



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

March 2018

Next Meeting – March 15

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 March meeting. Whatever you choose to do – enjoy and keep quilting!

Rene Stiebing

SUNSHINE

Shirley Watkins at the time of our meeting was in Rehab recouping. It would mean a lot in her healing to hear from her quilt friends. Her husband would take her mail to her. We were told that we could send cards & notes to her home address in the directory.



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

Janet Ruehl

PROGRAMS

The March speaker will be Judy Gula, who owns Artistic Artifacts, a Fair Trade importer of creative art supplies from around the world located in Alexandria, Virginia. Judy will take us on a "Batik Adventure," which will include a slide show highlighting Indonesian culture and the many batik processes used to produce beautiful hand-drawn batik panels, batik fabric yardage, and sarongs. Members will be able to see and handle a variety of batik fabrics and other Indonesian textiles. A mini trunk show of art quilts created with these wonderful batiks and panels will also be included.

Friendship Star will display their award-winning opportunity quilt, "Butterflies in the Mist." Please support them by buying raffle tickets. Patty and Daria, Program Co-



Chairs

BABY QUILTS

Thank you to the wonderful ladies who offered to help me quilt baby quilts at the last meeting. I will bring more quilt tops and batting this month. Also, there are several ladies who took quilt kits home at previous meetings. Please return the quilt in whatever stage of completion by the May meeting, as I would like to deliver finished quilts after the June tea.

Please, if you donate a top, I would appreciate it if the top is no wider than 40 inches, unless you would be willing to donate the backing fabric for the quilt. I don't much yardage suitable for baby quilt backs. Thank you.

Daria Phair

PROJECT LINUS & CAMP QUILTS

Project Linus Update: At our February meeting, we collected fabric, batting, 9 Project Linus quilt tops, and 18 finished Linus quilts. Remember we work throughout the year to prepare for our annual Community Service Sewing meeting. Pick up a Project Linus kit to take home and sew. Then we can have enough quilts to hand bind for next year's charity sewing day. Kits are available at every meeting and donations of fabric and batting are always appreciated.

Camp Quilts Update: In February, we collected 3 Camp quilt tops and 3 finished Camp quilts. We have 16 Camp quilts (46" x 86") finished out of 20 needed by the For the Love of Children (FLOC) Outdoor Education Camp. If you are donating a Camp quilt, it needs to be turned in at our March meeting. David Hartness, FLOC Camp Director, will be collecting the Camp quilts at our March 15th meeting.

Stephanie Sanidas

VILLAGE QUILTERS' QUILT SHOW

We will have a quilt show at the Arbutus Library during the month of May. The goal is to have 40-50 quilts of all sizes. Please consider entering a quilt or two. Each quilt will need a label with your name and title and a hanging sleeve. There is also the opportunity to sell your quilt. If you would like to do that, let me know what your price is.

I will need help setting up and taking down the exhibit. Arlene the librarian will also help with this. Set-up will be April 30; takedown on May 29.

We will have an opening reception with refreshments (such as cookies, brownies, cheese and crackers, vegetables and dip, and small bottles of water) on May 2 from 1-3 p.m. 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. FYI, I will be on vacation until March 7.

Daria Phair

FALL RETREAT

Hi Ladies. 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

RAFFLE WINNERS

Name Badge: Betty McKeldin
Block of the Month: Chris Fittro (20 blocks)
Raffle Baskets earned \$133. The winners were: Diane Moritz, Robin Blackburn, and Jacqueline Jones.

In April, we'll have a special Raffle basket. For both March and April bring cheerful, Springlike fat quarters for the baskets. You could be a winner of this abundant stack of bright fabrics!

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. Please bring your goodies to add to this basket.

Janet Ruehl

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Check in food at 9: Paulette Chellis, Donna Badgett

Lunchtime Helpers: Donna Helm, Cindy McIntyre, Sue Grandizo, Robin Blackburn

Clean Up: Jenny Cecil, Diana Morraye COULD USE 1 MORE FOR CLEAN-UP (thanks)

Tablecloths: Donna Badgett

Sodas: Note changes from original signup
2 - 2 liters clear diet soda - Cindy McIntyre
2 - 2 liters diet cola - Donna Badgett
2 - 2 liters caffeine free diet cola - Paulette Chellis

Joan Costello ([jcostello@umbc.edu](mailto:fcostello@umbc.edu))

5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE

Hi, exchangers! In March we are thinking spring as we exchange 2 sets of eight yellow squares, on our journey through the rainbow. We welcome new exchangers to join us any time.



