

# BEAVER VALLEY PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

### Our Future is Bright!

It is hard for me to believe, but my term as your Guild President is coming to a close. This year has been filled with great accomplishments, most notably, our rebounding from the COVID pandemic. I've outlined several major accomplishments of our Guild later in the newsletter to give you a better understanding of why our future is so bright.

I believe that this membership year (September-June) has been a time of solidifying our foundation and reinvigorating our purpose as outlined by the original founders of the Guild. This puts us in a great place to take the next steps into the future. We learned that to grow and prosper, we need to be open to learning new things and exploring ways to make our Guild a welcoming place for all. We must be doing a good job at this because we have welcomed 17 new members this year!

*"The future depends on what we do in the present." - Mahatma Gandhi*

As I prepare to pass the gavel onto your new President, I would love to know that the momentum towards being an exceptional Guild will continue. But, this all depends on you because only YOU can help make our Guild great! Keep up the good work!

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to be your President. It has been a great honor to serve you in this capacity. I wish you and the Guild the brightest future possible!

Your Chief FUNraiser,  
Mary Lee Green

JUNE BIRTHDAYS	
Victoria Leininger	6/03
Linda McCuean	6/03
Donna Wadding	6/25
Amy Daily	6/29
Sandy Jonas	6/29
Sally Suffoletta	6/29
UPCOMING EVENTS	
Guild Luncheon	June 12
Next Meeting	Sept. 7
Quilt Show	Oct. 6, 7, 8
BRING TO LUNCHEON	
Mystery Quilt	
Challenge Quilt	
Your Best Smile & Fun Attitude	



**YEAR-END LUNCHEON**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12**

**THE FEZ – BROADHEAD RD. ALIQUIPPA**

**Doors Open at 12:30 – Luncheon begins at 1:00 PM**

**DEADLINE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION IS MAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

I'm excited to share with you that the membership voted and approved an expenditure to pay for the Luncheon with no cost to the members. Our excellent financial position allows us the opportunity to do this. This may also encourage some members to attend if their budgets are tight.

This is how it will work:

The Guild will pay the \$20 cost of the Luncheon for **members only**. If you have already paid, you will receive a reimbursement check from our Treasurer when you attend the Luncheon. So, you will be reimbursed only if you actually attend. If you have not yet registered, send your Reservation Form and a check for \$20 to Tamara Price to hold your reservation. Your check will be returned if you attend the Luncheon. Similar to how we handle registration for our Workshops, if you don't attend your check will be cashed to cover the cost of the meal.

If you don't have a printer or have questions, contact Tamara Price. Find her info in the directory.

Remember to bring your Challenge and Mystery Quilts to the Luncheon. There will be prizes! If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the Guild (a prospective member), please feel free to invite her to the Luncheon. But, please note that the Guild will pay for members only. Guests/non-members will need to pay the \$20 cost for the Luncheon.



**CHALLENGE QUILT - Brenda Sadler**

**What's on your bookshelf?**

This year's Challenge Quilt is a bookshelf wall hanging quilt that is no wider than 36 inches. Bring it to the Luncheon!!

**MYSTERY QUILT-Mary Lee Green**

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



I am so excited to see everyone's quilts at the Celebration Luncheon on June 12. Please be sure to bring your quilt top or finished quilts as there will be prizes! You must be present to win.



**2021-2022 Guild Accomplishments - Mary Lee Green**

Below are just a few accomplishments that were achieved in this membership year. Many thanks to all of you who made these accomplishments a reality.

- Four workshops - two virtual and two in person
- Quilt Show raising \$8,000
- A fun and education packed retreat
- Monthly in-person meetings
- Monthly Block Lotto
- Four Fab Labs
- Monthly in-person Saturday Sews
- Membership increasing by 17 new members (Now a total of 108 members)
- Five guest speakers - Also added the ability to use Zoom for out of town speakers
- Six Saturday Sewcials
- Two Quilts of Valor presentations and 30 quilts in the works
- Updated Library listing posted on website
- 100+ placemats made for Meals on Wheels
- 17 participants in the Mystery Quilt project
- An updated website and Membership Directory
- Celebration Luncheon (after being canceled twice)



So, if you ever wonder what you get for your \$20 membership dues, look at the list above. Many of our members worked tirelessly to make these activities happen for you. If I missed listing any accomplishments, please know that ALL accomplishments and YOU are greatly appreciated!



## **BVPM – Quilts of Valor Presentation- Louise Grant**

BVPM held a QOV workshop at the Hopewell Administration Bldg, Thursday May 5, 2022 during which, a quilt of Valor was presented to Diane Palsa, a Navy Gulf War veteran. Diane is the Hopewell Township Tax Collector and maintains an office at the Hopewell Twp Building. Township employees and her family were present along with members of the BVPM Quilt Guild and Hopewell Quilters. Township employees brought refreshments and Ms. Palsa spoke briefly about her experiences aboard the USS Puget Sound during the Persian Gulf War.

The Guild is planning a group QOV presentation at our November 2022 meeting. Nomination forms and criteria are available under the Community Service/QOV member section of the website. Nominations should be completed and submitted no later than September 30, 2022 to be considered for the November presentation, which will be limited to 15 recipients.

