

Helping Hands Quilt Guild

June 2024

216 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover, DE 19904
Meetings are held every 4th Tuesday of the
month beginning at 6:30 pm.
Doors open at 6 pm.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Holly Siebach

Welcome Summer! Hot! Hot! Hot!

Wasn't the tea party last month wonderful?! So many Spring quilts displayed from the Moose Stitchers, beautiful decorations, delicious food, fun games and a great speaker. Thank you to Barb Austin and all her team of helpers.

That evening our three members, Karen, Jeanne and Geri showed their gorgeous quilts and their talents. It was amazing!

How is your pizza box challenge coming? I'm going to start mine...soon. Really.

See you Tuesday! Sew on and sew on.. -- Holly

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- Judy Worley

Gyleen Fitzgerald will be with us on June 25. The workshop is from 9 to 3 and she will teach one of her patterns, I Got This. In the evening she will present her lecture, The Creative Art of Finishing. There is that word - finishing!

In July, Charlotte O'Shaughnessy will present The Legacy of Helping Hands: 19th Century Women of the Dorcas Society. We will learn how HHQG began! There will be a Sit and Sew from 9 to 3 that day.

We have a special treat in August. On MONDAY, Aug 26, The Combat Quilter, Andrew Lee, will teach a class during the day and speak to us that evening. Details will be available soon. He will bring some of his beautiful quilts for us to see. Hope to see you there!

-- Judy



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Officers/Chairpersons

President - Holly Siebach
Vice President - Judy Worley
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Corresponding Secretary -
Joyce Sinclair
Treasurer - Brenda Richards
Facebook - Sue Hoecker
Fall Craft Table - Judy Field &
Sue Hoecker
Christmas Luncheon - Nancy Quade
Membership - Reba Ostner
Newsletter - Holly Siebach
Sunshine—Linda McCourt
Quilting for Others - Ann Fischer
Quilts of Valor - Nancy Thomson,
Ellen Malenfant, & Sharon Noone
Retreat - Chris Glenn
Sales and Pizza Box Challenge -
JoAnne Tetrault, Robin Malascalza,
and Lorili Semple
Christmas Storybook Tree -
Diane Horner
Show & Share - Tracy Vaughn
Website - Brenda Richards
Hospital Donations Coordinator -
Mary Dawn Ditty

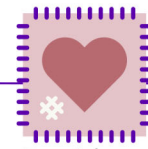
by Linda
Mccourt



In the merry month of May, a get well card was sent to Carolyn Spezio.

Be the sunshine for someone today!

Pieces of Our Guild



by Linda
Mccourt

Edith Richey

Edie, as we know her, was born in Booklyn, NY and moved to Delaware when she was just one year old. She lives with her mother and brother. Her favorite type of quilting is piecing and she makes many quilts for others. Finishing a project is what brings joy to Edie. You may not know that Edie also loves knitting.

Debbie Lawson

Debbie was born and raised in western New York and later moved to California on the edge of the Mojave Desert. She came to Delaware in 2020 and is one of our guilds newer members. Debbie has four children and eight grandchildren. Piecing tops is her favorite part of quilting and figuring out the math of a quilt project, as well as giving them away is what bring her the most joy. Fun fact - Debbie loves bugs and plants.

Gloria Melchionda

Born in New Jersey, Gloria arrived in Delaware in 2002. She has one son who is in the military and a daughter that lives in Sykesville, Md. There are five grandchildren as well as one great grandchild in her family. Gloria loves all types of quilting and her joy comes from sitting and sewing. She enjoys seeing a beautiful finished project. Gloria loves to play canasta and plays twice a week. She also enjoys doing all types of crafts.

Show and Share

by Tracy
Vaughn

This is an opportunity to show us what you've been busying working on, no matter how small! Did you just complete a block, a table runner, a baby quilt, or another project? It doesn't even have to be finished. Share with us!! It helps us to know each other better and what we like to work on.

Please limit to two items.

