



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Next Meeting 10/18/18

Dear Village Quilters,

Our Village Quilters' Year 2018 - 2019 was off to a very successful start at the September meeting. Terry Kramzar, our speaker, gave an excellent talk about her experiences as an art quilter and also as an Artist-in-Residence at two of our National Parks, including Everglades and also the Grand Canyon.



It was great to learn that our National Parks Service sponsors an artist-in-residence program (did not realize) and also that quilting as an art form has become so widely appreciated. (Terry shared that one of her art quilts had sold for \$9000!)

It was also good to find out a bit about Terry's quilting process. Her hikes on the Appalachian Trail had brought her into contact with lovely experiences of wildflowers, among them trilliums and Ghost orchids, both of which had inspired several of her beautiful quilts. We were pleased to see slides of all this, her hikes into the north rim of the Grand Canyon and many of her quilts which she had brought along.

In our own little corner of Maryland, we do not have to go far to be inspired by the beauty of Nature. Our unrelenting summer of rain has brought us an amazing color range of greens. At this point, most of us would also admit to becoming much too familiar with all the ranges of gray we have had to deal with in our skies. (What to counter the gloom of gray? A rain boot quilt? An appliqué quilt of children's umbrellas?)

As we roll into October, I am hoping for some inspiration in the form of what Helen Hunt Jackson called "October's Bright Blue Weather." Bring on those blue skies, bring on those crisp Autumn days,

the reds and yellows of apples. Roll out the pumpkins—orange, white and even some blues this year. Bring on the rusts and browns of mums, of corn shocks and Indian corn and sun-dappled yellow Maple leaves! (Now is the time to pull out my orange and black wool appliqué table mats and my orange velvet sofa cushions, the autumn leaf wreath for the front door.)

Wishing you a Happy Autumn and hoping to see you in October for another inspiring meeting.

"O suns and skies and flowers of June
Count all your boasts together.
Love loveth best of all the year,
October's bright blue weather..."

Helen Hunt Jackson (1830 - 1885)

Joan Morin, VQ President

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Mary Koval, leading expert in the field of American quilts and antique fabrics, will give a talk on "Who is Mary Koval and How Did She Start?" Some of Mary's many accomplishments include publishing several books and contributing articles to Country Home, Quilter's Newsletter, Quiltmania, Quilter's World, Quilts, Love of Quilting, and other major magazines. As a fabric designer, Mary has designed reproduction fabrics for Timeless Treasures, Free Spirit, and Blank Quilting. She presently designs for Windham Fabrics. On top of all that, she has a store called Mary's Quilt Shop in Bedford, Pennsylvania. Her website is <http://marykovalantiquequilts.com>. Come hear this icon of 19th century quilt history speak.

Daria & Patty
Program Co-chairs

SEPTEMBER WINNERS

Summer Challenge - Carol Phillips
Name Badge - Kathy Allen
Block of the Month - Catherine Shanks
Raffle (earned \$89) - Sue Galicki, Sue Galicki, Kathy Allen

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

SUNSHINE

I was informed that Cass Pasdach was home now recovering from a hip operation she had had in September. Cards & notes will be a nice comfort in her healing



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

Janet Ruehl

PROJECT LINUS

It was wonderful to see everyone and gather charity projects our members worked on over the summer break. We collected 11 quilt tops, 7 finished quilts, fabric and batting donations. Special thanks to Pat Lieske, Joan Costello, Sharon Koscinski, Kathy Muhly and Kay Worley for their donations.

We are getting quilts ready for hand binding at our February 2019 charity sewing day. We need members to take home quilt kits and sew quilt tops. We are also looking for volunteers to machine quilt. Machine quilting can be very simple (stitch-in-the-ditch and straight lines) or try something fun and new. This is a great opportunity to practice and improve your skills. Please stop by and see me at the next meeting if you can help.

Stephanie Sanidas

CHARITY BABY QUILTS

I will have kits at the October meeting. Although I have plenty of fabric to piece tops, please consider donating batting and 1 1/2 to 1 2/3 yards per quilt for backing so these cute quilts can be finished. Thank you!

Daria Phair

5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE

Hi, Exchangers! Happy Fall! To celebrate the season of colorful trees, our squares this month will have falling leaves on them. Please bring two sets of eight squares to exchange with the others in the group.

Anyone is welcome to join us at any time. This month only, we will meet before lunch because I have to leave around 12:30 for a medical appointment. Thank you.

Kathy Appleton

FAT QUARTER RAFFLE

Please bring in your Holiday-themed fat quarters. We will collect these in October and they will be raffled off at our November meeting.

