



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

April 2018

Next Meeting – April 19

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy Almost Spring! It is a wonderful gift for our senses. I love the sounds of birds chirping and children celebrating the freedom to play outside, the feel of Spring air gently caressing my face, the sight of buds bursting open, the taste of fresh Spring produce, and the fragrance of the sun-warmed earth.

Quilting has its changing seasons also. UFOs transform into beautiful quilts. New patterns and techniques expand our creative world. Variations of color, design and proportion delight our senses. There are so many ways we can celebrate this changing season. At the VQ meetings interesting and informative programs will offer new perspectives and ideas, unique approaches to familiar practices, and a validation of our ongoing growth as quilters. We can share in upcoming classes, quilt shows, and the Spring retreat. Let's not forget the "Quilts around the Bay" Shop Hop, and the Spring Fat Quarter Raffle set for April.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Whatever you choose to do – enjoy and keep quilting!

Rene Stiebing

SUNSHINE



Continue to contact when you hear of members who could use "a bit of sunshine."

Janet Ruehl

PROGRAMS

The April speaker will be Misty Cole, an artist and homeschooling mom. Her soaring lecture will be "Quilts Inspired by College Park Aviation Museum." Misty's first solo show of 30 art quilts was inspired by displays at this aircraft museum. The airport where the museum is located is known as "The Field of Firsts" and is the oldest continuously operating airport in the world. To find out more about Misty visit her website at www.mistycole.com.

Patty and Daria, Program Co-Chairs

PROJECT LINUS & CAMP QUILTS

Project Linus Update

At our March meeting, we collected fabric, batting, 2 Project Linus quilt tops, and 12 finished Linus quilts. Remember to pick up a Project Linus kit to take home and sew to help us prepare for next year's charity sewing day. Kits are available at every meeting and can be returned as tops or finished quilts.

For The Love Of Children (FLOC) Camp Quilts

It was great to meet David Hartness, Director of FLOC Outdoor Education Camp, and donate 27 cot quilts that will be used to hug children with warmth and love. A heartfelt thank you to the many Village Quilters who made this charitable endeavor successful. It is truly amazing what we can accomplish when we are all working towards a worthwhile goal. We should all be proud to belong to a caring and compassionate group that brightens children's lives.

Stephanie Sanidas

RAFFLE WINNERS

Raffle baskets made \$134! The winners were:
Mary Brown, Gemma Park, Diana Gotsch.
Special basket with quilt and Ott light: Diane Moritz
Name Badge: Pat Koutz
BOM (8 blocks): Chris Fittro

In April, we'll have a special Raffle basket. Kindly bring your delightful, Springlike fat quarters for the baskets. You could be a winner of this abundant stack of bright fabrics!

Please continue to bring in enticing sewing and quilting supplies to make the baskets sooo attractive and desirous that we'll continue to raise funds for our speakers and programs.

Janet Ruehl

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Morning Help - receive and note food: Michon Semon

Lunch time Help (after the speaker) : Ethel Caudill, Nancy Aruchester, Bev Landis, Donna Schroff

Clean Up: Libbie Rollman, Elaine McLaughlin

Table Cloths: Debra McCarriar

Sodas - note changes:

Ethel Candice - 1 real coke, 1 diet ginger ale
Libbie Rollman - 1 caffeine free diet cola, 1 regular diet cola

Joan Costello (jcostello@umbc.edu)

5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE

Hi, Exchangers!

April will hopefully bring some spring green to us, and our squares this month will be 2 sets of 8 green ones. Think Spring! See you at the meeting.

Kathy Appleton



CHARITY GIVING

Hopefully by the next meeting, the weather will be normal for April. Please remember to bring your food donations--- there are children in our community who will benefit from your generosity. Thanks and happy spring.



Kay Worley

UPCOMING WORKSHOP

In September 2018, VQ will be hosting Terry Kramzar. In addition to her lecture at the Thursday meeting, she will be leading a workshop, "Appliqué Quilting in Layers," at The Lodge on Friday, September 21, 2018. The cost is \$45 (cash or check made payable to Village Quilters), plus kit fee (payable to the teacher). The class is limited to 20 people. For more information about the workshop, go to terrykramzar.com/workshop-information/. Contact Patty at pattywheeler13@gmail.com to reserve a space.



Patty Wheeler

FALL RETREAT

This year's Fall Retreat at the West River Retreat Center is earlier in the month, November 1-4. For this year only we swapped with another quilt group.

