



MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

The May 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!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Thinking about what to write this month – a very unusual time to say the least (I’m tired of referring to this pandemic as historical times, after all, every day is historic in some sense), I had the image of Village Quilters as an army of Rosie the Riveters. Like quilters around the world many, if not all, of us are part of the army of Sally the Sewers, doing our part to fight COVID 19. Nothing we have experienced has prepared us for this. But, like generations before us, we are stepping up to do our part.

SEW, eight weeks into our quarantine, how are you doing? I think about you often. I wonder, first, are you and your loved ones well and safe? Do you have whatever it is you need to live these different days in relative comfort? Are you taking care of yourself physically and mentally? Are you keeping in contact with others? Sometimes I find it hard to pick up the phone and call someone just to check in. But, when I finally do connect, it makes my day.

Are you quilting? What have you made/finished/started/recycled? Are you adding labels to your projects? Are you keeping a journal? Praying? Meditating?

Exercising? Are you baking? Have you read any good books? Have you heard or seen any good jokes? Have you cleaned your house, painted, redecorated, added an addition? Have you built a rest area for the Amazon, UPS and FedEx drivers? Any new hobbies? New husbands/kids?

While there are limits on our “normal” daily activities, we now have new opportunities to do what we’d like, what we’ve put off, what we’ve never taken time to think about. Even though we cannot be together physically right now, we can use this time to create experiences that enrich us, that enable us to share our gifts, and provide great stories for our “I remember when” gatherings. Until we gather our chairs “up front” to have a meeting and hear a speaker, stay safe, stay home, sew something and try something new! Take care and stay safe!

Rene Stiebing, VQ President



Respiratory therapists wearing masks sewn by *Village Quilters*.

2020-2021 MYSTERY QUILT!

OK Ladies... Time to think ahead. We will display our 2019-2020 mystery quilts at the Sept VQ meeting. Meanwhile we need to think about next season.

The mystery quilt will require 40 five inch squares. I know that some of you have been trading squares... now what are you going to do with them? This quilt needs 40 but they must be the right size... 5 inch square. You can have a theme or just scrappy or buy them already cut in a packet from a designer fabric line that you like. I thought you might like to get a jump start on thinking about your fabric.

This is an easy quilt but very interesting in how we will assemble it. I think you will be surprised at the end product.

Smiles.....Jacqueline Formica

PROJECT LINUS

We are certainly living in strange times. Hospitals are filled to capacity and Project Linus is not allowed to deliver any quilts. I have donation quilts looking for homes. Possible quilt recipients are Pregnancy Center, Baltimore Child Abuse Center or Domestic Violence Center. Let me know of other organizations that could benefit from our quilts until we can donate to our local hospitals again.



I am happy to report our governor-imposed, quilt-free time has given me a big head start on preparations for our next charity sewing meeting in 2021. If you are in need of charity projects to work on, I am available for contact-free drop off of quilt kits to sew or machine quilt (tops, backs and batting provided). Many hands make light work.

Stephanie Sanidas

5" SQUARE EXCHANGE

Hi, Exchangers! I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Once again, we are not meeting this month, so when we do get together, we will be using our large floral squares.

In addition, since our end of year choice is usually "Anything Goes," we will also bring 2 sets of 10 of any 100% cotton fabric squares that you like.

Kathy Appleton

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

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

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 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



SEWING MACHINES WANTED

The Helping Up Mission touches many lives helping Baltimore men and women who have nowhere else to turn - who have 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

The Block of the Month for May and June is "Scrappy 9-Patch." Many of you are probably working on quilts during these long months and have leftover scraps.



This 12 1/2-inch block will give you the opportunity to use some of those scraps. Please choose one colorway of fabrics, such as all blues or all reds or all yellows, etc. The center is a solid or tone-on-tone 4 1/2"-inch square. See the pattern at the end of this newsletter and on the website.

So, whenever we meet again, there will be two BOM drawings at the meeting - one for "International Sister" and the other for "Scrappy 9-Patch."

Daria Phair

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<http://villagequiltersmd.com/>



SCRAPPY 9-PATCH May 2020



Block Size: 12 1/2 inches
(unfinished)

Many of us have fabric scraps left over from our quilt projects. This month's Block of the Month is designed to use some of those scraps. You will be making eight (8) 4 1/2" scrappy squares. The center square is a solid or tone-on-tone block.

Fabric Requirements & Cutting Directions

- Choose a selection of about twenty-four (24) scraps in the SAME COLORWAY (all blues, all reds, all greens, etc.) that are various widths (approximately 1 1/2" to 2 1/2") by 5" long.
- Cut one (1) solid or tone-on-tone 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" square for the center.

Sewing Instructions for Making the Scrappy 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" squares

PART A

Method 1 (as seen in the green block)

- Choose three (3) scraps that go well together and sew them together.
- Press, so both seams go towards the center fabric.
- Trim to make a 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" square. Make eight (8) squares this way.
- Go to Part B.

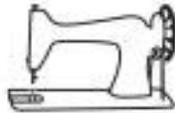
Method 2 (as seen in the red block)

- Sew the 24 rectangles together to make a strip that is about 36" long.
- Press all seams in the same direction.
- Subcut into eight (8) 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" squares. (You may have to tweak the cutting line a bit, so you don't have a very narrow scrap on an outside edge.)
- Go to Part B.

PART B

- Lay out the squares as shown in the examples, with the solid square in the center. The scrappy squares are laid out like a Rail Fence block.
- Sew the three squares in each row together, then sew the three rows together.
- Press the seams towards the center row.

THE BLOCK SHOULD MEASURE 12 1/2" X 12 1/2". DO NOT TRIM.



Best Place to Hide Fabric

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LINEN CLOSET

CLOTHES DRYER

BLACK PLASTIC BAGS

FOOD PANTRY

TRUNK OF CAR

TOY CHEST

DRESSER DRAWERS

LAUNDRY HAMPER

PICNIC BASKET

ATTIC

CEDAR CHEST

HANGERS

UNDER BED

IN THE BASEMENT

COAT TREE

GIVE IT TO A FRIEND

SEWING ROOM SHELF