Kathy Appleton

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

For March, we thought we would have "wearing the green". We all seem to enjoy St. Patrick's Day, no matter our heritage. We are calling this block "Which Way to Dublin". It is basically wild geese going in all directions. Green and white are the colors of the month. This is a fun block, enjoy!

QUILTS OF VALOR BLOCKS

Dori, Theresa Appel and I joined the volunteers last month at Patches fabric shop in Mt. Airy for a Quilt of Valor sew-in. Patches was a wonderful host giving us space, cutting tables, irons, and even snacks! Four quilt tops were made from the 130+ blocks donated in November. Last year's blocks had not been used yet, so another four quilt tops were made from them. What a successful day! The tops will be quilted at Patches and taken to Walter Reed Medical Center to be distributed. Thanks to all who participated in making blocks.

Scrappy Batiks!

Next month (April) our BOM will be made with batiks! If you have an excess of bright colored batik scraps and want to reduce your stash, why not bring some in to share? We'll have a basket available for you to place your batik scraps (measuring at least a 5" square size). Anyone who takes a BOM pattern at the March meeting can take a batik scrap. You can bring a few scraps and take a few different ones! The scraps will only last until they are gone! (Now that's prophetic :-)

BOM Co-Chairs: Paulette Chellis & Dori Batavick

CHARITY GIVING

Please remember to bring your donations for the food bank. What we give makes a real difference for families struggling to feed their children. Thank you for your support.

Kay Worley



WORKSHOPS are coming to Village Quilters!

On Tuesday, April 17 we will be having a postcard workshop. The time will be 10AM to 2PM. Bring your lunch! Thanks to Carol Phillips for making this happen! We will use a room at Catonsville United Methodist Church for this event. The class limit is 10 people so look for the sign up at the March meeting if you want to attend! The cost is \$10 per person, payable directly to Patty Wheeler. The cost includes the materials to make 3 postcards.

In September we will be hosting Terry Kramzar. Terry will be teaching a workshop in addition to her Thursday lecture. The workshop, *Quilting in Layers*, will be on Friday, Sept 21, 2018. The cost will be \$45 per person (plus a \$15 kit fee payable to Terry the day of the event). There is a limit of 20 class spaces. Look for the sign-up sheet beginning in March.



We are looking ahead to hosting two workshops taught by Norma Campbell. Please look for the "I am interested" sheets at the March meeting to help us plan dates and spaces for these events!

Patty Wheeler

POP TOPS

I would like to sincerely thank all the members that are saving pull can tops and bringing them to the VQ meetings for me. So far we have filled a 28 oz. container three times for the people in need of kidney dialysis. Hopefully we nor any of our loved ones will ever need this procedure but it is nice to know that with so little effort we can financially help others. It is a good project for us all especially during Lent. These pull tops are on veggies, pet foods, soda cans etc. Please consider saving them and bringing them to me at the meetings. Any quantity will help. Thank you.....Jacque Formica

MESSAGE FROM LAURIE GREGG ~

SAVE THE DATE! April 21, 2018 8:00am to 2pm

212 Montrose Ave. Catonsville, MD

Rain or Shine! Huge Quilting & Sewing Yard Sale

I'm cleaning out the basement! All sorts of fabric: quilting cottons, fat quarters, knits, corduroy, Home Decorator fabric. As well as kits, UFO's, patterns, notions, batting. Most everything will be sold by the pound. I'm saving plastic bags so everyone can fill them up with all kinds of goodies. Hope to see you there.

WHICH WAY TO DUBLIN?

We are all a little Irish in March no matter what our DNA, just for the fun of it! This month's block is green and white flying geese. They all seem to point in different directions, forcing us to ask, just which way IS Dublin? Have fun with this block!

To make a finished 10 in. block cut:

From white:

A – Eight $3\frac{3}{8}$ in. blocks

From green:

B – Eight $3\frac{3}{8}$ in. blocks

Cut both green and white $3\frac{7}{8}$ in. squares across diagonally. Sew one white to one green to make 16 blocks. Press half toward dark and half toward light, this will make it easier to "nest" blocks together.

Trim dog ears. When you sew next set as per the diagram, again, press half in one direction and half in another. This ability to nest makes the block so much easier and accurate.

Sew blocks together as per diagram below.

REMINDER: Do not trim block.

