

# BEAVER VALLEY PIECEMAKERS FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN It's Time to Step Up!

February is here which means that I am now more than half-way through my term as your Guild President. The time has flown by so quickly. I am so honored to serve in this capacity and have worked hard to build on the efforts of my predecessors and am looking forward to a bright future for our Guild. I am blessed to be surrounded by a great group of dedicated Committee Chairs and Officers. Many, like myself, are holding multiple positions because of a lack of people willing to serve. Each of our bodies is made up of different parts, all of which are important. Like our human body, our Guild is made up of many parts with each Member playing an important role. These roles can be big or small, but they all are important. For our body (the Guild) to be healthy, each Member should consider, **at a minimum**, helping in a meaningful way at the annual Quilt Show AND serving on at least one Committee. Committees are not designed to have just one member, i.e. the Chair. If everyone does their part, our Guild will be healthy and strong. The added benefit of serving in some capacity is that you get to meet and work with some really excellent women who love their craft.

***"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve."***  
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Of course, I understand that everyone can't be a Committee Chair or Officer, but everyone can serve in some capacity if time availability and physical condition permits. Ask yourself, what is your passion or what excites you about quilting or if you have a special skill. That can be your springboard to serving. February is the month when our Nominating Committee will begin the process of making their list of leadership position nominations for the 22-23 Membership year. If you are willing to serve in any capacity, please let me know and we will help you find your best fit. We can accomplish more when we ALL work together. Many hands make light work!

Your Chief FUNraiser,  
Mary Lee Green

## MEMBERSHIP – Sylvia Novak



If you hear a little bell jingle 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 members to the Guild: Dorothy Carr, Judy Domergue & Cherie Moore**

New members (as well as long-time members) are encouraged to visit the website, [www.bvpiece makers.com](http://www.bvpiece makers.com) and read through some previous newsletters to see what we've been up to. Click on the "Member-Only" button to be given access to our pages that include minutes of the meetings and a pictorial directory to help you get to know the other members.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Alycia Lyons	02/05
Lynn Morris	02/10
Denise Reehl	02/18

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Fab Lab - Binding-6 PM	02/02
Guild meeting-7 PM	02/02
Saturday Sew	02/12
Retreat	02/18, 19, 20
Saturday Sewcial	02/26

## BRING TO MEETING

Name Tag  
Block Lotto Block  
Any outstanding QOV blocks  
Friendship Block for Cindy Magee

## **BEE ATTITUDE FOR February: Bee Involved!**

Do you want to be a part of something great? Do you want to make our Guild even better? Do you have a skill you want to share? Are you one who is currently not serving on a committee or in a leadership position? If you answered YES to any of these questions, it's time...it's time for you to STEP UP and BEE INVOLVED! Let our President or Nominating Committee know that you are ready to serve!

**RETREAT** – Lydia Stewart and Judy Steiner

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Doors open at 10am on Friday and the retreat is over 2pm on Sunday. We will have 2 cutting stations and 3 ironing stations. If you wish to bring your own iron, please bring a travel size iron. We also will have a snack table. Please feel free to bring a snack for all to share. There will be more info at the February meeting.



**SATURDAY SEW** - Debbie Jewell

**IN PERSON Saturday Sew** – February 12, 2022 10 AM – 4 PM at the Methodist Church in New Brighton. Bring whatever you're working on and join in the fun. Bring \$4 for lunch. See you there!

**VIRTUAL Saturday Sewcial** – Saturday, 26, 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.

## **REPORT FROM JANUARY SATURDAY SEW and QUILTS OF VALOR**

Thanks to several hardy BVPM members attending the QOV Workshop at the January 8th Saturday Sew we have another four tops in progress. We have enough 8-pt Floating Star blocks to make a couple more 8-pt Star tops. Thanks to Connie Smith who donated five completed Quilts of Valor.

**Quilts of Valor Foundation** has just released its 2022 National Block pattern. It is a Floating Churn Dash block. During calendar year 2022 we will be making Churn Dash blocks and creating some beautiful tops. Here is the link if you want to get started! Both light and dark backgrounds will work.

[2022-Floating-Churn-Dash.pdf \(govf.org\)](https://govf.org/2022-Floating-Churn-Dash.pdf)

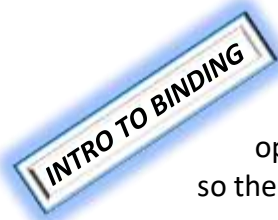
Currently we have four quilt tops and backs ready for quilting. Any assistance is appreciated.

Donations of batting and materials suitable for quilts of valor are always welcome!



(Two new members, Kathy Trzeciak and Judy Domergue helping at the QOV Workshop-Jan.8)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with a “How to Use Zoom” demonstration or demonstrating skills such as the Binding Tool, flanged binding, machine set up for free motion quilting, tips for quilting with templates/rulers, hand quilting, or any other special skill that you may have. Please call, email, or text Mary Lee Green to STEP UP and help host a Fab Lab.



