

# BEAVER VALLEY PIECEMAKERS MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

**\*\*\*MARCH MEETING WILL BE ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup>, DUE TO THE CHURCH BEING UNAVAILABLE ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup>!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR\*\*\***

## Keep Up the Great Work!



It sometimes seems very easy to become discouraged, but very hard to be encouraged. It's even harder to encourage others, especially when we feel down. During the cold winter months, I easily become discouraged and down, but what I've learned over the years is that encouraging others actually makes me feel better and more motivated to reach my goals. Authentic encouragement helps people overcome fear and build morale.

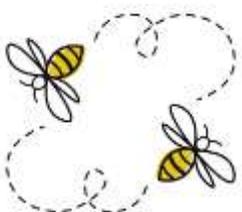
***"We should seize every opportunity to give encouragement. Encouragement is oxygen to the soul."***  
**- George M. Adams**

So, I'm writing today to encourage you to focus on many of the positive things happening in our Guild. Just in the next few weeks we will have several opportunities to learn, grow, and make connections with others in the Guild. Our retreat is a great way to make new friends and strengthen old friendships. Plus, we get to eat great food and won't have to clean up afterwards! We have one in person workshop at the retreat, and two virtual workshops planned in the next few months that will provide excellent learning opportunities. Our in-person Saturday Sew and virtual Saturday Sewcial are additional opportunities to connect, share, and most of all...have FUN!

I encourage you to get involved with our Guild. It's easy...just show up, connect, and serve!

Your Chief FUNraiser,  
Mary Lee Green

## BEE ATTITUDE FOR March: Bee Encouraging!



Encouragement literally means to create courage in someone. Offering words of encouragement is a powerful tool. Encouragement can transform people and circumstances. Here are three easy ways to encourage others:

1. Smile and Listen
2. See What is Right Before Seeing What is Wrong
3. Notice Others and Express Specific Appreciation

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ann Niemann	3/05
Christine Huska	3/06
Debi Cattley	3/09
Sharon Elliott	3/13
Marjorie Gordon	3/14
Betty J. Davidson	3/16
Ginny Johns	3/18
Susan Bevington	3/21
Jan Garland	3/21
Marilyn Ann Crain	3/24
Alicia Huffman	3/26
Mona Shoaff	3/29

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Fab Lab</b>	<b>Mar 9</b>
<b>Guild Meeting</b>	<b>Mar 9</b>
QAYG Workshop	Mar 5
Saturday Sew	Mar 12
Saturday Sewcial	Mar 19
Quilt Show Budget Mtg.	TBA

## BRING TO MEETING

Name Tag  
\*Mystery Quilt Box-see article  
Library Books to return  
Block Lotto Block  
Any outstanding QOV blocks  
Friendship Block for Cindy Magee

*Ladies!! Please remember to make a Friendship Block for Cindy! Only 17 have been turned in so far! Cindy moved to Florida and this will be her reminder of her time with us! Purple and White! Easy!! Find instructions on the Friendship page on the website. ([www.Bypiecemakers.com](http://www.Bypiecemakers.com))*

**MYSTERY QUILT**-Mary Lee Green

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

March is the last month for working on each others' quilts. Be sure to bring whatever box you have to the April meeting. After the April meeting you will take home **your own quilt** so you can add your borders to the top. Backing, quilting, and binding is optional.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their quilt tops/finished quilts to the June luncheon for everyone to see all the beautiful fabric options that were used to create our Mystery Quilts.

If you can't make it to the April meeting, you will need to arrange for someone else to bring in the box you have and return your own box to you. Please call me (Mary Lee Green) if you need assistance in arranging for someone to return and/or pick up your Mystery Quilt Box.

I am so excited to see everyone's quilts at the June Luncheon. This project has been SO much fun for me. I hope it has been for you too. The names of your secret quilting sisters will be revealed and participants will have their name added to a drawing for a prize.

**Saturday Sew-Debbie Jewell**

**IN PERSON Saturday Sew – March 12, 2022**

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Come and go as you please. Bring something to work on and join the fun and fellowship. Don't forget your \$4.00 for lunch.

**VIRTUAL Saturday Sewcial – Saturday March 19 - 10 am to Noon**

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.

**FAB LABS** – Mary Lee Green

**\*\*NEW\*\* FAB LABS @ Home**

You asked for education, so here it is! We've added DVD based classes (see below) by nationally known teachers to our training library.

