



## VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

April 2019

Next Meeting 4/18/2019

### ***Inspiration is Everywhere!***

*"Some old fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat."* -Laura Ingalls Wilder

Dear Village Quilters,

Our March meeting was well-attended and featured a very entertaining trunk show by Jackie Kelso and her eye-popping quilts.

It is officially Spring and even though some of these March winds appear to be trying to drag us back to Winter, there are so many signs that we are truly on our way to our next glorious season.

What are some of your favorite signs of Spring? My list is long, starting with several days of continuous sunshine. Then there is the thrill of going outside with no gloves, no scarf, no hat, no shivering.

There is opening the back door and hearing spring peepers croaking in the backyard. Then add in daffodils, hyacinths and tulips popping up, planting onions and peas, white-throated sparrows singing their little hearts out, the prospect of cookouts and picnics, visiting gardens like Ladew and Longwood and the first trip to the Farmers Market to buy herbs and geraniums. I could go on...

Whatever your vision for the coming season, I wish you sunny days and happy sewing.

Joan Morin, VQ President

### **PROGRAMS**

April brings us an inspiring speaker, Linda Cooper. Linda started her quilt journey 20+ years ago making traditional quilts. She refined these time honored skills and soon developed a love for making arts quilts. Her inspirations were Phil Beaver, Laura Cater-Woods and Cyndi Sauder. Linda has been a featured artist for Quilters World magazine and has won awards for her quilts in national shows. Her raw edge appliqué and Broderie Perse approaches make her one of a kind quilts exciting! The title of her lecture is My Quilting Life in Color and 3D. We're sure everyone will enjoy her presentation.

Donna Badgett and Dori Batavick  
Co-Program Chairs for VQ

### **APRIL FAT QUARTERS**

In April, we will be raffling off a basket of Spring-themed fat quarters. These will be raffled off to one of the participants in much the same manner that we are currently distributing the Block of the Month. Each person who brings in a fat quarter will be able to enter her name for however many fat quarters she contributes, and a winner will be drawn at our meeting. Thanks!

### **SUNSHINE**

We were sad to learn of past member, Dawn Schaefer passing away.



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

Janet Ruehl

## PROJECT LINUS

Congratulations for another successful community service sewing day! This year we finished forty-five donation quilts. Local longarm quilter Maria O'Haver donated her time and quilted thirty quilts. If you can help with machine quilting please let me know. Charity quilting is a great way to practice and improve your skills.



Thank you for the overwhelming amount of donations at our March meeting. Batting, fabric, nine quilt tops and twenty finished quilts were collected. Quilt kits will be available to take home and sew at our next meeting. We are always looking for volunteers to help with sewing quilt tops and binding as preparations are ongoing for next year's community service sewing day.

Stephanie Sanidas

## 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 Jacqueline Formica.

## HOSPITALITY for MARCH

I'd like to thank everyone for their help in the kitchen. For the next few months, we do need some more help. April is listed below.

### April Help

Morning set up 9 am: Need Someone  
Lunchtime Help: Cindy McIntyre, Carol Matlin, Need 2 More

Clean up: Jane Sinek, Need 2 Others

Table cloths: Need Someone

Sodas: 2 clear caffeine free - Need 1, need volunteer

2 "real" cola - Need volunteer

2 diet cola - 1 caffeine free - Jane Sinek

In May, we will need help in the morning set up and laundering the tablecloths. In June, we need help in all the categories and we need more than usual for the tea.

Thanks.

Joan Costello

## BINGO – October 25, 2019

Quilts and table runners are coming in so now we need to focus on getting a crowd for bingo. Tickets for Bingo will be available beginning at our April meeting. Tickets will be \$20 prepaid or \$22 at the door. You can purchase tickets outright or you can take tickets to sell and then return the money and any unsold tickets to me. There will be a total of 275 tickets available.

Bingo Raffle Baskets- Cindy will be collecting items for raffle baskets and or completed baskets at the May meeting. We would like as many as 17-20 baskets. Items for raffle baskets should be new or absolutely as good as new. Also please consider donating door prizes. Items such as notecards, hand soaps, candles, etc. Remember not all attending Bingo are quilters.

