



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting – May 18, 2017

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

My tenure as president of Village Quilters will soon be coming to an end. This month the new board will be presented to the guild, and our election will take place. The members who have volunteered to serve are as follows:

President - Rene Stiebing
Vice President - Joan Morin
Secretary - Sheri Thompson
Treasurer - Jane Stolte
Program - Daria Phair and Patty Wheeler

I want to thank the members of the nominating committee - Linda Newsom, Cindy McIntyre, Elaine Loughlin and Penny Clifton - for their excellent work in recruiting ladies to fill our vacant positions. I also want to commend those officers who are continuing to serve in their current positions. We wouldn't be the guild we are without your efforts.

At the April meeting the membership voted to disband our library. There will be no books offered for circulation this month, but the card catalog will be available for returns. Members who have books checked out **must** return them by the June meeting at the latest. If you can't be present at the May or June meetings, try to make arrangements with a friend to bring back the books. Over the summer our librarian will inventory and price the books in preparation for the library book sale in September. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Debra

PROGRAMS

Claudia Chapman, owner of Around About Quilts, will give a presentation at the May meeting on "The Language of Longarm Quilting." She will discuss ways to make your partnership with your longarm quilter an enjoyable and successful experience. Topics covered will be what the do's and don'ts are in preparing your quilt top, what thread to

select, how different battings look once they are quilted, why your quilter needs extra backing fabric, what all those terms mean. Claudia will give you some basics on how she chooses quilting designs and will also have a few quilts to show. Please bring your questions!

BINGO

Now is the time to start selling Bingo tickets! You can get tickets from Patty Wheeler at any meeting or by calling or e-mailing her (pattywheeler13@gmail.com). You do not have to pay for tickets when you get them. You can take some and then return the money and/or any unsold tickets to Patty later. Tickets are \$20 per-paid or \$22 at the door.

Keep Bingo quilts, door prizes, table runners and raffle basket items coming in! Items for the raffle baskets need to be new or as good as new or something "vintage" that is unique and in excellent condition. Some of the basket themes will be Sports, Tea, Coffee, Holidays (general), Christmas, Quilting, and Picnic. But, I will take other items and create themes for baskets based on what is donated.

Patty Wheeler

JUNE TEA

Our June tea is just over a month away. We always try to make this a very nice event. Sign-up sheets for food will be available at the May meeting.

Guest tickets for the tea are now available from Sheri Thompson. The cost is \$10 . VQ members do not need a ticket.

For the tea we set the room with round tables that each seat 9. If you would like to request seating with a group of people please give your list of names to Patty Wheeler no later than June 1. You can either e-mail her a list of names or you can fill out a form that will be available at the May meeting. Lists must have both the first and last name of each person in your group. Your list can be as short as 2 people, but no longer than 9. We have enough teapots to have one on each table but it is nice to have 2. If you have a group sitting together please see if one of them has a teapot that they can bring.

Patty Wheeler

WORKSHOPS

Have you been thinking about taking the Ami Simms "String Quilting" workshop on Wednesday, October 18? Don't procrastinate any longer as it is over half-full and spots are being opened to non-VQ members. The workshop will be held at The Lodge from 10-4:30 (doors will open at 9:30 for setup). A short video about the class can be seen at amisimms.com/stquf.html. Don't let the photo to the right fool you. This fun block has many setting and color possibilities!



COST: \$48, check payable to Village Quilters. Contact Patty Wheeler to register for the workshop.

Patty Wheeler & Daria Phair, Program Chairs

SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT

Janet Elton will display one of her quilts for us this month. It is always a real treat to see a quilt up close and at our pleasure. I often wish I could see some of our members "show-n-tell" quilts longer so please consider contacting me so we can display your show-n-tell quilt for a longer look at one of our meetings.

Jacque Formica 410-552-1661

NOVEMBER 2017 FALL RETREAT – West River

This year's retreat is November 9th-12th at the West River Conference Center. The cost is \$225.00. A deposit of \$112.50 must be made by the June meeting in order to hold your spot. At this time we do have a few openings. If you are interested in attending please email me at ladybug3157@gmail.com. I will not be at the May meeting, so if you have a check for the retreat, please give it to Sheri Thompson.

