



## VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

January 2020

Next Meeting January 16, 2020

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

New Year. New plans, new resolutions, or resolutions not to make resolutions. I generally don't make resolutions. But this year I will make "trys" and "look forwards".

- ✚ I will try to list and complete or delete UFOs.
- ✚ I will try to use or lose more of my stash than I add or buy fabric.
- ✚ I will try to make more charity projects, averaging one a month.
- ✚ I will look forward to learning to sew curves for a drunkard's path.
- ✚ I will look forward to attending at least one large quilt event.

Whether or not you make resolutions, I hope this year is one that brings you opportunities to try something you have on your "try" list, and pleasure that comes from "look forwards".

Rene Stiebing

PS – Ask me how I did next December!

Rene Stiebing, VQ President

### WINNERS

BOM: Fran Betty (25 blocks)

Name Badge: Kathy Appleton

### RAFFLE BASKETS

Raffle baskets earned \$167!! The winners were: Janet Elton, Kathy Appleton, Catherine Shanks

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

January's meeting will consist of charity sewing AND a flea market! Come and support both entities. Bring your own lunch.



Our own Catherine Wooten will be showing us her many talents, from designer duds to quilts in her presentation at the regular guild meeting in February. After lunch she will walk us through some of her projects and helpful hints from 1 - 4 PM. One project will need each participant to bring a plain bath towel and washcloth. Others will require your sewing machine, rotary cutter and mat as well as cutting scissors and thread. Make sure to put her on your calendar that month and bring a pad of paper for all the notes you'll want to keep!

Donna Badgett & Dori Batavick

### MEMBERSHIP

Hope this January finds everyone healthy and full of good memories of Christmas and good cheer for the coming year.



Village Quilters continues to grow each month. We now have 106 members! I still have at least a dozen membership cards and also name tags for several of our new members. I will be bringing them to our January meeting, but I am away in February. Stop by the membership table if you do not have your name badge or newest membership card and directory.

Paulette Chellis, Membership Chair

## **SUNSHINE**

Please 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

## **PROJECT LINUS**

At the December meeting we collected 4 quilt tops. Here is information about our Community Service day on January 16, 2020. Both hand and machine charity 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 or machine quilt. A walking foot or even feed foot might be helpful. Another option is to bring rotary cutting supplies (rotary cutter, cutting mat, and ruler to cut 6" squares). Or you could bring an iron and ironing board to press fabric before cutting. A final option is to bring 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 January!

Stephanie Sanidas

## **CHARITY GIVING**



Kindly continue to bring your non-perishables for the local charity.

Kay Worley

## **SPRING RETREAT**

Balances are due January 30. If you are unsure what you owe, please contact me. I'm looking for someone to do mealtime place cards and favors. Let me know if you are interested.

Cindy Reisberg

## **CHARITY SEWING - BABY QUILTS**

At the January meeting, I am asking for volunteers to work on baby quilts for the Center for Pregnancy Concerns (CPC). This wonderful organization will be opening a new facility in Baltimore City in mid-2020. To celebrate the occasion, it would be great if we could deliver many quilts to CPC. Jobs to work on at our Charity Sewing Day could include: Cutting fabric into 6-inch squares or 2 1/2-inch strips to create kits. Bring your rotary cutter, 6-inch ruler, and cutting mat. Sewing quilt tops from kits I already have. Sewing binding or attaching labels. Bring needle and thread.

Daria Phair

## **5" SQUARE EXCHANGE**

Happy New Year, exchangers, and everyone else! Our January exchange will be 2 sets of 10 striped fabrics. See you at our Charity sewing meeting. Don't forget to come!

