



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

February 2020

Next Meeting February 20, 2020

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A Great Big Pat on the Back! Wow! The January Flea Market and Charity Sewing Day was amazing! Approximately 60 members participated! We even had to use extra tables!

Beautiful fabric was flying around the Lodge from “good quality quilt fabric” sellers to “I love this, and I can’t wait to make something with it!” customers. Elsewhere throughout the room were industrious quilters, smiling and chatting as they cut fabric, sewed and pressed charity quilts. This high-energy, but relaxing day was well fueled by delicious treats, beverages and brought-from-home lunches. Thank you to all who came and sewed, and bought and sold, at our best attended Charity Day yet. What a great way to start off the New Year!
Rene Stiebing, VQ President

PROJECT LINUS

Thank you for the fabulous attendance and participation at our January Charity Sewing meeting. It was a wonderful sight to see so many quilters joyfully working on comfort quilts. We sewed quilt tops, cut fabric squares, hand stitched binding and had a great time talking and stitching. We also collected 22 finished quilts, 16 quilt tops, batting and fabric. Our charity quilts will be distributed to the Alpha Pregnancy Center, Binky Patrol and Project Linus. Sue Grandizio will also pass along some quilts to police officers to comfort children when they are removed from a traumatic situation. If you took home a charity quilt, please remember to return it at a future meeting.
Stephanie Sanidas



CHARITY SEWING - BABY QUILTS

Thank you to all the ladies who worked on baby quilts at last month’s Charity Sewing meeting. If you took a kit home, please note that you have a maximum of two months to finish your part in creating the quilt, whether it is piecing the top or quilting it. Hand in any extra fabric and batting. For those who still have kits out from previous meetings, please consider finishing it and returning it to me at the next meeting.

Daria Phair

WINNERS

Name Badge: Joan Costello

RAFFLE BASKETS

Thank you for participating both with your great treasures as well as purchasing tickets. We raised \$80 in January.

Winners:
Carolyn Jenkins
Dorothy Dunbar
Ann Eichelman

Please consider bringing more of your sewing room treasures you are through with, especially possibly replacing them with your flea market purchases with January sales. Someone else is looking for just that find... Win/Win!

Our guild members have provided loads of quilting supplies and ufo’s for monthly raffle baskets that appeal to the group. Please continue to bring in items you’d like to share and ultimately scale down your sewing room / surplus.
Janet Ruehl

PROGRAM

One of our own! February brings us a real treat: our own Catherine Wooten will be giving us a presentation on her quilting journey. Did you know that Catherine started out as a self-taught fashion designer? She designed her own patterns from an early age and honed her skills over the last 50 years to the point that her work is now known as “wearable art.” Catherine’s creations range from elegant gowns and career wear for the professional woman under her own label to abstract wall hangings and quilts that could grace any gallery in the world. We are most fortunate indeed to be able to enjoy her creativity in our own guild every month and to benefit from her willingness to share her gifted perspective in the morning session at the February meeting.

Then, following our lunch, Catherine is offering a workshop from 1 – 4 PM during which she will teach three projects. A list of supplies needed will be sent out in February in time for this class. You may bring your machine and sewing and cutting tools if you want to participate in each project, or you may just want to bring paper and pencil to take notes to do them at home. But don’t miss this! It’s going to get your own creative juices flowing!

Donna Badgett & Dori Batavick



5” SQUARE EXCHANGE

Hi, everyone! Hopefully, I’ll be back with you in February. Thanks to Chris Fittro for filling in last month.

This month we will exchange 2 sets of 10 squares in these colors – green, wine red, and/or light brown, to go with the block of the month colors. You may choose which 2 of the colors you want to use or it can be a print with any or all of the three colors.

Kathy Appleton

SUNSHINE

Please send cards and notes to Libby Rollman following her knee replacement surgery this week (3rd week in January).

Also consider writing I care/ thinking of you note to Linda Murrow. Linda continues to wrestle with health issues with her usual upbeat nature however it can be both physically and soul challenging.



Remember to send me news of your friends in Village Quilters whom you know could use a bit of sunshine ☀ so I can send a card and alert our webmaster in order to send out a guild-wide message.

Janet Ruehl

KITCHEN NOTES

Morning Helpers: Need someone
Lunchtime Helpers: Sue Grandizio, Cindy McIntyre, Janet Ruehl
Clean-Up Helpers: Lynn Hastmann, Bernadette Burley
Tablecloths: Penny Clifton
Sodas:



1- 2 L diet ginger ale, and 1 2L regular ginger ale - Janet Ruehl
2- 2 L “real” cola - Cindy McIntyre
2 - 2 L diet cola (one caffeine free) - Joan Costello

- Reminder to Lynn - bring tablecloths
- Will need 3 volunteers for clean-up for March and all jobs are open for June tea.

Thanks for your help.

