyndi lives in Audubon, Pa. Cyndi Hershey owned and operated Country Quilts, an American



can Patchwork and Quilting top-10 quilt shop, for 11 years. She currently works as a technical editor for Martingale & Company. Her topic will be on using color in quilts. For some of Cyndi's free quilt patterns, visit http://www.pbtex.com/html/free_patterns.html.

Meeting Minutes – 20th Anniversary Celebration

October 16, 2007

- Chris Candello welcomed all including 1 guests.
- The tables were covered with tablecloths (made by Chris), candles and a flowerpot with fabric flowers, which were crafted by some of our members.
- The room was decorated with Turning Twenty quilts made by our members. Ten of the quilts were numbered and there was a game to guess who made what.
- A Scrapbook slide presentation was shown before and during dinner. Cathy Fennell did an excellent job putting this presentation together.
- 20th Anniversary Favor: Each member in attendance was presented with a new Guild pin.
- There are five women who are original guild members, “founding quilters” who were presented with a corsage: Jean Hayden, Anne Palmer, Sally Rapp, Gail Dovalovsky and Rosalie Cunningham.
- Past Presidents were presented with a rose. The first Guild President (5 years) was Jackie Paltrineri who was interviewed by Jean Cor-day regarding the Guild’s inception, history and memorable moments.



kits available.

- BOM winner: Sally Rapp.
- Door Prizes: All members present were given a door prize.
- Bees: Evening –Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:30: Vicki Lopresti
Afternoon –Tuesday, November 13th at 12:30: Martine Green

- Workshop: Jean Hayden discussed there will be a “bag” workshop in January 2008 and a Comfort Quilt workshop in February 2008 – details will follow.

- Comfort Quilts are being collected by Shirley Horning

- The winners of the “Who Made What Quilt” game were Denny, Gloria, Lisa, Erin

and Vicki (correctly guessing 4 and/or 5 of the quilters).

- Show and tell.
- A good time was had by all!
- Meeting adjourned: approximately 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Quinn, Recording Secretary

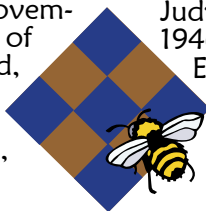
- Chris Candello suggested that the members be recognized by length of time (in 5 year increments) for which they are members by standing.
- A new guild banner marking the Guild’s 20th Anniversary, designed and constructed by Chris Candello, was displayed. Jean Hayden made the first banner for the Guild. Chris presented Jean with that original banner.
- The Featured Presentation was by Linda Mendenhall and her daughter, Amy Hackett, of Generations Quilt Shop. Both ladies shared entertaining stories about fabrics and their quilts. There were patterns and fabric



Bees Bees Bees Bees Bees

Afternoon Bee—2nd Tuesday

The Afternoon Bee will take place on November 13, 2007, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Patti McLain Fulton, 87 Hill Church Road, Spring City, PA 19475, 610-948-5739. Everyone is welcome. Bring whatever project(s) you're working on. We'll sew, eat, and chat.



Evening Bee—4th Tuesday

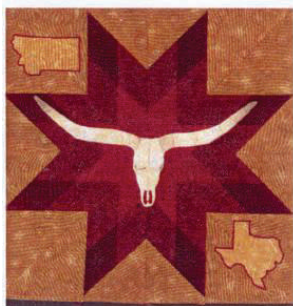
Judy Snook, 163 Sloan Road, Phoenixville PA 19460, 610.933-8094, will host the November Evening Bee, on November 27, 2007 from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. Work on your own projects, get help and advice and refreshments, and enjoy the company. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations!

The Friends of Berks County Public Libraries ran a quilt block contest in conjunction with their author luncheon that featured Jennifer Chiaverini, writer of the Elm Creek Quilters series of books. Linda Hamel of VHGQ Guild entered three blocks in this contest. Congratulations to Linda who



won two of the five prizes for two of her blocks, which depict two of her favorite books. Her block entitled "Memoirs of a Geisha" won Most Effective Block and is featured on the cover of Bookends, the Journal of the Friends of Berks County Public Libraries. Her block entitled "Lonesome Dove" won the Grand Prize. Way to go, Linda!



A Request

Theresa Ringker, who lives near the Barn Playhouse called Vickie Lopresti. She does not sew, or quilt, but her son has a blanket (31" X 31"). He received this blanket when he was born and has used it until it is now in tatters. She would like someone to use the remains of this blanket inside a new traditional quilt for him. Theresa's son is now 8 years old. If anyone is interested in doing this for her, please contact her directly at 484-231-8557. She would love to have it done by someone who lives in Montgomery County where she lives, but if no one here is able to do this, Vickie did suggest that she contact someone in Lancaster County. She found our guild and in particular, Vickie, through our website. Thanks for considering this.

