



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

May 2018

Next Meeting – May 17

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

May is finally here and it delights my soul! I love the sight of flowers blooming, the smell of freshly mown grass, and the sound of the peepers singing at night.

This month I especially look forward to seeing the Spring creations shared at Show and Tell. Each month the beautiful quilts and their varied stories unfold like nature's bounty. Each is uniquely made, reflecting the spirit and gifts of their creators. I think it would be lovely to arrange them in a basket – a May basket of fabric – an inspiration to create a piece of Spring that will last all year long.

Happy May,
Rene Stiebing

PROJECT LINUS & CAMP QUILTS

Thanks to Patty Stenpeck, we collected the following items at the April meeting: batting, fabric, 5 quilt tops, 10 finished Linus quilts and one finished TAPS quilt. We only have two more meetings until our summer break, so please pick up a kit to take home and sew for next year's charity sewing day. Kits can be returned in September as tops or finished quilts. Thank You!

Stephanie Sanidas

SUNSHINE



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

Janet Ruehl

RAFFLE WINNERS

In April the raffle baskets raised \$106 for the VQ treasury. The winners of the 3 baskets were: Betty Sterner, Carolyn Jenkins, Cindy McIntyre. The "4th" raffle was two baskets of lovely Spring fat quarters of fabrics that were won by: Sue Galicki and Jackie Jones, raising an additional \$102 for the treasury. And the Name Badge Raffle was won by Jane Stolte.

Janet Ruehl

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This year, the Nominating Committee hoped to find a Vice President and two people for Program Committee. We were successful in finding a Vice President. Rene Stiebing, our current President will serve as Vice President next year and will be President the following year. Thank you Rene for your willingness to serve!

We were not successful in finding Program Chairs. Usually, two people serve together in this role. Currently, Patty Wheeler and Daria Phair are serving and have planned out programs for most of next year. If you think you might be interested, grab a friend and talk to Patty and Daria about what is involved. It is an interesting way to keep up with what is happening in the world of quilting and to ensure Village Quilters offers programs that you like!

My thanks to Cindy McIntyre and Penny Clifton for serving on the nominating committee with me. I appreciate your help!

Linda Newsom

PROGRAMS

Have you noticed the beautiful Australian fabrics in quilt shops these days? In May Phyllis Hatcher will be joining us to share her slides and fabric trunk show in her "Australian Aboriginal Fabric Dot Art" lecture. Phyllis has traveled in the Australian outback and seen first hand what inspires these fabrics. Be sure not to miss this unique lecture!

The Annapolis Quilt Guild will have their raffle quilt at the May meeting

Workshops:

Terry Kramzar is coming to Village Quilters in September. She will be teaching a workshop the day after her lecture. The cost is \$45 payable to the guild at sign-up and a \$15 kit fee payable to Terry at the workshop. Please sign up as soon as possible since once we are into the summer months it is hard to remember! See Patty Wheeler to sign up or for more information.



To all guild members – If you have suggestions for speakers please give their contact information to Patty Wheeler. Since we do not yet have our next Program Chair on the ballot for June we are trying to get several more months filled in on our calendar! Thank You!

Patty and Daria, Program Co-Chairs

5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE

Hi, Exchangers!

This month we will exchange 2 sets of eight blue or indigo squares.

We're almost at the end of our rainbow!

Kathy Appleton



CHARITY GIVING

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

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome Catherine Shanks as a new member and include her information in your directory:

712 Hunter Way, Catonsville, MD 21228
443-996-4230 cmshanks@verizon.net

Membership renewal for 2018-19 will begin at the June meeting. Since we will not be allowed into the meeting room until 10am, I will be at the table in the vestibule to take your renewals. The fee remains at \$30. The forms will be printed in the May newsletter. This year we are adding a space for your birthday. Please note it will only be month and day, we do not require the year!

