



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

September 2017

Next Meeting – September 21, 2017

OFFICERS OF THE GUILD:

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Here it is, my first newsletter article for The Village Quilters of Maryland. I admit that I'm excited, awed, happy and a little intimidated. As a relatively new quilter I have learned so much at Village Quilters from the guest speakers and quilts shared during "show and tell" each month. I have enjoyed finding treasures on the free table for an unfinished project or to just add to my rapidly growing stash. I've completed quilts based on the Guild's library books. And most of all I have had the pleasure of being part of a large group of supportive and talented women who bring a wide variety of perspectives and skills to an art form with a rich history rooted in providing the necessities of daily living, caring, comforting, storytelling and documenting their lives. These experiences are clearly the manifestation of the purpose of the Guild as stated in the Handbook: "to preserve and promote the art and heritage of quilting through educational and charitable means."

With this all said, I am truly looking forward to the coming year and working with everyone. P.S. I am also really looking forward to the BINGO!

One piece of important business before we get started this year - LUNCH. Last year it was decided that pot luck items containing shrimp or nuts should be clearly labeled to prevent a serious or life threatening allergic reaction. Food allergies have become a serious and increasingly common part of daily life. Unfortunately, we have had a member experience a serious reaction to an unlabeled dish and now realize that there are other members who are also at risk of allergic reactions. We are asking members to refrain from including shellfish and nuts in dishes brought to pot luck lunches. I know that we would never want to cause harm to another member. If you have any questions please speak to me or a member of the Board.

Rene Stiebing

PROGRAMS

At the September meeting three ladies from Bear's Paw look forward to sharing what they have learned about the new stabilizers on the market for their presentation, Bags: Our Favorite Stabilizers & Interfacings. The new hardware available has really expanded your choices for completing them. They have put together their version of "The Best of Stabilizers" booklet, which can be used as a reference for your projects. Plus, they will have some holiday suggestions, which you will be able to get done in time!

Daria Phair & Patty Wheeler

BINGO – October 27, 2017

All Bingo donations must be delivered to Patty Wheeler at the September meeting. Please call or see Patty with any questions.

Please bring money for sold tickets to Patty at the September meeting. You may keep unsold tickets so you can continue to sell them. All remaining money and tickets will be collected in October. Patty still has plenty of tickets for sale so see her if you need more.

We could still use some kitchen volunteers for the night of the event.

Thanks to all for your help and for your generosity.

Current raffle basket themes (based on donations) are picnic, sewing, I Love Lavender, tea, read and relax, oriental, Vera Bradley, holidays, Set a Pretty Table and more.

Sign up sheets for the baked goods table will be out at the September and October meetings. Baked goods should be packaged in baggies or Saran Wrap in an amount that could be sold for 50 cents. If your item needs to be sold for more please let me know. Any items with nuts MUST be clearly labeled.

We hope to see most of you on the 27th! If you don't want to drive at night invite a friend who does!

Patty Wheeler

WORKSHOPS

Our Ami Simms workshop is sold out. If you are signed up you will be getting a reminder in the mail with an extra copy of the supply list. If you have questions after September 21, please call Daria as Patty will be out of the country until October 14.

Patty Wheeler & Daria Phair

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN - SEPTEMBER

Just a few reminders as we get started with the new year. In September, we will sign up for kitchen duty for the coming year. Please fill in the sheet for your month and write yourself a reminder on the month slip you picked. Reminders will also go out in the newsletter. Please try to find a replacement if you can't make it that month and just drop me an email.



Our morning helpers will greet you in the kitchen so you can let us know what your dish is, heating instructions, especially allergy alerts - there will be sticky notes.

The tablecloth bin will be along the stage left wall near the BOM table. We will only have one laundress per month. We usually have about a third more cloths than needed and they get mixed in with the dirty ones and get washed again needlessly.

Could the lunchtime helpers just stop by and see me in the morning so we know each other? Please and thank you.

We do need help for Sept. - right now this is all that is signed up:

Morning Help: You??

Lunchtime Help: We need help??

Clean-up: Bette McKeldin

Tablecloths: Catherine Wooten

No one signed up for sodas so we definitely need that:

2 liters clear -caffeine free

2 liters diet clear - caffeine free

2 liters "real" cola

2 liters diet cola - one caffeine free

Thank you for your help - we really depend on it.

Joan Costello (jcostello@umbc.edu)

MEMBERSHIP

70 members have renewed so far for this year. Please see me at the membership table to renew your membership for 2017-18. Dues are \$30 and may be made by cash or check. All memberships must be paid by the October meeting to be included in the Directory. If you have not gotten your new membership badge and lanyard, it should be at the membership table for you. See you in September!

Linda Newsom

JUNE WINNERS

At our June Tea, the Door Prize -- a Granite Rose Tea Set was won by Lois Wilson.



There were three Raffle Baskets which raised \$268 for our treasury. Those winners were:

Carolyn Jenkins
Patty Wheeler
Elaine Catchings

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.

CHARITY SEWING - BABY QUILTS

CENTER FOR PREGNANCY CONCERNS BABY QUILTS

Thank you to the wonderful ladies who have given me baby quilts for the Center for Pregnancy Concerns. There are three boxes filled with quilts ready for delivery in September. If you took a kit, please return the quilt (in whatever stage of completion) by the September meeting. Thank you!

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

PROJECT LINUS UPDATE

I hope you had a wonderful summer and you were able to find time for charity sewing. Firstly, I want to thank our members for completing a record setting 214 Project Linus Quilts last year. This accomplishment is truly amazing and gratifying for our guild of 110 members.



Secondly, I want to inform you about another charity we will be supporting this year. A summer camp for underprivileged, middle-school children has requested a donation of 25 twin size quilts (minimum finished size 43" x 86"). The camp is currently using old, donated hospital blankets. To improve the children's self-esteem, let's add beautiful, new quilts to their cabins. We are asking for donations of novelty fabric (cabins, camping, trees, leaves, nature, forest animals, etc.) for quilt kits to sew at our January 18, 2018 community service sewing day. We also need machine quilters to help us finish these quilts. Please let me know if you can volunteer to machine quilt. We are starting a list of machine quilters so we can get quilt tops to you as soon as they are finished. We need to have our camp quilts finished by the April 2018 meeting.

Lastly, we will continue to make Project Linus and patriotic TAPS quilts throughout the year. Thank you for your donations and support.

Stephanie Sanidas

SUNSHINE

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

Janet Ruehl



CHARITY GIVING

Remember to bring your donations for food pantry.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

SUMMER CHALLENGE -- Hope you had a wonderful summer. This year's summer challenge was to create something patriotic. All projects must be fully completed. We will have numbers to pin on your article and index cards to match to mark your name. Members will vote on their favorites and prizes will be awarded!

The challenge was in place of a September block of the month. We will have October's block on view at the meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

Your BOM Team- Paulette & Dori

FALL RETREAT – West River

All remaining balances for the fall retreat are due to me by the October meeting. I still have some meals and place cards for people to volunteer for. If you are interested in either, please email me or see me at the September meeting.

Sharon Coffman

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.

Cindy Reisberg

Next Meeting is September 21, 2017 at 10 am

Things to bring might include:

- ✓ Raffle Basket items
- ✓ Summer Challenge
- ✓ Food (non-perishable) for Charity Giving
- ✓ Show and Tell items
- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Pot Luck contribution