



## VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting – February 16, 2017

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

February is the month of love, and at our meeting we will be showing our love through our charity projects. And who doesn't love a flea market? Come prepared to sew - bring your sewing machine or your sewing basket if handwork is your preference. There are plenty of tasks to go around. You might also bring a few extra dollars; you never know what treasures you might find at the flea market. Invite your friends to come and shop too. This meeting is open to everyone.

Don't forget to bring a bag lunch since we will forego our usual pot luck feast. Drinks will be provided by the members who signed up for February. If anyone wishes, you can bring a dessert to share. We all enjoy a little sweet after our meal.

That's all for now. Happy quilting!

**Debra**

### PROGRAMS

February is our annual **Charity Sewing** event. We will be making quilts for Project Linus and for the Center for Pregnancy Concerns. You are welcome to sew on other charity projects as well (pillowcases, bead bags, etc). Bring a machine to help piece tops. Bring one with a walking foot to help quilt. If you don't want to bring your machine, you can help with pressing, basting, sewing on labels, or other tasks.

We will also have a **Yard Sale** at the meeting. There will be ten tables where members will have lots of wonderful goods for sale. Bring money for those bargains. The yard sale is open to non-VQ members, so spread the word and invite quilting friends!

There will be NO potluck hot lunch this month. Bring a brown-bag lunch and, if you want, a dessert to share. There will be drinks as usual.

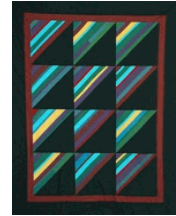
## WORKSHOPS



**Debbie Wendt** is coming in March and will be teaching her “Twirl-A-Tool” workshop on Friday, March 17. This will be held at Spring Water Designs in Columbia from 10-4 (doors will open at 9:30 for setup). COST: \$30, check payable to Village Quilters at sign-up; \$16 for tool and pattern, payable to Debbie Wendt at the workshop. The supply list and a few pre-workshop cutting instructions will be provided when you sign up. As of our January meeting there were 9 spaces available. We need to

fill at least 4 of them!

**Ami Simms** is coming in October and will be teaching her “String Quilting” workshop on Wednesday, October 18. This will be at The Lodge from 10-4:30 (doors will open at 9:30 for setup). COST: \$48, check payable to Village Quilters. To watch a short video about the class, go to <http://amisimms.com/stquf.html>. This is a fun block that has many setting possibilities!



See Patty Wheeler or Daria Phair to register for the workshops.

**Patty Wheeler & Daria Phair, Program Chairs**

### Note About our January Visit from Prints Charming Quilt Shop

After our January meeting I received a call from Sandy at Prints Charming. She sold one kit to a member at the meeting. She needs to speak to the person who purchased the kit. If YOU are the kit purchaser please call Sandy at Prints Charming. The shop number is 301-490-2342. (An e-mail also went out about this so forgive the redundancy if you have already called).

### BINGO – October 27, 2017

Look for Bingo Worker sign-up sheets at each Village Quilters meeting. We need many hands to make this work! In February Daria Phair will have the sign up lists. Please do not bring Bingo quilts, door prizes or other contributions to the February meeting (Patty Wheeler will be out of town). Bingo contribution collection will resume in March! Thanks so much for your support so far. The quilts that have been turned in are spectacular!

### SHOWCASE OUT TALENTS!

This month Shirley Watkins volunteered to bring in her February Quilt. Thank you Shirley for sharing with us. We are all going to be busy beavers with our Charity Workshop but please make time to view Shirley's quilt. It will give us a nice break from our labor.

**Jacqueline Formica**

## **RAFFLE BASKETS**

Keep on bringing in the sewing/quilting related goodies for the raffle baskets. The January raffle baskets contributed \$125 for the guild treasury. Thank you so much for your support. The 3 winners were Dori Batavick, Janet Elton and Joan Hammersla.

**Janet Ruehl**

## **CHARITY SEWING - BABY QUILTS**

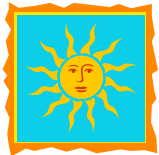
For the February meeting, there are several possible jobs for making baby quilts for the Center for Pregnancy Concerns.

- You can start piecing one of the quilt kits I will have. Please bring your sewing machine.
- You can stitch a label on a completed quilt.
- You can piece a quilt top at home and then bring it to me, so I can quilt it for you.
- You can prepare a kit by cutting fabric into 6 1/2" squares. Bring a cutting mat, ruler, and rotary cutter.

Any questions? Contact Daria Phair at [dbphair@gmail.com](mailto:dbphair@gmail.com) or 443-830-0408.

**Thank you,  
Daria**

## **SUNSHINE**



Please send a note of support to Chris Fittro. Chris recently lost her husband.

Please send a note of cheer to Trish Kilduff. Trish is in need of surgery but a recent illness may have delayed it.

Please let Janet Ruehl know of any others in need of sunshine!