The fee this year is \$245. A deposit of \$122.50 must be paid by our June meeting in order to hold your spot. If your deposit is not made by June, I will be contacting the people on the waitlist. Please make your checks payable to Village Quilters. If you are interested in being added to the waitlist, please email me at ladybug3157@gmail.com.

Sharon Coffman

VILLAGE QUILTERS' QUILT SHOW

For those who promised to enter quilts into the VQ Exhibit (May 1-28) at the Arbutus Library, please bring your quilts to the April meeting. Patty Wheeler will be collecting them, since I won't be at the meeting. Or, make arrangements with me to drop off your quilt(s) before then.



I must have the names and sizes of the quilts by April 13th so the caption labels can be made by the librarian. Each quilt must have a label on the back with at least the title and maker. If you would like to try to sell your quilt, I will need the asking price and your contact information, either your phone number or email address.

Important Dates

April 30, 9 a.m. to ? : Set up the exhibit

May 2, 1-3 p.m.: Opening reception

May 29, 9 a.m. to ? : Take down the exhibit

The opening reception will include refreshments (cookies, brownies, cheese and crackers, fruit, vegetables and dip, and small bottles of water). What food would you like to donate to the event?

Let's make this a wonderful quilt show. How would you like to participate? Please contact me at dbphair@gmail.com or 443-830-0408.

Daria Phair

SPRING RETREAT

The recent retreat was so much fun! And, some of us even stayed an extra day because of the wintry weather. I always gather such inspiration from everyone's projects and am in awe of their beautiful handiwork. Mostly I enjoy the stories and the laughter and the friendships.

Ladies, mark your calendar for next year's retreat -- March 4 through 7, 2019. The cost remains the same at the Clarion in Ocean City -- Triple \$320; Double \$352, Single \$500. Sunday night arrivals pay \$95 at check in. A few spaces are available if you wish to join us!

Cindy Reisberg

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Hey VQ! Your BOM team is ready for replacements. Think about it. It is a lot of fun finding designs for your guild friends to try out. Contact one of us and we'll give you the whole scoop. A friend could join you and you'll double the bliss. We promise you'll enjoy the adventure.

Remember that snow that popped in on us in late March?! As we say in New Jersey "Forgit about it!" Our sun is shining and our stars are bright. Have fun with these "Scrappy Batiky Stars"! Use a mottled white batik for your background and lots of color in your stars. Light up the spring sky!

Your faithful BOM team –
Paulette and Dori



Village Quilters of Catonsville BOM

with love
April

2018 Scrappy Batiky Stars

Dig out your bright batiks and let's light up the night with these stars!

Cutting:

From assorted batiks cut out the following pieces:

Two (2) batiks cut to measure a $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares

Two (2) coordinating batiks cut to measure a $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares

Four (4) batik squares cut to measure a 4 inch square - These four squares can be whatever colors you'd like. Coordinate or mix 'um up. Your choice!

Cut these batiks on the diagonal

From Whitish Batiks cut:

Four (4) squares measuring 4 inches then cut these diagonally

Four (4) squares measuring $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Assembly:

Stitch the colorful diagonally cut batiks to the whitish batik diagonally cut batiks.

Press the seams and trim these to make $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares. (You should have 8 of these)

Arrange the blocks as shown in Figure 2. Stitch them together in rows, and then stitch the rows together. Press.

Figure 1

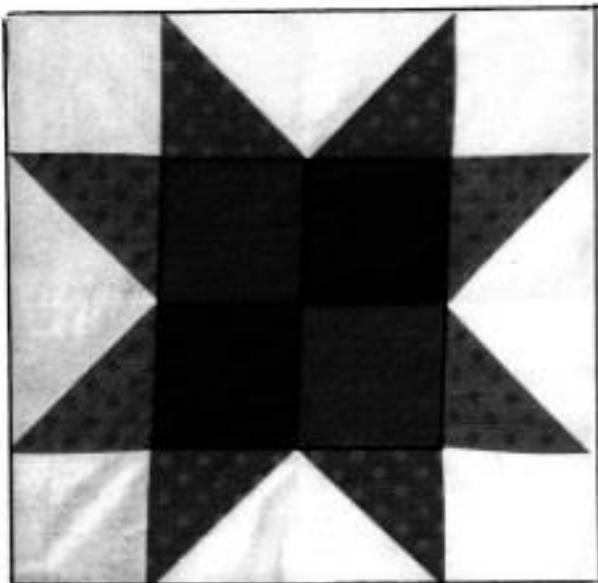


Figure 2

