

Beaver Valley Piecemakers December 2022 Newsletter



From the President's Pen

Hello Beaver Valley Piecemakers –

My first thoughts are **Thank You** to Louise Grant and the QOV Committee for the excellent Quilts of Valor Ceremony and Presentation of quilts to our nominated Veterans. It was a beautiful event and moving experience.

Thank You Michelle Wilcox for your military service, your engaging talk, and your willingness to share your story; we enjoyed getting to know you a little better. And **thank you** to all who contributed to making the quilts or helping in any way to make our QOV presentation a success.

Thank you to Jan Garland for your work to set up the Workshops with Linda Hahn. It was a fun 2 days, I'm sure we all learned something, or just enjoyed the day out.

I am looking forward to our December 7, 2022 meeting - a Zoom presentation from Terri Sontra of Purple Moose Designs – History of the Sewing Machine

Also on Dec 7th – please arrive early to “shop”. Our guild was given a generous donation from the family of a quilter who recently passed. In addition to boxes of fabric, there are cutting mats of all sizes, rulers, scissors and other tools, and boxes of quilting books and patterns. There may be some things that you can use, especially the new quilters among us. Everything is free, this is not a fund-raising event. I plan to be set up by 6 pm. Anything that is not taken that night will be given to a charity or disposed of – I do not want to haul it home. Remember to bring your projects and completed UFO's for Show and Tell – sometimes known as our favorite part of the meeting.

Wishing Everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving – see you December 7th.

Warmly,

Rose

Come Early December 7th



NOTE: Vivian also has been contacted about a donation of fabrics prior to the December meeting, and in addition, also has several boxes of goodies, including a bunch of yarn from a cousin whose mom recently passed, leaving her quilting and craft items. Currently I still have four boxes, so if the fabric comes in, plus these four boxes, PLUS everything Rose mentioned...wow!!...so bring your shopping bags and come prepared to shop!!! (For FREE!!)

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

(Verda) Sue Graf	12/01
Deborah (Deb) Elliott	12/05
Betty Kimmel	12/05
Judy Domergue	12/07
Kathy McClure	12/17
Chris Novotny	12/19
Arlene Young Equels	12/23
Lynore Hardman	12/29
Sylvia Novak	12/31
Harriet Sickles	12/31

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 7 – Regular Mtg.

No Saturday Sew in December

BRING TO MEETING

Name Tag

Block Lotto block

QOV blocks, completed

Friendship Blocks for Kay

Hetrick – scrappy-any color
w/white background

The BVPM Quilt Guild hosted a Quilt of Valor Award Ceremony on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at the Community Life Center, Chippewa United Methodist Church. Ten of the twelve planned recipients were on hand to receive Quilts of Valor in honor of their military service. Two recipients were unable to attend at the last minute and their QOV's will be awarded individually at a later time. Those present represented a wide range of periods of service (Vietnam Era through to present) and included one active-duty service member and nine veterans. Family and friends were on-hand to witness the presentation along with many members of the guild.



Quilts of Valor displayed prior to the QOV Award Ceremony



Ten QOV recipients "wrapped in their quilts".

Guild President Rose Hufnagel conducted a brief Guild meeting, which was then followed by a patriotic presentation ceremony that included the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star-Spangled Banner performed on trumpet by Russell Couch. Michelle Cox, a Guild member provided remarks on her 10 years of active-duty service in the Navy during the Vietnam Era. Michelle serves as the Women's Veterans Chair, Vietnam Veterans of America, VVA chapter 892, Rochester as well as the Women's Veterans Chair for state of Pennsylvania. I'm sure none of those present will forget Michelle's story about "two girdles"!

Members of the Guild's QOV Committee wrapped each recipient with their Quilt of Valor and provided a presentation case and an award letter. What was consistent in the ceremony was the "humble gratitude" expressed by the recipients. Following the presentations refreshments were provided by Marilyn Crain and the Hospitality Committee.