Kathy Appleton

## **DENVER SPRING "Shop and Sew" RETREAT**

Our Spring Retreat will be at the Blue Lake Retreat center in Denver, PA. The dates are May 4th (Monday) to May 8th (Friday). This is the week before Mother's Day Weekend. The cost is \$50/night with your own private room and a large community house for us quilters. There is a large sewing area attached to the house but separate from the sleeping area so you can quilt all night if that is your thing. Shopping up in the Lancaster area is always a treat and we shop as much as sew! Each quilter gets a 6 foot table in sewing area of her own so you can spread out. We have a "first evening communal Italian dinner on Monday and a cookout on Wed (work done by the husbands). Other than that you provide your own meals and we always have A LOT of food and snacks! If you are interested in more details, please contact Jacque Formica 410-552-1661 or e-mail [eburg999@hotmail.com](mailto:eburg999@hotmail.com)

Jacque Formica

### **CALL FOR SUPPLIES**

The Faith, Love and Hope Quilters of St. Matthews by the Sea United Methodist Church, Fenwick Island, Delaware, make quilts for the patients at Beebe Hospital's Tunnel Cancer Center, as well as homeless centers, crisis centers and wherever there is a need. All kinds of quilting supplies are needed especially fabric, floss, thread and batting. If you would like to contribute to this cause, give your donations to Robin Dodd at the regular guild meeting.

Robin Dodd

### **HOMETOWN GIRL QUILT EXHIBIT**

Don't miss Mimi Dietrich's Hometown Girl quilt exhibit and the Spectrum of Fashion exhibit, which is open until March 2020.



Things to bring might include:

- ✓ January is Charity Sewing – bring your machine and/or sewing supplies (see Project Linus article above)
- ✓ Cash for the Flea Market
- ✓ Block of the Month
- ✓ Food (non-perishable) for Charity Giving
- ✓ Donations for Raffle Baskets
- ✓ Show and Tell items
- ✓ Your own lunch, and perhaps a dessert or fruit to share

### **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.

### **QUILT SHOW AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH Ends January 5, 2020**

The "Pieced Warmth" quilt show ends on January 5<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit is on the second floor of Salem Lutheran Church, 905 Frederick Road. The gallery is open on Sundays from 8-12 noon and on Saturdays from 4:30-6 p.m. To view the exhibit at other times, make an appointment by emailing the gallery director at [charsart@gmail.com](mailto:charsart@gmail.com).

After the 11 a.m. service on January 5<sup>th</sup>, the quilts will be taken down. Exhibitors can 1) pick up their quilts at the church before 1 p.m. on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2) make arrangements with me to get them at my house, or 3) pick them up at the January Village Quilters' meeting. Please let me know ASAP what your preferred method is.

Daria Phair

### **A NOTE OF THANKS**

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a beautiful bouquet, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so very much.*

*The family of Norma Hong*

It so heartwarming and humbling to know my Mom was so loved. Words can't express my thanks for the prayers and encouragement I've received from all of you. Your care and concern mean the world to me. I miss her terribly and am holding fast to all my wonderful memories.

Cindy Reisberg

### **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Fran Betty, who won 26 "Plus Sign" blocks last month. This month's BOM is called "Striped Thread Spool," which features striped fabric. See the pattern at the end of this newsletter and on the website.



Daria Phair

# STRIPED THREAD SPOOL

January 2020

Designed by Krista Fleckenstein

Block Size: 12 1/2 inches (unfinished)



## Fabrics

For the thread, use any striped fabric.

For the spool, use a white or white-on-white fabric.

For the background, use a solid grey fabric.

## Cutting Directions

*Thread (striped fabric)*

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

*Spool (white fabric)*

Cut two (2) 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" rectangles for the spool top and bottom.

*Background (grey fabric)*

(A) Cut two (2) 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles, which are sewn to the left and right of the striped fabric.

(B) Cut four (4) 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles, which are sewn to the narrow white spool rectangles.

(C) Cut two (2) 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" rectangles, which are sewn to the top and bottom of the block.

## Sewing Directions

Arrange the elements as shown in the photo and sew together as described below:

Sew the grey (A) rectangles to the left and right of the 6 1/2" square striped fabric. Stripes should run horizontally. Press the seams toward the striped fabric.

Sew the grey (B) rectangles to each end of the narrow white rectangles. Press seams towards the grey. Then, sew these to the top and bottom of the stripe and grey pieced strip from Step 1.

Sew the grey (C) rectangles to the top and bottom.

Press block.

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