July Birthdays



Robin Malascalza	July 4
Frances Walsh	July 7
Ellie Brocklehurst	July 19
Naomi Henderson	July 20
Shirley J Brown	July 22
Myra Dixon	July 29
Billie Heller	July 29

PIZZA BOX CHALLENGE

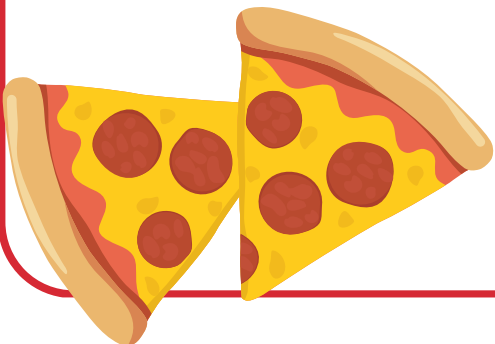
If you finish ahead of time, please give your quilt to JoAnne Tetrault, Robin Malascalza or Lorili Semple. Remember to pin the card that came in the box with a number on it to the front of your quilt and return your empty pizza box to us.

At the September meeting all the quilts will be on display and everyone will be given a paper to vote on 5 different categories and winners will be announced at the end of the meeting. Pizza will also be served that night!

Thanks, and Happy Quilting!

There will be no Sales Table in June or July.

JoAnne Tetrault, 413-537-1576, Robin Malascalza, 302-563-2686
Lorili Semple at 302-505-4190



Opportunity to Help

Bayhealth needs small quilts for the "Cuddle Cot" for babies that have died. This cot is an opportunity for parents to bond with their recently expired child.

Please, follow these instructions:

- Only good quality 100% cottons on top and bottom.
- Batting may be other materials.
- Size: 18 X 36 inches
- Bayhealth also needs very small quilts for preemies.
- Should be square.
- 18 inches square up to maximum of 24 inches square.

Please deliver to Helping Hands meetings. This need will be ongoing. Quilts will be given to the families.

Thank you for making quilts that will be a comfort to parents in crisis situations. May they help ease the pain.

Questions: Mary Dawn Ditty maryditty@gmail.com
or cell: 610-428-9579



Wyoming UMC Fall Craft Show

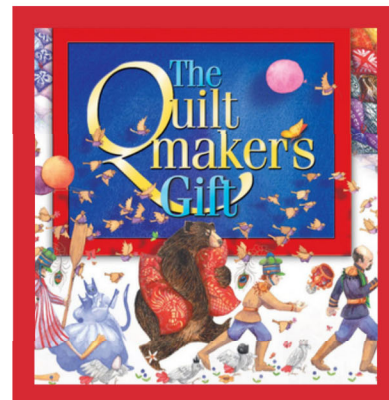


Although we are several months away from Autumn, it will be here before you know it! Helping Hands will again this year have a table at the Wyoming UMC FallCraft Fair on November 9, 2024. I hope you are thinking of something you could donate to our table. If each person donated one handcrafted item, we would have a wonderful selection of things to sell! Your creative ideas will be appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Sue Hoecker (302-387-2201) or Judy Field (302-242-3382).

Christmas in Odessa Storybook Tree

We have copies of the book, *The Quiltmakers Gift*, for you to look at.

We will be making ornaments for the tree that depict scenes from this wonderful book. We'd like them to be bright and approximately 4 1/2-5 1/2 inches, square, rectangle, circle! Grab some chunks/scraps of novelty fabrics, felt, glitter, glue (or hot glue gun) and sewing supplies and design your own ornament to add to our tree. We'll show you what we've already collected on Tuesday at our sit and sew and evening meeting if you need some inspiration.



Questions???? Contact
Diane Horner
dhorners@yahoo.com

Quilting for Others

Quilting for Others will NOT MEET IN JULY. Our next meeting will be on TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 at 6pm at the Simpson Center. We'll jack up the air conditioning!

PLEASE COME TO THE JULY SIT AND SEW on TUESDAY, JULY 23. It will be dedicated to making tops for QFO. We will supply the fabric, you supply the thread and your enthusiasm! There will be a variety of pieces to choose from, so that you can create something that has your touch on it. They will be our Bargello method, which is not that difficult if you keep paying attention to the next step!

We gave over 40 quilts to Bayhealth last week...men's, ladies, babies and kids, premies and Cuddle Cot pads. It is so helpful to our QFO regulars if we have tops made by others, so that we have plenty of pinning to do when we meet. And then the process just seems to roll on from there, and it is so amazing to see a pile of the finished ones, such a variety of fabrics and themes.

Thanks for all you do for others with your sewing talents and dedication.

