



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting – May 21, 2015

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKROOM

Quotes have a way of wriggling their way into my thoughts – I find that quotes help me focus my priorities and add a bit of fun, enjoyment and perspective to my life. Over the years I have collected quotes, often displaying my favorites over my desk or framed as a picture. My older brother, who died far too young, left a legacy of quotes he had collected, calling them his “Opus”. It’s a trip down memory lane when I flip through my copy of his Opus. I’ve come across some thought provoking quotes over the past months which reflect my quilt philosophy (other than, of course, the basic philosophy of one can never have a large enough stash!).

The first one is that ***A candle loses nothing when it lights another candle.*** In my quilt world, I am taking this one to mean that sharing fabric, techniques, and patterns with fellow quilters only creates more wonderful quilts. When my darling son-in-law got a fortune cookie with ***You do not have to know where you are going to be headed in the right direction*** I knew immediately that the quilt I was making up as I went (as in stitching sans directions) would end up covering someone’s bed with joy. And of course, there is the old platitude of ***No matter where you go, there you are.*** This one makes me laugh. I can find quilt shops pretty much anywhere I go. Yup, break time on a road trip, I can almost guarantee I can find a quilt shop to “rest” and “recuperate” in while checking out the fat quarters! My friend, Karin, shared a great throw-away comment with me, about figuring out what to do ***when bad things happen to good fabric.*** This one has really stuck – it’s not so much a quote, as a challenge. I’ve taken this one to heart and moved it on from what to do with those squares that aren’t, or those diagonal cuts that wandered, to applying this to the challenges I am facing in my own life. The next quote is a slight rework of the old, ***All’s well that ends well*** to ***All’s well that ends better.*** A friend of my mom’s says this a lot, and I can see this in practice as I look at the lovely, neat, and well organized cubbies in my workroom where my stash lives in glorious Technicolor. After taking a Bonnie Hunter class recently, I was inspired to reorganize my out-of-control stash. While this is a work in progress, I can see the “better” in my life!!

In closing, I leave you with the following quotes from Amazon Web Services: ***Quilting is sharing yourself with others. Quilts connect the past with the present and the future. What I make with my hands, I give with my heart.***

Pat Wyatt

Our May Guest, Lisa Ellis

“My Personal Journey as an Art Quilter”

Our guild is on an ART theme! This month’s guest lecturer is quilter, Lisa Ellis and she is passionate about using her work to make the world a better place.

As Director of *Sacred Threads*, a non profit organization, Lisa is dedicated to sharing personal quilts with themes of spirituality, joy, inspiration, healing, grief and peace/brotherhood.

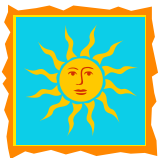
Lisa is a member of an art quilters group in the DC area called Fiber Artists@Loose Ends. Check out Lisa’s website: <http://www.ellisquilts.com/index.htm>

VQ looks forward to welcoming Lisa at our May meeting.

RAFFLE QUILT

Eternal Quilters will be selling raffle tickets at the May meeting. Look for Kathy Fowler and her guild’s beautiful quilt - “Blue Delft.”

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

PROJECT LINUS UPDATE

Thank you to our quilters for making 8 patriotic Project Linus quilts for the TAPS Memorial Day camp. At the meeting, we also collected 6 quilt tops, 8 finished quilts and fabric donations from Norma Campbell and Marge Scallio. Please see me at the next meeting if you can help with our ongoing charity efforts by sewing quilt tops, machine quilting, or binding finished quilts. Kits will be available to take home and sew over the summer.

HOSPITALITY

Kitchen Helpers for May (As you will see, there are many slots open this month)

Morning Helpers:

- 1.
- 2.

Lunchtime Helpers:

1. Lorry Danko
2. Liz Pringle
3. Dorothy Ferguson

Afternoon Helpers:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Drinks:

- 2 liters clear caffeine-free soda - Rene Stiebing
- 2 liters diet clear caffeine-free soda - Barb McMahon
- 2 liters "real" cola -
- 2 liters caffeine-free diet cola - Mitzie Lepka

2 Creamers -

Tablecloths -

- 1.
- 2.

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LIBRARY

Happy Mother's Day! Here are a few more books recently added to the library:



(From left to right): a) *Alphabet Garden* by Nancy Halvorsen. b) *Beautiful Blooms; Quilts and Cushions to Appliqué* by Susan Taylor Propst. c) *Paradise Stitched; Sashiko & Appliqué Quilts* by Sylvia Pippen. d) *Sensational Sashiko; Japanese Appliqué and Quilting by Machine* by Sharon Pederson. e) *Show Me How to Machine Quilt; A Fun, No-Mark Approach* by Kathy Sandbach.

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RAFFLE BASKETS WINNERS

Winners at last meeting:

Raffle Baskets: Cindy Reisberg, Diane Gotsch, Joan Morin, Sue Galicki

BOM: Kathy Appleton, Mary Brown

Name Badge: Robin Dodd

SUPPLIES NEEDED – Can you help?

Salem Lutheran Church donates quilts for Lutheran World Relief and need supplies. We tie quilts made from 48 11 inch squares, so we need fabric for blocks, backing (usually sheets double size or larger) and filler (blankets or batting double size or larger). Last year, we sent 75 quilts overseas from our church, so we go through our fabric pretty quickly.

