

BEAVER VALLEY PIECEMAKERS FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello Beaver Valley Piecemakers,

Are you excited to start a new quilt this year? I have been planning new quilts for the littles. Reviewing my options, which fabric in my stash suits the intended recipient? Do I need make a purchase? Which pattern would enhance that fabric? I often feel the need to modify the pattern. I have decided that not too labor intensive for the children works best for me. Planning a new quilt is exciting, that part is always fun for me, but sometimes I lose interest in the others that seem to be dragging on. But alas, the UFO list is still beckoning.

Remember, if you complete a UFO, please bring it for show and tell and put a ticket in the jar.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Feb 11 Saturday Sew where we will focus on Quilt of Valor blocks.

Warmly,
Rose

FEBRUARY 2023 PROGRAM

The Stencil Company, of Natrona Heights, PA will be here with an abundance of fabrics (lots of precuts) they purchased from a quilt shop that was closing. Be sure to bring your preferred form of payment so you have a chance to purchase your favorites!

BV PIECEMAKERS RETREAT UPDATE

Judy and I met with the wonderful team from the Sheraton on Thursday to finalize the arrangements for our 2023 retreat. Here are some things to remember:

1. Sometimes life gets in the way, if something should come up and you need to cancel, you can cancel up to 48 hours before the retreat and receive a full refund. That being said, **DO NOT CALL THE SHERATON!** Contact either me (Lydia Stewart ***-***-****) or Judy Steiner (***-***-****). (Phone #'s on member-only page)
2. You cannot get into the ballroom on Friday until 10:00 AM! There are things that the committee needs to do before you can get in.

3. You will be given breakfast vouchers for Saturday and Sunday. **DO NOT LOSE THEM.**

I will not be at the February meeting (February is my retreat month! I will be at a retreat in Maryland) but if you have questions, please feel free to email me ([email on member-only page](#)) or see Judy Steiner at the February meeting. Don't forget to bring snacks to share if you'd like!!

Looking forward to a fun retreat!

Lydia

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Alycia Lyons | Feb 05 |
| Lynn Morris | Feb 10 |
| Rachael Daniels | Feb 11 |
| Jean Kyler | Feb 17 |
| Denise Reehl | Feb 18 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Monthly Meeting | Feb 01 |
| Hopewell Quilters | - Feb 02 |
| | - Feb 09 |
| QOV Work Day | - Feb 16 |
| | - Feb 23 |
| Saturday Sew | Feb 11 |
| - we'll be working on QOV's | |
| BVP Retreat | Feb 17, 18, 19 |

BRING TO MEETING

Name Tag
Block Lotto Block
\$20 check for Westalee workshop, if attending



WESTALEE Ruler Workshop April 29th

Have you ever wanted to learn to quilt with rulers on your domestic sewing machine? It's an easy way to quilt your own projects, whether large or small. The rulers are the guide to the stitching, so your quilting looks impressive. This class is a beginner class. You will learn the concept of how to use these rulers and get lots of practice at mastering the skills.

- The sewing machine foot needed to do this has to be one that works with your sewing machine brand. The shape of it is round so that all sides can touch the ruler. Most Husqvarna Viking machines take a LOW shank, most brother machines take a high shank foot. You can check with me or your dealer to find out what foot you need. You will also need an extension table that is flat. If one comes with your machine, that will work fine. I use an 18 X 24 clear acrylic Sew Steady table that fits my machine.
- The rulers we will be using are the WESTALEE Sampler Template Set Wt-WQTSS6 and the Ruler Foot Starter WF-W. (This comes with the foot needed for class)
- A complete supply list will be provided when you sign up for class.

Sign ups will begin at the February 1st regular monthly meeting. You will need a \$20 check to hold your spot. Workshop will be held at the same church where we hold our Saturday Sew – New Brighton United Methodist Church – catty-corner from the post office. Saturday, April 29th. 9am till 4pm. Our instructor will be our very own Lisa Cope. Please contact her if you have any questions about the rulers. All other questions to me, Jan Garland.

QUILTS OF VALOR

The Quilts of Valor Foundation has posted this year's (2023) block of the year, **Split Back Star Block**.

Directions are on their website, <https://qovf.org>

I have adapted their directions with more pictures and directions to help guild members wishing to make a few blocks.

These directions will also be posted on the BVPM website under the Member/Committees/QOV section. I'll have a few hard copies at the guild meetings available as well.

I will be demonstrating the block at the February 11th Saturday Sew. Plan on attending to help work on QOV projects!

Contact me with any questions!

Louise Grant



HOPEWELL QUILTERS GROUP

Hopewell Quilters is a group that has met every Thursday at the Hopewell Township Administration Bldg for over 20 years. Many of the older members have passed on or are now unable to attend. We would like very much to keep this group going and invite anyone with an interest in quilting, sewing, embroidery, applique, cross stitch, etc. to consider joining our group. We have a cabinet of supplies, iron and ironing board on hand and lots of room for cutting and sewing. We usually start at 10am and go to 2pm. Bring your lunch and enjoy "sewcial" time! The Hopewell Township Administration Bldg is located at 1700 Clark Blvd, Aliquippa, just off Brodhead Road in Hopewell Township. Park below the Police Station next to the lower level entrance of the administration bldg. We have set aside the 3rd Thursday of the month for a 10a-4p day to work on Quilts of Valor.

Give Louise Grant ***_***_**** or Jan Garland ***_***_**** a call if you have questions. (Emails on Member-only page)

The following was supposed to be in the January newsletter, but I missed it when going through articles, so here it is; a month late:

LIME TWIST CUTTING ERROR

For those who took the Linda Hahn *Lime Twist* workshop, there is a cutting error. From the Lime Green fabric you will need (48) 2½" squares, NOT the 43 as the pattern states. Apologies for missing this last month! Vivian

2023 QUILT SHOW – Oct 12, 13, 14, 2023

Thanks to the many volunteers who signed up at the January meeting to help out with the quilt show! It requires ALL of us to make this show a reality, so I would appreciate your taking the time to decide where your talents lie to help. Following is a list of where help is needed. Please consider it and give Vivian a call, text or email to let her know where you can help.

1. Co-Chair – (learn the process of what is involved in preparing for the show. Work with the Chair this year so you're ready next year to take the lead.)
2. Angels – Carol Beck & Stella Kimble
3. Boutique – Dee Byers & Arlene Equals
4. Display – Judy Steiner
5. Dream Baskets – Diane Schwartz
6. Food – Judging & Setup – Oct 10-11 _____
7. Kitchen – Show Food – Leader needed; Help: Alycia Lyons, Diane Schwartz
8. Hanging – Deb Elliott, Marietta Schriener
9. Judging – Debbie Jewell, Marietta Schriener
10. Lobby & Pins – Terri Goodwald, Janet Garland, Marilyn Crain
11. Program – Vivian Oaks, Kim Nixon
12. Publicity – Roger Davis
13. Quilt Labels – Karen Fotta, Judy Domergue
14. Raffle Quilt – Vivian Oaks, Kathy Trzeciak, Bev Miller, Judy Steiner (additional needed) _____
15. Raffle Tickets – Kaye Slater
16. Registration/Social Media – Sheila Drevna
17. Ribbons – Debbie Jewell
18. Signs – Ann Neimann
19. Treasurer – Janet Rockage
20. Vendors – Mary Kowach

If anyone is aware of where the files containing the Quilt Show Chairman's instructions are located, please let someone in the group know so we can get them back. Sometime in previous years the information wasn't passed on to the next chairman. Having access to copies of how things are done would be a God-send! If you have any idea of where this information is, please let us know! Thanks!!