Joan Costello

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

CHARITY GIVING

Our January meeting was so wonderful; I do believe it was one of the most well attended charity sew-a-thons we've ever had. So many sewing, cutting, binding stations, all filled with laughter and quilting buddies. Thank you for making VQ such a great and generous group. Please remember that generous spirit by bringing your food donations to the February meeting. God Bless and stitch on.

Kay Worley

Things to bring might include:

- ✓ Block of the Month
- ✓ Food (non-perishable) for Charity Giving
- ✓ Donations for Raffle Baskets
- ✓ Show and Tell items
- ✓ Pot luck dish to share
- ✓ Charity sewing



Hometown Girl

March 23, 2019 - March 22, 2020

The final day of Mimi's Hometown Girl exhibit at the Maryland Historical Society will be Sunday March 22, 2020.

You are invited to "The Farewell Tour" Sunday, March 22, 2-4pm
For more information, register at MDHS.org.

Schedule a tour with Mimi in January or February by contacting Margot Kopera at 410-685-3750 x343 or mkopera@mdhs.org.

Mimi will be in the gallery on "Free Admission Sundays" January 12 and February 9 from 1-3pm. Come visit!

Thank you to everyone who supported Hometown Girl in 2019!
What a fabulous year!
Mimi

Hometown Girl
CONTEMPORARY QUILTS
of MIMI DIETRICH

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Baltimore County school are closed, we will not meet. There is a Hereford zone in Baltimore County that is farther north. If schools are closed ONLY in the Hereford zone, we will meet. If school is late in Baltimore County, we will meet.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Patty Stenpeck, who won 26 "Striped Thread Spool" blocks last month. This month's BOM is called "Woven Four Patch," a free pattern designed by Wendy Russell, <https://www.patchworksquare.com>. The fabric colors are wine reds, greens, and light brown (for the background). Nice colors for a man's quilt. See the pattern at the end of this newsletter and on the website.

Daria Phair

WOVEN FOUR PATCH

February 2020

Free Block Pattern from Wendy Russell
<https://www.patchworksquare.com>

Block Size: 12 1/2 inches (unfinished)

Fabrics

Light Brown (background), Medium and Dark Wine Red, and Medium and Dark Green

Cutting Directions

Light Brown (background)

Cut four (4) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares.

Dark Wine Red

Cut one (1) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" square and one (1) 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle.

Medium Wine Red

Cut one (1) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" square and one (1) 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle.

Dark Green

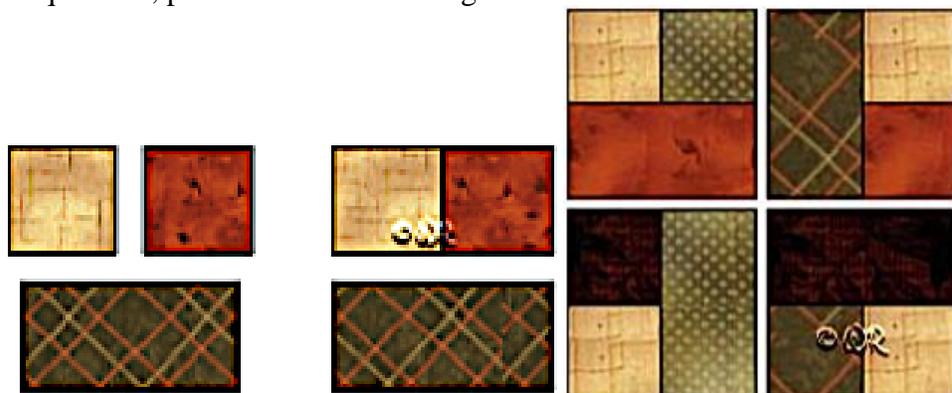
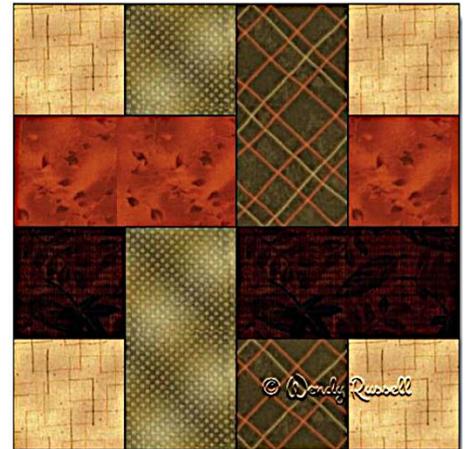
Cut one (1) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" square and one (1) 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle.

Medium Green

Cut one (1) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" square and one (1) 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle.

Sewing Directions

Arrange the elements as shown in the photo at the top of the page, then sew together as pictured below. As you sew each quadrant, press toward the rectangle.



YOUR BLOCK SHOULD MEASURE 12 1/2" X 12 1/2". DO NOT TRIM IT!