**FEBRUARY FAB LAB – 6:00 PM – INTRO TO BINDING** - Prior to our regular meeting - Our February Fab Lab will be hosted by Pamela Mason. The demonstration will be “Intro to Binding.” Our survey said that more education was wanted, so here is an opportunity to learn!. If you want to learn how to make your binding better and easier, (and so the judges at the Quilt Show can find nothing wrong!!) you’ll want to attend this Fab Lab.

**FEBUARY PROGRAM** – Our speaker for this evening will be Ed Baughman, of Amy Baughman Sew and Quilt in Zelienople. Ed will explain to us how to care for our sewing machines. This should be a very informative learning experience for us all. You don’t want to miss this program, so be sure to mark your calendar now to be there!



**MYSTERY QUILT** - Mary Lee Green

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

We have just a few months left before our Mystery Quilt boxes make their way back to their owners. If you are in possession of someone else’s Mystery Quilt Box, it is critical that you work on the blocks for the month(s) that you have the box. 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 at the April meeting so the owner can finish the quilt top with borders. Backing, quilting, and binding are optional. The finished quilts/quilt tops will be shown at the June Luncheon Celebration.

**FRIENDSHIP** – Carol Beck

Please remember to do your Friendship Block for Cindy Magee and bring it to the February meeting. The block instructions are on the Friendship page on the website.

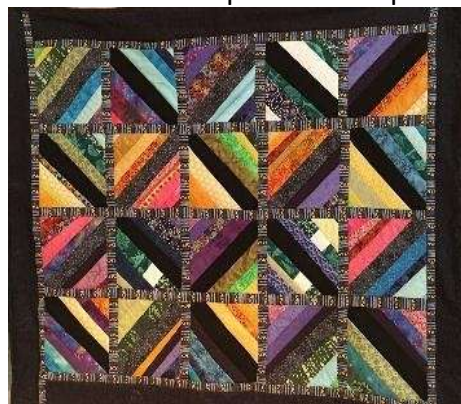
**WORKSHOPS** – Jan Garland

**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 workshop for **Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022** will be with Kathryn Groves of Bobkat Quilts. **This will be a ZOOM workshop.** She will be teaching us the basics of the traditional Dresden Plate pattern as well as the Dresden Neighborhood, which is a whimsical 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. We are more than half way full so please get signed up - 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.

### **CHALLENGE – Brenda Sadler**

I am so excited about this year's Bookcase Challenge Quilt.

I keep seeing all these beautiful bookcase quilts popping up in different Facebook groups that I am in. There are ideas on the computer, your favorite quilt shops may be able to guide you, as there are several techniques that can be utilized. Be sure to search for Bookcase quilt and lots of photos will pop-up with suggestions.

For those who have embroidery machines, *Sweet Pea's January 2022 Sew Along* is a bookcase quilt! Lots of pretty blocks are being displayed.

**Just a reminder that our Challenge Quilt should be no wider than 36 inches. Length can be as long as you need it to be. This challenge is to get your creativity involved. We will display the quilts at the end of the year luncheon. If you have question, call or text me at the number in the member directory, or e-mail me at my email, also listed in the directory on the member-only page.**

**Have fun making your quilt!**

**Brenda Sadler**

Just three of many that I found when I searched: Pinterest bookcase quilts



## LIBRARY NEWS - Librarian Amy

The updated booklist will soon be on line. It is arranged by category and alphabetized by the author's last name within the category. To access it you will need to click on the Library tab under "More" at the top right on the Home page. We are aiming to have the list sortable, so you can find what you're looking for more easily.

The newest book in the library is *String Frenzy; Strips, Strings and Scrappy Things* by Bonnie K. Hunter. It has 12 string quilt projects that you could use to utilize all your stringy scraps.

And last but not least, **BRING BACK the books you borrowed!**

## BLOCK LOTTO – Vivian Oaks

Our current block for the month of February is a Star Variation. Find the pattern on the website Block Lotto page (under "More" on the upper right of the Home page.) Follow the instructions to make the block and bring it to the next guild meeting. If your name is drawn, you will win all the blocks made by members. Each block is to measure 12 ½", unfinished and 12" finished. All blocks throughout the year will be the same size, for ease in creating a quilt for yourself.

This year, each month will have a star block and you are encouraged to make one in the colors suggested for the Block Lotto, and another in your own choice of colors for your own personal use. This year I also plan to add additional blocks for our months we don't meet. This will give you a total of 12 blocks for your own use. (May, June and July blocks will only be for yourself, so the color choice will be totally up to you.) Add some sashing between the blocks and a nice border, and you'll have a lap or twin size quilt, depending on the size of your sashing and borders.

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Minutes of our Guild meetings are available for review on the Guild's website. Please be sure to check the Minutes and request changes, if needed, prior to a motion being made to accept them. Printed copies of the Minutes will not be handed out at the meetings.

