



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting – March 19, 2015

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKROOM

On yet another snowy day, I'm ensconced in my workroom, well bundled up, working on my quilt for TAPS. OK, I admit that I am also nibbling on a leftover cookie from the ones I made yesterday as thank you gifts. Amazing, isn't it, how there were a few leftovers?

This has been a winter to remember – not for the snow, though I am seeing quite a bit out my window, but for the cold. Let it be known: I am a winter lover – I love the cold days, the colors of this season, the snow coming down, but even I am getting a bit weary of the cold. My workroom is in the basement, so I have some interesting outfits I wear to try and keep a bit warmer. The layered look is so “in”. It's just that some of my layers seem to attract lots of little threads, which somehow gives them such a quilty look! I've been watching a lot of interesting TV while sewing. Did you know that the singer Jewel is a member of the Kilcher family from Alaska The Last Frontier? And do I ever have the best recipe for Garlic Herb Grits Casserole from Food Network and Trisha Yearwood! It was a real hit with my family.

One of my favorites is, of course, the Fons and Porter Love of Quilting program. I've listened to some really good little gems from them, including:

1. It's hard to get something done if you are not working on it.
2. How do you make a cohesive quilt? Make sure every fabric has a friend. A little bit of red here waves at a little bit of red there.
3. Don't iron on your cutting mat! (Guilty!!)
4. Don't rotary cut on your ironing board mat! (I've actually seen someone do this...)

I'll leave you all with a lovely quote from Anais Nin I came across recently: Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it's only by this meeting that a new world is born. Thank you to all my quilting friends and the worlds of possibility each of you represents.

MARCH PROGRAM: "Making a Memory Quilt"

Our guest this month will be Patti Laird, of *Sleeping Cat Creations*. Patti specializes in creating memory quilts--quilts made from clothing, containing photographs and signatures. She also creates quilts with traditional patterns. Please take a look at her website:

<http://www.sleepingcatcreations.com>

What a great way to kick off Spring!

Program News

Many thanks to all who joined us in February for another successful Charity Quilt-In! We worked hard and did good work. We also sold our old treasures at our Flea Market.

"Spool Spirit" with Norma Campbell

On a cold but clear February morning 16 VQ members met to learn all about SPIRIT – "Spool Spirit" that is. Look for our creations, "Y" seams and all – at our March meeting. Thank you, Norma!

Dori and Paulette

MEMBERSHIP

No new members in February.

RAFFLE BASKETS

February VQ raffle baskets brought in \$82 for the VQ treasury ... Way to go gals. The Charity sewing folks were busily working all around the room at each table but "still" managed to walk on over ... look over the baskets they were interested in winning and "took a chance."

Winners:

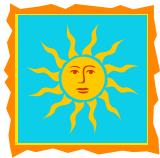
1-Mary Brown

2-Renee Fatseas (raffle seller for Southern Comforters quilt guild visiting 2/19/15)

3-Sue Galicki

Please continue to bring fun and desirable sewing / quilting notions , fabrics and books and whatever's such as your creations .. Bags, totes, wearables that ... Entice browsers to buy "one" or many tickets (6 for \$5) .

SUNSHINE



Thank you for your contacts about your friends who would enjoy & benefit from a wee bit of "Sunshine" from their guild.
Either an email or call will get me, Janet Ruehl.

FALL RETREAT

This year the Fall Retreat will be held November 12th-15th. The cost is \$230.00. A deposit of \$115.00 needs to be to me by the June Village Quilters meeting. If I do not receive a deposit by that date, I will be replacing you with someone on the waiting list. Anyone interested in attending, please contact me at 410-256-0749 or email me at ladybug3157@gmail.com.

Sharon Coffman

UPCOMING EVENTS

BINGO

Friday, October 23, 2015

Remember to sign up to help with this important event. Sign-up sheets are out at every meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting you can e-mail Patty Wheeler to volunteer. Ticket sales will begin in April. Tickets will be \$18 if prepaid and \$20 at the door.

DENVER SHOP HOP AND RETREAT

Scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29. Organized by Jacque Formica.

Inclement Weather Policy:

If BALTIMORE COUNTY schools are CLOSED, we WILL NOT meet. There is a Hereford zone in Baltimore County that is further north. If schools are closed ONLY in the Hereford zone, we WILL meet. If school is LATE, we WILL meet.

PROJECT LINUS UPDATE

We should be proud of our charity quilting accomplishments at our February meeting. For Project Linus, we finished 19 quilts, 9 quilt tops, 3 tied quilts and 1 machine-quilted quilt. Once again, special thanks are extended to Maria O'Haver for longarm quilting 40 quilts for our guild. These quilts were brought to the meeting for our hand sewers to bind. Half of the quilts were finished during the meeting and the rest of the quilts should be returned at the March meeting. Come by and visit me at the next meeting with your finished donation quilts. As always, kits will be available to take home and sew. And if you can provide additional help throughout the year, we are always in need of machine quilters. Quilt sandwiches (top, batting, and backing) will be provided from our generous donations.

Stephanie Sanidas

HOSPITALITY

Morning Helpers: Joan Costello AND Jacque Formica

Lunchtime Helpers: Patty Wheeler AND one more

Afternoon Helpers: Bette McKeldin AND two more are needed

Sodas

1 '2 LITER' bottle each person

2 liters clear, caffeine-free - Dori Batavick

2 liters clear, caffeine-free diet - Fran Betty

2 liters "real" cola - Jean Haydel

2 liters caffeine-free "diet" cola - Mitzie Lepka

2 creamers - someone is needed.

