



## VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

September 2018

Next Meeting 9/20/18

### A NOTE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Dear Village Quilter Friends,

Welcome back to another Village Quilters' year. I hope your summer was happy and healthy and restorative. I am excited to be President of Village Quilters this year and I am looking forward to getting to know more of you as we work together to ensure that our Guild continues to grow and thrive, and provide good experiences for all of us.

One of the best quilt-related experiences I had this summer was reading Patricia Polacco's THE KEEPING QUILT with our eight year old granddaughter, Lyla. (If you haven't come across this delightful children's book, it is well worth tracking down the 25th Anniversary addition.) Lyla was so taken with the story and with the illustrations and also the emotions of the story.

It is the classic quilting story—a poor, immigrant woman gathers the neighborhood ladies to sew a quilt from scraps of clothing. They make the border of the quilt from the babushka which the author's actual great grandmother, Anna, brought with her from her native Russia.

The quilt is passed down through the generations and used to wrap newborns, to cover a table, as part of wedding huppas and to comfort and keep warm an aging grandmother. It is a well-loved and much used appliqué quilt in this family, and eventually it comes to Patricia.

Patricia's own children secretly have a replica of the Keeping Quilt made for her so that she is able to part with the original which will be displayed at the Mazza Museum in Findlay, Ohio. (The museum houses original artwork from many books by children's illustrators.)

She continues to use the new quilt for many family occasions, taking it to schools to share its story with school children and best of all, it is used : " To wrap the most precious gifts of all...new lives!"

Thinking back to those first Baby Quilts which I made for my own children (45 and 43 years ago!) I am struck by just how tangible Love becomes when it takes the shape of a quilt. Some fabric, some thread and some batting become transformed into an expression of love and care. I think this was what so impressed our granddaughter. And maybe it will inspire her to make her own quilts one day.

How lucky we are to be a part of this wonderful tradition. Wishing you a great year and Happy Quilting!

Joan Morin

### WORD OF THANKS

Thank you for the beautiful blue quilt blocks you made for me. They are a lovely reflection of your thoughtfulness. It was a pleasure serving as Village Quilters president last year.



Rene Stiebing

## **SUNSHINE**



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

Janet Ruehl

## **PROJECT LINUS & CAMP QUILTS**

Thank you to everyone who worked on Project Linus quilts over the summer. There will be quilt kits available at our next meeting. Please consider taking home a kit to sew. We need help getting ready for our annual charity sewing day this winter. Donations of fabric and batting are always welcome to help us make our charity quilts. See you September 20th!

Stephanie Sanidas

## **PROGRAMS**

We have an exciting year coming up at Village Quilters! In September we will host Terry Kramzar. Terry, an art quilter and avid hiker, will share her lecture “Inspired by Adventure”. Her Friday workshop, “Applique Quilting in Layers”, is full.

Upcoming events include:

Lectures

October – Mary Koval

November 15 –Barbara Kline

### **Workshop:**

November 13 – “South of the Border”  
workshop with Norma Campbell

The venue for this is still a work in progress but registration is open now.

Email Patty Wheeler or see her at the September meeting to get your name on the list. Cost will

depend on the venue but will be something between \$30 and \$50. Full details will be announced at the September meeting.



Patty Wheeler

## **MYSTERY QUILTS FOR MYSTERY QUILTERS!**

This is a "different" type of mystery quilt for the season of 2018-19! I call it "Surprise Us" mystery quilt because there are a few different ways to make this quilt (all are super easy)... sooooo... you make it and surprise all of us in the group with what you did and how your quilt looks.

See you at the meeting for beginning instructions.

Jacque Formica

## **5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE**

Welcome back, exchangers! Anyone is welcome to join our group at any time, but I encourage you to start as soon as possible so that you do not miss any of the fun.

