



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

February 2019

Next Meeting 2/21/2019

Dear Village Quilters,
Thanks to all who made our January meeting such fun and special thanks to those who demonstrated a quilting tip or skill: Stephanie Sanidas, Penny Clifton and Patty Wheeler.



In February, we have the chance to come together to work on Charity quilts. Many of us have had the opportunity to be on the giving end of Charity Quilts, but have you ever been on the receiving end?

One reason our February meeting has become so meaningful to me is that in 2016, our family was the recipient of a quilt through the Linus project.

On Fathers' Day in 2016, our six year old grandson had a heart attack and was suddenly diagnosed with a congenital heart condition which is usually diagnosed either in infancy or more tragically, on autopsy.

I am happy to say that Miles is alive and well and thriving after having had to spend two weeks that summer in the Johns Hopkins Children's Center where he had successful open heart surgery. During his stay, he was gifted with a beautiful Linus quilt made by an unknown, but generous stranger.

Whenever I visit and see that quilt, still on the foot of Miles's bed, I am reminded of the blessing of his good outcome and also the kindness of a generous human being and fellow quilter.

In February, we have an opportunity to work on quilts and become involved in this circle of giving. I am looking forward to it, and to seeing you at our meeting.

Happy Quilting!

Joan Morin, VQ President

P.S. We will not have our usual potluck lunch at our February meeting, so please bring your own lunch, and perhaps, a dessert to share.

WINNERS:

Name Badge – Jacque Formica
Fat quarter raffle – Rose Mary Digby
BOM – Pat Lieske
Raffle Baskets earned \$105 - Sue Hilton, Jane Stolte, and Beverly McKittrick

SUNSHINE



Norma Hong is recovering from a bout of pneumonia.

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

Janet Ruehl

PROJECT LINUS UPDATE

At the January meeting we collected fabric and batting donations from Janet Elton, Daria Phair, Donna Badgett, Norma Campbell, Robin Dodd, Sheri Thompson and Sharon Adams. We also received two quilt tops and three finished quilts from Nancy Winchester and Robin Dodd. Thank you for your generous donations.

Here is information about our next Village Quilters meeting, our Community Service day on February 21, 2019. Both hand and machine sewing projects will be available to work on during the meeting. If you are able to bring your sewing machine, you can sew quilt top kits, machine quilt or bind quilts. A walking foot or even feed foot might be helpful. If you are unable to bring your sewing machine, bring rotary cutting supplies (rotary cutter, cutting mat, and ruler) or your hand sewing kit (needles, thread, scissors) to hand bind quilts or help us tie quilts.

We will be donating quilts to Project Linus, Alpha Pregnancy Center and Binky Patrol. If you know an organization in need of kids quilts, please let me know. Let's have a fun, productive meeting in February!

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CHARITY SEWING - BABY QUILTS

For February's Charity Sewing meeting, please consider working on a baby quilt for the pregnancy center. There will be several jobs available to do for this worthwhile project.

1. Choose a quilt kit and piece it at the meeting. Bring a sewing machine.
2. Build your own approximately 36" x 48" quilt from fabric that has already been cut into squares.
3. Cut fabric into squares (for a Trip Around the World or scrappy quilt) or strips (for a Quick Strippie quilt - I will bring copies of this pattern.). Bring a cutting mat, ruler, and rotary cutter.

Any questions? Contact Daria Phair at dbphair@gmail.com or 443-830-0408.

KITCHEN HELP

Since it is February charity sewing day, it will be **brown bag lunch time**. Feel free to bring some desserts to share if you like.

February Help

Morning set up 9 am Cindy Hickman
Clean up - Sharon Adams, Barb Austin
Sodas –

2 clear caffeine free - Cindy Hickman

2 diet clear, caffeine free - Sharon Adams

2 "real" cola - Barb Austin

2 diet cola - 1 caffeine free - Cindy Hickman

Joan Costello

5" SQUARE EXCHANGE

Aloha! Having just returned from Hawaii, a happy place, made me think we should exchange squares that look or make you feel happy, 2 sets of 8 squares. It can be anything fun – bubbles, sunshine, flowers, whatever.