Tablecloths - Lynn Hastmann & one more person to divide them between.

Thank you, everyone for your help. Call me at 443-319-3151 or 410-747-8658 if you can fill in any of the gaps.

Kathy Appleton

LIBRARY

Happy St. Patrick's Day! We missed seeing many of you at the February treasure sale. I will be bringing the withdrawn and gift books that didn't sell to the March meeting. There are still many wonderful titles available.



Due to extremely generous donations of books, I have added over 18 wonderful quilt books on a variety of topics from appliqué, scrappy quilts, quilt history, table runners and toppers, machine quilting, sashiko, fabric dyeing, and art quilts. Visit the library table and check out a book or two or three. Remember, the loan period is 2 months. Please return them on time. Thank you.

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CENTER FOR PREGNANCY CONCERNS QUILTS

Thank you to the ladies who took Quick Strippie quilt kits at the Charity Sewing meeting last month. I have 3 kits left (includes pre-cut strips, backing, binding, and label) and will bring them to the March meeting. I would like to have all quilts ready for delivery to the Center for Pregnancy Concerns no later than the April meeting. If anyone can help quilt them, I would really appreciate it. Of course, if you took a kit and want to quilt it yourself, that would be great! Thank you.



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BLOCK OF THE MONTH



Hi VQ'ers! The March BoM is an English Paper Pieced Grandmother's Flower Garden. There are templates in the instructions or use a size of your choice. Just be sure to keep all 7 individual hexagon pieces the same size. The finished blocks will be various sizes and not attached to a background square. You can work on it by hand while watching the snowflakes fall or cozy in front of the TV. If you love EPP, you could do an additional row for fun...Any questions, please call.

Sheri Thompson and Chris Fittro won the Feb BoM blocks, "Diet Candy". If you couldn't make it to the February meeting, please bring the Feb blocks you made (for those gals).

Chris Fittro totally finished already and Pat Lieske did her top !! of the "New Year's Resolution-Use Up Some Scraps String Block" with the BoM's they won in January!! Great job ladies! Thanks to Daria who posted the Show & Tell pics on Facebook - it looks like some of our other BoM winners finished quilts also!

Barb McMahon
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5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE 2014-2015

This month we will exchange two sets of eight dotted fabrics, and in April we will do striped fabric. Anyone is welcome to join us, even if you've never been involved in this group before.

Kathy Appleton

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Baltimore Heritage Quilters Guild EXPO 2015

When: Saturday, March 14 from 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, March 15 from 10 am to 5 pm
Where: Goucher College, Towson, Md

FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILT GUILD SHOW

When: Friday, April 24 from 10 am to 6 pm
Saturday, April 25 from 10 am to 6 pm
Sunday, April 26 from 10 am to 4 pm
Where: Montgomery County Fairground
Home Arts Building
Gaithersburg, MD

MILLTOWN QUILTERS BUS TRIPS

The bus trips for 2015 will all leave from the park and ride outside the Presbyterian Church (route 108 and Presbyterian Circle) at 7:30 am and return by 7:30 pm. The price has increased to **\$48 per person**, which includes the bus, driver's tip and entrance to the show, and for the shopping trip it includes lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. **Checks are payable to: Milltown Quilters.**

The first trip is on **Friday March 13, to Lancaster, PA for the AQS**, American Quilter's Society show. We will also make a quick stop at the Stouffer's Outlet.

Our next trip is **Friday September 18 to Oaks, PA** for the Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza show. We need 40 people signed up and paid by Friday August 7 or the trip will be cancelled.

Our last and most popular one is the **Lancaster shopping trip on Friday October 16**. We go to Souder's Fabrics, Shady Maple Smorgasbord for lunch and then to the Kitchen Kettle area where there are several more fabric stores.

Please call or email Sheri Thompson - 301-490-4448; sherit@aol.com to make your reservation. Checks accepted via USPS or at guild meetings.
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Village Quilters Block of the Month
March 2015
"Hexi Garden"

*Trace your paper piece size times 7

- FABRIC - make center different than "petals"; make all the same or coordinate "petals" fabric.



* I have given a few size choices, OR you can choose your own, the sizes of finished flower can vary. Magazine subscription inserts seem to be a good paper quality - not too flimsy but decent to needle through.

- 1) Center your paper piece on the wrong side of fabric and pin in place. Your square of fabric should be at least 1/4" larger than hexagon on all sides.
- 2) Fold the edges of fabric over the paper and baste sew running stitch through the paper as you go. Repeat with all 7.
- 3) Place your center hexi piece and one surrounding hexi right sides together and overcast stitch just the edges of fabric, using small whip stitches. You will have a center one, then six hexagons surrounding it. Whipstitch sew all touching edges together with the same method.
- 4) LEAVE ALL YOUR PAPERS INSIDE THE HEXI FLOWER FOR THE BLOCK WINNER TO REMOVE WHEN SHE DECIDES ON HER QUILT'S PATTERN DESIGN.
YOU WILL NOT BE ADHERING THE FLOWER TO A BACKGROUND