This month we will have two themes. We are going to start September’s exchange by taking you on a nostalgic trip back to your school days. One set of your 5” squares should be related to “What I Did During My Summer Vacation.” Did you sew – bring squares with a sewing theme. If you went on a trip your squares could reflect something about your excursion. Maybe you just “chilled” at home. You could use flip-flop fabric or anything about what your summer included.

The second set of squares for September should be looking forward instead of backward. Bring one set of Halloween or “Octoberish” squares so that people have time to use them for an October project.

Summary: Bring 2 sets of 8 squares:

1 set of 8 “my summer vacation” squares

1 set of 8 Halloween/October (fall) squares.

Be ready to tell us your story about your summer set of squares.

Happy squaring!  
Kathy Appleton

### **KITCHEN HELP**

With the beginning of our new quilt year, we come together to share and organize the kitchen duties for the year. There will be clipboards on a table near the free stuff for groups/ individuals to sign up for your part. You can pick your month. Please fill out the schedule paper on the clipboard and the smaller slips with your assignment and month as your reminder. You will also be reminded in the newsletter.

The jobs are 2 people to label food as it comes in, 4 people for lunchtime help, and 3 for clean up and 1 person to take the tablecloths home and wash for the next meeting. I will generally put the food in the oven so as not be too disruptive to our speakers. Helpers will join me in the kitchen after the speaker is finished their presentation. And the main group can socialize, buy raffle tickets, and hold specialty meetings while we put the food out.

Generally, the people within the month will share bringing the sodas. If someone within your group is not able to do the more physical work, they could bring some soda. Four people will bring the sodas - 2 2Liters clear soda, caffeine free; 2 2L diet clear soda; 2 2L "real" cola; 2 2L diet cola, one caffeine free.

Thank you all so much for your assistance and cooperation - it is a big help for the entire group. You know how we like our shared meal! Please make sure the helpers who check you in know if your meal/dessert has nuts or shellfish. There will be sticky notes available to mark it and leave any reheating instructions or just name your dish.

Thank you all for participating and making the meal a smooth running operation!

For SEPTEMBER'S MEETING we have only a few people signed up.

- CHECK - IN: 2 PEOPLE NEEDED
- LUNCHTIME HELPERS: SUE GALICKI, RENE STIEBING, 2 MORE NEEDED
- CLEAN-UP HELPERS: NEED 3 HELPERS
- TABLECLOTHS (Take home to wash and bring to October's meeting)
- 2 2Liters clear, caffeine free soda - need someone
- 2 2Liters diet clear soda - need someone
- 2 2Liters "real" cola - need someone
- 2 2Liters Diet cola, one caffeine free - Patty Stenpeck

Let me know if you want to sign up for any of these September jobs.

Joan Costello

### **CHARITY GIVING**

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. But with its demise comes the fall and Village Quilters meetings (I have missed you guys). Please support our donations to the food bank during the coming year. You all have been generous in the past; please continue to do so. We will also be collecting Toys-For-Tots in November and December. See you in September.

Kay Worley

### **FALL RETREAT**

All balances are due by the October meeting. The remaining balance is \$122.50. Please make checks payable to Village Quilters. I still need someone or several people to volunteer for making Friday's lunch and name tags. If anyone is interested let me know.

Sharon Coffman

### **PREGNANCY CENTER**

Daria Phair is asking that any kits and/or quilts for the Pregnancy Center be returned to her in September-- completed or otherwise -- regardless of the progress. Thank you.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

If you have not renewed your membership for 2018-19, I will be taking them at the September meeting. Please note on the form that we are requesting your birthdate (month and day only!!) and will be adding it to the directory. Dues remain at \$30 and are accepted by check or cash.

We would like to add a section to the directory of any longarm quilters in our guild who would be interested in taking quilts from guild members. If you have a quilting business, and would like nice customers from our guild, send me an email to include your name and number in the new directory. I will also make a section for hand quilters, if requested. This is as a courtesy for members, the guild does not endorse any specific quilters.

