

BEAVER VALLEY PIECEMAKERS SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRESIDENTS PEN... - **Mary Lee Green**

To Bee or Not to Bee?

Have you ever been faced with taking on a new responsibility that at first you weren't sure that you wanted to take? Possibly you thought it would be too much work or take too much time. Maybe you thought that you weren't up to the task and that somebody else should do it. Or, others may have tried to talk you out of it. I had some of these thoughts when contemplating about taking the President's position for the Guild. My rational self kept saying no, but my mind kept being filled with random thoughts of Quilting Bees. It kept happening during the day and I even had dreams about Quilting Bees at night! I kept wondering why Quilting Bees were so important and how they were relevant to making a decision about the President position. So, I did what most people do when faced with a question that they don't know the answer to...I Googled it!

I learned that a "bee" is another word for a party or social function and in this case, it's a party centered on quilting, hence the named "Quilting Bee." Quilting Bees first became popular in the early 19th

"The purpose of the Beaver Valley Piecemakers Quilt Guild shall be to preserve the tradition, culture, and history of quilting, to encourage and advance the knowledge and understanding of all aspects of quilting, and promote good fellowship through the art and finished products of quilting."

September Birthdays

Kathy Farra	Sept. 16
Sheila Snyder	Sept. 20
Judy Steiner	Sept. 25

Upcoming Events

Thurs. Aug 26 – QOV Workshop
Wed. Sept 1 – 7:00 PM - Meeting
Wed. Sept 29 – 7:00 PM-Meeting
Oct 7, 8, 9 – QUILT SHOW
Wed. Nov 3 – 7:00 PM – Meeting
Program – Artful Quilts

Bring to Meeting

Name Tag
Membership Application
New Quilting Item for Baskets
Block Lotto Block-see on website

century, but the simple aspects of gathering together over our beloved craft to make items stitched with love to provide warmth and comfort to others is still relevant today. It finally dawned on me that all of these thoughts of Quilting Bees were to prompt me to accept the position, and try to steer the Guild back to its roots of why it was founded in the first place...that is fellowship, friendship, sharing, learning, and most of all FUN! There are many exciting activities planned for the next year, so I hope you will join the quilting party and have some FUN!

Are you that someone?

Have you ever heard someone say or have you said yourself "Someone should do something about that!"? Rather than thinking that someone else should do it, maybe YOU could be that someone! The Guild is seeking volunteers to Chair the Bus Trip and Hospitality Committees as well as help with a whole host of other fun activities. Don't sit on the bench, get into the game! Contact Mary Lee Green for more information.

Be on the lookout for lots of "Bee" references throughout the year to remind us all the simple goodness and FUN of a Quilting Bee

"Bee-Attitude" for September: "Bee Kind"

The past 18 months have been very difficult for most of us. Many have lost loved ones, employment, and their sense of safety. One thing to remember is that we really don't know what others have gone, or are

going through. You can change someone's day with a kind word and it won't even cost you anything. Sometimes, our tongues and actions do more damage than we know. People may not remember your name, but they will remember how you make them feel. Try to take some time each day to share kindness with yourself and others.



Membership Application Forms are Available

Application forms to become a member of the Beaver Valley Piecemakers Quilt Guild are available online on the website. To help make things easier this year, I will also include a copy of the form along with this newsletter. Please print it out, filling out the new section as well, and either mail it to Membership Chairman - Sylvia Novak, or bring it to the September meeting, along with a check for \$20 for a renewal, \$25 for a new member and \$25 for a member who is rejoining after missing a year or more.

When you turn in your application with your check, Sylvia will give you your membership card, showing that you are a member for the '21-'22 year. And did you know... when you show your current membership card at your local Jo-Ann Fabrics Store you can get a discount card to use for the entire year!! (Take it to Customer Service to get your card prior to checking out.)

Pictures in the Directory – We're still missing a LOT of pictures in the directory! If your picture is still missing from the directory, you can either send me a head-shot, or I can help! If you would like me to take a picture, I'd be happy to do it for you. See me before or after any regular meeting or at the retreat and we'll get it done. (Even if you want a new one!) *Vivian*



QOV Workshop – **Louise Grant**

Thursday, August 26 – 10 AM – 3 PM

Hopewell Administration Building, 1700 Clark Blvd., Aliquippa PA.

The Mission of Quilts of Valor® Foundation is to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comfort and healing Quilts of Valor.

