

# BEAVER VALLEY PIECEMAKERS NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



## From the President's Pen

### Don't Ask What Your Guild Can Do For You

#### ...Ask What You Can Do for Your Guild

Since becoming your President, I have received many suggestions on how we can change and/or improve our Guild.

While I always welcome suggestions, I sometimes have to remind people that good ideas are nice to have, but they need people to implement them. For example, a suggestion for a bus trip destination is wonderful, but only useful if we have someone willing to plan and organize a trip. Without people to help implement ideas, no matter how good they are, they remain just ideas.

The more you get to know me, the more you will realize that I am an idea person. I love to think of new and improved ways to do things. I am also willing to put in the work to implement new ideas. However, I must realize that I am only one person and as much as I want to, I just can't do it all. This is where YOU come in. I need people to come along side me to help implement some of the great ideas I've been collecting.

Specifically, I am looking for people to stand alongside me in some leadership roles and several others who are willing to share their quilting knowledge and skills with others through mini-educational opportunities. All of us expect to receive a benefit from the Guild, but it can also be a blessing to us when we bless others with our time, talent, and treasures. Please call me or email [bvpiecemakers@gmail.com](mailto:bvpiecemakers@gmail.com) to learn how you can help turn ideas into reality.

#### On a separate note...

Did you know that a person's name is the greatest connection to his or her own identity and individuality? When someone remembers our name, we feel respected and it makes a positive and lasting impression on us. A point of discussion came up during our last meeting about wearing nametags. Since knowing each other's name is so much more important than the type of nametag we wear, you should only pay the nametag fine (\$.25) if you do not have any nametag on at the meeting. I'll be looking into alternate options for nametags, but until then, please just wear any nametag because you are important and we want to know your name!

Your Chief FUNraiser,  
Mary Lee Green

## NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> GUILD MEETING

For our Wednesday, November 3rd meeting, the speaker will be Rachel Derstine from Artful Quilting and Sewing. She comes to us in-person from Philadelphia. Her topic will be "From Inspiration to Art Process". It will be a Power Point presentation of where she finds inspiration for her art quilts. On Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> she will teach our workshop called "Strata" where we will learn about curved piecing, some quilting designs, stitching organza circles and couching yarns and threads.

There is room for a few more people if you would like to join us that day. I just need your \$20 check to save your seat. It will be too late to order a class kit as I've sent those to Rachel already. Do remember she will have SOME fabrics and yarns for you to purchase at the workshop if needed. I am looking forward to this wonderful time of learning and growing.

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### November Birthdays

Susan MacConnell	11/1
Judy M Kaufman	11/4
Victoria Scott	11/13
Flo Moran	11/21
Marianne Stadler	11/21
Barbara Kamicker	11/23
Mary Lou Kosis	11/29

### Upcoming Events

Nov. 3 – Guild Meeting  
Nov 5 – Workshop with  
Rachel Derstine  
Nov 13 – Saturday Sew  
Nov 20 – Virtual Saturday Sew

### Bring to Meeting

Name Tag  
Mystery Quilt in a Box  
Block Lotto block  
Retreat Payment

## QOV UPDATE

Thanks to Guild members we are moving forward to complete several Quilts of Valor. We have six that have been quilted and nine more that need quilting.

We ask your help in getting these quilted. If you are willing and able, please send Louise Grant an email or a call. Domestic, Mid-Arm or Long-Arm quilters.



Block packets for the 2021 8-Pt Floating Star QOV blocks are available at every meeting for pick-up. Be sure to bring back the completed blocks at the next meeting. Directions are available on the BVPM website.

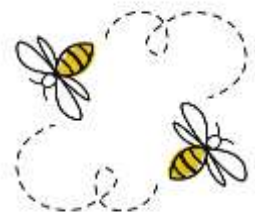
Our next QOV workshop will be January 8, 2022 at the Saturday Sew. More information will be forthcoming. Call or message Louise Grant if you are willing to bind quilts and/or do piecing.

Thanks!

Louise Grant

## **B**EE ATTITUDE FOR November: Bee Thankful

We have a holiday in November specifically set aside for a day to be thankful, but giving thanks shouldn't be limited to just one day or even one month. Each day we can express and feel thankfulness, even for the smallest things in life. When we focus on feeling thankful, it helps to keep negative feelings away. Try starting each day this month thinking about something in your life for which you can be thankful. By the end of the month, you will have developed a new habit that hopefully will last the rest of your life!



**PLEASE NOTE:** The Minutes of our Guild meetings are available for review on the Member Page of the website. 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.

## QUILT RETREAT

**Sheraton at the Airport**

Double room \$235

Feb 18,19,20, 2022

Single room \$337



We have one person hunting a roommate. If you need to room with someone, please let me know and I will contact her.

Currently we have 2 Double rooms available and 2 Single rooms available.

The teacher is Joyce Hughes and she will be teaching Dimensional Thread Painting. We have a teacher every 2 years. You do not have to take the class.

Sign up at the November meeting. All retreat money must be paid in full at the January Meeting.

Judy and Lydia

## **NOMINATING** - Rose Hufnagel

The Hospitality Committee still needs a Chair. This position is responsible for coordinating the June lunch/dinner and possibly a summer picnic. Contact Rose Hufnagel for more information.

**MYSTERY QUILT** - Mary Lee Green

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

We are up to 19 participants in our Mystery Quilt in a Box project! Be sure to complete a Get to Know You Card each month and place it and the four completed blocks in the Box. All the instructions and pattern have been emailed to each participant, so please refer to the email in the event that your box doesn't have them in it. **BE SURE TO BRING THE BOX TO THE NEXT MEETING.** You can place your Box on the Mystery Quilt table and then pick up a different box before you leave the meeting. If you have to miss a meeting, just complete the blocks for the month(s) you miss.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Sylvia Novak

Be sure to bring your Membership Form and dues payment to the next meeting if you haven't already submitted it. Dues must be paid by the November meeting. If you hear a little bell tinkle prior to the start of meeting, that means we have a new member or guest in the house. Be sure to say hello and welcome her to our fellowship. Please welcome our new member to the Guild:

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**SATURDAY SEW** - Debbie Jewell

**IN PERSON SATURDAY SEW** – Saturday, November 13, 2021 10 AM – 4 PM

First Methodist Church, Corner of 11<sup>th</sup> St. and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., (across from the P.O.) New Brighton

**\*\*NEW\*\*VIRTUAL SATURDAY SEW –Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 10 am to 12 pm.**

This will be another way to connect with other Guild Members for a short time of fellowship and sharing what projects are under our needles. The virtual version of Saturday Sew is not intended to replace our in-person Saturday Sew, but will give those who can't come in person and those who want to attend both the virtual and in person Saturday Sews another chance to gather together. The more the merrier! Check your email closer to the date for a link to join via ZOOM.



...from me to everyone who helped make our show a success.

It was great!

Thanks,  
Mary Kowach

**FRIENDSHIP** – Carol Beck

Don't forget to make your signed block for Cindy Magee, who is moving this month to Florida. The pattern is available on the "Friendship" tab on the website.

The **Pictorial Directory** should be at the sign-in table at the November meeting. Please take the time to check for any inaccuracies on your own listing. A pen will be available to make corrections. Vivian will be available before and after the meeting to take pictures for the directory of anyone who doesn't have a current picture in the book.