



April 2021 NEWSLETTER

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Welcome, spring! We've waited so long and you're finally here! Here's to opening windows and breathing fresh air. Here's to spring's yardwork and housework! DID I JUST SAY THAT? It's covid-brain...

It is wonderful to see the world greening up. Trees budding, flowers poking through warming earth, birds chirping with anticipation of the season's bounty. We all have our favorite parts of spring, the parts that free us of the winter doldrums and make our spirits soar.



This year I realized what a joy it is to tuck the winter quilts away and bring out the lighter, brighter, and more energized creations. They reflect my mood and the weather. And, once more seeing the quilts I've made brings fond memories of selecting the fabric and patterns in other springs. I remember eagerly trying new blocks, ripping out new seams, elation when the blocks finally fit together, photographing the finished quilt from afar, with my ever helpful, quilt-holder

husband peeking over the top like Mr. Wilson on Home Improvement. But I digress. Are everyone's quilt memories so rich?

Now, onto spring full throttle! More happy quilts, more time with quilting friends, finally fabric shopping! Mr. Wilson is already flexing his quilt-holding muscles.

Here's wishing you a happy, productive, and vaccinated spring! Ready? Ladies – start your sewing machines.

Rene Stiebing  
VQ President

**SURVEY RESULTS**

Results of the survey of VQ members indicate that 24.53% (13) members would attend a meeting at the Lodge now. Likelihood that a member would attend a meeting at the Lodge increases to 54.72% (29) later this membership year. In view of these results, we will plan to hold our June meeting at the Lodge with attendance via Zoom an available option.

NEW - In July and August we will meet, via Zoom only, with a speaker at each meeting.

## **PROGRAMS**

Our next guild meeting (April 15) will host Gyleen Fitzgerald, whose amazing patterns and skills are well known to some of our group who were fortunate enough to hear her speak and take Pineapple quilt classes from her in the past.

This time around she will be discussing The Creative Art of Finishing on April 15. And she might even show us some pictures of her eight newborn boxer puppies! She is sure to delight us and to introduce some fresh and exciting designs to use in our quilts.

Donna Badgett, Programs

## **LINUS PROJECT**



March 2021 was a great month for charity quilting. It was wonderful to see so many guild members on March 11th in the Lodge Parking lot to exchange kits, quilts and fabric. We collected 5 quilt tops and 24 finished quilts. I am looking forward to the next parking lot meeting.

Stephanie Sanidas

## **SEW & CHAT**

Sew & Chat continues every Thursday from 10-12, aside from the guild meeting day. It is a great opportunity to sew along with friends and catch up on news. It's like a mini-retreat. Hope you join us.

Joan Costello

## **SUNSHINE NEEDED**

Catherine Wooten has suffered a minor stroke a few weeks ago and is recuperating at home.

Trish Kilduff warmly thanks you for all the cards, prayers, and well wishes. She has been struggling with a cough about eight weeks. It seems she's taken a turn and was hospitalized.

Please include them both in your thoughts and prayers and send a little sunshine their way.



## **SHOW AND TELL**

Pictures for the March Show and Tell can be sent to Joan Costello at [icostello@umbc.edu](mailto:icostello@umbc.edu) or text to 443-286-7927. Remember to send them in jpeg format by Tuesday, April 13, 3pm. They will be posted on the VQ Facebook site after the meeting. It is great to see what you are working on.

Joan Costello

## ***NEXT MEETINGS***

Thursday, April 15

Thursday, May 20

Thursday, June 17

Thursday, July 15

Thursday, August 19

And Sew & Chat Sessions  
Via Zoom every other Thursday  
From 10 am – 12 noon