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Guild Newsletter

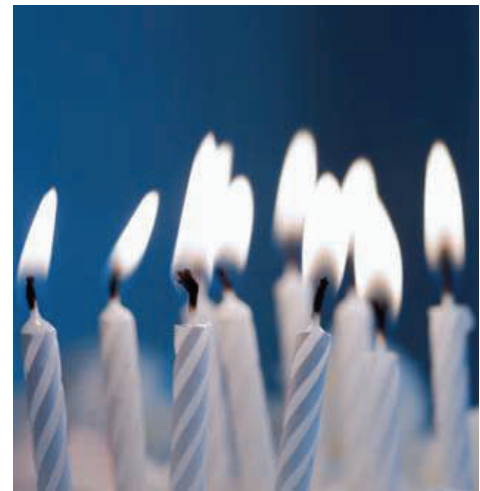
October 2007

Clips from Chris

Thinking back when I decided to help coordinate our 20th anniversary gala...I was thinking...boy, 20 years, that's a long time...and then realized...lo and behold it is also my own 20th wedding anniversary. That is when I had a true reality check....20 years. I can really relate to our founders and original members. They have worked very hard for the past 20 years to continue to keep the love of quilting going and as we all know that is a lot of work. Thank you so much for a job well done.

As for our celebration...I must confess I truly am a kid a heart...myself along with our committee members have had a great time planning our special dinner celebration for all to enjoy !!! See you at our October Gala.

Chris



October Meeting— Our 20th Anniversary Gala Celebration 10/16

Celebrate with us at our 20th Anniversary dinner, and be sure to bring your ticket! The dinner portion of the festivities 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 \$10.00. We'll have plenty of food, desert, great entertainment, and surprises. You have until October 10th to reserve your spot, so if you have not gotten your ticket, please contact Jean Hayden, 610-279-2911 now to hold one for you. You won't want to miss it!

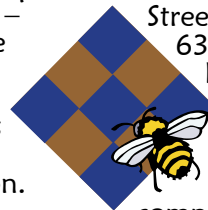
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Afternoon Bee—2nd Tuesday

The Afternoon Bee will take place on October 9, 2007, 12:30 – 3:30, at the home of Shellie Blake, 2920 Village Green Lane, Audubon, PA, 19403, 610-539-6725. Everyone is welcome. Bring whatever project(s) you're working on. We'll sew, eat, and chat.

Evening Bee—4th Tuesday

Vickie Lopresti, 2001 Sterigere Street, Norristown, PA 19403, 610-631-5675, will host the October Evening Bee, on October 23, 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!

Linda Hamel, Becky Weiland, and Barb Jones were the winners of the Proverbial Challenge!

Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2007

- Chris Candello welcomed all including 2 guests and 2 new members. – (Nancy Hannum's sister and Linda Hamel's sister)
- BOM winner: Gloria Clark.
- Door Prizes: Marebeth Conard, Denny Shaw and Jacqui Santangelo.
- October Meeting/20th Anniversary Dinner: tickets available; advise Jean Hayden or Jean Corday of any dietary issues.
- Bees: Evening –Tuesday, September 25th at 6:30: Cathy Fennell
Afternoon –Tuesday, October 9th at 12:30 : Shellie Blake
- Linda Hamel discussed the fat quarter raffle for this season is winter, Christmas & Hanukkah. To participate bring a fat quarter (18"x22") washed and ironed; for each fat quarter you enter, you get a chance to win.
- Raffle quilt sales opportunities: Upper Providence Day is Saturday September 22nd from 12 pm to 6 pm, set-up at 10am; Skippack Days are October 6th & 7th. The sign-up book was passed around.
- The 2007 Challenge Quilts were presented. There were nine entries including one tote bag and one pillow. There was a challenge for the 2007 Challenge Quilts to guess the Proverb of each quilt. The winners were Donna LeBlanc and Judy Snook who guessed 5 of the quilt proverbs; Laura Chaplar and Cathy Fennell guessed 4 of the quilt proverbs.
- Sally Rapp discussed tonight's fabric/book sale shopping.
- Sally Rapp discussed the November Retreat. At this time there is a waiting list; final payment is due October 10, 2007.
- Sally Rapp discussed Quilt Bingo; there will be fabric bags available for different color fabric squares for the Bingo "card". After Bingo,

Sally will construct a quilt from the cards collected.