Ann Fischer, Coordinator, Quilting for Others



QOV Fundraising

At the next Guild Meeting (June 25) there will be a table set up with lots of goodies like scrapbooking supplies, fabric, patterns, bric a brac. Please take "what is calling to you" and leave a donation for our Quilts of Valor fund! Bring small bills or change! Thanks for your support!

June is renewal month for most of our group for QOV membership. Go to **wwwQOVF.org and select Member Sign In**. If you have never done this, its not hard. You just have to set up your account with a user name and password. Then you will click on Member Dashboard where on the left side of your screen you will see your Membership info. Follow the prompts and have your debit or credit card info ready. If you absolutely cannot do this, I will do it for you. Bring your \$10.00 to the June Helping Hands meeting and I can take care of it for you. Thank you!

We are getting ready for our next Sit and Sew on **August 27th** followed by TWO QOV Award Ceremonies. Bring your lunch, sewing machine and basic sewing kit. (Thread is supplied courtesy of Auriful Company).

The schedule for the day is:

- 9-12 Sit and Sew for QOV
- 12- 12:30 Bring your own lunch to enjoy
- 12:30-1:00 Set up for Ceremony- we can use your help!
- 2:00 PM First Award Ceremony
- 6:30 PM Second Award Ceremony

Please **send your nomination forms to Sharon Noone and 57 Red Haven Lane Dover, DE 19901 NO LATER THAN July 31st!** Myra Dixon is coordinating refreshments for the evening.

Are you new to Helping Hands and have questions??? Want to know more about Quilts of Valor(R)? Please let us know. Thank you for helping cover our veterans and service members touched by war.

Ellen Malenfant 302-233-4437
 Sharon Noone 443-928-7179
 Nancy Thomson 609-827-1218

November Quilt Auction

At our November meeting, we will have an auction of our best work.....considered mini-quilts. What is a mini-quilt? It's a very small quilt (less than 24 in on all sides. It should be our best work because, our fellow quilters will be bidding on it. It needs to have a label with your name.

Also accepted would be table runners that your fellow quilters might like.
(Not too big, please.)

Please, think about this and consider making something for this fundraiser for our guild.

Bring your projects to any meeting to Mary Dawn Ditty. maryditty@gmail.com



Cotton Club Quilters



CCQ meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month at Knights of Columbus Hall in Camden, DE. We sew for charity (pillowcases, Habitat), Quilts of Valor, enjoy projects together, and extended free sew time.

Note: We will not be meeting during the month of August.
All Helping Hands members are most welcome to join our Cotton Club activities.
Please contact me for more information/questions.

Please join us! Sue Hoecker Pineapple2@comcast.net

Moose Stitchers



The Moose Stitchers is a great group of 34 ladies, presently. We meet at the Camden Moose Lodge on Moose Lodge Road in Camden, Delaware every Friday from noon until 4:00 pm. (Use the side door for entry). You can learn new skills, interact with others and work on hand quilting, machine quilting, knitting, crocheting, crafts, whatever you'd like! No requirements or fee. We appreciate working on items for Quilting For Others, Humane Society or any other charity. Come when you can. Work on what you want.
We hope to have you join us!!!

Call Barb for more information at 302-632-1028

BUTTONS

I am in need of **colored**, translucent buttons that are about **3/4" in diameter** for a Guild project. Please check your "button box" and bring in any buttons that you can donate to the



cause.

Thanks,
Nancy Quade

Save the Date!



HHQG Holiday Luncheon

Wyoming UMC

Dec 3, 2024

12:00 noon

"Helping Hands Ads"

There are many of our guild members who offer services to quilters and others that we may not know about! We now offer a bulletin board to display business cards or other small (3x5) cards with services offered like long-arming, alterations etc.

These don't have to be sewing related. Please look for the board near the door when you enter.

For questions, please call or text
Judy Field at 302-242-3382.

Nursing Home Residents Quilting Program. Volunteer Needed

2.5 - 6 Hours a week. Polaris Nursing Home (old Milford Hospital)
21 W. Clarke St, Suite 1050 Milford, De. 19963.

A year ago, I started a Quilting Program for the Residents of Polaris Nursing Home. These ladies are 70-96 years young, most in wheelchairs, & so happy to learn something new. It will warm your heart watching their faces as they complete a quilt or accomplish a new technique. We have made 11 quilts, including lap robes for their wheelchairs, 3 Quilt of Valor Quilts, a raffle quilt, now working on quilts for their beds. They also make walker bags & wheelchair bags. This is all beginner quilts, large blocks, strips, etc. The nursing home is set up to sew every day. I went on Mondays & Tuesday afternoons, but one day a week would be fine. I feel they would be flexible on sewing days if needed. Due to health issues, I have not been able to volunteer since Mid. February. If you feel you could help, please contact me at 410 603 2038 call, text, email spcarolyn@gmail.com.

