

Beaver Valley Piecemakers December 2021 Newsletter



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Don't Fear Change, It Doesn't Have to be Bad...

Some people just don't like change. They either fear it, or just feel uncomfortable even thinking about it. Many of us get set in our ways and just don't want any change to our routines. I've often heard, "We can't change, that's not the way we've always done it." Or, I may hear, "I don't know why we do it that way, that is just the way we've always done it."



What I've learned over the years is that change isn't always bad. In most cases, I've found that some change is actually good. Staying the same all the time can get stale and downright boring. If we aren't ever open to change, we will just stay stuck in the same place and never get to experience anything new, exciting, or fun. It's kind of like making the same quilt over and over again. Even if you use different fabrics each time, it's still the same pattern with nothing new to learn from the experience.

"Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past and present are certain to miss the future."

-John F. Kennedy

So, for our Guild to grow in experiences, vibrancy, and fun, we will most likely need to change up some things. Staying stuck in the past or present means our future will be the same. Some changes that we may see in our Guild are an expansion in the use of technology and more learning opportunities for all skill levels. It is likely that we will try some new things that won't work out for different reasons, but we will never know unless we try! I encourage you to be open to and embrace changes when they occur. Don't be stuck in the past and enjoy the exciting ride into the future!

Your Chief FUNraiser,
Mary Lee Green

MEMBERSHIP – Sylvia Novak

If you hear a little bell tinkle at the meeting, that means we have a new member or guest in the house. Be sure to take the time to say hello and welcome her to the meeting. Be sure to wear a name tag as it makes it easier for everyone to remember our names.

Please welcome our new member to the Guild:

Malinda (Mandy) Gilberti Bday: 05/03

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December Birthdays

Sue Graf	12/01
Deb Elliott	12/05
Betty Kimmel	12/05
Kathy McClure	12/17
Chris Novotny	12/19
Arlene Young Equels	12/23
Lynore Hardman	12/29
Harriet Sickles	12/31

Upcoming Events

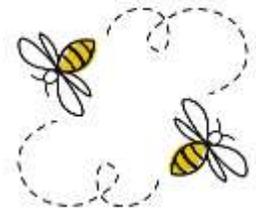
Dec 1 – Guild Meeting
Dec 11 – Saturday Sewcial on
Zoom 10 AM – 12 PM
Jan 5 – Deadline for retreat
payment

Bring to Meeting

Name Tag
Block Lotto Block
QOV Block
Mystery Quilt Box
Money for Retreat

BEE ATTITUDE FOR DECEMBER: Bee Caring

The holiday season is often looked at as a time of good cheer and family togetherness. Unfortunately, the holidays can be a difficult time for others for many reasons, such as the loss of a loved one, being home bound due to illness or inclement weather, or even being lonely without family or friends around. We never know for sure what another person is dealing with, so please make an effort to be caring towards others this month. You could brighten a person's day with a kind word, a quick call, or even a text just to say hello. Show other Guild members a caring attitude by welcoming them at the meetings and by making an extra effort to say hello to any new members. I would love our Guild to be known as the one that is welcoming, friendly, and caring. Great quilts and good fellowship can't be beat!



PLEASE NOTE: The Minutes of our Guild meetings are available for review on the Member Page of the website. Please be sure to check the Minutes and request changes if needed prior to a motion made to accept them. Copies of the previous month's Minutes will no longer be handed out at the meetings.

QUILT RETREAT

Sheraton at the Airport Feb 18,19,20, 2022

Double room \$235 Single room \$337

We have one person hunting a roommate. If you need to room with someone, please let me know and I will contact her. Currently we have 3 Double rooms available.

The teacher is Joyce Hughes and she will be teaching Dimensional Thread Painting. We have a teacher every 2 years. You do not have to take the class.

Sign up at the December meeting.

All retreat money must be paid in full by the January Meeting.

Judy and Lydia



MYSTERY QUILT - Mary Lee Green

Mystery Quilt in a Box: A little bit of mystery and a whole lot of fun!

I've had so much fun working on the Mystery Quilt blocks. At first I was a little nervous to work with someone else's fabric, but decided to do my best and it turned out to be fun. I love seeing the different fabric and reading the "Get to Know Me" cards and learning about other Secret Quilting Sisters. Be sure to grab a new box each month now through April. If you can't make it to a meeting, just complete the blocks for the month(s) you missed. And, most of all, have FUN!

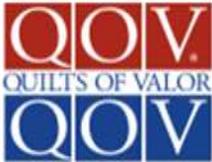


SATURDAY SEW - Debbie Jewell

NO Saturday Sew in December – the church isn't available.

VIRTUAL Saturday Sewcial – Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 10 am to 12 pm.

Since our in-person Saturday Sew has been cancelled, the virtual Saturday Sewcial has been moved to the 2nd Saturday for the month of December. Everyone is encouraged to log into the Zoom call and show and tell about your current project or just to say hello and socialize with your quilting sisters. Check your email for a link to the event. Hosts will be Debbie Jewell and Mary Lee Green. We look forward to seeing you there!



Quilts of Valor Workshop – Louise Grant

There will be a Quilts of Valor workshop at the January Saturday Sew on January 8, 2022 at the United Methodist Church, New Brighton. In the meantime, members can help out by making the QOV 2021 8-pt Floating Star blocks. Block packets may be picked up and returned at BVPM monthly meetings.

We are in need of volunteers to machine quilt tops!!

Fab Labs (COMING SOON!) – Mary Lee Green

What is a Fab Lab? It's where fabulous fabric, thread, and expertise come together for an exceptional learning experience. Using expertise within our own Guild, the Fab Labs will be where different aspects of quilting will be demonstrated to benefit those who want to learn and grow their own skills. The Fab Labs will be approximately an hour long and may take place before our meetings, at our Saturday Sew, or at our Saturday Sewcial. If you indicated you have advanced skills in any area on your Membership Form, expect a call from Mary Lee Green or email/call/text her if you can help in any way. Technique demonstrators needed!

Pictorial Directory – Vivian Oaks

If you haven't checked your information in the pictorial directory online yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. Sign in, go to the member page, and check your individual information. If there are any mistakes, please let Vivian Oaks know so it can be corrected. Her email is [wwoaks at comcast dot net](mailto:wwoaks@comcast.net).

Workshops – Jan Garland

VIRTUAL Workshop Via Zoom– Quilt as you Go String Pieced Quilt by Noreen Skiles

March 5, 2022 – 9 am to 4 pm



Learn organizing techniques and tackle your scraps by transforming them into a beautiful quilt. No scraps? No problem. Just use any fabric you have on hand. This project is beginner friendly, but fun for all. Learn how to quilt and join blocks as you go. Once you finish piecing, the quilt is done! If you already know the technique, join us anyway. It will be a FUN day of sewing and fellowship.

Our teacher will be Noreen Skiles from Virginia Beach, Virginia who has presented this workshop for her own Guild of 300 members as well as many other Guilds. Sign up at the Workshop table or by contacting Jan Garland. The class is free but is limited to 20 participants. A \$20 refundable deposit will hold your spot.

Our next in-person workshop will be with Kathryn Groves of Bobkat Quilts on Saturday, April 2nd, 2022. She will be teaching us the basics of Dresden Plate pattern as well as the Dresden Neighborhood, which is a unique Dresden Plate pattern. The pattern will be purchased thru her. She will also have a kit available to those who are interested. I would estimate that this workshop will be an advanced beginner skill level. You may begin to sign up for this workshop at the December meeting - remember that I must have a \$20 check to hold your spot. Pattern and kit prices along with other details as I get them from Kathryn.

