



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

November 2018

Next Meeting ~ November 15

Food for Thought: "All roads to happiness touch the gratitude milestone." Amit Sood, M.D.

Dear Village Quilters,

Greetings to All in the Gratitude Season!

At October's meeting we were treated to an excellent talk and demonstration by Mary Koval. In her talk, Mary explained how she came to be where she is today in her Quilting career—an expert and dealer in antique quilts and fabrics, a fabric designer and collector, a quilt shop owner and quilter and also (as so many of us are) a fabricaholic.

She revealed that looking back, it was her favorite Grandmother who taught her to sew and it is her favorite Grandmother who she still remembers at the end of her talks and who obviously still holds a special place in her memory and in her heart.

It's a question we can all ask ourselves. Who started you on your path in sewing and quilting? To whom are you grateful? A mother, an aunt, a big sister, a teacher, your own Grandma?

For me, I have to give credit to my Mom who passed away over thirty years ago. My Mom was not a quilter, but with four daughters in the house, there was a good deal of sewing that she found herself doing. We sat with her while she sewed Halloween costumes and coats and dresses at Easter, sun dresses for the summer. I

remember sorting through her button box and watching her make covered buttons for coats and jackets. I have many memories of watching her pin tissue paper patterns to fabric spread out on the dining room table, and the excitement of finally being allowed to use her sewing machine, raising and lowering it into its wooden cabinet.

One memorable outfit she made for me as an adult was a two-piece teal wool maternity pantsuit which I wore practically every day during my over- long second pregnancy. That November, our son arrived on Thanksgiving Day, healthy and happy, a little over two weeks beyond his due date, and only moments before the elastic on those pants finally wore out and broke. (Thank you, Mom. We were lucky to have you.)

As we approach Thanksgiving, I wish you all fond memories of those who may have started or helped you along the way in your sewing and quilting life, many of whom may be Village Quilters as well.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Quilting.

Joan Morin, VQ President

SEPTEMBER WINNERS

Name Badge – Barbara Fryer

Block of the Month – Chris Fittro

Raffle (earned \$95) – Cathy Pelinsky, Jane Stolte, and Chris Fittro

Please continue bringing in your extra sewing and quilting treasures to share in the raffle baskets.

FAT QUARTER RAFFLE

Please bring in your Holiday-themed fat quarters for a raffle at our November meeting.

SUNSHINE



Marge Scallio, who has been a dear member of VQ, has not been able to attend our meetings lately. It would be nice to remember her with “I’m thinking of you” notes. Continue to contact me when you hear of members who could use “a bit of sunshine.”

Janet Ruehl

PROJECT LINUS

An overwhelming amount of donations were collected at our October meeting. Batting, fabric, six quilt tops and four finished quilts were donated. Thank you to Cindy Reisberg, Kathy Mulhy, Linda Newsom, Joan Costello, Fran Betty, Donna Schroff, Jacquie Formica, Norma Campbell, Penny Clifton, and Sharon Adams for their generosity. Quilt kits will be available to take home and sew at our next meeting. I am looking for volunteers to help with machine quilting as preparations are ongoing for our community service sewing meeting in February.

Stephanie Sanidas

5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE

Let me say first that in this month of Thanksgiving that I am thankful that I know all of the lovely ladies who exchange 5” squares each month. You are all a joy to be friends with.

Because people like to use their squares to make holiday gifts, and they need some time to put them together, this month’s squares will be 2 sets of eight Christmas or Hanukkah themed fabrics.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Kathy Appleton

PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Quilt designer, author, and teacher, Barbara Cline, will give a talk on Amazing Diamond Chains. She will describe how diamond chains can be pieced in a triangle, square, or



diamond layout. Barbara comes from a close-knit Mennonite family of quilters. Her family’s quilts were featured in the Virginia Quilt Museum’s exhibition, Five Generations of Mennonite Quilts. Her book, Diamond Chain Quilts, is in the Village Quilters’ library. For more information and pictures of her quilts, visit www.delightfulpiecing.com.

Uhuru Quilters will be selling tickets for their guild's raffle quilt.

