



January 2021 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

2020 Oh, what a year it's been...

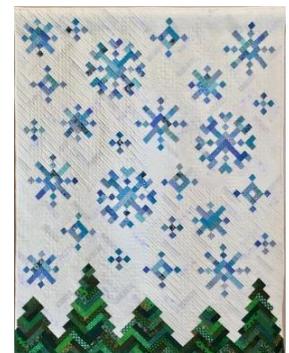
Thank you Village Quilters. In the midst of the all the turmoil, grief, and loss of this year, VQ has provided us a safe haven. In the DBC (Days before Covid) we shared time with new and longtime friends at meetings, retreats, and numerous informal occasions. We swapped surplus but still good, quilt related treasures via Raffle Baskets, scored great finds on the Free Table, tried new patterns with Block of the Month, expanded our stash of new fabric with the 5" Square Exchange and had scrumptious potluck lunches and desserts! We made quilts for charities, donated Toys for Tots and food to local food banks. AND we had a highly successful BINGO!

Speakers taught us new skills, gave us new ideas for old quilts and scrap materials, and inspired us with the abundance of their beautiful and unique creations. Our own members also enriched our lives by sharing their work in formal Exhibitions, show and tell, and on our Facebook page.

THEN, Covid. We joined, either eagerly, or kicking and screaming, the world of technology and Zoom. As DBC seems to fade in our memory or become far rosier colored by pandemic fatigue, we need to pause to recognize how the warmth and

value of our connections continue. Zoom meeting participation has added to our repertoire of friendship. Phone conversations, cards, sharing kind words and virtual hugs continue. This has clarified how the core of DBC activities we enjoyed are really vehicles to express our inner selves. And despite all the pain and isolation caused by Covid it has brought out hidden goodness as members have joined together to insure that the work and joy of VQ continues. Whether by making even more quilts to warm the world, jumping in to assume critical roles with technology, or reaching out to support other members, that care and effort has not gone unnoticed. It is greatly appreciated.

We know that we will eventually return to in person meetings, raffle baskets, the free table, Block of the Month and all the other activities that make VQ special. Happily, we will also know that no matter what challenges we face, VQ members are here for each other.



Wishing you and your families a peaceful Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Rene Stiebing, VQ President

LINUS PROJECT

Since our annual community service sewing day has been postponed, please contact me if you can assist with Project Linus quilts (sewing pre-cut kits or cutting fabric). I am available for porch drop off/pick up or meetings at a convenient location (quilt shops, Lodge parking lot). Thank you for any help you can provide.



Stephanie Sanidas

PROGRAM

On January 21 we will be hosting Laura Winckel who will give us a trunk show called *From Trash To Treasure*. She will take us through her dumpster diving, closet clearing and attic accumulations which have gleaned discarded or forgotten quilts in various conditions. From there she adds her own special touches to bring them back to life. It promises to be an interesting show and may stimulate similar rescues in our own households!

Donna Badgett

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new member, Delores Fitzpatrick.

Paulette Chellis

CHARITY GIVING

Well—that was some VQ meeting. I was so impressed with the singing—who knew we had such musical talent? You all did much better than the group does playing the Left-Right game. A big shout out to Joan Costello for putting together another great show and tell. Please remember to support food drives/banks in the coming months. There is great need in all communities to feed the hungry, of which there are many. Have a blessed new year.

Kay Worley

SHOW AND TELL

Thanks so much for all those who sent pictures for our Christmas meeting. Let's get the year started with a great show and tell in January - projects completed as Christmas gifts and recent accomplishments. It's fun to see what you all are working on - doesn't have to be finished completely. Send the pictures in jpeg format to Regina English at rlenglish@gmail.com or her cell - 410-935-3140. Our zoom team includes Regina, Cathy Shanks, and myself. Please send the pictures by Tuesday, January 19, 3pm. Thank you for your participation. Wishing you a happy and healthy 2021!

Joan Costello