Also, we will finally exchange our Christmas/holiday squares, so you will have a total of 4 sets of 8 squares.

Kathy Appleton

FALL RETREAT

This year's Fall Retreat at the West River Retreat Center is November 14-17. The fee this year is \$240. A deposit of \$120.00 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

NOTE OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone in Village Quilters for the wonderful (and unexpected) going away gift. I am looking forward to a new adventure in Arkansas but will miss all of you! My new address (as of February 18) is:

Patty Wheeler

117 Gregory Drive

Hot Springs, AR 71913

My cell phone and email will stay the same: 410-591-1488/pattywheeler13@gmail.com.

Come and visit!

Patty Wheeler

DENVER, PA RETREAT

The May retreat to Denver, PA (near Lancaster and Burkholder Fabric Store) is still open. We have room for three more Quilt Ladies. Everyone gets a 6 foot table with separate ironing and cutting area. We keep the cost down for room rental so that we have more money "to buy" much needed fabric 😊! Please contact me for more details.

Jacqueline Formica

PLEASE COLLECT!

Since we have new members in our Guild I would like to inform them about collecting POP TOPS (aka tab pulls) that some of the members of the Guild are saving each month and giving to me. These pop tops that are seen on soda, beer, pet food, and veggies are very helpful to unfortunate people that must undergo kidney dialysis. As you know the monthly cost of dialysis is astronomical and once the insurance runs out most families can no longer afford this medical help. My husband and I take the tops to a Senior Center that donates them to help defray costs. Please put the tops in a zip lock bag and give them to me at our meeting. It is a small but loving effort to help so much those in need.

Jacqueline Formica

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Fabric Cutting Table folds easily and has casters for quick storage when not in use. When fully extended this table offers a counter-height 70 X 40 work surface that is making it ideal to spread-out, cut or adjust fabric and patterns. Great for large quilts. It folds down to about 17 X 40. Includes full rotary cutting mat. Contact Cindy Reisberg – cindyreisberg@gmail.com

Things to bring might include:

- Bring your own lunch
- Block of the Month
- Food (non-perishable) for Charity Giving
- Raffle Basket items
- Show and Tell items
- Library Books
- Sewing Machine, rotary cutting supplies (rotary cutter, cutting mat, and ruler) or your hand sewing kit (needles, thread, scissors) to hand bind quilts or help us tie quilts

For the actual paper foundation piecing pattern, please go to the website www.villagequiltersmd.com and select Block of the Month, February 2019. It's a size sensitive pattern and I did not want to distort it in any way.

CACTUS IN BLOOM

(BY Judy Kunkel)

1. Make a copy of pattern for paper piecing.
2. Fabric colors – use a variety of reds in different values
- 3 Background – any white
4. After piecing, the block should measure 8" by 8".
5. Cutting - These sizes will be enough to cover it's area. Label the pieces as you cut so they don't get mixed up.

Background cut---

for #2 and #13 -cut – 3"by 9" rectangles

#8 and # 9 -cut – 3"by 7" rectangles

1 -cut 3"by3" square

4 and #5 -cut – 2 3/4" by 5 1/4" pieces

From reds cut---

for #10 cut – 2 1/2" by 6 1/4" piece

#11 cut – 3"by 9" piece

6 cut – 2 1/4" by 5" piece

7 cut - 3" by 6 3/4" piece

2 cut - 3" by 2" piece

3 cut – 3" by 4 3/4"

Stitch in order #1 thru #13 onto the paper. Follow any paper foundation piecing directions.

Shorten stitch length to aid paper removal ,but DO NOT REMOVE PAPER

Be sure to cover the 1/4"seam allowance. Trim on the outside line

Use a dry iron.