Individual QOV presentations can be considered and accomplished at any time. Please follow the instructions for completing the nomination form. Essentially, the controlling factor is the number of completed quilts we have on hand or in progress.

Please remember.... a Quilt of Valor is an award, not a surprise or a gift. The nominee must agree in advance to receive a Quilt of Valor. Information about the nominee's military service is required on the nomination form. Should you have any questions about the process please feel free to contact QOV Coordinator, Louise Grant. Please return completed QOV items at June Luncheon

Have you taken any QOV blocks to make? Have you taken any presentation case kits? Do you have a QOV top to bind or quilt? Still in your "to-do" pile? To the degree possible, please complete all blocks, cases and quilts as soon as possible. You can return these at our June Luncheon or give Louise Grant a call to arrange drop-off or pick-up. That way your summer is clear to enjoy and you can resume supporting Quilts of Valor in September. If you are so inclined feel free to continue to make our 2022 QOV Block of the Year, Floating Churn Dash.

Over 40 Guild members have supported Quilts of Valor this past year! Thank you for your support of our military service members and our veterans!



QOV Recipient, Diane Paula, gets a first look at her QOV Quilt, made and presented by members of our BVPiece-makers

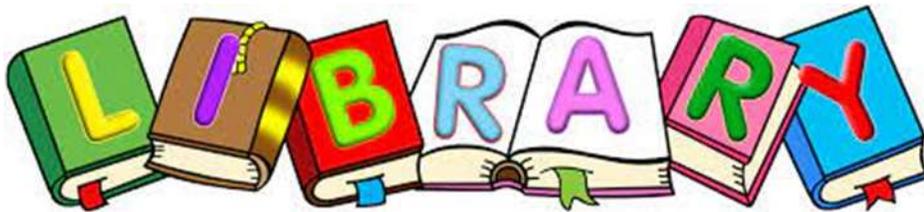
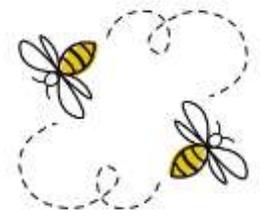


Diane Palsa, Navy Gulf War Veteran, being wrapped with her QOV quilt

## Mary Lee's BEE ATTITUDE FOR June: Bee the Change!

What does it mean to be the change? If we choose to be the change we want to see in the world this would mean that we focus on our own thoughts and actions, rather than focusing on others. If we see something that isn't working, rather than complaining, we take action to make things better.

In other words, if we want to see a change in a place, we should be the one to do it first for ourselves and for others. For example, if you think our Guild should be more welcoming and friendly, you should take the first step and be that way yourself. There are many ways that you can Bee the Change!



### LIBRARY NEWS – Amy Daly

If you want to check out a book or two over the summer, call me at 724-843-3197 and I will bring them to the June luncheon Quilt Guild gathering. Also, If you have an overdue book, I would be glad to get them that day. I may be calling you to remind you about books you checked out so we can get them all back in September.  
Amy

Now for the new items placed in the library:

Category	Author	Title
Sunbonnet Sue (new category) Collection	Leisure Arts	The Ultimate Sunbonnet Sue
Machine Quilting	Noble, Maurine	Machine Quilting Made Easy
Machine Quilting	Thelen, Carol A.	Longarm Machine Quilting
Machine Quilting	Thelen, Carol A.	Professional Machine Quilting
DVDs	Ashton, Kelly	Finish It! Borders, Backing,
Binding and Beyond	Cameli, Christina Cleveland, Susan National Quilter's Circle National Quilter's Circle Walter, Angela	Free-Motion Quilting and Essentials The Perfect Finish: How to Bind a Quilt Fabric Painting The Joy of Jelly Rolls Quilting with Rulers

**WORKSHOPS** – Jan Garland

Our Fall Workshop is Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday and Saturday with Linda Hahn of Frog Hollow Designs. This will be an in-person workshop. On Friday she will be teaching her newest pattern, Lime Twist and on Saturday she will teach the New York Beauty pattern called Wicked Wahini. You may take one of these classes or both of them. Linda says that both classes are for advanced beginners. In Lime Twist we will work with color placement and patch rotation. She will have special tips for working and staying organized with Triangles on a Roll. In Wicked Wahini we will learn the “one pin” technique for sewing curved piecing and paper piecing. And probably MUCH MORE!

Those of you who have signed up but haven't paid your \$20 to hold your spot can bring your check to the June Luncheon made out to BVP. Also, if you haven't paid for your required kit please bring a check made out to Linda Hahn – Wicked Wahini is \$28 and Lime Twist is \$15, - \$43 if you're taking both classes - That pays for your pattern and a couple other supplies you will need for the class. These kits do not have any fabrics. I will try to have fabric kit pricing and information as soon as I can. Wicked Wahini is almost filled but we will have a waiting list, Lime Twist is half full.



**OUR NEXT MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**

Chippewa United Methodist Church  
2425 Darlington Rd.  
Chippewa Twp. PA

We will be discussing the upcoming show, and getting things prepared for the show. Be sure to download your new Membership Form from the website, and bring it, in an envelope, with a check for \$20 (\$25 for new members) and turn it in at the Membership Table. See you there!