

Beaver Valley Piecemakers January 2022 Newsletter



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

New Year, New Guild

The New Year will be upon us very soon. This is an excellent time for us to make a resolution to make our Guild warm, inviting, and fun for all. Our member survey revealed that our Guild membership consists mostly of intermediate or advanced quilters. While it is wonderful that we have so many talented quilters, it also means that novice quilters or those who wish to learn quilting either haven't been invited or possibly don't feel welcomed. While this might seem harsh to say, it's something that is very easy to change and we are off to a really good start. Even during a global pandemic, we have been able to invite and welcome many new members to the Guild so far this membership year.

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

—Benjamin Franklin

Now is the time to go back to our roots and focus on the Guild's purpose which is to preserve the tradition, culture and history of quilting, to encourage and advance the knowledge and understanding of all aspects of quilting, and to promote good fellowship through the art and finished products of quilting.

We have many exciting and fun events and learning experiences coming up. If you are one of those advanced or intermediate quilters, I would love to have you get involved in sharing your skills at a Fab Lab or other learning opportunity. There is no better feeling that teaching your skill and having your student achieve success. You likely will enjoy it more than the student! I know I always do. If you can't help in that capacity, invite a friend or acquaintance to our meetings and be friendly and welcoming to our guests and new members. And, a kind word to each other never hurts!

Your Chief FUNraiser,
Mary Lee Green



PLEASE NOTE: The Minutes of our Guild meetings are available for review on the Member Page of the website. A summary of the Member Survey results are included in the December minutes. 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.

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January Birthdays

Karen Fotta	1/02
Michelle Wilcox	1/05
Darline Reese	1/06
Diana Summerville	1/19
Gwen Cain	1/20
Judi Halavanja	1/21
Pamela Mason	1/23
Lois Stockhausen	1/29
Shirley Loose	1/31

Upcoming Events

- Jan 5 – Guild Meeting
- Jan 5 – Deadline for retreat payment
- Jan 8 – Saturday Sew – QOV Workshop and demo on FMQ at 10 AM
- Jan 15 – Saturday Sewcial on Zoom
10 AM – 12 PM

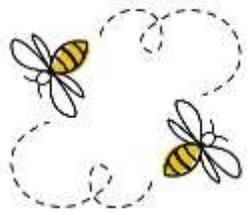
Bring to Meeting

- Name Tag
- Block Lotto Block
- QOV Block
- Friendship Block for Cindy Magee
- Mystery Quilt Box
- Money for Retreat
- \$20 (refundable) Check for Workshops
- \$\$ for program purchases, if you want

JANUARY 5 MEETING PROGRAM – Rose Hufnagle

Pam Mildren will be the speaker at our Jan 5 meeting, on the topic “Preparing your Quilt for the Long-Arm.” **She will be bringing wide back fabric which will be available for purchase.** Look through your finished quilt tops and plan which ones still need a backing. Bring them with you if you want to be sure of a color match!

BEE ATTITUDE FOR January: Bee Inspired



Have you lost your Sew-Jo? Sometimes we get stuck in a rut. It's been easy to get there, especially because of what is happening in the world right now. One way out of the rut is to be inspired by what's around you and let your creative juices flow. Try looking at things in a new way. Look at the color, texture, and the feelings you have when viewing things. Try to translate that into your quilting. Our Show & Tell at the meetings, Saturday Sew/Sewcials, Fab Labs, and the Retreat are excellent opportunities for you to be inspired by creativity of others. Don't get stuck in a rut, BEE INSPIRED!

MYSTERY QUILT - Mary Lee Green

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

Our Mystery Quilt boxes are traveling around to our Secret Quilting Sisters. If you have to miss a meeting, be sure to complete the blocks for the month(s) that you miss. Once all six rows are completed, the boxes will be returned to the quilt owner to finish the quilt top with borders. Backing, quilting, and binding are optional. I hope you are having as much fun working on the quilts as I am!

MEMBERSHIP – Sylvia Novak

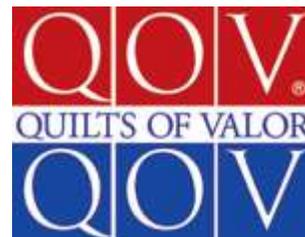
If you hear a little bell tinkle at the meeting, that means we have a new member or guest in the house. Be sure to take the time to say hello and welcome her to the meeting. Be sure to wear a name tag as it makes it easier for everyone to remember our names.

FAB LABS – Mary Lee Green

Our first Fab Lab will be hosted by Louise Grant at the January Saturday Sew (January 8, 2022) from 10 am to 11 am. The demonstration will be “Edge to Edge Quilting Using Your Embroidery Machine.” Our February Fab Lab will be hosted by Pamela Mason prior to the February Meeting at 6 pm. The demonstration will be “Intro to Binding.” Please join us at the Fab Labs and let Mary Lee Green know if you are willing to host a future Fab Lab.

SATURDAY SEW - Debbie Jewell
IN PERSON Saturday Sew – January 8, 2022
Time: 9 am – 4 pm

Beaver Valley Piecemakers Quilt Guild
and
Hopewell Quilters



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

Location: First United Methodist Church
Corner of 6th Avenue and 11th Street
New Brighton, PA
(Across from the New Brighton Post Office)

Bring \$4.00 for lunch or pack your own!

We will need the following supplies:

Irons and ironing boards (let Louise know you are bringing these!)

Cutting mats, rotary cutters

Extra Best Press

If you wish to be an “ironer” or a “cutter” please let Louise know in advance.

Volunteers needed at 9 am to set up and coordinate sew stations, especially during Fab Lab. Please contact Louise by January 3, 2022.

There will be a “FAB LAB” at 10 am. Louise will demonstrate quilting a QOV using Edge-to-Edge Quilting by Amelie Scott. You will be able to try it out yourself throughout the day!

Questions?? Call or text: Louise Grant, 724-777-2726 email: lgrant100@comcast.net

VIRTUAL SATURDAY SEWCIAL – Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 10 am to 12 pm.

Join us virtually to share, care, and socialize. There will be fellowship, fabric, and fun...what more is needed?! **Check your email for a Zoom link a few days prior to the meeting.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE - Bonnie Reyes



Placemats to Show That Someone Cares

Bring your completed placemats of any size to the meetings. They will be donated to Meals on Wheels of Beaver County. Brighten a Senior’s day and let them know that somebody cares!

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 ZOOM 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.



QUILT RETREAT – Judy Steiner & Lydia Stewart

Retreat dates: Feb 18-19-20—2022 - Sheraton at the Airport

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. Come and have fun.

Final Payment is Due at the January 5 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>

SAVE THE DATE! – Sunday, June 12, 2022 – End of Year Celebration Luncheon at the Fez in Aliquippa. Details on menu and cost (estimate \$22-\$25) will be forthcoming as we get closer to the event.