The Beaver Valley Piecemakers Quilt Guild and Hopewell Quilts will get together to work on QOV quilts, already in various stages of completion. The Hopewell Quilters have some sewing supplies on hand, i.e., cutting mats, ironing board, iron. Extra cutting mats and rotary cutters will be needed. **Piecers** should bring their sewing machines and supplies. Don't forget extension cords!! **Extra irons and ironing boards** will be appreciated. Please contact Louise Grant if you're willing to bring any.

Bring your lunch, snacks and beverages.

Driving and parking directions: From Broadhead Road, turn onto Clark Blvd. (Municipal park sign is prominent at this intersection) Go straight through the stop sign and turn right into parking lot just past the Hopewell Police Station. Park near the Hopewell Administration Building and use the lower-level entrance.

Questions? Call or text Louise Grant – 724-777-2726 or email: lpgrant100@comcast.net

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING – **Mary Kowach & Mona Shoaff**

The next meeting of the Quilt Show Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18th, 6:00 PM at King's Restaurant, by the mall in Center Twp. We can eat if you want. Please let Mary know whether you're able to attend.





OCTOBER 7, 8, 9

Our Quilt Show requires lots of help from all of our Guild members. It's also lots of fun! For newer members, volunteering is a great way to meet fellow quilters. **Please remember to bring a new quilting item or fat quarter to the September Guild meeting for donation to the dream baskets.** A Quilt Show Committee meeting is also planned for Wednesday, August 18th. Thanks in advance for your help. *Mary and Mona*



BLOCK LOTTO – Vivian Oaks

This year will be another year where all the monthly blocks will go together to create a personal sampler quilt for yourself, as well as having a chance to win multiple blocks from each drawing. There is a THEME this year – STARS!! All blocks will be star blocks throughout the year. There will also be blocks added in June, July and August for your personal sampler quilt. This is totally voluntary – you can choose to either make one block each month for the drawing, or make one for the drawing and one for your own personal sampler quilt. Your personal quilt can be colors of YOUR CHOICE. The block made for the lotto should use the colors provided in the pattern. This month's block is to the right – Winged Four-Patch, with instructions on the Block Lotto page on the website. (May '21 button-to return at September '21 meeting)



CHALLENGE QUILT - Brenda Sadler



What's on your bookshelf?

This year's Challenge Quilt will be to create a bookshelf wall hanging quilt that is no wider than 36 inches. Use your imagination and creativity to make and personalize your bookshelf. Don't know what a bookshelf quilt is? No problem, visit the Challenge Quilt page on the Guild's website for links to examples and tutorials or pick up a printed page of the website at the September meeting. While there are seven links on the website, here are a couple of others, recently found online and with good instructions. Don't miss out on this fun project!

<https://startsewing.org/quilt-blanket/bookcase-quilt-free-sewing-pattern/>

<http://www.fabricatwork.com/fabric-at-work-bookcase-quilt-pattern.htm>



COMMUNITY SERVICE - Bonnie Reyes

Placemats to Show That Someone Cares

This year's Community Service Project is to make quilted placemats for seniors in need that will be delivered by the local Meals on Wheels organization. The placemats can be as simple as two pieces of fabric and binding or pieced blocks. This is an ideal project for scraps, learning to quilt as you go, using up orphan blocks, or practicing free motion quilting. The placemats can be of any size, but a typical placemat is 12 inches by 18 inches.



MYSTERY QUILT - [Mary Lee Green](#)

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

This year's Mystery Quilt will be different than in the past and will include a box, secret quilting sisters, and three yards of fabric (six yards if including the backing). We will need at least six participants who are willing to commit to completing the project. The project is simple enough for a novice and can be whipped up each month in just minutes by our more advanced quilters. You will need to pick up a Quilt in a Box in September that has all the instructions for fabric selection and cutting. Some of the mysterious details of this quilt will be revealed in the box. If you are unable to attend the September meeting, contact Mary Lee Green to request your Mystery Quilt in a Box instructions. We can't give out too many details now...IT'S A MYSTERY!!



NOVEMBER WORKSHOP – [Jan Garland](#)



Rachel Derstine

Friday and Saturday, November 5th and 6th
Artful Quilting and Sewing – Rachel Derstine Designs
www.artfulquiltingandsewing.com

Workshop will be “Strata” which includes curved piecing, organza circles stitched with single or double needle, and yarns will be couched to the surface for movement and definition. A limited amount of fabric, yarn, thread and silk organza will be available for purchase during the class or purchase a kit for \$30. (Give me a check made out to Rachel Derstine and let me know which colorway you want – warm or cool.) The supply list will be forth-coming. Workshop will be held at the Saturday Sew Church, New

Brighton United Methodist Church – catty-corner to the post office.