KITCHEN HELP

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 Oct. and sign up for something. We still need help in Nov. (all jobs), Dec. (cleanup), Jan. (tablecloths), March (cleanup), April (all jobs), May (all), June (all), and September 2019 (lunchtime & cleanup).

October Help

Morning set up 9 am: Donna Badgett & Paulette Chellis

Lunchtime Help: Penny Clifton, Carol Phillips, Pat Lieske NEED 1 more

Clean up: Patty Wheeler, Janet Ruehl NEED 1 more
Tablecloths: Joan Morin

Sodas - 2 clear caffeine free - Penny Clifton

2 diet clear, caffeine free - Chris Fittro

2 "real" cola - Paulette Chellis

2 diet cola - 1 caffeine free - Donna Badgett

Joan Costello

FALL RETREAT

All balances are due by the October meeting. The remaining balance is \$122.50. Please make checks payable to Village Quilters.

Sharon Coffman

SPRING RETREAT

Deposits are due November 30. Make your check payable to Cindy Reisberg.

MEMBERSHIP

October is the last month for renewal to be included in the Directory for 2018-19. Please see me at the membership table if you are unsure you have renewed.

Remember to wear your name tag to be included in the raffle each month. The winner gets a gift card to a local quilt store! You must wear your name tag to enter and win.

New directories and membership cards will be available at the November meeting. Your current membership card is good through November.

Linda Newsom

LIBRARY

At the October meeting we will be having a book sale. The books will range in price from \$3-\$8. I'll have the books in a box by where I sit. So bring a few extra dollars and help the guild. Also if you have any suggestions for new books please come and talk to me or send me an email. And one last thing, check your bookshelves for quilt books with red tape on the binding. If you find any please bring them to the next meeting.

Thank you,
Donna Shroff

UPCOMING WORKSHOP



Norma will be teaching her "South of the Border" workshop for us on Tuesday, November 13. This will be held at Spring Water Designs in Columbia and the cost is only \$35! The doors will open for set-up at 9:30 and the class will run from 10:00-4:00.

There are still spaces available. Please contact Patty Wheeler to sign up!

DENVER, PA QUILT RETREAT:

This fun retreat will be May 6 to 10, 2019 at the Blue Lake Resort in Denver, Pennsylvania.

The cost is \$50/night (\$200) plus cleaning cost which is usually about \$10 /person.

We have space for 12 quilters (9 quilters are already signed up) and three extra rooms for shoppers. The Lancaster area has many quilt and out-let places to shop so a person could shop-til-ya drop! Shoppers need not stay all four nights. We arrange for our own meals except for two evenings of community food fare. A \$50 deposit is required in October.

There are 15 private rooms unless you bring a husband then you have to share your room but NOT your quilting space! All quilters get a 6 foot table as well as a shared ironing table and a cutting table.

For more information please contact me.

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Things to bring to the next meeting might include:

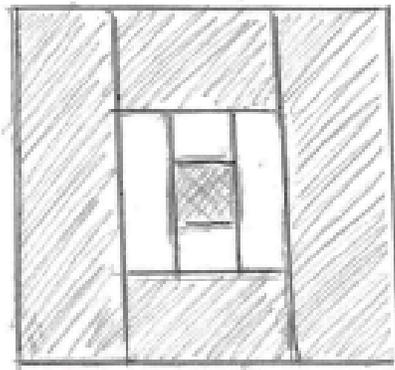
- ✓ Block of the Month
- ✓ Food (non-perishable) for Charity Giving
- ✓ Raffle Basket items for meeting
- ✓ Show and Tell items
- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Luncheon contribution

Autumn Squares in Batik

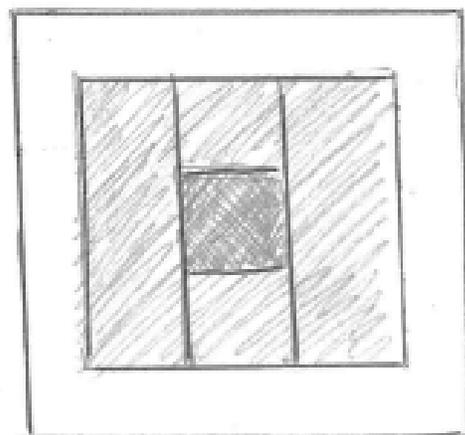
- needed: 2 3" red or rusty colored squares
Strips of light batik in forest or autumn colors, 3 1/4" wide
Strips of medium/darker forest or autumn colors, 2 1/2" wide

There will be two blocks.

1. Sew the light strips around the reddish center block. Then, sew the darker colored strips around that.



2. Sew the darker strips around the other reddish square. Then, sew the lighter colored strips around that.



3. Do not trim.