**Thank you,  
Janet Ruehl**

## **QUILTS OF VALOR BLOCKS - Stellar Job!**

What an amazing bunch of quilters we are! Just by gathering, cutting and sewing your Reds, Whites, and Blues together, our guild will be giving 200 squares to **Patches** to be made into Quilts of Valor. If there are 20 squares in each quilt, our blocks will make up 10 patriotic quilts to give to the men and women who serve our country. A touch of humility mixed with some pride goes out to all of you. "You're a grand old flag, you're a high flying flag and forever in peace may you wave." Thank you one and all.

## **NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN - FEBRUARY**

Morning Helpers: Cindy Reisberg, Norma Hong

Clean-Up Helpers: Libbie Rollman, 1 additional person needed

Drinks: Norma Hong (2 liters "real" cola)  
Libbie Rollman (2 liters "diet" cola (1 caffeine free))

Please remember to bring your own lunch and a snack or dessert for sharing.

**Janet Elton**

## **MARCH 2017 BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

Good day to ya, Village Quilters. Spring is still over a month away, but we can start thinking about climbing the Green Castle Walls right now.

This March block may cause you to pause as you line up the points, making sure there is a 1/4 inch left so they aren't snipped off when the quilt goes together. Give a try! It's only fabric after all. (Did I just say that?) Remember not to trim your block. I always tell myself "do your best and learn something new".

In February there will be no Block of the Month, so you have a lot of time to work on this one. We will collect all of your blocks at the March meeting. Who knows, maybe you'll be building yourself a lovely Green Castle Wall quilt.

## **PROJECT LINUS UPDATE**

At the January meeting, we collected fabric, two quilt tops, and two finished Project Linus quilts by Jacquie Formica and Mitzie Lepka. If you are looking forward to the February Community Service meeting on February 16th, here is more information. If you can bring your sewing machine, you can spend the day sewing quilt top kits, machine quilting basted tops or adding binding to finished quilts. Remember to bring your machine sewing items (thread, scissors, bobbins, seam ripper, 1/4" foot, walking foot, etc). If you prefer to do hand sewing, we have 25 Project Linus quilts quilted by Ellicott City longarm quilter, Maria O'Haver. These quilts are ready for binding, so please bring your hand sewing supplies (needle, thread, thimble, binding clips, scissors, needle threader, etc). You can bring rotary cutting supplies (rotary cutter, cutting mat, and ruler) to cut fabric for Linus kits. There will also be quilts to tie, with yarn and needles supplied. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Stephanie Sanidas.

**Stephanie Sanidas**

## **5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE**

This month, we are exchanging two sets of eight pinks/reds. Thank you.

**Kathy Appleton**

## **FAITHFUL CIRCLE/MILLTOWN/VILLAGE QUILTERS TRIP CO-OP**

Our first trip for 2017 is **Quilts Around the Bay Shop Hop**. Friday, March 3, 2017

We will visit 7 of the 9 participating shops: *The Blue Hen Quilt Shop*, Newark, DE; *Hoppin Bobbin*, Aberdeen MD; *Tomorrow's Treasures*, Crofton MD, *The Quilt Vine*, Trappe MD; *Serendipity*, Dagsboro, DE, *Mare's Bears*, Lewes, DE; and *Delaware Sewing Center*; Dover, DE.

Springwater Designs, Columbia MD and Prints Charming, Fulton MD are also participating. Unfortunately due to the itinerary and time constraints, we hope you will visit these shops on your own between March 4-12 to complete your passport and enter the grand prize drawings.

Departure from Park & Ride 108/Presbyterian Circle: 7:30am

Return: 9:00pm, approximately

**Cost: \$65** – includes lunch en route, driver's gratuity, and transportation

Checks should be made payable to **Village Quilters** and mailed to Sheri Thompson, 7422 Cherry Tree Drive, Fulton, MD 20759; 301-490-4448; [sherit@aol.com](mailto:sherit@aol.com)

### **SNOW POLICY**

We will not have a meeting if Baltimore County Schools are closed for inclement weather. If Baltimore County Schools are 2 hours late we will meet. Use your own judgement if the weather is worse in your neighborhood.



## MARCH 2017 BOM

### GREEN CASTLE WALLS

Colors- Medium green, light green, black and cream

#### Cutting:

1. From the medium green fabric cut four (4) 4 ½ inch squares.
2. From the light green fabric cut four (4) 2 ½ inch squares.
3. From the black fabric cut four (4) 2 ½ inch squares.
4. From the cream fabric cut sixteen (16) 2 ½ inch squares
5. And from the cream fabric cut one (1) 4 ½ inch square

#### Assembly:

6. To make the pointed medium green units (Unit A):
  - a.) Draw a diagonal line on the back of eight (8) cream 2 ½ inch squares.
  - b.) Align a cream square with the top right corner of the medium 4 ½ inch square. Stitch the squares together along the line.
  - c.) Trim the excess fabric ¼ inch away from the sewn seam.
  - d.) Press open.
  - e.) Make a total of four (4) units. (Unit A)
7. Sew black 2 ½ inch square to cream 2 ½ inch square. Sew a light green 2 ½ inch square to cream 2 ½ inch square.
8. Sew these units together to make a four block square. (Unit B)
9. Make three more of Unit B.
10. Assemble the full block according to the diagram with the black squares at each corner and the light green squares pointing to the center.