 **Help! How Do I Quilt It? A Machine Quilting Manual - Angela Walters**

 **Finish It! Borders, Backing, Binding & Beyond - Kelly Ashton**

 **Quilting With Rulers: Free Motion Made Simple - Angela Walters**

 **Free-Motion Quilting Essentials - Christina Cameli**

 **The Perfect Finish: How to Bind a Quilt - Susan Cleveland**

These titles are available for checking out of our library – One month only, please, and no more than one at a time so they are available to more members. Thanks for your consideration.

An **in-person Fab Lab** is planned for **March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** prior to our regular meeting. Come early and learn how simple and easy it is to use Zoom. If you have one or both, please bring your smart phone and/or iPad/tablet and you will learn how easy it is to join a Zoom meeting.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with the “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, accurate piecing, accurate cutting, or any other special skill that you may have. Please call, email, or text Mary Lee Green to learn more about hosting a Fab Lab.



– Amy Daly

We owe Tamara Price many thanks for all her work to ready our updated booklist to be put on line. It should be up for use by this next meeting in March.

A new book purchased for the library is [Beyond the Battlefield](#) by Mary Etherington and Connie Tesene. They include fourteen scrappy civil war quilt plans as well as very brief biographies of women of influence in the civil war period.

#### **WORKSHOPS** – Jan Garland



**Our QUILT AS YOU GO workshop** for March 5<sup>th</sup> is full BUT... I’ve started a waiting list because inevitably something will come up and someone won’t be able to attend. So, if you are willing to be on our waiting list, please let me know. Everyone who signed up should have the supply list that I sent out via email the week before the February meeting. Check your email to be sure you have it. Just a reminder, this is a ZOOM workshop; the invitation to join the zoom meeting will go out a few days before. The times will be 9am to 4pm, with an hour for lunch. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jan Garland or Mary Lee Green.

**The DRESDEN PLATE workshop** for April 2<sup>nd</sup> has 1 slot left. Once those are full, I will start a waiting list. This will also 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. If you have Facebook, you’ll see on our BVP page the fun Dresden patterns she is experimenting with for our class. The Dresden Neighborhood pattern will be purchased thru her. I would estimate that this workshop will be an advanced beginner skill level. I will get all the information to everyone as it comes in. Jan Garland

**I got word back from Kathy Groves for our Dresden Plate workshop. She had some sad news - her mom died and 4 days later her mother-in-law died. She is in the process of cleaning out her mom's house in Ohio.**

**She is going to get the supply list to us as soon as she can. She will get us a price for the kit when she gets back to Texas along with a picture to see what fabrics she is using.**

**I will order pattern and kits for everyone that way she will give us free shipping and a 10% discount. As you can imagine this will probably be another week or two. Let's give her room to mourn her loses.**

**I will keep you posted.**

**Jan**

**PS - I have one more spot in this class if you know of anyone else wanting to take the class. I need that \$20 check to hold the spot.**





– **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.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – Rose Hufnagel

Current President Mary Lee Green and Rose Hufnagel have started some preliminary work for the Nominations Committee. Any members interested in being on the Nominations Committee, please contact Rose or Mary Lee.

Open Positions for year 2022-2023:

Officers: Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Committees: Auditing  
Block Lotto  
Historian  
Mystery Quilt  
Trips  
Workshops

Since we have only 9 open positions and over 100 members, we are hopeful there will not be any difficulty filling these few remaining spots. If you would like to volunteer or have a suggestion for a position, please contact Rose by phone, email or text. Thank you all for your continued support and service to make our guild successful.

**QUILT SHOW** – Mary Kowach & Vivian Oaks

As most already are aware, a good portion of our quilt show receipts are from the baskets of goodies that are raffled off! As we found last year, even baskets not related to quilting were well-received and many tickets were sold for them. We'd like to get a head start on donations for these baskets, so if you have any suggestions, we're open to listen to them. If you have a specific basket you'd like to donate (doll clothes-thanks, Sylvia, for last year's; wine; Italian dinner; chocolate; teas; well, you get the idea!!

For quilt baskets a great idea is to use your Jo-Ann coupons to purchase items for the baskets. When you don't need to use the coupon for yourself, pick up anything you think someone would appreciate, and donate it to the baskets. By October we'll have plenty of great products to make our baskets, so please consider this to help. If you anything at home that's new/unopened that you could donate would also be welcomed. We appreciate everyone helping fill the baskets! They equate into a good portion of our earnings at the show!! 😊

There will be a **budget meeting of the Quilt Show Committee** this month – Please look for an email from Mary for the date and time.

Thanks,

Mary and Vivian 😊