



NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Just something to ponder...

So, how many quilts have you made since the world shut down? Have you kept a tally? Have you listed them by size, purpose, season, colors, style? Where are they now? Where will they find, or have they ultimately found a home to share the love and care you added to each stitch?

Riding out to Western Maryland last week I was struck by the beauty of autumn's colors. Perhaps because we have been so confined to our immediate locale this year, or that pandemic fatigue is setting in, or the overall disheartening negative tone of our world right now, but I really needed that burst of nature! Interestingly, my immediate reaction was "I want to make a quilt of that!" My mind was filled with thoughts about how I could select fabrics, arrange, and quilt them to reflect the beauty that surrounded me.

This jolt of inspiration is new to me. I want to keep it going. It feels so good.

What about you? What has inspired you? What moment, event or experience has fueled your imagination? How has it influenced your creative work? I think it would be awesome if members were willing to share their story. What do you think?

Rene Stiebing, VQ President



PROGRAM

Our Zoom speaker for November is Heather Kojan. She lectures and teaches across the country and lives locally in Owings Mills, Maryland.

Heather started out as most of us did with traditional quilting but has expanded her interests into modern quilting. In fact, some of you may know her as the founder of the Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild. She will be sharing her work with us and emboldening us to think outside the block.

Donna Badgett

NEW MEETING FORMAT

Our regular November Village Quilters Monthly Meeting will offer members two attendance options, in person and via Zoom.

OPTION 1. The in-person meeting may be viewed via Zoom. The Zoom sign in information and directions will be emailed to members one day prior to the in-person meeting.

OPTION 2. We will meet in person at the Lodge. For the in person meeting please note the following:

- **RSVP is REQUIRED** so that safe, socially distanced seating assignments may be made. Please email Jane Stolte if you plan to attend in person.
- Temperatures will be taken as members sign in
- Masks must be worn and 6' social distancing observed
- The meeting will be shortened - 10 AM to 12:30 PM
- Our speaker will present via Zoom. The presentation will be projected on a large screen visible to all present
- Members may bring a beverage and/or bag lunches, if desired
- A brief Business Meeting and Show and Tell will also take place



ZOOM NOTES

Well, we certainly are in the zoom age for keeping in touch. For now, VQ meetings, guest presenters and show and tell will be on zoom. Hopefully, there will be live gatherings with zoom components for those not comfortable with group events - part of our new normal.

If anyone is proficient at Zoom and web work, we would like to set up a committee to work these issues out - please contact me at jcostello@umbc.edu.

SHOW AND TELL

We love seeing your creations, so please share by sending pictures (jpeg) to jcostello@umbc.edu. We will try to show them during the meeting, but they will definitely be posted to Facebook after the monthly meeting. Please send the pictures by the Sunday before the meeting, November 15.

Thanks for your help and cooperation.

Joan Costello

VQ ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUSPENDED

To help prevent the spread of Covid-19, the following are hereby suspended until further notice:

- Free Table
- 5" Square
- Raffle Baskets
- Block of the Month
- Potluck Lunch
- Coffee & Tea Service



LINUS PROJECT

At the October meeting we collected fabric from Barbara Fryer, 9 quilt tops, and 6 finished quilts. I plan to be in the Lodge parking lot before the next meeting to hand out quilt kits and to collect any donations (fabric, batting, quilt tops, finished quilts).



We really need help with sewing quilt kits to get ready for our upcoming Charity sewing meeting. Contact me if you have any questions or you would like a porch drop off or pick up. Thank you for any help you can provide.

Stephanie Sanidas

MEMBERSHIP

I have received dues from 51 members and 3 new members. I would like to finish up membership renewals by Thanksgiving, so if you haven't already, please send me your check (made out to Village Quilters) to me. No forms needed this year, just let me know if you have any changes to your information. I will send an attachment to our 2019-2020 handbook after Thanksgiving.

Looking forward to this challenging 2020 being a memory!

Paulette Chellis, Membership Chair

IN THE NEWS

Have you heard that a former 'Rosie the Riveter' makes masks to protect against coronavirus?

Ninety-four year old Mae Krier, a former "Rosie the Riveter," is serving her country once



more - by sewing face masks. Now, Americans nationwide are wearing her iconic polka-dot print.

Check her stories out on Facebook or via the internet.



**Send Sunshine
requests
to Janet Ruehl**

Guidelines for In-Person Village Quilters of Catonsville Meetings 2000-2021.

Please carefully read these guidelines in their entirety. We are asking all who plan to attend VQ Meetings to consent to and follow these guidelines so that we can meet together safely.

Prior to the Meeting

-All who plan to attend must RSVP by contacting Jane Stolte. Please RSVP one week prior to the Meeting.

Arriving to the Meeting

- Please plan to arrive 15-30 minutes prior to the beginning of the Meeting in order to get checked in and seated.
- Please use the Front Door entrance.
- Please take care to maintain distance from others when getting in and out of your vehicle and navigating the parking lot.
- When you arrive enter according to the signs at the check in stations. A greeter will check to see that you have RSVP'd and note your attendance and take your temperature with a contactless thermometer. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above will not be permitted to enter according to CDC guidelines.
- If you arrive and there is a line of members waiting to check in, be sure to maintain 6 feet of space between members or wait in your car until the line has decreased.
- Masks are to be worn from the time you arrive to the time you leave. Masks must be worn covering both nose and mouth at all times (they can only be pulled down to eat or drink).

What to Expect and What to Bring

- Tables and chairs will be set up according to social distancing requirements. Each member will be separated by at least 6 feet from the next chair(s). Please do not move the chairs. The configuration has been set up according to social distancing requirements and should not be changed.
- Hand sanitizer will be available, but you are also encouraged to bring your own.
- The meeting will be shorter than usual, with no free table, coffee/tea, or buffet. You may bring your own lunch and beverages, but the kitchen will NOT be available. Ice will not be available.
- Restroom capacity is limited to 1 member at a time.

In the Event Someone Becomes Sick

- In the event that you become ill and test positive for COVID-19 within two weeks of your attendance at a VQ Meeting, please contact a member of the Board. It is presumed that a positive test result will be forwarded to the State Health Department for follow up.
- The Board will notify members who attended a specific Meeting in the event that someone who also attended that Meeting tested positive for COVID-19.
- The Board will continually assess whether we believe we can safely continue in-person meetings or if we need to temporarily suspend the in-person m.
- The Board will also monitor the situation to lower restrictions if Maryland goes into Phase 3 and CDC guidelines are relaxed.

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the above guidelines for Village Quilters of Catonsville Meetings.

Signature _____

Date _____

Printed name _____