



SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

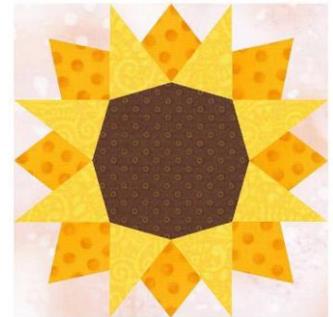
Welcome as Village Quilters reconvenes in new or modified formats to do what we love.

As written on the first page of the Handbook and Directory, *"The purpose of the Village Quilters is to preserve and promote the art and heritage of quilting through educational and charitable means; to provide fellowship among interested persons in all aspects of quilting: and to enjoy and appreciate each other's work."*

This year as a result of COVID 19, our meetings will change. We will still have speakers. We will still have Show and Tell. We will have options for you to participate. You may choose to attend a meeting at the Lodge, wearing a mask, seated 6 feet apart at assigned tables. You may also choose to attend a meeting on Zoom from your home. Each meeting at the Lodge will also be live on Zoom. You can choose either in-person or Zoom meeting each month. Please note, in order to prepare sufficient safe seating, if you plan to attend in-person at the Lodge, you MUST RSVP to Jane Stolte - janepetes@verizon.net

Since how we operate in the Time of COVID is constantly changing, we know that we must all be flexible. The health and safety of each member is our prime concern.

Therefore, the Board will continually monitor conditions, updates, and recommendations, and may need to revise our activities to reflect those changes. Be assured, there will be bumps along the way as we figure out the best/most practical ways to operate.



Finally, please bear with us as we learn to use Zoom technology. If there are members who are technologically skilled who would be willing to assist with Zoom, please contact me. Better yet, if there are members who would be interested in forming a technology committee, please let me know!

Let's get this 2020-2021 Quilting Year started!

Rene Stiebing, VQ President

SUNSHINE

Linda Murrow passed away in mid August. Please keep her husband, Mike, and her family in your prayers.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our speaker for the September meeting has cancelled. Sooo (SEW) we will have a Special Charity Sewing Day to fill the charity gaps caused by the COVID quarantine. Many quilts have been collected that need to be finished for both the Linus Project and the Center for Pregnancy Concerns. Many members have also sewn charity quilts at home during the COVID that may need to be completed. Take this opportunity to complete some charity sewing, or if you would prefer, work on another project while you also visit with friends in a safe, socially distanced setting.

Please bring your own needles, thread, scissors, and any other items you may need. Feel free to bring your sewing machine, mat, and rotary cutters.

If you wish, bring a beverage, snack, or lunch. We will not be sharing food at this time.

As always, quilt kits will be available to take home.

We anticipate wrapping up the meeting by 12:30, after Show and Tell, of course! We're looking forward to our September meeting.

We will also give ZOOM a trial run for members who wish to attend virtually. Directions to join via ZOOM will be sent to all members with email on September 16.

If you plan to attend in person, please be sure to RSVP to Jane Stolte - janepetes@verizon.net
Please plan to arrive by 9:45 to allow for check in, temperature check and seating.

MEMBERSHIP

The VQ board met and decided we would hold dues at our regular rate, \$30, for 2020/21. Even though we may be meeting virtually (we are working with speakers about zoom presentations), we still have responsibilities to meet. We have insurance to pay, rent for the lodge (we are on a yearly contract), and speakers to pay. Please realize this is an investment of \$3 a month to keep our guild operational. Also remember we will not have extras such as our wonderful raffle baskets and guest fees to help us out this year. We do not run for a profit, we run for the enjoyment and enrichment of our members. If you have financial difficulties this year in paying dues, please contact me.

Membership checks can be brought to the September meeting or mailed to me. I am in the membership directory. We will not be publishing a new directory this year, but I will release a supplement for any updates. If you have had a change in directory information, please include a note with your check. If you are seeing quilting friends, please feel free to send multiple checks together. My goal is to have all dues by the end of October. Missing everyone!
Paulette Chellis, Membership Chair

KITCHEN HELP 2020-2021

Until we have a back to "normal" schedule, no help will be needed in the kitchen since it will be closed. Clipboards for signups will be available as soon as we have a regular lunch.

