



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

November 2017

Next Meeting – November 16, 2017

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Here we are in November already!

Just like the Fall leaves swirl, glide slowly to the ground, blow up and down and into my living room each time the door is opened, my mind whirls in a million directions. Time is rushing by with the speed of a blustery day as I think of the stacks of fabric gathered for specific projects in my quilting room, the daily obligations and commitments, and the up-coming holidays ... BUT WAIT – THERE'S MORE... Like most everyone I feel buffeted by the local, national and world events. Regardless of our personal views, it's exhausting.

More than ever I need to stop, breathe and review my-to do list to focus on Giving Thanks for:

- Every day;
- Time to breathe in the aroma of each day, whether crisp leaves, clean laundry, or supper cooking;
- Learning the little and the big things;
- The loving wonderful and beautiful people in my life;
- The blessings I have received and the opportunity to share those blessings;
- The gift of gathering with family and friends in Thanksgiving for all our blessings;
- The remembrance, with gratitude and joy, of past Thanksgivings;
- And so much more.

But especially, I give thanks for you.

Rene Stiebing

PROGRAMS

In November we will welcome Jeannie Campbell. Jeannie is from Greentown, PA. She has been sewing for 45 years and quilting since 1989. She will share her lecture, New Techniques from Old Magazines, with us. How many old quilting magazines do you have around the house? Come and get inspired to try something new with them!

A few of you have asked about the program plans for future months. So, here is a rundown of the programs coming up for the rest of the 2017-18 Village Quilters year:

- ❖ December – Holiday Party
- ❖ January – Charity Sewing (Please join us for this important event! As a bonus there will be an extra raffle basket this month that will just be fat quarters!)
- ❖ February – Patty Wheeler will share her Postcard lecture (NOTE: If January charity sewing gets snowed out then we will postpone the postcard lecture and move charity sewing to February)
- ❖ March – Judy Gula – Batik Adventure
- ❖ April – Misty Cole – Quilts Inspired by the College Park Aviation Museum
- ❖ May – Phyllis Hatcher – Australian Aboriginal Fabric Dot Art
- ❖ June – Pat and Arlan Christ will return with a lecture prepared just for our tea!

We are looking forward to a great year!

Patty and Daria, Your Program Dynamic Duo

BINGO – October 27, 2017

Thanks to everyone for your help in making Bingo a success! As this was my last Bingo as chairperson please be thinking about stepping in to this important role. This would be fun to do as a small committee. Sharing the work makes it much more fun! Feel free to talk to me about what is involved!

Patty Wheeler

Project Linus and Camp Quilts Update

At the October meeting, we collected four quilt tops and fabric donations from Joan Costello, Robin Dodd, Janet Elton, Mitzie Lepka, Carol Phillips, Marge Scallio, and Jane Stolte. We also collected finished quilts from Joan Costello, Robin Dodd, Mitzie Lepka, and Nancy Winchester. Kits are available at every meeting for Project Linus quilts.

Here's an update on our new charity project to make 20 cot quilts (approximate size 45" x 86") for a summer camp for underprivileged, middle-school children. The camp quilts need to be finished by our March 2018 meeting. So far six quilt tops have been made, three were taken home for quilting and three are finished. Thank you to Catherine Wooten and Diana Gotsch for machine quilting. If you can help in anyway (fabric, full size batting donation, piecing tops, machine quilting, binding) please let me know. We are getting kits ready for our January 18, 2018 community service sewing day.

Stephanie Sanidas

RAFFLE WINNERS

The October VQ meeting raffle baskets won the guild a total of \$120.

The winners were:

Basket 1....Kathy Allen (new member)

Basket 2....Patty Wheeler

Basket 3....Patty Wheeler!

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. In addition, a special Holiday basket will be offered in December. Please bring your goodies to add to this basket.

Janet Ruehl

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

November Kitchen Help

Check in food at 9: Jacque Formica, Patty Cirulli

Lunchtime Helpers: Fran Noyes

Marie Anderson

Diane Maritz

Helen Massare

Clean-up Helpers: Kathy Fowler

Mary Rettman

Peggy Graff

Tablecloths: Jacque Formica

Sodas: only need 2 real coke (Peggy)

only need 2 diet coke (1 decaf) (Patty)

or split it how you want

(have enough clear soda)

Reminder: At the beginning of the year we like everyone to sign up to help with something in the kitchen. We still have some slots open so please look through the book and sign up. The book will be back in the kitchen. Thank you.

Joan Costello (icostello@umbc.edu)

5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE

This month we will exchange 2 sets of whatever you want to bring - anything goes, as long as it is 100% cotton.

Kathy Appleton

MEMBERSHIP

Sharon Coffman won the name badge drawing at the October meeting.

We have 108 members for the 2017-18 year! Please welcome Kathy Allen, Michele Elder, and Michon Semon who joined at our October meeting. The new Directories and your new membership card will be available at the November meeting. Please make sure you check off your name on the accompanying sheet so I will know who has gotten their book.

Linda Newsom

SUNSHINE

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



SPRING RETREAT in Ocean City

Deposits for the Spring Retreat are due to me by the first of December, and the balance by mid-January. If you have any questions, just let me know - CindyReisberg@gmail.com.

Cindy Reisberg

CHARITY GIVING

Remember to bring your donations for food pantry.

Also, Toys for Tots are being accepted in November and December. Toys should be new and not wrapped.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

In October, "Fall In Love" blocks were collected. Thirty blocks were divided by Cindy Hickman and Catherine Wooten.

In honor of Veteran's Day on November 11, we are presenting a block to be made in red/blue and golds to be made into Quilts of Valor. There will be no drawing to win blocks this month, instead, the blocks will be taken to Patches in Mt. Airy where they are given to a group of volunteers to be made into quilts for retired and active military personnel.

Last year we donated 200 blocks and hope to duplicate that this year. Even if you don't usually participate in the block of the month, we hope you will make at least one block this month. We choose a quick and easy block, the spinning star, for your convenience (perhaps you can make several). Thank you for your participation in this very special block of the month.

BOM Co-Chairs: Paulette Chellis & Dori Batavick

Next Meeting is November 16, 2017 at 10 am

Things to bring might include:

- ✓ Block of the Month
- ✓ Food (non-perishable) for Charity Giving
- ✓ Toys for Tots
- ✓ Raffle Basket items for meeting
- ✓ Show and Tell items
- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Pot Luck contribution (Include any cooking directions. Mark dishes with shellfish or nuts accordingly.)

QUILT OF VALOR SPINNING STAR

This month we will complete red/blue /gold blocks to be donated to Quilts of Valor. Last year, we donated 200 hundred blocks to Patches Quilting, in Mt. Airy, to be sewn into quilts. We hope to do even better this year! This is an easy, fast block to both cut and sew. You can use patriotic prints or regular blues and reds. The squares look great either way. We hope to have another great year of participation!

To make a finished 9 in. block cut:

From the light gold or cream:

A - Four $3 \frac{1}{2}$ in. squares

From gold:

B - Two $3 \frac{7}{8}$ in. squares cut diagonally to make four pieces

From blue:

C - Two $3 \frac{7}{8}$ in. squares cut diagonally to make four pieces.

From red:

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

Sew gold and blue diagonally cut pieces together. Follow the diagram carefully for proper placement making sure blue/gold squares are placed correctly to get spinning star affect. Alternate pressing blocks in the rows toward the center and away from the center so they lock easily when sewing the three rows together.

REMINDER: Do not trim block.