Sign-up sheet will be at the September and October meeting. The workshop is both days but we will fill up Saturday first. When that is full with 20 students, we will open Friday. Will need to have at least 10 students for Friday. Remember you'll need a \$20 check to hold your spot. If Covid 19 is a problem she will do ZOOM for both the lecture and workshops.



QUILT RETREAT – [Judy Steiner & Lydia Stewart](#)

Retreat dates: Feb 18-19-20--2022

Price Double room rate-\$235.00

Private room rate-\$337.00

The teacher is Joyce Hughes. She will be teaching dimensional thread painting. Class size is limited to 25 students. The different panels and sign-up sheets will be at the Sept meeting. Come and have fun. More info to follow.



GALLERY OF FABRIC ANNIVERSARY SALE – Wed. – Sat. – Sept 22-25

116 N Pitt Street, Mercer PA 16137 724-662-0464

20% off Everything (except machines) – books, thread, patterns, kits, and of course fabric.

Minimum 1 yard cut of fabric. After 1 yard, any increment.

BOUTIQUE at the QUILT SHOW

Interested in selling handmade items in the boutique at the quilt show? Please email Dee Byers for info.

Deebyers2001@yahoo.com



OTHER UPCOMING ITEMS OF INTEREST

Jan 5 – Pam Mildren – Preparing your Quilt for the LongArm

Apr 6 – Zoom program with Dresden Plate

June 1 – Dinner ?



[Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza](#)

The 2021 Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza (PNQE) will be held September 16-19, 2021, onsite at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA.

PNQE will be dishing up all the ingredients needed for a successful quilt show including a unique and beautiful display of over 400 quilts and works of textile and wearable art from across the globe. Plus, as past patrons know, the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza features an amazing Merchants Mall filled to the brim with vendor booths, offering everything quilters and needlecrafters need to quench their creative thirsts. This popular event is the largest and most comprehensive quilt festival in a state known for its rich history of quilting.

In addition to the onsite workshops, Mancuso Show Management will also present virtual workshops online for your learning enjoyment.

Show Hours

The Merchants Mall and Quilt Show daily hours will be:

Thursday, September 16	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friday, September 17	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday, September 18	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, September 19	10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Admission Tickets

Admission for non-registered participants is \$15, includes re-admission, and can be purchased on-site during show hours only (\$13, Sunday only). Accompanied children under the age of 16 are admitted free. Admission for all four days is included with pre-registration. Discounts for groups of 20 or more can be arranged. Please contact our office at (215) 862-5828 for details.

Greater Philadelphia Expo Center

100 Station Avenue
Oaks, PA 19456

(Alternative GPS Address: 1601 Egypt Road, Phoenixville, PA 19456)

NOTE: The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center provides free parking.

<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/>

The following are a couple of recipes that were enjoyed at the August 4th picnic. Thanks to all who attended!!

KALE CHIPS - [Myron and Deb Elliott](#)

1 head Kale, washed and thoroughly dried
Salt
2+Tblsp. Olive Oil
Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 275 degrees.

Remove the ribs from the kale and cut into approx. 1-1/2" to 2" pieces. Toss with olive oil, rub each piece to completely coat kale leaves with the olive oil. Lay lightly oil-coated leaves on cookie sheet and sprinkle with salt and parmesan cheese. Bake until crisp, about 20 minutes, turning leaves over halfway through.

*Note-Can use any other seasoning you like instead of or with the parmesan, such as dry ranch dressing mix, Cajun seasoning, smoked paprika, etc.

SUCCOTASH SALAD - [Ann Niemann](#)

Perfect for summer picnics

Serves 4 to 6

1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil, divided
¼ cup white wine vinegar
2 tsp table salt, divided
1 tsp pepper
1 (15 oz) can butter beans, drained and rinsed
8 oz cherry tomatoes
1 zucchini, cut into ½ inch chunks
4 scallions, sliced thin
4 ears corn, kernels cut off from cob
1 garlic clove, minced
2 T chopped fresh basil

Whisk ¼ cup of the olive oil, the vinegar, and 1½ tsp salt and the pepper together in a large bowl. Add butter beans, tomatoes, zucchini, and scallions and toss to combine.

Heat remaining oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium high heat until shimmering. Add corn and remaining ½ tsp salt and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened and just beginning to brown, 5 to 7 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

Transfer corn mixture to the bowl with the butter bean mixture and toss to combine. Let stand for at least 30 minutes to allow flavors to meld. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Will keep for several days.

Stir in the basil just before serving.

