

BEAVER VALLEY PIECEMAKERS APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Spring Ahead!

Here in western Pennsylvania, we get the blessing of having four weather seasons each year. If I had to choose my favorite season, it would be spring. This is when the warmer temperatures and sunshine make it easy to say goodbye to snow and cold temperatures. Spring is also the time when we see things that appear to be dead come back to life. Animals and plants awake from their time of hibernation and begin to bloom and grow in abundance. Seeing all of this brings me great joy!

*"Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be." -
Anonymous*

Like the trees and flowers, our Guild has been in a spring-like season as well. We have emerged from a dark period brought on by the COVID pandemic and are now blooming and growing. We have grown in number by welcoming many new members and in substance through our many educational offerings. Observing this blooming and growth has brought me great joy and I hope it has for you too! So, keep on blooming and growing!

Your Chief FUNraiser,
Mary Lee Green

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Vivian Oaks	04/01
Lynn Delp	04/02
Rita Paliotti	04/09
Kathy Trzeciak	04/12
Mary Lee Green	04/19
Donna Staby	04/20
Marie Davis	04/26

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dresden Workshop - on Zoom	Apr 2
Meeting date	Apr 6
Saturday Sew	Apr 9
Saturday Sewcial	Apr 16

BRING TO MEETING

Name Tag
*Mystery Quilt Box-see article
Library Books to return
Block Lotto Block
Any outstanding QOV blocks



LIBRARY NEWS – Amy Daly

The up to date book list is now online for your use. To access it go to the Home page and click on "MORE", at the top, right. Scroll down to find, then click on "Library". Books are listed in two different documents – An Excel file and a PDF file. The Excel file can be used to search for something particular you might be looking for. It is set up to search by Category, Author or Title. You'll only be able to use the Excel file if you have Microsoft Office on your computer. The second file – the PDF file, can be opened and read, regardless of what word processing program you have on your computer. You only need the Adobe Acrobat Reader to open this file. Here, as well, the books are listed by Category, Author and Title. This file isn't one that can be changed, but does contain the exact same list as the Excel file.

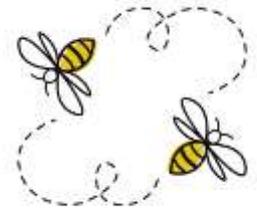
The list appears alphabetically by category. There are several pages. Call me at 724-843-3197 if you want me to bring a book to the next meeting.

New book in the library:

Dresden Quilt Blocks Reimagined by Candyce Copp Grisham She shows 25 different elements to mix and match.

Mary Lee's BEE ATTITUDE FOR April: Bee Joyful!

Did you know there is a difference between joy and happiness? Happiness is usually brought on by external circumstances and is often fleeting and temporary. Joy, on the other hand, is a deep feeling of contentment. It is cultivated over a lifetime and can even be born from suffering or sacrifice. Joy is what is often felt when you see all the sacrifices you made truly make a difference or when all of your hard work pays off. While I am not an expert at any craft, I truly experience joy when making things with my hands. I experience even greater joy when giving these handmade items to my friends and loved ones. I no longer allow my joy to be stolen by others or by the pursuit of perfection. Instead I have learned to experience joy in the process rather than the outcome. I encourage you to join me in experiencing joy in your craft and in your life!



PLEASE NOTE: When you hear a bell ring, that means we have a guest or new member joining us. Please be sure to welcome her and say hello. When the lights go off/on, that means that the meeting will be starting momentarily. Please take your seat (and turn it if necessary) and give your attention to the speaker at the lectern. Thank you!



YEAR-END LUNCHEON AT THE FEZ – Tamara Price

Our June Luncheon has been set for Sunday, June 12th at 1:00 PM (doors open at noon) at The Fez in Aliquippa!! If you didn't get your reservation in at the last meeting, the form is available for you to print out on the "Member-Only" page. Fill it out completely and bring it to the April or May meetings to give to Tamara Price, or mail it to her by the deadline of May 27th. The price is \$20 per person and the choice of food is Grilled Steak Salad or Grilled Chicken Salad.



SATURDAY SEW - Debbie Jewell

IN PERSON Saturday Sew – Saturday, April 9th; 10 AM – 4 PM Everyone is invited to join us for a day of sewing and fellowship. Remember to bring \$4 for your lunch.

VIRTUAL Saturday Sewcial – Saturday April 16 - 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

Be Sharp, Be Accurate, Be a Rotary Cutter Master!

Our next Fab Lab will be hosted by Samantha Stewart on **May 4 at 6 pm before the guild meeting**. Don't miss this opportunity to come and learn how to master your rotary cutter!

APRIL SPEAKER AND WORKSHOP

Our speaker for April will be Kathryn Groves of BobKat Quilts. She is located in Leander Texas. She is going to talk to us about "My Journey as a Quiltmaker". This will be brought to us via ZOOM. This is how it will work: We will meet at the church as usual and when it's time for her to speak she will be projected onto the screen at the front of the room. At the end of her lecture there will be a little bit of time to ask questions.



She is also our spring workshop teacher for April 2nd. The subject for that will be Dresden Plates since that is the theme for this year's Quilt Show. At the workshop she will take some time in the morning explaining how the wonderful variety of Dresden Plates are made and which templates to use for each one. Then we will work on the Dresden Neighborhood Pattern. This will be a ZOOM workshop.

MYSTERY QUILT - Mary Lee Green

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

APRIL IS FINALLY HERE! **This is the month that you get to take your own quilt box home with you. All boxes need to be returned at the April meeting!** Be sure to bring the quilt box you have to the meeting and take home your own box to begin the process of adding the borders to the quilt top. Be sure to check the number on the box and the contents to ensure that you are taking home YOUR OWN QUILT AND BOX.

