

# Beaver Valley Piecemakers January 2023 Newsletter



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello Beaver Valley Piecemakers!

Many of us have been busy finishing quilts or other sewing projects for gifts, visiting family and holiday events. It's been wonderful, but exhausting. The New Year is upon us. Do you have a Quilting Resolution? Finish more quilts, maybe? Learn a new technique? Go to a retreat? How about HAVE MORE FUN? The Beaver Valley Piecemakers could help you out with that. Get a cup of coffee or tea and relax while you read the newsletter. We have a lot planned for the rest of the guild year. I've been told that if you are not having fun, you are doing it wrong.

Blessings to you and your loved ones as we welcome the New Year.

*Rose*

## QUILTS OF VALOR - Louise Grant

Thanks to everyone who is contributing to Quilts of Valor. In 2022 Guild members contributed to 35 completed quilts. Fourteen QOV's were awarded with another three scheduled to be awarded at the time of printing this newsletter. Watch our Facebook page for pictures of QOV presentations after they occur.

A new 2023 QOV Block will be published after the first of the year and as soon as it is available, we will post it on the Guild's website and make up some block kits. We will be demonstrating the block at the **Saturday Sew in February (February 11, 2023)**. QOV sewists are encouraged to attend that Saturday Sew to help create block, case and top kits as well as to start work on a top or continue work on a top that you have started.

Some members are solo-making Quilts of Valor for specific recipients, most often a family member, and arranging a separate award presentation on their own. If you need a QOV label, please contact Louise Grant to get one for your QOV. Also, please remember to report the QOV after it has been awarded by going to the QOV Foundation website at [Nominations & Awards | Quilts of Valor Foundation \(qovf.org\)](https://www.qovf.org) and completing the "Reporting a Quilt of Valor Award" form online.

## JANUARY PROGRAM – The Stencil Company

[Welcome to The Stencil Company - \(quiltingstencils.com\)](https://www.quiltingstencils.com) from Natrona Heights, PA has bought out a quilt shop that was closing, and has precuts (lots and lots of precuts) and other fabrics for sale. They will be our program for our January meeting. Be sure to bring a bag or two for your purchases, and don't forget to bring some of that Christmas cash you received with you! 😊



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Karen Fotta	01/02
Michelle Wilcox	01/05
Darline Reese	01/06
Diana Somerville	01/19
Gwen Cain	01/20
Kimberly Nixon	01/20
Pamela Mason	01/23
Sharon Welsh	01/30
Shirley Loose	01/31

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January meeting	Jan. 04
Program: The Stencil Co.	
Saturday Sew	Jan 14

## LIBRARY – Amy Daily



At the January meeting, the library table will be filled with applique books. As you know that is the theme of the next quilt show. If you need ideas or instructions about an applique quilt, perhaps there will be a book there that interest you. I won't be able to be there, but Sharon Elliot graciously is filling in.

## RETREAT – Judy Steiner and Lydia Stewart

If you haven't signed up yet, but plan to go, stop at the table towards the back on January 4th and let Lydia Stewart and/or Judy Steiner know. **The final payment is due at the January meeting.** The cost is \$345 for a single room and \$240 for a double room. There is no teacher this year.



After years of enjoyment, setting up the retreat and encouraging members to take part, Judy and Lydia are taking a break from setting up the retreat. At least two volunteers are needed in the coming year to take on this job to head up the retreat. Please think about this and consider asking a friend in the guild to join you in taking on this task. Judy and Lydia can fill you in on all that's needed. Why not talk with them about their experience to see what the job entails.

## Virtual Workshop - Mary Lee Green

### Let's Get Happy About Herringbones! March 4, 2023 – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM



Do you have a charm square pack, honeybun, or jelly roll in your stash that you've been holding on to for just the right project? Well, the Herringbone-anza virtual workshop could be the perfect time to break out that bundle of fabric!

Our instructor will be Tina Curran ([www.tinacurran.com](http://www.tinacurran.com)) who will be teaching us a technique to create either a pillow or quilt using a herringbone pattern. No worries, there are NO Y seams or special tools required. To sign up, email or call Mary Lee Green. ([maryleegreen@gmail.com](mailto:maryleegreen@gmail.com)) The workshop is free, but a \$20 deposit is required to hold your spot. Spots are going fast, so be sure to sign up as soon as

possible. Each person counts, even if sharing a computer.

## ONLINE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – Vivian Oaks

We still have a LOT of people who do not have pictures in our pictorial directory. It's so much easier to learn who members are when we know what you look like!!! 😊 Please see Vivian prior to or after any meeting to have your picture taken for the directory. If you can't attend, please send a picture of yourself to be included in the directory to Vivian's email listed in the directory. Thanks for your help!

# 2023 Quilt Show

**October 12, 13, 14, 2023**

Yes, we're already planning the 2023 Quilt Show! The Theme is "Appliqué" and any kind of appliqué will be accepted – Raw-Edge Appliqué, Needle-Turn Appliqué, Machine Appliqué, Reverse Appliqué, Fused Appliqué – any qualify.

*Appliqué means to apply one piece of fabric to another. Usually this is a fabric background with shapes of some sort applied on top. The aesthetic of appliqué is often developed further by using a variety of colors to contrast, for example a red shape placed on a green background. It can then be finished beautifully, special threads to add extra stitching, beading to embellish the shapes, and so on.*

From QuiltingDaily.com

## **The Quilt Show Committee**

Our quilt show takes us all, working together, to be a success. Following is a list of Chairpersons required to put together our show. If one of these jobs is something you'd be interested in learning more about, please talk with Vivian. Volunteers are asked to please send Vivian a text or call to let her know which position you'd like to be in charge of. If you want to work with a friend, that's fine!! By the January meeting, if no one has volunteered for positions, Vivian will begin making calls, asking for your help. Thanks for considering how you can help out.

Show Chairs: Vivian Oaks; Co-chair needed

Angels: Carol Beck

Boutique: Dee Byers

Display: Judy Steiner

Dream Baskets: Chair needed

Food: Chair and co-chair needed

Hanging: Deb Elliot

Judging: Debbie Jewell

Lobby & Pins: Terri Goodwald

Program: Vivian Oaks

Publicity: Chair needed

Quilt Labels: Karen Fotta

Raffle Quilt: BVP ladies – Ladies (and/or gentlemen) needed to decide on pattern and assembly

Raffle tickets: Kaye Slater

Registration/Social Media: Sheila Drevna

Ribbons: Debbie Jewell

Signs: Ann Neimann

Treasurer: Janice Rockage

Vendors: Mary Kowach

If you are listed above and plan to step aside this year, please let Vivian know prior to the January meeting. If there's a position that interests you, check with Vivian or the person listed to see about helping.