



## VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

October 2017

---

### Next Meeting – October 19, 2017

#### A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

HAPPY AUTUMN –

Even though it is 90 degrees outside I am looking forward to the changing season. There are so many things to love about Fall! I love “sweater weather”, the opportunity to pull out the orange, gold and red quilt I made last year, chilly nights wrapped up in that quilt, the Village Quilters meetings, Block of the Month, Show and Tell, pumpkins, cider and candy corn ... I’m on a roll here. But this Fall has added events to enjoy. I have gathered my fabrics for the Ami Simms workshop; (I’ve NEVER been ready for anything so far in advance). I can hardly wait to learn about String Quilting and hear her lecture at the October meeting. Quilt Bingo will be a hit with the beautiful quilts, table runners and other handmade prizes not to mention the themed raffle baskets and homemade baked goods.



I hope you’ll agree with me that October promises to be an exciting time filled with quilting, fun and friends. I look forward to seeing you at the workshop, meeting, BINGO, and perhaps at a quilt shop. I’d sew love that!

Rene Stiebing

#### WORKSHOPS

For those taking Ami’s workshop “String Quilting” on Wednesday, October 18, it will be held at The Lodge from 10-4:30. Doors will open at 9:30.

Patty Wheeler & Daria Phair

#### PROGRAMS

At the October meeting AMI SIMMS will give a talk on “HOW NOT TO MAKE A PRIZE-WINNING QUILT.” As she says, “Over the years I’ve made some horrible mistakes. Hopefully, I can pass on some tips on what NOT to do! You’ll see an assortment of quilts, from the very first to the more recent, and I’ll pick them apart before your very eyes! Topics covered include Cutting On Sewing Lines, ‘Mystery Batting,’ Bedsheets For Backing, Pre-Washing is a Waste of Time, and the ‘Jam & Cram’ Method of Binding Attachment.”

Daria Phair & Patty Wheeler

#### BINGO – October 27, 2017

Bingo is just around the corner!

Any last minute donations for door prizes or raffle baskets should be brought to the October VQ meeting. All unsold tickets and money for sold tickets MUST be brought to the October VQ meeting!

Set-up for Bingo will begin at 4:00 PM on the 27<sup>th</sup> at the Lodge.

Bingo preparation (raffle baskets, folding programs, etc.) will happen at Patty Wheeler’s home on Tuesday October 24. Watch for an email about this in October.

Any questions? Call Patty after October 15!

Patty Wheeler

## **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

Greetings from the library. For the September's meeting I brought 40 books and not one of those 40 was borrowed. One book was borrowed but it was one that was returned and borrowed again by the same person. So I'm asking for suggestions. What can we do to improve the circulation? People want this library but books are not being borrowed. If you have any ideas come talk to me at October's meeting. Also there are still 8 books out that haven't found their way back to the guild. Please check your shelves for books with red tape on the spine.

Thanks, Donna Shroff

## **NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN**

Thank you all so much for filling out the kitchen help forms at September's meeting. If you were not there or somehow missed it, no need to worry. I will have the clipboards out on a table near check in. There are slips with the month's list - fill the slip out as your reminder and fill in the job slot on the master list for that month. If you have any questions, please see Joan Costello in the kitchen.

### **OCTOBER Kitchen Help -**

Check in food at 9 am - Daria Phair  
\*\* Need one more

Lunch Help - Betty Sterner, Carol Phillips  
\*\* Need 2 more

Clean up – Sharon Adams, Cindy Hickman,  
Barb Austin

Tablecloths - Jacqueline Jones

Soda we have extra soda from September.  
(thank you for that)... but we need our October  
volunteers to bring -- 1 Coke, 2 Diet coke, 1  
decaffeinated Diet coke, 1 flavored seltzer

Please email me if you want to fill in any of the  
empty slots.

Thank you for your help - we really depend on it.  
Joan Costello ([jcostello@umbc.edu](mailto:jcostello@umbc.edu))

## **MEMBERSHIP**

It was wonderful to see everyone at the September meeting! We have 91 members who have renewed their memberships and have several new members for this year. Please look for Sue Gorsuch, Linda Schiffer, Jan Taylor, and Joyce Vain and welcome them to our VQ family.

There are still 24 outstanding renewals. I have attempted to contact all outstanding members either by email or phone, as a friendly reminder. All memberships must be paid for the current year to be included in the Directory. Please make sure you see me in October or mail your renewal to me before the meeting, if you will not be able to attend.

The 2017-18 Directory and new membership cards will be ready at the November meeting. Until then, your green 2017 membership card is still good.

Linda Newsom

## **RAFFLE WINNERS**

- Name Badge: Fran Betty
- Block of the Month Summer Challenge: 1st place - Sheri Thompson, tied for Second - Dori Batavick and Bev Landis
- Raffle basket winners: Kathy Appleton, Diane Moritz and Pat Lieske

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.

## **CENTER FOR PREGNANCY CONCERNS BABY QUILTS**

Last month Kathy Appleton delivered 30 baby quilts, a crocheted blanket, and bibs to the Center for Pregnancy Concerns. Thank you, ladies. What a wonderful job you did! I have plenty of kits, if anyone would like to work on a baby quilt.

Please note that I will be stepping down as coordinator after the January 2018 Charity Sewing meeting. If you would like to volunteer to take over this worthwhile endeavor, contact me.