Guild members are encouraged to submit nominations for Quilts of Valor throughout the year. Individual presentations can be arranged in collaboration with the Quilt of Valor Committee. We have an ample supply of quilts produced this past year by our members. The only time period we will not do a QOV presentation is around Memorial Day in May, which is a time to remember those who died in service or our country. Otherwise, it's just a matter of working out a mutually agreeable time and place with the nominator.

Louise Grant

DECEMBER PROGRAM

ZOOM PROGRAM: The History of the Sewing Machine
By: Terri Sontra - Purple Moose Designs - PurpleMooseDesigns.com/



Terri will be offering a 20% discount from her website including sale items from now until December 14, 2022,
Use the code: BEAVER22 at checkout for your discount.

RETREAT



February 17-18-19 2023
Please sign up by the January meeting.
There are 5 Double rooms
and 3 Single rooms available.
Final payment is due at the January meeting.
Come and have a lot of fun!

If you haven't signed up yet, but plan to go, stop at the table towards the back on December 7th and let Lydia Stewart and/or Judy Steiner know. Make a deposit or pay for the entire retreat at once, but the final payment is due at the January meeting. The cost is \$345 for a single room and \$240 for a double room. There is no teacher this year.



Virtual Workshop - Mary Lee Green



Let's Get Happy About Herringbones! **March 4, 2023 – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

Do you have a charm square pack, honeybun, or jelly roll in your stash that you've been holding on to for just the right project? Well, the Herringbone-anza virtual workshop could be the perfect time to break out that bundle of fabric!

Our instructor will be Tina Curran (www.tinacurran.com) who will be teaching us a technique to create either a pillow or quilt using a herringbone pattern. No worries, there are NO Y seams or special tools required. To sign up, email or call Mary Lee Green. (maryleegreen@gmail.com) The workshop is free, but a \$20

deposit is required to hold your spot. Spots are going fast, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible. Each person counts, even if sharing a computer. See the attached flier for more information and a photo of the project(s).

PIECING IT TOGETHER CLOSING

Another local quilt shop has announced that it will be closing at the end of the year. Many of you may know Johanna, she has supported our quilt show and has had a vendor spot for many years. Piecing It Together – 412-364-2440; 3458 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 Hours: Mon-Sat 10Am to 4PM; Sun 11A to 2P (please call first to make sure on Sunday). **All fabric has already been sold;** books, patterns, shop samples and fixtures are still for sale.



BEAVER VALLEY PIECEMAKERS T-SHIRTS

If you ordered a t-shirt and didn't pick it up at the November meeting, be sure to see Lydia Stewart at the Retreat Table to get it. If you haven't paid yet and are going to pay by check, please make the check out to Lydia Stewart.

ONLINE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – Vivian Oaks

I'm sorry the directory isn't updated yet – I've been having some issues with the flash drive from Joy. I will get it done and will send out an email to let you know when it's updated on the website. If you don't have your picture in the directory (ALL new members and quite a lot of longstanding members, as well) please find Vivian either prior to or following the December meeting so we can get pictures for the directory.

For new members: For access to the Member-Only page on the website, (bvpiecemakers.com) go to the website and click on the "Member-Only" button next to the Dove. You'll be taken to a page with "Log In" at the top. You will need to Sign up first. (New to this site? Sign Up) Click to sign up, then enter your email address and choose a password. After completing this, I will be notified that you have asked for access. If I don't see it immediately, you might want to text me to let me know, and as soon as I confirm you are a member, I'll give you access to the Member-Only page. Items on this page include minutes of our monthly meetings, our Constitution, Guidelines, our current list of Officers & Chairpersons, the Pictorial Directory and items for sale by members. Questions? See Vivian at the meeting or text, email or call. My information is in the pictorial directory!



Looking Ahead

Upcoming Programs

January 4th – Stencil Company – Will be selling fabric at discount. Purchased from quilt shop that went out of business

February 1st – Sheila Drevna – Wheelchair to Professional Quilter Trunk Show and Lecture

March 1st – Past Presidents Quilts

April 5th – Ellie Newlin – Heirloom Quilt Shop – Cake Mix Travel

May 3rd – Rona Herman – Rona the Ribbiter – The Traveling Quilter

June – Luncheon (to be announced) – Challenge Quilts and Mystery Quilts Reveal