Cindy Hickman

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE WINNERS:**

Name Badge: Carol Matlin

BOM: Chris Fittro

Raffle Baskets: Peggy Graff, Sue Grandizio, & Robin Dodd. \$70 was earned on the baskets.

Kindly continue to bring your unwanted treasures for the raffle baskets.

### **HOMETOWN GIRL EXHIBIT**

Mimi Dietrich's quilt exhibit opened on March 23 at the Maryland Historical Society and is there for a year. Details can be found at [www.mdhs.org](http://www.mdhs.org)



*Hometown Girl*  
CONTEMPORARY QUILTS  
of MIMI DIETRICH

### **4TH OF JULY QUILT**



Before Patty Wheeler left for her new home in Arkansas, she made another beautiful patriotic quilt as a fundraiser for the Catonsville 4th of July parade. Joe at The Lodge has raffle tickets. And, there will be a benefit dinner,

catered by Outback Steak House, on May 22, 2019, from 6-9 p.m. at The Lodge. Daria has tickets for sale at \$20 each. The quilt will be on display at the dinner.

Daria Phair

### **SPRING 2020 RETREAT**

Spaces are available the Spring 2020 Retreat. It's March 9 to March 12 at the Clarion in Ocean City, Maryland. The cost is \$325 a Triple, \$360 a Double and \$510 a Single. This includes three dinners, three breakfasts, and three lunches. It's a productive but relaxing and fun time with the ladies. If you are interested or have any questions, give me a call.

Cindy Reisberg

### **5" SQUARE EXCHANGE**

Happy Spring! This month we will exchange 2 sets of 8 squares in Easter eff colors. Have a great month & see you April 18th!

Kathy Appleton

### **VQ QUILT SHOW AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The church, located at 905 Frederick Road, contacted the guild about having a small quilt show in its Agape Gallery and classroom. The exhibit would run from November 10, 2019, through January 5, 2020. There is space for about 20 quilts. Because of this small number, we are asking each interested member TO SUBMIT A PHOTO of her quilt by JUNE 1st. Please include the name of the quilt, its dimensions, and a little blurb about it. Each quilt must have a hanging sleeve. The board will then screen the entries to allow for variety in size and style. There will also be the opportunity to sell your quilt, so let us know what price you are asking. Members whose quilts are selected for the show will have to fill out a permission-to-hang form. Any questions? Contact Daria Phair at [dbphair@gmail.com](mailto:dbphair@gmail.com) or 443-830-0408.

### **HELP WANTED – MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

Linda Newsom will be retiring from her position as Membership Chairperson as of June this year. Some of the duties of the Membership Chair include collecting dues, keeping up-to-date membership records, preparing the membership booklet, and overseeing membership renewals. Another important duty is greeting members and registering guests at our monthly meetings. This is an essential committee position and a great way to meet and get to know some wonderful Village Quilters. Please let me or one of the Board Members know if you would be willing to take over this important position. Thanks!

Joan Morin

APRIL BLOCK OF THE MONTH  
By Sharon Koscinski and Nancy Winchester

MEADOW BLOCK

( By C. Yoder )

Fabric - Use any scrappy prints and white

Cut - 8 rectangles - 2 1/2" by 5" - of assorted whites  
 8 squares ---- 2 1/2" by 2 1/2"- of white  
 4 stripes ----- 1" by 5"

1 - Sew a white 1" by 5" stripe between two different print rectangles.



2 - Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each white square.

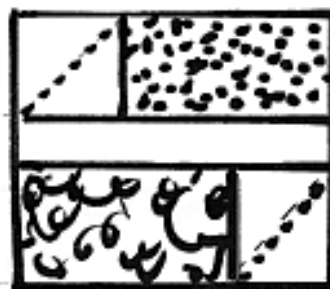
3 - Place two white squares on opposite corners of each unit. Right sides together. Sew on marked lines and trim to 1/4". Compare yours to drawing. Press open.

4 - Arrange 4 units in two rows of two, rotating them as shown. Join into rows - press seam allowances in opposite directions. Join rows and press in ONE direction.

FINISHED BLOCK SIZE - 9 1/2" square



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make 4