Daria Phair

[Dbphair@gmail.com](mailto:Dbphair@gmail.com)

## **PROJECT LINUS UPDATE**

It was wonderful to come back after the summer break and receive so many generous donations from Sharon Adams, Norma Campbell, Paulette Chellis, Linda Newsom, and Kathie Underwood. We also received wonderful quilts finished by Barbara Austin, Joan Costello, Jacquie Formica, Barbara Fryer\*, Pat Lieske\*, and Nancy Winchester\* (\*two quilts).

We have begun a new charity project to make 25 twin size quilts (size 43" x 86") for a summer camp for underprivileged, middle-school children. So far 5 quilt tops have been made and three have been taken home for quilting. If you can help in anyway (fabric/batting donation, piecing tops, machine quilting, binding) please let me know. We are getting twin size kits ready for our January 18, 2018 community service sewing day. These quilts need to be finished by our April 2018 meeting. I am confident we are up to this new task. Stop by and see me if you have questions or suggestions. And as usual, kits are available at every meeting for Project Linus quilts.

Stephanie Sanidas

## **5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE**

Welcome back, exchangers! Our first exchange this year will be this month. We will bring 2 sets of 8 fabrics with words printed on them to exchange. Anyone can join us at any time during the year. Thank you.

Kathy Appleton

## **FALL RETREAT at WEST RIVER**

All monies for the fall retreat is due by the October meeting. I still need someone or a group of people to volunteer to prepare Friday's lunch. Please let me know if you are interested.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sharon Coffman

## **CHARITY GIVING**

Remember to bring your donations for food pantry.

## **SUNSHINE**

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



## **BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER**

A Lancaster PA Shopping Trip, sponsored by a co-op of local Quilt Guilds is set for Friday, October 20, 2017.

Departure: 7:30 a.m. (Park and Ride 108 and Presbyterian Circle, Columbia)

Return: 7:30 p.m. approximately

\$60 - Includes transportation, driver gratuity, lunch

Stops: Burkholder's Fabric Shop, Shady Maple lunch, Kitchen Kettle Village (Old Country Store, Zook's)

Payment is needed by September 18th 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

## **SPRING RETREAT in Ocean City**

Dates for the 2018 Spring Retreat are Monday, March 19 through Thursday, March 22. I am pleased that this is the fifth year retreating at the Clarion and the cost hasn't changed -- \$500 Single; \$352 Double; and \$320 Triple. This price includes three room nights and three dinners, lunches, and breakfasts. Room nights prior to or after the retreat are \$95.

Spaces are available if you would like to join us. Deposits (\$100) are due to me by the first of December, and the balance by mid-January.

If you are interested or have any questions, just let me know - [CindyReisberg@gmail.com](mailto:CindyReisberg@gmail.com).

Cindy Reisberg

## **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

Welcome back to our *Village Quilters Block of the Month* fun! As your *BOM* chairpersons, we want to challenge you each month to step just a tiny bit out of your comfort zone. Try a new color. Or if the *BOM* seems like something you aren't ready to tackle – give it a try anyway. What do you have to lose but a bit of fabric? Think about what you'll gain! It could be a new skill or a sharpening of an old one.

This month we're stepping right into autumn with our "Fall in Love" leaf. Have fun with it. Make a couple – or more. Try making a little table topper of your own with colorful leaves. Be sure to bring one or two to our October meeting! You could be the lucky winner of a pile of leaves. No raking necessary. 😊

BOM Co-Chairs: Paulette Chellis & Dori Batavick

**Next Meeting is October 19, 2017 at 10 am**

Things to bring might include:

- ✓ Unsold BINGO tickets and ticket money
- ✓ Raffle Basket items for BINGO
- ✓ Block of the Month
- ✓ Food (non-perishable) for Charity Giving
- ✓ Raffle Basket items for meeting
- ✓ Show and Tell items
- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Pot Luck contribution

# Village Quilters

## September 2017 B.O.M.



### Fall in Love

Choose your favorite fall colors to make your leaf! We suggest brown, tan, red, yellow, gold, green, orange or use your imagination!

From your favorite fall color fabric cut:

Two (2) 3 ¼" squares  
Three (3) 2 ½" squares  
One (1) 1" X 4" rectangle

From cream fabric cut:

Two (2) 3 ¼" squares  
Three (3) 2 ½" squares  
One (1) 3 ½" square **cut on the diagonal once**

**Building your Block:**

1. With the fall color fabric & cream fabric 3 ¼" squares make four (4) half square triangles (HST). Press the seam towards the fall color fabric. (To make HST place the two squares - one cream & one fall color - right sides together. Draw a line diagonally across the cream fabric. Sew ¼" on either side of that line. Cut on the line you've drawn and voila! You have two HSTs 😊 Now, do it again and you'll have four!)
2. Trim each of these four (4) HST to make 2 ½" squares.
3. To make the stem - sew the 1" X 4" fall color rectangle to one of the cream triangles you cut on the diagonal from the 3 ½" square. The triangle will be longer than the rectangle. Press the seam toward the rectangle. Repeat for the other side. Trim this piece to measure a 2 ½" square.



4. Lay the pieces as in this picture below.



5. Sew the first two squares in each row together making sure to keep the half square triangles (HST) oriented the proper way. Press row 1 & 3 towards the HST and row 2 towards the fall color square.
6. Sew the first two squares in each row together. And then sew the remaining squares in each row to the unit.

There you have it! Your first falling leaf of 2017!