Sharon Coffman

MYSTERY QUILTERS

This month ladies please bring rows #5 and #6 completed to enter the raffle. For you overachievers you may begin to put the rows together...WOW! a whole year has passed. To those to whom this applies "Happy Mother's Day".

Jacque Formica

RAFFLE BASKETS

Thanks to the generous Village Quilters members the 3 raffle baskets raised \$94 in April for the treasury.

Each month I fill at least 3 baskets of new and gently used quilt/sewing supplies that our members contribute. We also welcome finished or unfinished projects and kits, Block of the month pieces you won and don't have a clue what to do with them. Just let the baskets goodies lure you buy tickets so you may become a lucky winner.

It's been a joy to fix up the assortments ... Keep the donations coming!

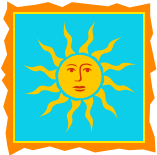
Janet Ruehl

WINNERS

The raffle basket winners for April were: Rene Stiebing, Jacqueline Jones and Cindy Hickman.

Jane Stolte

SUNSHINE



Mitzie Lepka continues to recover at home from her bout with Kidney Stones.

Penny Seymore has recently had her 2nd knee replacement. Words of encouragement would be great as she undergoes her physical therapy.

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

**Thank you,
Janet Ruehl**

MAY 2017 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Grandmother's Choice - All Grandmothers are the not alike! Some like bright blues, some sunny yellows, or maybe a hot and sassy pink. Think about your grandmother - what would she like? Give the BOM a try this month and you'll be sure to please the grandmother in you!

Your BOM Team- Paulette & Dori

Summer 2017 Challenge From Your BOM Team!

We all like a good challenge especially when we get to share it with our quilting friends.

This summer we are challenging you to create a patriotic project. It could be a wall hanging or a full sized quilt. It could be a tote bag or a lovely purse. Plan to bring it back in September!

Have some fun and sing to yourself:

From the mountains
to the prairies
to the oceans white with foam
God Bless America
My home sweet home

Paulette and Dori

CHARITY SEWING - BABY QUILTS

Thank you to the wonderful ladies who have given me baby quilts for the Center for Pregnancy Concerns. The great news is the center will be opening a new location this autumn. It would be stupendous if we could deliver a whole lot of quilts to celebrate. I still have quilt kits to hand out but will also take any small quilts suitable for a baby or small child. If you took a kit, please return the quilt (in whatever stage of completion) by the May meeting. Thank you!

Any questions? Contact Daria Phair at dbphair@gmail.com or 443-830-0408.

PROJECT LINUS UPDATE

April was a very charitable month for Project Linus. We collected 10 quilt tops, including fun patterns by Kay Worley, Cindy Reisberg and Marge Scallio. We also collected 17 finished Linus quilts by Joan Costello, Rene Stiebing, Robin Blackburn, Cathy Pelsinsky and other VQ members. And lastly, 5 patriotic TAPS quilts made by Jane Sinek, Sharon Adams, Patty Wheeler, and Sheri Thompson. Thank you for sewing, quilting and binding so many wonderful quilts for charity. Quilt kits will be available at the May and June meetings if you want to sew over the summer.

Stephanie Sanidas

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN - MAY

Morning Helpers: Help is Needed

Lunchtime Helpers: Sharon Coffman, Debbie McJilton, Karen Benson, Jeanne Markowski

Clean-Up Helpers: Marie Anderson, Shirley Watkins, and one additional helper

Drinks: Sharon Coffman (1 clear soda)
Debbie McJilton (2 caffeine free diet cola)
Karen Benson (1 regular clear soda)
Jeanne Markowski (1 caffeine free clear diet soda)

Tablecloths: Norma Peterson and Patty Stenpeck (return tablecloths in September)

Janet Elton

5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE

Greetings, exchangers! For May, Anything Goes for our exchange. This means you can bring 2 sets of eight squares of any kind of 100% cotton fabric in your stash. See you May 18th!