- Workshop: Jean Hayden discussed the next workshop scheduled for Saturday, October 6th. Meet at Steve's at 9:00 a.m.; you will need: 5 – 5/8 yard of fabric and have 5 minutes to pick it out. Cost: \$10.00. There will be a workshop in January of 2008 but no date has been scheduled; a Comfort Quilt workshop is scheduled for February 23, 2008 – details will follow.



1st Place – Linda Hamel

- Comfort Quilts: Shirley Horning collected 13 comfort quilts.

• Shirley Horning informed the Guild that Marie Traxler was involved in a car accident last week.

- Excursions: Susan Glaser discussed excursions, which will be one per quarter. The Fall Fabric

Frenzy is scheduled for November 9th and 10th. (Shop-Hops advanced sign-up; meet at Steve's at 10:00 a.m.; pass will be needed). Participants should donate \$3-5 for gas for driver.



2nd Place – Becky Weiland

- Break (45 minutes): refreshments, browsing, shopping and voting.

• The 2007 Challenge Quilts winners: First Place went to Linda Hamel; Second Place went to Becky Weiland; and Third Place went to Barb Jones.

- Linda Hamel discussed the 2008 Challenge – anything relating to PENNSYLVANIA (locations, mottos, teams); rules available in newsletter and web site.

- Show and tell.
- Meeting adjourned: approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Quinn, Recording Secretary

Challenge 2008

The challenge for the coming year is: "Pennsylvania"

- Choose any landmark, historical event, flora, fauna, tradition, location, or motto that conveys some essence of our great state of Pennsylvania and devise a way to creatively express it in a quilt (which you will, of course, design and create).



- 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 explaining the aspect of Pennsylvania you chose and any relevant 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 10/2007 and 9/2008).
- As usual, one entry per-person will be accepted.
- Completed challenge quilts will be displayed and voted on at the September guild meeting in 2008.
- All questions regarding this challenge should be directed to Linda Hamel at 610.454-1283 or dhamel1283@aol.com

AFUN Quilting Opportunity!

I have a friend who is the Director at the Peter Wentz Farmstead (Rt. 363 and 73 in Worcester Twp.) and who is looking for some hand-quilters to finish quilting a nine-patch quilt that has been on their frame for 20 years. Yes, that's 20 years!!!! As part of their Special Activity Days, she would like to put a few of us in costume and stage us around the quilt to finish it on Oct. 20. She said there's very little left to do on the quilt, and when done, we can work on our own quilting projects (a free lunch will also be provided). If you're interested, please contact me directly at (610) 948-5739 or PattiMac1 @ MSN . com (remove the spaces).

Patti McLain Fulton

Block of the Month

Dimensional Whimsy #11 for November is available on the website and will be presented at the October meeting. Paper copies of Dimensional Whimsy #11 will be at the BOM table. Bring your October 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.



October



November

Birthdays

October

October 4	Betty Dix
October 9	Susan Stehman
October 10	Denny Shaw
October 12	Chris Candello
October 14	Art Hutchinson
October 15	Jacqueline Carman
October 18	Karen Glasthal
October 25	Gerry Higgins

November

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



A Little Help— A Good Cause...

Norma Brechbiel came across an opportunity to help with a worthy quilting need and brought it to the attention of the guild board—and we agreed. Please read her note below. A container will be located at the back of the room for whatever you might want to donate to the cause.

My husband and I had the privilege of going to Blueberry Mountain Bible Camp and Conference Center over the Labor Day weekend on a short-term mission trip with several members of our church. Bob and Donna Sloma run the conference center. They have 3 boys and 1 girl. We met Katie, their 15-year-old daughter. She is very interested in quilting. In fact, she showed me her "Yellow Brick Road" quilt she is making. A lady in her church (who she calls her teacher) is helping her with it. She is doing a great job on the quilt, and really is very talented.

