



OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

These last two days I've been thinking about this newsletter. What to write, how to make it worth your time to read, how to bring a bit more joy or laughter or ah-ha to your days. Of course, Fall newsletters must include mention of the beauty and richness of the world. And a Village Quilter's newsletter must include something about quilting, absolutely! In 2020 a newsletter must include COVID, isolation, and, implied by its absence, any or all of the ways our lives have been and will be changed by the events of this year.

So, combining all of the above, the Color Wheel naturally came to my mind immediately. Hang in there with me, please. As quilters, we know the value of color, tone, and hue. We also know color's ability to spark joy, bring comfort, reflect emotions, and evoke both positive and negative energy. We also know, intimately, how important our choices and combinations of colors are in the creative process to communicate our intentions.



Likewise, Fall's Color Wheel contains every imaginable color and combination. Its tones and hues resonate within us, whether the grey overcast of fog and rain, or the cerulean blue sky on a sunny day. The strength, vibrancy and subtle shadowing of Fall's colors also affect our emotions intensely. An interesting gift I've observed is the ability of the mind's eye to subtly focus on colors, hues, and combinations in Nature as we do in quilting. It is almost as if Fall transforms into an intricately pieced quilt.

In a similar vein, this year, 2020, has also been like a Color Wheel, but of emotions, experiences, and introspection unlike we have ever known. Like selecting colors and combinations for quilts, or focusing on Nature's color palette, we are all quilting our hearts out to create a year that will include not only the narrow palette of world events, but also the rich colors of our own Color Wheel that reflects our emotions and intentions.

As we sort through the stash of our lives this Fall, let each of us individually, and together, work to create Color Wheels of Beautiful Quilts.

Rene Stiebing, VQ President

OCTOBER 15 MEETING FORMAT

Our regular October 15th 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 on October 14.

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

BOM

The Block of the Month has been put on hold until we have meetings at The Lodge with a significant number of members attending.

Daria Phair

PROGRAM

Just a brief reminder that on Thursday, October 15, Mary Mahoney is going to be on Zoom, giving us a fascinating glimpse into her many works and how she was influenced by "The Telltale Heart." Be sure to tune in. It promises to be an interesting presentation.

Donna Badgett

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.

Remember for Show and Tell

- submit up to 4 jpeg formatted pictures - smart phone and digital camera automatically jpeg
- **deadline** - Sunday before a VQ meeting
- email to jcostello@umbc.edu
- at the meeting, you will be able to discuss your quilt

Thanks for your help and cooperation.

Joan Costello

MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues are staying at \$30 as we were able to secure our remaining speakers with zoom. I want to remind you that dues are a \$3 a month investment in keeping your guild in operation! Dues are coming in slow but sure. We do not need you to fill out the usual registration form, just send me a note with your check if there is any change in your information. I plan to send a supplement to our 2019/20 directory to note any changes. Checks are made out to Village Quilters and sent to me. I am listed in the directory.

I have a wonderful job this year. Each check that comes in the mail is like opening a present. Funny cards, notes of thanks and notes of hello, notes with beach scenes or roosters or bouquets of flowers, such fun! They all bring a smile to my face and are a welcome surprise. Thank you all. Stay safe! Miss everyone,
Paulette Chellis, Membership Chair

BABY QUILTS

I am delighted to report that 46 baby quilts were delivered to the Center for Pregnancy Concerns at the end of September. Photos of the quilts can be seen on the VQ Facebook page. That makes a total of 51 quilts donated by the wonderful ladies of Village Quilters in the 2019-2020 membership year. Thank you so much.
Daria Phair

LINUS PROJECT

We need help preparing for our charity sewing meeting in January. Since we have been unable to meet, I am running low on quilt tops to get ready for binding. If you need a quilt kit to sew, I can deliver. If you have a completed quilt top, I can pick up. Hospitalized children and pregnancy centers still need our quilts during the pandemic. Please contact me if you need a drop off/pickup or have any questions. Thank you for any assistance you can provide to help others in our community.



Stephanie Sanidas



***Send Sunshine requests
to Janet Ruehl***

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

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 _____