Kathy Appleton

CHARITY GIVING

Only two more meetings before the summer break--- how is that possible? Please continue to be generous and bring extra canned goods for the summer months when we do not meet.

Thank you for your support.

Kay Worley

UPCOMING BUS TRIP

This trip is sponsored by a co-op of Quilt Guilds in Howard County - Faithful Circle Quilters, Milltown Quilters, and Village Quilters

Hershey Quilt Odyssey 2017

Date: Saturday, July 22, 2017

Price: \$57 (Includes transportation, driver gratuity, show admission)

Departure: 8:00 a.m. (Park and Ride 108 and Presbyterian Circle, Columbia)

Return: 7:30 p.m. approximately

Dinner stop at Cracker Barrel (on your own) en route home

Need payment by June 20th for 30 people to guarantee it's a go

Checks made payable to: Village Quilters

Send to: Sheri Thompson, 7422 Cherry Tree Drive, Fulton, MD 20759

RECIPE REQUEST

CREAM CHEESE COFFEE CAKE

Ingredients

¾ c sugar

1 Tbsp cinnamon

2 pkgs Pillsbury Crescent Rolls

1 8 oz pkg cream cheese

1 tsp vanilla extract

½ c sugar

6 tbsp butter, melted

Directions

Mix ¾ c sugar and cinnamon. Set aside.

Line a 9 x 13 pan with 1 pkg crescent rolls.

Mix cream cheese with ½ c sugar and vanilla extract.

Spread cream cheese mixture on top of crescent rolls in pan.

Top with 2nd pkg of crescent rolls.

Pour melted butter over top.

Sprinkle cinnamon sugar mixture on top.

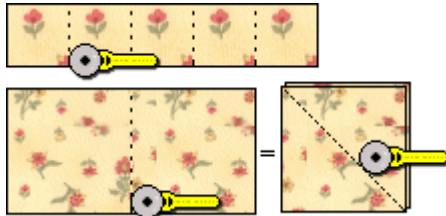
Bake in 350 oven until golden brown for 20-25 minutes.

Submitted by Betty Sterner

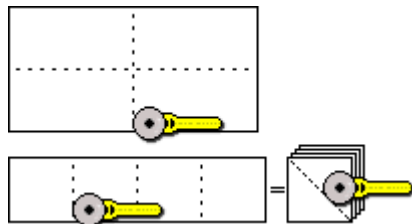
May 2017 Block of the Month

Grandmother's Choice

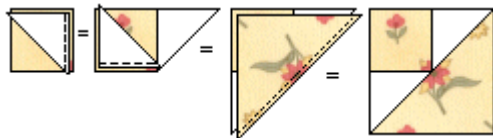
** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block **



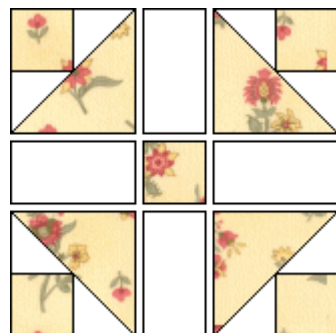
Start by cutting the Color 1 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" strip into five 2-1/2" squares. Cut the Color 1 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip into two 4-7/8" squares. Stack those and cut them once on the diagonal to make four half square triangles...



Now cut the Color 2 5" x 9" strip into four 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles. Cut the Color 2 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip into four 2-7/8" squares. Stack and cut the squares once on the diagonal to make eight half square triangles...



Using a scant 1/4" seam allowance - now and throughout this block, sew a Color 2 half square triangle right sides together to the right hand side of a Color 1 square. Press seam towards triangle. Sew another triangle to the lower edge, again pressing towards triangle. Sew a Color 1 half square triangle to this pieced triangle, pressing this seam towards the larger triangle. This should measure 4-1/2"; trim if needed. Make four units like this...



Now lay out all the units as shown at left. Sew three horizontal rows, pressing the top and bottom row seams to the outside, and the middle row seam to the center. Now just join the rows to complete your Grandmother's Choice Block! Good Job!