Only, she has a little problem--she was given a White sewing machine, and also a Brother machine. She was having trouble with the tension on both machines. Bob and I tried to help her as much as we could, but really came to the conclusion that the machines needed a good cleaning and servicing. She simply does not have the money to have them fixed.

I know it will be rather hard for some of you to imagine this, however, the Slomas live on Blueberry Mountain which is five miles from Weld (the nearest town, which is only a cross road with a general store, gas station, and church). She can't baby sit to earn money since they are so far removed from civilization. Also, she cannot get a part-time job for the same reason.

My heart went out to her, for she definitely has a talent for sewing, but is so frustrated



when she can't get her machine to work. (I'm sure we all have experienced this at one time or another.) What is the solution to this problem? I know V.F. Homestead Quilters is a very caring group who reach out to others in need. (For example, making the Comfort Quilts for St. Christopher's Hospital, and the Univ. of PA cancer patients). I was wondering if it would be at all possible for us to take up a little collection for Katie so she could get at least one of her machines working again. (I could place a little container on the sign-in table for donations) ... Thank you very much for your time.

Norma Brechbiel

Fall Fabric Frenzy

It's that time of year again, the 2007 Shop Hop Adventure! Pick up your Passport and let the fun begin! Free Shop Hop pin cushion kit with your \$5.00 passport purchase. Passports are available September 1. The Fall Fabric Frenzy starts on November 9 and goes through November 12. Here are the participating quilt shops: Byrne Sewing Connection LLC; Chester County Quilting; Country Quiltworks; Fabrics on the Hill; Generations Quilt Shop; Granny's Sewing Den; Quilter's Corner; Quilter's Hive; Steve's Sewing Center.

Fall Fabric Frenzy Road Trip

Please sign up with Susan Glaser to join the Fall Fabric Frenzy Road Trip. We are planning two trips, one on Friday November 9 and one on Saturday November 10. We will meet at Steve's Sew and Vac in the far back parking lot either day at 10:00 am and start our trips. Don't be left out sign up today. Any questions please e-mail Susan at sew-glaser@comcast.net.



Fat Quarter Raffle

The current Fat-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

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

"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.

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

Humble Beginnings...A Quilter's Journey Quilt Show presented by South Shore Stitchers Quilt Guild, October 19, 20 & 21, 2007, Upper Township Community Center, 1790 Route 50, Tuckahoe, NJ. For more information: www.southshorstitchers.com.

Simply Sensational: An Undercover quilters' Show at the Brookhaven Municipal Building, Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA 19105; October 20 & 21, 2007, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Quilter's Auction on Saturday at 4:30 PM with light refreshments starting at 4:00. Many bed-sized, lap and wall hanging quilts will be available for sale on Saturday October 20, prior to 4:00 PM.

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.

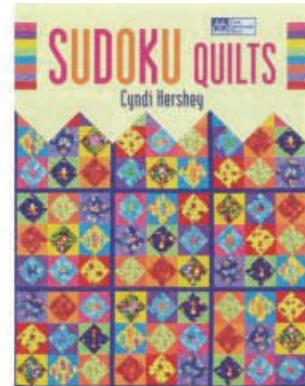


Thank you

to my friends at VFHQ

Thank you so much for all your calls, cards, good wishes, and prayers. I am improving every day and look forward to seeing you all at our twentieth anniversary celebration.

Marie Traxler



Stocking Challenge

From "Fabrics On The Hill" store

Holiday Stocking Challenge- Create your own version of a holiday stocking. The sky's the limit- use quilting, embellishments, piecing, embroidery- the choice is yours (Need a little nudge? KwikSew has some innovative ideas). The stockings will be hung in the store from November 15th to December 15th. Our customers will be the judges. The winner of the challenge receives a \$50 gift certificate to Fabrics On The Hill, 8434 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118, 215-247-3485, open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30am-5:30pm.