I would be happy to tell you about these wonderful ladies. Thank you!

Carollyn Spiezio

HELPING HANDS QUILT GUILD RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM
CAMP PECOMETH AUGUST 8 - 11, 2024

Please print:

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Relationship to Participant: _____

Arrival and Departure Schedule:

___ Arrive Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 9:00 am

___ Arrive Friday, August 9, 2024 at 9:00 am

All retreat participants must vacate their rooms Sunday, August 11, 2024, by 10:00 am and vacate the retreat premises by 3:00 pm Sunday afternoon

Meal Schedule:

Dietary Needs:

Do you have food allergies? Yes No If yes, please list:

_____ Do you

have other dietary needs? Example: Vegan, vegetarian, gluten, lactose, etc. Yes No If yes, please list:

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Room Information:

Cost:

___ Arrive Thursday 8/8 at 9 am and remain until Sunday 8/11 – 3 nights, 8 meals

___ Single occupancy - \$560

___ Double occupancy - \$399

___ Triple occupancy - \$365

___ Arrive Friday 8/9 at 9 am and remain until Sunday 8/11 – 2 nights, 6 meals

___ Double occupancy - \$295

HELPING HANDS QUILT GUILD RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM
CAMP PECOMETH AUGUST 8 - 11, 2024

Attendee Name: _____

___ Optional: A t-shirt will be available specifically designed for this retreat. Cost \$20 each. Size:

T-Shirt Sizes: XS – SM – Med – LG – XL – XXL – 3XL (sizes run small, order next size up) Style

SIZES	SM	MED	LG	XL	XXL	3XL
CHEST WIDTH	17 1/4"	19 1/4"	21 1/4"	23 1/4"	25 1/4"	27 1/4"
CHEST HEIGHT	25 1/2"	26"	27"	28"	28 1/2"	29"
SLEEVE LENGTH	13 1/4"	14"	14 3/4"	15 3/4"	16 3/4"	17 1/2"

Room requirements:

Check all that apply:

___ Do you require a first-floor room due to health concerns?

___ Do you require a handicap room due to physical limitations/health concerns (only two available)?

___ Double/Triple occupancy – name of desired roommate:

Payment Information:

A deposit of half is due at time of registration (the entire amount may be paid, if desired)

The remainder is due no later than July 23, 2024

Please make checks payable to: Helping Hands Quilt Guild

Mail registration form with payment to:

Retreat Registration, c/o Chris Glenn, 953 Hazletville Road, Hartly, DE 19953

For Staff Use Only

Room Cost: _____ T-Shirt Cost: _____ Total Cost: _____

Registration and Deposit:

___ T-Shirt Order Size: ___ Paid: _____

Balance Due Payments:

Room Number Assigned: _____

___ Bailey Lodge – set up in room 1, first room when entering the retreat center

___ Carter Lodge - set up in room 2, second room by the dining room

Helping Hands Quilt Guild

Treasurers Report

May 2024

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE FORWARD FROM April 2024 REPORT: \$38,210.67

DEPOSITS:

MEMBERSHIP \$ 60

PECOMETH RETREAT \$1662

FUNDRAISER/SALES \$ 0

JUNE WORKSHOP \$ 480

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$2202

CHECKS ISSUED:

QOVF Membership \$ 75.00

Lauren Ferguson - Spring Fling \$ 760.00

Barbara Austin - Spring Fling \$ 299.47

TOTAL \$ 1134.47

CHECKS CASHED

1838 BSA Troop 24 \$ 200.00

TOTAL WITHDRAW \$ 200.00

CHECKING ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCE 5/31/2024 \$40,212.67

HELPING HANDS CHECKING REGISTER BALANCE \$40,212.67

QUILTS OF VALOR BALANCE 5/30/2024 TOTAL BALANCE \$722.61

Report respectfully submitted by Brenda Richards, Treasurer

All records are available for review upon request.