Bingo is coming in October of 2019! We are working on putting together a committee to run this important event. Cindy Hickman will be chairing it but cannot do all the work alone. Please let Patty Wheeler know if you are willing to help with this event that keeps our guild running! Our dues pay our rent. Raffle baskets cover our insurance. Bingo pays for everything else! We need people to co-chair the kitchen, raffle baskets, door prizes and quilt collection. Once I have some names I will schedule a planning meeting. I am looking forward to hearing from YOU!

Daria Phair & Patty Wheeler

CHARITY GIVING

Our next meeting is very close to Thanksgiving. Let us show our gratitude for all the many blessings that we have been given by being extra generous with our canned food donations.

Please remember that we are also collecting Toys for Tots during the November and December meetings. God Bless...

Kay Worley

LIBRARY

The library will still have books for sale at the November meeting. They range from \$1-3... so come over and take a look.

Also the library is still missing books. Could you look carefully at your collection at home for these books? Village Quilter's books have a stamp on the inside of the cover and a red piece of tape on the binding.

Thank you, Donna Shroff

HOSPITALITY NOTES

Thank you all so much for signing up to help in the kitchen for the coming year. If you didn't get a chance to do it, you can come back to the kitchen in November and sign up for something. We still need help in April (all jobs), May (all), June (all), September 2019 (lunchtime & cleanup).



Also, we appreciate everyone's generosity with bringing food to share but it is sometimes a little light on the non-sweet side.

November Help

Morning set up 9 am: Catherine Shanks & Debra McCarriar

Lunchtime Help: Carol Phillips, Eloise Labraun
NEED 2 more

Clean up: NEED 3 helpers

Tablecloths: NEED 1 to be brought back in Jan.

Sodas:

- 2 clear caffeine free - Carol Phillips
- 2 diet clear, caffeine free - NEED help
Debra, could you please do this
- 2 "real" cola - NEED help Catherine, could you please do this
- 2 diet cola - 1 caffeine free - Eloise Labraun

Joan Costello

PLANNING AHEAD FOR PROGRAMS

In January we will have several things going on!

First, we will have a brief chat about quilting tips that folks have sent me.

Second, we will have several demos. If there is something you would like to see demoed PLEASE let me know and I will find someone to do it (piped binding? foundation paper piecing? appliqué? others?).

Third, we will have a "Yard Sale". I have only heard from a few people in response to my earlier email but everyone who responded said they would be interested in a yard sale. I have 2 requests for tables. I will take requests for up to 6 more tables so please get in touch ASAP if you would like a space to sell items that no longer have a space in your stash.



Patty Wheeler pattywheeler13@gmail.com

SPRING RETREAT

Just a reminder that deposits are due November 30. Make your check payable to Cindy Reisberg.

MEMBERSHIP

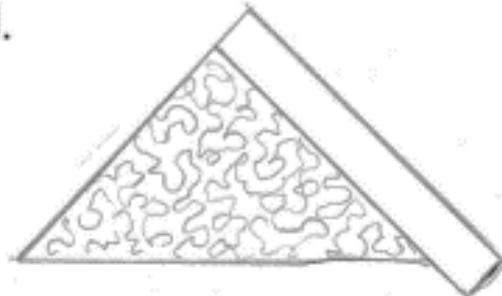
The 2018-19 Directory and membership cards will be available at the November meeting. Please pick yours up at the Membership table as you come in to the meeting. Your membership card is good for one year. Many quilt stores offer a discount to guild members, so carry your card and see if you can save money while you shop. We have 106 members this year. Check out the directory for any new faces and say hello to them at the meeting. Quilting friends are the best!

Linda Newsom

THIS WAY OR THAT?

Needed: 4 strips of white fabric, 1 1/2" by 6"
4 triangles of varied solid or small/medium
print fabrics

1. To make triangles, make a template by cutting out a 5 1/2" paper square. Cut it in half diagonally. Use either paper triangle to cut your fabrics.
2. Sew a white strip to the right side of the triangles, as illustrated.



3. Lay out the four pieces and sew together as illustrated. Press. Do not trim.