November Meeting Preview – November 20

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

Quilt Guild Bingo – for December Meeting

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 1/2") 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 1/2") squares assorted yellow and orange prints
- 5 (2 1/2") squares assorted red prints
- 5 (2 1/2") squares assorted blue prints
- 5 (2 1/2") squares assorted green prints
- 4 (2 1/2") squares assorted pink and purple prints
- 1 (2 1/2") 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
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News From Steves

We are looking forward to having all you "crazy quilters" here on Saturday, October 6 for some pre-workshop shopping! This, of course is in advance of your "Take Five" workshop, and you'll get 20% off your fabric purchases (non-sale items) that morning!

Saturday Samplers start up again this month. Join Jenni on Saturday, October 13 from 9:00am to 9:30am for Fabric Fortune Cookies and Fabric Manipulation. No registration required!

We still have seats available for the NYC fabric shopping trip on October 23. Bring a friend or two and have some fun in the Big Apple!

OESD (Oklahoma Embroidery Supply & Design) will be getting us all up to speed on our embroidery skills with their Embroidery ER Seminar. Choose between two times to attend: Thursday, October 25 from 5:30 to 9:00pm OR Friday, October 26 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. It's only \$ 15.00, so don't miss it!

Would you like to be a part of our Bra Art Contest? Decorate a bra, put it on display at Steve's, and help raise funds for Susan G. Komen for the Cure! Details are in our newsletter (available in the store or at www.stevessewandvac.com), and our final "Meet the Artist" day is Saturday, October 27 from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm. Come and join us whether you contribute as a bra artist or to vote for the best!

Hope to "sew" with you soon!
Dream Creatively, The Staff at Steve's

Artist Laurel Burch Dies at 61

Artist Laurel Burch, a '60s flower child whose joyful creativity launched a merchandising empire, died Thursday morning at her home in Terra Linda. She was 61. She leaves behind a heritage of brightly colored images that are known worldwide - fanciful cats, horses, birds, blossoms and undersea creatures that have been reproduced in paintings, T-shirts, scarves, ceramics, fabrics, tote bags and cloisonne jewelry. Her work continues to be sold throughout the world. When arrangements are finalized, information about services and memorial gifts will be posted on her Web site, www.laurelburch.com, (from an article by Beth Ashley in the *Marin Independent Journal*).



Thank You!

Dear friends:

Thank you very much for your recent contribution of \$50.00 to the American Cancer Society. Our support of the Memorial program is appreciated and valued. This letter will serve as your receipt.

Your card was sent to Valley Forge Homestead Quilters, in memory of Nancy Dietch and was signed by Valley Forge Homestead Quilters.

As the largest source of non-federal funding for cancer research, the American Cancer Society funds approximately \$120 million in grants annually. Thanks to this funding of vital research, the current survival rate is 65%, resulting in more than 10 million cancer survivors alive today. This is part of our lifesaving mission along with education and services to cancer patients and their families. Through your generous support, these programs will continue to be available for the people of Pennsylvania.

If, in the future, you would like to receive information concerning cancer or any of our services, please do not hesitate to contact your American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345.

Sincerely, Joseph B. Straton, MD, President, Southeast Region, Pennsylvania Division, Inc.

Newsletter Submissions

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

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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 – 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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 & Lou Chandler (*publisher*)
 WEB MASTER – Lou Chandler
 WORKSHOPS – Jean Hayden
 REFRESHMENTS – Paula Pettyjohn
 SET-UP – Cathy Fennell
 HOSTESS/ DOOR PRIZES – Matti McLain Fulton
 & Marebeth Conrad
 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
 CHALLENGE – Linda Hammel
 COMFORT QUILTS – Shirley Horning
 MEMBER COMFORT –
 PUBLICITY – Nancy Hannum
 Jean Corday
 HISTORIAN – Lisa Hudock
 Nancy Hannum
 LIBRARY – Art & Ethel Hutchison
 AQS BOOKS – Kathy Graff
 SUNSHINE – Norma Brechbiel