Birthdays

November

- November 1 Joan Lautensack
- November 8 Kim Stefus
- November 13 Sandy Darlington
- November 19 Joan Markowitz

December

- December 1 Ally Howell
- December 2 Joan Gunder
- December 3 Ethel Hutchinson
- December 5 Ann Palmer
- December 7 Carol Divis
- December 8 Gerry Fontaine
Joan Lendacky
- December 9 Adel Herge
- December 19 Becky Weiland
- December 20 Elizabeth Bullwinkle
JoAnn Thomas
- December 21 Barb Melnyk

December Meeting Preview

December 18, 2007

Begin the holiday season with our guild's holiday party and gift exchange. We will also play Quilt Guild Bingo. Don't forget your block(s) and buttons. For the exchange, please bring a quilting/sewing related gift costing between \$7 and \$10. Also, bring a treat to share with the group: if your last name begins with a letter between A-H, please bring a hors d'oeuvres; if your last name begins with a letter between J- Z, please bring a dessert. Lots of fun and great prizes for all, see you there.

Quilting Past and Present

Sally Rapp, Jean Hayden, and Nancy Hannum were guest speakers at the Assisted Living Senior Suites in East Norriton during the Assisted Living Week festivities in September. The program "Quilting Past and Present" focused on how



the tools of quilting have changed over time, types of quilts, and a show of quilts. The members' quilts were displayed as well as circulated among the participants. Time for questions followed.



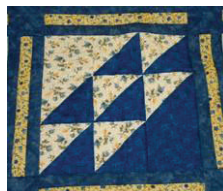
Sally, Jean, and Nancy enjoyed giving the presentation and got a "good feeling" from the interest and pleasure shown by the seniors. They were also rewarded by the note of appreciation from the director Tonya Monteleone who said, "Thanks so very much ...! The residents LOVED your presentation and the beautiful quilts. They were talking about it all day."

Block of the Month

Dimensional Whimsy #12 for December is available on the website and will be presented at the November meeting. Paper copies of Dimensional Whimsy #12 will be at the



December



November

BOM table.

Bring your November 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.

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

Expressions of Beauty: Objects of Utility: Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Founding of the New England Quilt Museum; August 23 – November 11, 2007. The New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck St. Lowell, MA 01852; for more information go to www.nequiltmuseum.org.

"Going West! Quilts and Community" will be on view from October 5, 2007 through January 21, 2008 at the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street NW, Washington, DC. The Renwick Gallery is open daily from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Admission is free. For more information visit www.americanart.si.edu.

Fat Quarter Raffle

The current Quarter Raffle drawing will occur at November's guild meeting. The fabric theme for this time is Christmas, Hanukkah or winter theme fabric. To participate, simply bring a fat quarter, place it in the designated basket, along with 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

"Quilts=Art=Quilts", 26th Annual Juried Quilt Show at Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center, 205 Genesee St., Auburn, NY 13021 from November 4, 2007 through January 6, 2008. For more information call 315-255-1553 or visit 222.myartcenter.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.

Guild Workshops Mark Your Calendars!

Ladies Bag Day -

Chris Candello, Ethel Hutchinson, Sally Rapp
Choice of three bags to make taught by three great instructors:

DATE: January 19, 2008

TIME: 9:30AM – 4:00 PM

PLACE: Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, PA (On Main Street, right across the street from Ursinus College)

PRICE: TBD – See Jean Hayden to sign up

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

Comfort Quilt Workshop - Shirley Horning

DATE: February 23, 2008

TIME: 9:30 AM – 4:00 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.



AQS Book Orders

Kathy Graff will take AQS book orders at the November and December Guild meetings. The book forms and lists will be sent around to each member during the meeting. Please bring money to prepay for your order.

Thank you.

Quilt Guild Bingo

Game Card Instructions

You will need at least one card to participate in the Quilt Guild Bingo at our December meeting. You can make as many as you want. When the game is over, we will collect the cards to be made into Comfort Quilts. Following are the instructions to make your game card(s):

Materials for 1 (10 ½”) card

(Each fabric must be chosen from one of the following categories: batik, floral, geometric, heart, leaf, metallic, holiday, novelty, paisley, plaid, solid, star, stripe, or 1930s print. Use a black print for the center square.)

5 (2 ½”) squares assorted yellow and orange prints

5 (2 ½”) squares assorted red prints

5 (2 ½”) squares assorted blue prints

5 (2 ½”) squares assorted green prints

4 (2 ½”) squares assorted pink and purple prints

1 (2 ½”) square of black print

Block Assembly

Join 5 yellow/orange print squares to make 1 row. In the same manner, make 1 red, 1 blue, and 1 green row.

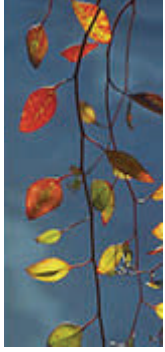
Join 2 pink/purple squares. Make 2 pink/purple pairs. Join one pink/purple pair to each side of black square to complete pink/purple row.

Join rows, placing pink/purple row in center, to complete 1 Bingo Game Card block.

Any questions, please call Sally Rapp, 610-489-6892.

NOTE: These instructions are from Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting, September/October 2006, page 117.

YELLOW And/or ORANGE	RED	PINK And/or PURPLE	BLUE	GREEN
YELLOW And/or ORANGE	RED	PINK And/or PURPLE	BLUE	GREEN
YELLOW And/or ORANGE	RED	BLACK	BLUE	GREEN
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Thank You!