Month

Workshop

Lecture

MONTH	WORKSHOP	EVENING
June 25	"I Got This" Gyleen Fitzgerald	The Creative Art of Finishing Gyleen Fitzgerald
July 23	Quilting for Others Sit and Sew 9-3	Charlotte OShaughnessy The Legacy of Helping Hands: 19th century Women of the Dorcas Society
Aug 26 MONDAY	Andrew Lee. The Combat Quilter	Andrew Lee The Combat Quilter
Aug 27	Quilts Valor Ceremony	Quilts of Valor Ceremony
Sept 24	Sit and Sew 9-3	Pizza Box Reveal
Oct 22	Kawandi Quilting	Jenn Strauser Accuquilt Thinking Outside the Box
Nov 19	Sit and Sew 9-3	Mini Quilt Auction Favorite Gadgets, Notions and Patterns
Dec 3	Holiday Luncheon	

HH Board Meeting June 7, 2024

Meeting called to order at 10:05.

Attendees: In attendance: Mary Dawn Ditty, Joyce Sinclair, Judy Field, Judy Worley, Reba Ostner, Sue Hoecker, Linda McCourt, Nancy Thomson, Holly Siebach, Ann Fischer, Sharon Noone, and Nancy Quade

1. No corrections were made for the minutes of May 10, 2024.
2. Programs - Judy Worley
June - Gyleen Fitzgerald 20 people are signed up for the class. Since Gyleen lives more than 50 miles away, she is requesting a 2-night stay. Mary Dawn offered to host her. Judy will contact Gyleen to see if that is acceptable. July - QFO sit and sew during the day. The Dorcas Circle Society in the evening.
Judy needs to step down from some of her duties. She can do the behind the scenes work but is unable to do the physical work on the days we have a class or speaker. The Board said they would step up to help with the work needed on the days of a class or speaker. She will also be unable to step up to be president next year.
3. Some changes were required for the Officer duties. Judy will update the duties and resend it to the board members. The first page, which lists general duties, will be updated to include committee chairs regarding turning in money to the treasurer at each meeting.
4. Sunshine - Linda said May was a quiet month with no cards sent. She will send one to Geri following her surgery and JoAnn who is having surgery June 17.
5. Judy Field said items are coming in for the WUMC craft show in November.
6. Mary Dawn said there is a need for Cuddle quilts and NCU quilts. Habitat for Humanity has a dedication ceremony on June 25.
7. Odessa Christmas tree - ornaments are coming in. Some of them will be displayed at the guild meetings to give members ideas.
8. Quilts of Valor - Nancy said there is a community team building event with Mission Barbeque on June 12. The employees will be given the opportunity to make a floating star block. She is looking for other team building venues. Some that were suggested Kraft (Lucinda works there), Walmart, Tre Sorelle Dolce gives a percentage of their sales from 5-7 to charity. If we raise enough money, Nancy would like to donate some of it to the Foundation. That will be a future discussion. Sharon said there are 6 or 7 recipients scheduled for our August meeting. Mary Dawn said she had 2 or 3 more nominees.
9. Mary Dawn is looking for mini quilts made by guild members for the November auction.
10. Pecometh retreat had 29 registered.
11. Holiday luncheon - Nancy Quade said the plans are underway. The 9 people on the team have come up with the theme, table decorations, and Julia is making the name tags. Tickets will go on sale in September.
12. Quilting for Others - Ann said they are not meeting in July. She expects several tops from the July sit and sew and the pizza box challenge. Last week she took 43 quilts to Bayhealth.
13. Mary Dawn mentioned that is time for Holly to begin assembling a nominating committee.
14. The guild has marked up the floor at the church by dragging tables. The guild needs to be made aware that tables should be picked up and not dragged.
15. Spring tea - Barbara Austin paid for the speaker and the guild reimbursed her. The next tea is in 2026. The board felt it was a super long day. Some suggestions were to have an evening tea, omit the sit and sew in the morning, or not have an evening meeting.
16. Corresponding Secretary will send a thank you note to the 3 members who did a trunk show.
17. It was suggested that when we have member trunk shows, that it be limited to 2 people.
18. Due to the next scheduled board meeting occurring during the Independence Day holiday, we will not have a board meeting in July.
19. Nancy Quade would like a couple of months before taking over as newsletter editor.

Next meeting is in person in September. If we have business to discuss, we will Zoom.

Meeting ended at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Sinclair, in Marge Quinn's absence