See you in September,  
Linda Newsom

## **BUS TRIP**

Lancaster Shopping Trip

Friday, October 5, 2018 - \$60

Includes transportation, driver gratuity, & lunch

Departure: 7:30 a.m.

Return: 7:30 p.m.

- Wilbur's Chocolate Retail Store - Lititz
- Lunch at Lititz Family Cupboard and Bakery - Lititz
- Weaver's Dry Goods - Lititz
- Kitchen Kettle Village – Intercourse

The pick-up location is Route 108 and Presbyterian Circle, Columbia.

Checks made payable to: Village Quilters

Give or send checks to: Sheri Thompson, 7422

Cherry Tree Drive, Fulton, MD 20759

Sheri Thompson

## **It's Getting Late - But Here is Your Summer Challenge!**

Paulette and I have stepped down from our BOM throne, but we have one last summer idea. We know you can do it!

Paulette has been sailing up and down Europe these past few weeks, while I was sailing up and down the Jersey Shore. Both highly enviable destinations — we know.

Now we'd like to give you a little less than a month to show your creative stuff!

### **Tote to End All Totes**

Find a nice plain canvas tote bag - or make your own - or use a linen tea towel. Design an appliqué for your bag. Your design could be a holiday scene, a seasonal one, a cool quilt block, or a general all-purpose motif. Just make it your own - there will be no other like it!

Bring your appliquéd bag to the VQ meeting on September 20, and you could be totin' home a prize! You CAN DO IT! See you in September,  
Dori and Paulette

### **Next Meeting is September 20 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
- ✓ Luncheon contribution
- ✓ Membership Dues (if you haven't already paid)
- ✓ Summer Challenge



**VILLAGE QUILTERS Membership Form 2018-2019**

*Please fill out the form below and turn it in along with your check made payable to Village Quilters*

Dues are \$30. If you do not pay your dues by the October meeting you will be considered a guest. Guests may attend two meetings, paying the required guest fee, and thereafter shall pay membership dues. (Bylaws, Article III)

If you want to be included in the new directory your dues must be paid by the October meeting. Membership cards will not be issued until we have this form and your payment.

Make checks payable to Village Quilters.

Send the form and your check to: Linda Newsom, Membership  
943 Truro Lane  
Crofton, MD 21114

Questions? Call 410-721-9474 or via Email: qltdwcare@comcast.net

Please contact me with any changes in your information throughout the year, or if you find an error in your information in the directory. Please remember to sign in at each meeting. Only paid up members can enter the name badge drawing – if you are wearing your name badge.

**If your information has not changed from last year, fill in your name and check this box.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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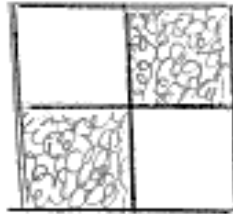
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<p><b><u>MEMBERSHIP CHAIR USE ONLY:</u></b></p> <p>Date Paid _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check                      Cash    <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Check No. _____</p>	<p>Member has received:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Membership Card &amp; Pin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name Badge</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Letter &amp; Directory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Picture taken for directory</p>
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## Blue and Green, rearranged

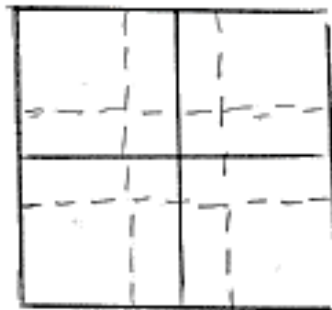
needed: 2 blue (or green) solid or patterned, 4  $\frac{3}{4}$ " squares  
2 white or white on white 4  $\frac{3}{4}$ " squares

1. Using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams, sew the blue (or green) squares with the white squares. Press.



2. Draw a line  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the center seam in both directions -- across and up and down --

3. Cut along those lines.



4. Turn the 4 peripheral center blocks  $180^\circ$ .

5. Sew the parts together and you will have:

6. Do not trim edges.