For now, everyone is to bring their own lunch and beverages if we meet at the Lodge. Thank you!

Stay Healthy! Kathy Appleton

PROGRAM

Our September speaker cancelled some months ago because of COVID, so we are going to have a short business meeting followed by some hand work on bindings for charity quilts and a show and tell time to reveal the projects we have completed so far this summer.

We will be attempting to iron out any bugs in our ability to produce a Zoom recording for those members who prefer not to meet in person. In October, Mary Mahoney will be visiting us on Zoom and telling us about her quilts in a lecture called "The Telltale Heart."

Donna Badgett

5" SQUARE EXCHANGE

In order to prevent the spread of Covid-19, we will suspend our exchanges until it is deemed safe to resume regular activities. Thank you.

Kathy Appleton

GUILD ELECTIONS

Since meetings were unexpectedly cancelled last year the nominating committee had not yet identified candidates for the Board. Currently, the position of Vice-President is vacant. I am willing to serve as President this year until a new President is elected. If you are willing to serve our Guild in either of these positions, please contact Jane Stolte.



Thank you, Rene Stiebing

NO FREE TABLE

There will be no free table until Covid-19 is no longer a threat. Thank you.

Kathy Appleton

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The Village Quilters board has decided to have a meeting at The Lodge this September.



Although there will not be a new Block of the Month pattern offered this month, we will have a drawing for the International Sister block that was the March/April BOM from earlier this year. The pattern is on the guild's website. So, bring your beautiful blocks and enter the drawing. Good luck!

Daria Phair

Blocks from 1 Yard of fabric

Block Size	45" Width	54" Width	60" Width
1	1620	1944	2160
1.5	720	864	960
2	396	486	540
2.5	252	294	336
3	180	216	240
3.5	120	150	170
4	99	117	135
4.5	80	96	104
5	63	70	84
5.5	48	54	60
6	42	54	60
6.5	30	40	45
7	30	35	40
7.5	24	28	32
8	20	24	28
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18	4	6	6

1 yard = 36 inches
However, often the fabric is not cut perfectly straight, and the dimensions shown include a selvage edge, so this is a good estimate, but you may need to make small adjustments to the count shown.

BeccaBug.com

IN MEMORY OF LINDA MURROW

When I walked into my first meeting of Village Quilters, I believe it was 2010, someone at the check in desk asked me if I knew anyone in the group. I responded that I did not.



I heard a voice behind me saying "You came here and you don't know anyone?" I responded yes. She said, 'Well now you

do, my name is Linda, come sit with me." She took me over to her crowded table and introduced me around. Such an act of kindness to make me feel welcome!

During time chatting at the Ocean City retreats, we learned that we were both "coal miner daughters," she growing up in West Virginia, me in Northern PA. Our bond was complete.

We spent many hours chatting at the retreats and getting to know each other. I am sorry the circumstances of this summer prevented me from visiting her. My first few years of membership at the guild were a time of personal stress for me and her friendliness on that first day left an impression on me and example of hospitality.

Rest In Peace, Linda, you will be missed by me and many.

Paulette Chellis



MARYLAND QUILTERS CHALLENGE

Dear Fellow Quilt Guilds,

As you know, Maryland Quilters Challenge is sponsored by Southern Comforters Quilt Guild. Our 2020 Challenge of "Vision" was to be exhibited at our March show which had to be cancelled. It was so nice to see quilters from all over Maryland participate. The quilts have been judged and we have had our Parade of Quilts shown daily on Facebook and Instagram, (Maryland Quilters Challenge). I hope you all have enjoyed the parade and the Winners results showcase. We had some awesome sponsors this year for additional prizes to the winners.

We will soon post the Challenge for 2021 and hope your guild members will participate. Further information will also be available soon on the Southern Comforters Quilt Guild website, southerncomforters.org

The exhibit will travel through the year and we hope you will consider having the exhibit at an event of your own. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Wendy Allen

curator- Maryland Quilters Challenge
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