



April 2020

Next Meeting May 21, 2020

### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

How far are we into this COVID 19 pandemic? It seems forever since normal ended and a new reality took it's place.

For me it's hard not to be close to people. Those I know and love, those who are part of my everyday life, and those who I don't know, but whose paths cross with mine. But, now, more than ever, I count my blessings. For family I can talk with by phone, video chat, email, text. For a home that has heat, electricity, a stove and refrigerator. For food and the ability to secure more when needed. For UFOs and fabric I had to have, and for quilting techniques I want to explore.

This is also a very significant time in our lives and in American and world history. How we experience it is up to us. We can hunker down and get through it OR we can use this time as an opportunity for growth, exploration, and living as the person we believe we should be .... One valuable and emotionally comforting tool we can each use is a journal or diary. We can spend time documenting our daily lives, challenges and routines. We can give voice to our thoughts, fears and discoveries. We could also share what we want future generations to know. We certainly don't need to do any of this. However, recording life helps us remember more accurately, both for good and not so good.

And then we can move on. We can also learn new things by watching shows and reading about nature, history, science, innovations,

other cultures, philosophies. We can take free courses on line, or travel and tour world famous sites and museums via the internet. We can play with technology, be it cell phone, computer, video chats, music. We can engage in exercise classes, cooking, gardening, bird watching. The list is only limited by our imagination. And of course, we can quilt!

Whatever you choose to do, do it intentionally. Take care – Have fun!

p.s. I've decided to name the quilts I'm making now. I have Quarantine Quilt #1, and Quarantine Quilt #2. #3 is in progress.

Rene Stiebing, VQ President

**The April 2020 meeting of Village Quilters has been cancelled in accordance with the State of Maryland directive. We will keep everyone updated as soon as additional information is available. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy. and quilt on!**

**Thanks, Rene**

### **SPRING FAT QUARTER DRAWING**

Fill a basket full of a bouquet of springtime fabrics. The Spring Village Quilter to Spring Fabric Drawing will be held at our next meeting. Bring Spring themed fat quarters and to enter to win a basket of lovely fabrics to use in your Spring projects!

## **PROGRAM**

As a follow up to the disappointing cancellation of today's guild meeting with Sue Suhre's talk, we are happy to report that she has rescheduled for March 21, 2021!

If we are able to get a handle on the pandemic in time for April's meeting, our speaker will be Pat Yamin who will give her presentation Unfinished Business: A Collection of Antique Quilts and the Stories They Tell.

Donna Badgett & Dori Batavick

## **BABY QUILTS**

The Center for Pregnancy Concerns will be opening their newest location this summer. It would be great to help celebrate the grand opening by donating boxes of baby quilts to them. So, I am requiring all members who took baby quilt kits to return the quilt or top no later than the May meeting, because I will need time to add the labels. We will be displaying all of the quilts at the June Tea to show off your wonderful work. Thank you.



Daria Phair

## **5" SQUARE EXCHANGE**

Hi, Everyone! I hope you are all staying well. We will use the large floral squares you cut for last month, depending on whether or not we meet in April. Hope we do!

Kathy Appleton

## **HOMETOWN GIRL EXHIBIT**

Mimi Dietrich would like to thank all Village Quilters who visited and supported her Hometown Girl Exhibit this past year. The Farewell Tour party was cancelled, but Mimi filmed a thank you to all her quilter friends. You can see it at <https://vimeo.com/399169303> or read her blog at

<http://mimidietchich.wordpress.com/>

## **NOTE OF THANKS**

I'd like to thank all the members for their get well wishes and prayers as I continue to recover from spine surgery. Looking forward to seeing you all soon again.

Mary Brown

## **FALL RETREAT**

This year's Fall Retreat at the West River Retreat Center is November 12-15. As of this date, there is one spot open if anyone is interested. Once this spot is filled a waitlist will be started. The fee this year is the same as last year, \$240. A deposit of \$120.00 must be paid by our June meeting in order to hold your spot. Please make your checks payable to Village Quilters. If your deposit is not made by June, I will be contacting people on the waitlist.

Sharon Coffman

## **BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER**

Lancaster PA Shopping Trip

- sponsored by a co-op of local Quilt Guilds:  
Friday, July 17, 2020

Departure: 7:30 a.m. (parking lot at Route 108 and Presbyterian Circle, Columbia)

Return: 7:30 p.m. approximately  
\$60 - includes transportation, driver gratuity, lunch

Stops: Burkholder's Fabric Shop; Shady Maple Smorgasbord; Kitchen Kettle Village (Old Country Store, Zook's)

Need payment by June 12th for 30 people to guarantee it's a go.

Checks payable to: Village Quilters

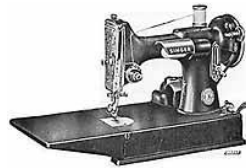
Send to: Sheri Thompson, 7422 Cherry Tree Drive, Fulton, MD 20759

## **RAFFLE BASKETS**

Please continue to bring in your sewing & quilting goodies, gadgets, fabrics, ufos and collectibles. Somehow the idea lights up our desire to take them home with us to finish or adorn.

### **SEWING MACHINES WANTED**

The Helping Up Mission touches many lives helping Baltimore men and women who have nowhere else to turn - who've come to the end of their ropes due to poverty, addiction, heartbreak or some other crisis recently expanded. Their recently expanded women's program is looking for donations of sewing machines in good working order, hopefully with a manual. Please contact Robin Dodd, 410-821-5131, or see her at a guild meeting if you have a donation. Thank you.



Robin Dodd

### **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

You have an extra month to make March's "International Sister" BOM. :-> Choose bold prints for the dress, such as fabrics from Mali, Ghana, South Africa, Japan, or Australia; Kaffe Fassett fabrics; large-scale florals; or bold stripes or polka dots.



The background is white or white-on-white. PLEASE NOTE, this block is a 10 1/2" square (unfinished).

You may find the pattern in last month's newsletter and on the website, [http://villagequiltersmd.com/images/bom/BOM\\_20\\_20\\_March.pdf](http://villagequiltersmd.com/images/bom/BOM_20_20_March.pdf).

Daria Phair

### **SPRING RETREAT**

Twenty-four Village Quilters had a beautiful week in sunny Ocean City, Maryland. I heard lots of sewing and chatting and laughs! It's always great to getaway, especially with such inspiring ladies.

There is already a plan in place for 2021! We are on the books for Monday, March 8, through Thursday, March 11, 2021. The cost will remain the same -- \$510 Single; \$360 Double; and \$325 Triple. You can come to OC on Sunday and the room is a flat rate of \$95.

If you wish to tack on the Thursday night for another day of sewing, it's just another \$95 more per room night. Meals after Thursday lunch would be on your own. The sewing room would be ours for the all of Thursday and until noon on Friday! Are you in? Just let me know the standard or the deluxe sew-in!

Cindy Reisberg

### **A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE PAPER COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER VIA US MAIL AND EMAIL**

The newsletter will be mailed to only those without an email address in the directory. I will be making copies at home to mail to the ladies who do not have email.

Cindy Reisberg



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