Jane Stotle

BINGO

When: Friday, October 23, 2015. Tickets are now available for sale. Please see Patty Wheeler to get tickets to sell to friends, family and co-workers! We've got the quilts, now we need the crowd! Worker sign-up sheets will continue to be available at meetings.

JUNE TEA

Tea guest tickets are now for sale. They are \$10 each and will continue to be available until they are all sold or until June 17th (the day before the event). See or call Patty Wheeler if you want tickets. If you have items to donate to the silent auction at the tea please bring them to the May meeting and give them to Paulette or Dori.

FORMER MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Helen Morgan recently moved to Caritas House assisted living near St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore. Prior to this she had been living with her daughter and son-in-law, but in December suffered a case of pneumonia followed by rehab. She moved from rehab to the assisted living on April 10th. Helen's address is: Caritas House Assisted Living, Room 231, 3308 Benson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227

Ruth Stewart - Her battle with lung cancer has intensified this year. She had back surgery because of a tumor on her spine and will now be starting a series of radiation treatments for a tumor on her brain. Ruth is also doing PT 3-4 times a week from the back surgery but continues to valiantly fight. I'm sure she would appreciate a few cards and notes of encouragement from our members. Ruth's address is 2465 Wickes Drive, Finksburg, MD 21048. Thanks.

Carol Jean Weber - bids us a fond farewell. She is moving to Granite Farm Estates, a continuing care facility. Her new address: 1343 W. Baltimore Pike, Apt. D315, Media, PA 19063

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Kathy Appleton and Mary Brown were our Buzz Saw Sew winners! Each won 16 large blocks. I think these will make neat looking quilts! Several ladies commented that it was a fun block to make - if you want to try the technique.

CORRECTION TO BoM INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN AT MEETING: DO NOT sew 1/4" on each side of "plus sign" lines. The corrected/revised directions are on our website and at the end of this newsletter. The unfinished block will finish to 8 3/4". If yours is a smidgen larger, do not square up.

We are using the grey fabric provided by the guild for consistency. If you did not get a 10" piece and want to do the block, please contact me and I will mail one out to you. The full correct instructions and picture are in the newsletter.
Email: barbaramcm@comcast.net or phone: 410-840-2272.

**Barb McMahon
410-840-2272**

5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE 2014-2015

We are pleased to have Catherine Woolton, Mary Blue and Rene Stiebing as new exchangers! Welcome to all of you.

This month (May) we will exchange 2 sets of 12 geometric print squares.

In June we will be exchanging squares with a tea party theme - cups, teapots, kinds of tea, anything that can be associated with tea, because the guild will be having our annual tea party.

Thank you.

Kathy Appleton
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ANNAPOLIS GUILD QUILT SHOW

The Annapolis Quilt Guild's 2015 Quilt Show will be:

Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 10 am to 5 pm and

Sunday, June 14, 2015 from 11 am to 4 pm

At the Annapolis Senior High School, 2700 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

In addition to members quilts, the show includes more than 20 vendors, a Country Store, a Boutique, Silent Auction, Raffle quilt, free Demo's, and Professional Quilt Appraisals. The show also features a special exhibit of Patriotic Quilts to honor Veterans and Hoffman Challenge Quilts.

HINTS

Spray your fabric before cutting with a light starch when making pinwheels, half-square triangles or any other bias cut piece. It really helps prevent distortion in your block.

Have you cleaned your sewing machine lately?

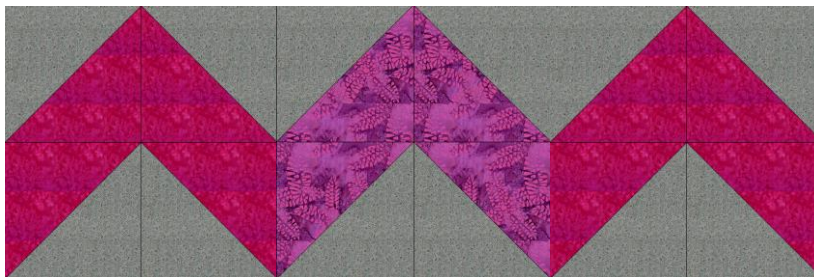
Have you backed up your computer files? Updated your virus software?

Village Quilters Block of the Month

May 2015

"Modern Chevron"

corrected/revised instructions



(3 blocks shown)

This month's Block of the Month is a block to make a more modern looking quilt. Even if you tend to be more of a traditional quilt fan, maybe you have a young relative or friend who would enjoy receiving a trendy yet classic styled handmade coverlet or wall hanging. Or to bring out the young hip-ness in you! Really fast and easy to make.

- GREY FABRIC given to you (for VQ this is Country Classics Grey #6048 from JoAnns) *Winner will get some extra grey.
- **Bright color PRINT - USE LIME GREEN, HOT PINK, NEON BLUE, BRIGHT YELLOW, OR BOLD PURPLE** fabric.
- There are several options to put these blocks together, from rows of close colors to pairing blocks together scrappy, but your gray or background fabric ties it together. Check the internet, Pinterest, and your quilt magazines for inspiration.

* CUT each fabric 10 x 10

* Draw line on grey like an X on each diagonal

* Sew 1/4" on each side of drawn lines

* Draw a line thru middle of block like a plus sign.

* Rotary cut on all drawn lines

* Cut off little dog ears

* Press half of squares to grey & half to color so pieces will nest diagonally

* Sew together as shown in diagram

* This unfinished block will be 8 3/4" AND will make 2 blocks - bring both blocks in for BoM drawing!