



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

December 2017

Next Meeting – December 21, 2017

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays -

While we spin our way through these days before Christmas, with all the routines of the Season and daily life, each of us needs to take some time to:

- ❖ Make something beautiful, as only each of us can, from the fabric of our life;
- ❖ Weave colors and textures of our talents and gifts to create a blanket of love and warmth;
- ❖ Applique some new designs to enrich and embellish our world;
- ❖ Stitch it together with the strength of the quality thread that binds our families together.

May your Holidays be a Quilters Delight!

Rene Stiebing



PROGRAMS

You are cordially invited to Village Quilters' CHRISTMAS / HANUKKAH PARTY to be held on December 21st. Bring either THREE (3) FAT QUARTERS or ONE (1) YARD of beautiful, new quilt shop fabric for the always fun LEFT-RIGHT GAME. Please arrive between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. to give the setup committee time to finish its job. If you are on the morning kitchen shift or helping with setup, you may come between 9:00 and 9:15 a.m.

In December, we will begin collecting jewel tone and bright fat quarters for a door prize basket that will be awarded at January's Charity Sewing meeting. If, by chance, January is a snow day, Charity Sewing will be moved to February.

Patty and Daria, Program Co-Chairs

BABY QUILTS

The Center for Pregnancy Concerns sent me a beautiful note thanking Village Quilters for recently donating 31 baby quilts. I appreciate all of the members who helped make this possible.

I will have some baby quilt kits available for those who would like to work on a quilt before the January 2018 Charity Sewing meeting. Please note that I plan to step down as coordinator after that meeting. If you would like to volunteer to take over this worthwhile endeavor, contact me.

Daria Phair ~ dbphair@gmail.com

2017 Bingo Report

Thanks so much to all the folks who pitched in to make our Bingo a resounding success! The final profit from the event is \$8729.09! This will keep us in good shape for programs for the next two years! We also sent \$386 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The Lodge has us on the calendar for our next Bingo on Friday, October 25, 2019 and we already have two quilts that were promised at November's Show and Tell! We have a member who is willing to head up our Bingo committee for the 2019 event. We need several other folks to be on the committee. Duties would be divided among the committee members so there is not a heavy burden on one person. If you are willing to serve please talk to Patty Wheeler about what is involved. Many hands really do make lighter work!

Patty Wheeler

PROJECT LINUS & CAMP QUILTS

We collected 2 completed quilts, 7 quilt tops and fabric donations with thanks to Sharon Adams, Penny Clifton, Cindy Hickman, Carolyn Jenkins, Marge Scallio, and MaryGin Rettman.

Our new charity project to make 20 cot quilts (size 45" x 86") for a summer camp for underprivileged, middle-school children is progressing. The camp quilts need to be finished by our March 2018 meeting. Twelve quilt tops have been designed, four quilt tops are out for quilting and four quilts are finished. Special thanks to Catherine Wooten for quilting THREE camp quilts. If you can help in anyway (fabric, full size batting donation, piecing tops, machine quilting, binding) please let me know.

If you are planning ahead, here is information about our January 18, 2018, community service sewing meeting. Both hand and machine sewing projects for Project Linus and Camp quilts will be available at the meeting. If you are able to bring your sewing machine, you can sew quilt top kits, machine quilt or add binding to finished quilts. Remember to bring your necessary sewing items and machine walking foot. If you are unable to bring your sewing machine, bring rotary cutting supplies (rotary cutter, cutting mat, and ruler) or your hand sewing kit (needles, thread, scissors) or supplies to tie quilts. Let's have a very productive meeting in January!

Stephanie Sanidas

RAFFLE WINNERS

Name Badge: Marge Scallio

BOM: Marge Scallio made 50 blocks! Patty Wheeler won the drawing.

Raffle: \$157 earned. Louise Ricketts, Donna Schroff, Paulette Chellis

Remember to bring your donations of sewing / quilt notions so our baskets are filled with items that others will take a chance to win as their own. Please bring your goodies to add to this basket.