Linda Newsom

VILLAGE QUILTERS' QUILT SHOW

May 1-28, 2018

Baltimore County Public Library

- Arbutus Branch

855 Sulphur Spring Road

Arbutus, MD 21227

Opening Reception - May 2, 1-3 p.m.

The library is open Sunday 1-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday 9-9 p.m., and Friday-Saturday 9-5:30 p.m.

A few of the quilts are for sale. Ask a librarian at the Information Desk for prices. Please come and enjoy the beautiful quilts made by Village Quilters.



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

JUNE TEA

The planning for our June tea is well underway. This event is free for paid members, but any guests must have a ticket to attend. Sheri Thompson is your contact for the tickets. They are \$10.00 each and must be paid for at the time you receive them.

Each table will be set for 9 people. If you wish to be seated with a particular group of friends, please fill out a form and give it to Patty Wheeler before June 14th. Requests made after this date cannot be accommodated.

There are sign-up sheets for the foods needed for the tea. Patty Wheeler will handle this at the May meeting since I will be away. We could use an additional 3-4 people in the kitchen for morning set-up in addition to any members who are already assigned in June. If you can help, please give your name to Patty or send me an email.

If you have any questions, you can call me at (410) 551-7383 or send an email to dlmcc@cablespeed.com. Please note - I will be out of the country and unavailable from May 10th to the 26th. Thanks!

Debra McCarriar

BUS TRIP to Hershey Quilt Odyssey 2018

Saturday, July 21, 2018

The cost is \$57

Departure: 8:00 a.m. (Park and Ride 108 and Presbyterian Circle, Columbia)

Return: 7:30 p.m. approximately.

Includes transportation, driver gratuity, show admission

Dinner stop at Cracker Barrel (cost is on your own) en route home.

Checks made payable to: Village Quilters

Give or send checks to: Sheri Thompson, 7422 Cherry Tree Drive, Fulton, MD 20759

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

April's Scrappy Batiky Stars Block was won by Chris Fittro. Chris won 10 blocks.

TWIRL INTO SPRING

Finally! Spring is HERE! We are celebrating by using bright colors and prints for our block of the month. It is a basic nine patch, cut and twirled to make a new arrangement. As quilters, we are used to cutting perfectly good fabric into pieces to make even better fabric. Now we are cutting up a perfectly good nine patch block to make a vibrant, fun block. Don't be afraid to mix all kinds of colors and prints. In my sample, I used all prints and it worked. Enjoy this easy, colorful block and enjoy spring! Paulette and Dori

Next Meeting is May 17 at 10 am

Things to bring might include:

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

TWIRL INTO SPRING!

NINE PATCH TWIRL

You will need nine different $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. squares of assorted spring fabrics.

Sew into three rows, pressing seams in opposite directions for easy nesting.

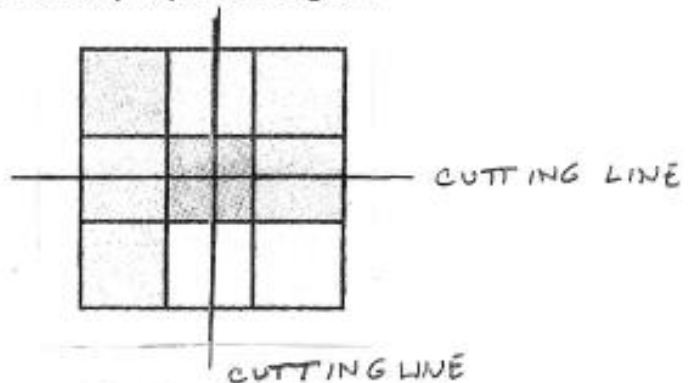
Sew rows together and press seams in opposite direction.



You will have a basic nine patch.

Rotary cut the squares horizontally and vertically as per the diagram.

You will have four $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. squares.



Turn square 2 and 3 until the smallest corner piece is on the upper outside as per diagram below.

Sew squares together to form one 12 in. block. Do not trim block.