If you have another member's Mystery Quilt Box and are unable to attend the April meeting to exchange boxes, please check with another member to see if they can handle this for you. It is very important that the quilt owners get their box back. If you are unable to arrange for another member to assist you, please call or text me (Mary Lee Green) and I can possibly assist in connecting you to a member that can help.

During April and May you can work on adding the borders to the quilt. Quilting and binding is optional. Finished quilt tops/bound quilts can be brought to the June luncheon. The names of your secret quilting sisters will be revealed and participants bringing their quilts will have their name added to a drawing for a prize.

I am so excited to see everyone's quilts and all of the different fabrics that were used. This project has been SO much fun for me. I hope it has been for you too.

The Three Rivers Quilt Show is back.

"Bargello"

2022 Annual Quilt Show

Thursday April 7; Friday, April 8; Saturday, April 9

Hollywood Casino at the Meadows

Formerly - The Meadows Racetrack & Casino

Triple Crown Suites

Washington, Pennsylvania

Full details at their website

www.threeriversquilters.org

There will be a special display of quilts made by Certified Judges! So, if you want the answer to the question: What kind of quilts do judges make? Come and see!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Rose Hufnagel

The following list is the nominations for next year 2022-23. As you can see, there are still several open positions including Vice President and Workshop Chair. While I understand that these are often the two most difficult positions to fill, both are important to keep our Guild successful in providing worthwhile learning opportunities for our members.

Please consider the following, that I am hoping will lighten the load next year for both the Vice President and Workshop Chair: **Workshops are already scheduled for next year.** That means as the Workshop Chairperson, you will not be under any pressure to secure Workshops during your year, you will be scheduling for our year Sept 2023 thru May 2024. We already have made initial contact with several quilting teachers.

We have also tentatively scheduled monthly programs for next year, there is only a small amount of wrap up and coordinating still to be done.

BEE involved in our Guild. Please consider volunteering for one of the positions not yet filled. If you have questions, you can contact an officer or visit the members only section of our website.

Committee Chair for Year 2021/2022 and Nominations for 2022/2023

Executive Committee:

Officers:	Name: 2021/2022	Name: 2022/2023
President	Mary Lee Green	Rose Hufnagel
** Vice President	Rose Hufnagel	
Secretary	Ann Nieman	Diane Luther
Treasurer	Samantha Stewart	Lynore Hardman
Immediate Past President (Parliamentarian & Chair of Bylaws Committee)	Barb Kamicker	Mary Lee Green

Standing Committees of the Guild:

Committee:	Chair 2021-2022	Chair 2022-2023
Auditing	Rose Hufnagel	Karen Fotta
Block Lotto	Vivian Oaks (not returning)	Pam Mason / Linda Kline
Challenge	Brenda Sadler	Brenda Sadler
Community Service	Bonnie Reyes	Bonnie Reyes
Friendship	Carol Beck (not returning)	Lynn Morris
** Historian	Mary Lee Green (not returning)	
Hospitality		Marilyn Crain
Librarian	Amy Daily	Amy Daily
Membership	Sylvia Novak	Joy Brieck
** Mystery Quilt	Mary Lee Green (not returning)	
Newsletter/Website	Vivian Oaks	Vivian Oaks
Nominating (Vice President)	Rose Hufnagel	
Program (VP & Workshop Chair)	Rose Hufnagel/Jan Garland	
Quilt Show	Mary Kowach/Mona Shoaff	Mary Kowach/Vivian Oaks
Raffle	Carol Beck/Majorie Gordon	Carol Beck
Retreat	Judy Steiner/Lydia Stewart	Judy Steiner/Lydia Stewart
Saturday Sew	Debbie Jewel	Debbie Jewel
Trips		Samantha Stewart
** Workshops	Jan Garland (not returning)	
Quilts of Valor	Louise Grant	Louise Grant
** Technology	Alycia Lyons	

Please be advised that the removal of Article IV - Membership and Dues, Section 5 of the by-laws will be considered at the April meeting. Section 5 reads as follows:

“All members shall be required to make and wear a Beaver Valley Piecemakers, Inc. name tag at each meeting or be assessed a nominal fee to be set by the Board.”

Please welcome our new members: Sharon Welsh, Carol Radatovich & Jean Kyler. Glad to have you join us!

The Blonde Brownies recipe we all wanted after tasting them at the retreat!!

These are the blondies I brought to the retreat. Enjoy! Kaye Slater

Duff Goldman's Brown-Butter Blondies Recipe

1½ C. butter (3 sticks)

3 cups light brown sugar, lightly packed

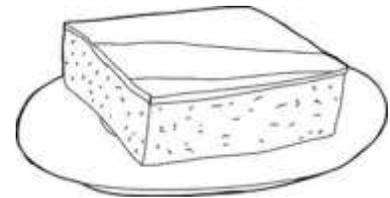
3 extra large eggs

1½ t. pure vanilla extract

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 T. baking powder

½ t. kosher salt



1. Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 9 X 13 inch pan.
2. Place butter in a medium saucepan over low heat. Check after 10 minutes; it should be a medium-brown color, not too light, not too burned. Once it reaches that color, take it off the heat and let it cool.
3. Place the cooled butter and brown sugar into a mixing bowl and beat until creamy. Add the eggs and vanilla and mix until fully incorporated. Add the flour, baking powder and salt. Mix until combined.
4. Press mixture evenly into the greased pan.
5. Bake the blondies for about 35 minutes or until inserted toothpick comes out with only a few crumbs are stuck to it.
6. Let cool, cut into pieces and enjoy.