Janet Ruehl

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

December Kitchen Help

Check in food at 9: Sheri Thompson, Penny Clifton

Lunchtime Helpers: Lynn Hastmann, Dori Batavick

Clean-up Helpers: Lynn Hastmann, Fran Betty

Sodas: 2 real coke (Beth Bohac)

2 diet coke (Dori)

1 diet coke, caffeine free (Lynn)

(We have enough clear soda)

Mitzie Lepka signed up for lunch time help and clean-up. She may not be able to help this month so we COULD USE someone for lunchtime help and someone for cleanup.

Thank you all for your help!

Joan Costello (jcostello@umbc.edu)

5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE

In December, the 5-Inch Square group will not meet, due to the Christmas party. We will resume in January, with "red" as our theme.

Kathy Appleton

Pop Tops (CAN PULL RINGS)

I wish to thank everyone for the Pop Tops on cans that they saved and gave me at the November meeting!! I appreciate your thoughtfulness for those who are medically less fortunate. Last month, Diana Gotsch gave me a large container filled with rings that were saved by her husband who has now passed from renal illness. The Pop Tops are used to defray the cost of kidney dialysis which is extremely expensive. I asked my husband to deliver the contents of the container to the senior center but to bring the container back to me. I intend to keep filling it up in the memory of Diana's husband.

Thank you for being generous with your time and efforts to help others.

Jacque Formica

CHARITY GIVING

Remember to bring your donations for food pantry. Also, Toys for Tots are being accepted in December. Toys should be new and not wrapped.

MEMBERSHIP

The directories are available and your new membership cards were distributed at the November meeting. They will also be at the hospitality table at the December meeting. Please make sure you pick up your copy! I will not be at the December meeting but Cindy Reisberg be there to help, if you need it. No new memberships will be taken at the December meeting. Please add these additions and corrections to your directory:

Email:

- Laura Katta is laurakatta@gmail.com
- Donna Shroff is hshroff01730@gmail.com

Returning member:

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New Member:

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dlmorraye@gmail.com

Linda Newsom

DECEMBER SHOWCASE QUILT

This month are own Mitzi Lepka will present a quilt.

I appreciate all the interest I have received and the calendar if full for 2017/2018. I am keeping all you wonderful volunteers in mind for next year. Think about it! Make a quilt to show next year....YES!

Jacque Formica

SUNSHINE

Please let Janet Ruehl know of anyone in need of sunshine!

Winter Weather Policy

We are heading toward winter! Bad weather is always a possibility. Here is our official snow policy... If Baltimore County schools are closed we are cancelled. If Baltimore County schools are 2 hours late we will meet. Now the caveat - USE YOUR JUDGEMENT IF THE WEATHER IS IFFY. If you live in Carroll County or PA you may have snow when Baltimore has a few flakes. Or, even a little ice may put you at risk for injury. Please be careful but come when you can during the winter months.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

We are so impressed with how well traveled this group is! It seems every meeting we are talking to someone who is either getting ready to go on a trip or has just come back. So we thought we would call this month's block "Christmas Around the World". We are using reds, greens, and white rather than novalty Christmas prints. We made samples with both rich, deep colors and bright colors, both turned out well. Have fun with this block and see you at the Christmas party!

Paulette and Dori

BOM Co-Chairs: Paulette Chellis & Dori Batavick



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Let's admit it, our minds are already thinking about Christmas, or will be as soon as the turkey dinner is eaten! We present blocks to make a Christmas quilt without the Christmas novelty fabric. Red, white and green are the colors of this months block.

To make a finished 9 in. block cut:

From green:

A - Two $3\frac{7}{8}$ in. squares

D - Four $1\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ in. pieces

E - One $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. square

From white:

B - Two $3\frac{7}{8}$ in. squares

From red:

C - Eight $1\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ in. pieces

Put green and white $3\frac{7}{8}$ in. squares right sides together. Draw diagonal line down center of square and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ in. on both sides of line. Cut on drawn line and press. You now have four blocks. Press toward green.

Sew strips of red/green/red pieces together. Press toward green. (I just learned the trick that if we press toward the center color in a strip set, it "pops". I think it works!)

Sew rows as shown in diagram. Press top and bottom rows away from strips and center row toward the green square. This will help abut seams as you sew rows together.

REMINDER: Do not trim block.