Dear Chris and Members of VFHQ,

Thank you so much for inviting me to your 20th year celebration. It was so nice to see friends from that time when I was a member of VFHQ. Your special gifts will be a reminder of your hospitality and a wonderful evening.

Again, thank you and congratulations on a very successful anniversary celebration.

Sincerely, Rosalie Cunningham

News from Steves



Thanks to all of you who have purchased passports for our Shop Hop, November 9 through 12. We look forward to seeing you sometime that weekend! Come from 9 to 9:30am on Saturday, November 10 for Saturday Sampler with Robert. He will be demonstrating needles along with a fun and quick project!

Need to finish up some projects for the holidays? We have a few spots left for our UFO Night on Friday, November 9 from 6 to midnight.

On Sunday, November 11, Liz will be hosting a "Quilts for Kids" Day. All you need to do is come and bring your machine ~ all the fabrics are provided! For more info on this charity, visit www.quiltsforkids.org.

Bernina will be visiting Steve's on Thursday, November 29. From 10 to 11:30am, come and see the amazing new My Label Pattern Making Software. From 5 to 6pm, there will be a bonus "Technology Program" that will give a brief overview of My Label as well as exciting ways to use

your machine and accessories for improving your sewing skills. These programs are free, but you need to register. From 6:30 to 9pm, you can come to "All Things Fashionable." From garments to quilts to home decor ~ creating our own idea of fashion. Let Bernina help develop your style! This program is free for Bernina Club members, and \$ 15.00 for everyone else.

Second Annual Online Quilt Contest

The American Quilter's Society invites quilters from around the world to enter the AQS Online Quilt Contest.

To Enter: Any maker of a quilt can enter her/his quilt image online. Starting November 1, 2007, go to www.AmericanQuilter.com, fill out the entry form, pay registration fee, and upload two quilt images (per instructions on the Web Site). Entry deadline is December 7, 2007. Entries must be finished quilts of any size. Quilts will be displayed anonymously, with only the quilt name, dimensions, and technique, and will be identified with an entry number.

To Vote: Voting will start on December 10, and end January 11, 2008. There will be one vote per person. Preview Quilt entries often, register to win prizes. The winners will be announced January 15, 2008, on the AQS Web site.

For more information, rules, and regulations, please visit www.AmericanQuilter.com.

Attention Alex Anderson fans! We will be hosting Alex on March 14 and 15, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel in Valley Forge. She will be giving two presentations each day at 10am and 3pm. Tickets are only \$15.00! Call us to reserve your spot today!

Fabric Brands

It's been a few years since we published this list of fabric brands, and some may have changed. Please let us know if you have any wisdom to share on the subject.

Premium

- AE Nathan
- Alexander Henry
- Andover
- Benertex
- Clothworks
- David Glass
- David Textile
- For Quilters Only*
- Free Spirit
- Heirloom Reproductions
- Hoffman
- In the Beginnings
- Kaufman
- Kona Bay
- Lake House
- Makower UK
- Marcus Brothers*
- Maywood
- Michael Miller
- Moda
- Northcott
- P&B
- Red Rooster
- Riverwoods
- RJR
- South Sea Imports
- Thimbleberries RJR
- Timeless Treasures

Economy

- Chanteclaire
- Classic Cottons
- Concord Fabrics
- Cranston
- Fabri-Quilt
- For Quilters Only*
- General Fabrics
- Marcus Brothers*
- Peter Pan
- Spec-Trix
- Spring Industries
- Springs
- VIP
- Westex

** Fabric brands that are sold in both premium and economy venues, but may have two levels of quality for each venue—the “feel” of the fabric may offer a clue as to its quality.*

Guild Officers

- PRESIDENT – Chris Candello
- VICE PRESIDENT – Jean Hayden
- TREASURER – Gail Dovalovsky
- RECORDING SECRETARY – Marge Quinn
- CORRESPONDING SEC – Linda Hamel
- IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – Lou Chandler

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- PROGRAM CHAIR – Gloria Clark
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- WORKSHOPS – Jean Hayden
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- SET-UP – Cathy Fennell
- HOSTESS/ DOOR PRIZES – Patti McLain Fulton & Marebeth Conard
- HOSPITALITY – Donna LeBlanc
Joan Gunder
Lisa Hudock
- BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Shellie Blake (*2007*)
Rosemary Geisler (*2008*)
- QUILT SHOW – Jean Hayden
- QUILT BEES – Jean Hayden (*day*)
Beth Quigley (*night*)
- RETREATS – Sally Rapp
- EXCURSIONS – Susan Glaser
- RAFFLE QUILT – Susan Glaser
TICKETS – Donna Raymond
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- COMFORT QUILTS – Shirley Horning
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Jean Corday
- HISTORIAN – Lisa Hudock
Nancy Hannum
- LIBRARY – Art & Ethel Hutchison
- AQS BOOKS – Kathy Graff
- SUNSHINE – Norma Brechbiel



Newsletter Submissions

Information for the next newsletter must be received by the 1st day of the month.

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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*

