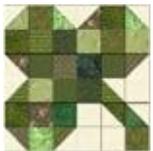




March 2021 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I must have had a weird premonition when writing last month's newsletter article. "Quilting is such a comfort in the winter. It keeps hands and hearts warm." Unfortunately, quilting did not keep me out of the cookie jar. (That's another story.) But quilting was a very large part of my month. From the Guild meeting to the new, weekly Sew and Chat sessions where I did more chatting than sewing, Village Quilters reconnected me with friends ... and my love of quilting.



In addition to cutting fabric, sewing by hand or machine, and sharing recent projects, we discussed which fabric shops are open, our sewing machines, what grandchildren are doing and a million other familiar and NORMAL subjects! It was wonderful!!!!!!! Quilters entered and left, and entered and left the sessions, got up to fix coffee and tea, muted themselves to answer the phone and talk with a husband or child. It was so refreshing, relaxing and inspirational all at once! Can you tell I loved it? In addition to all the above, it was motivational. I wish I'd kept track of

how much time I spent quilting this month, how many UFOs I revisited and actually worked on.

So, what about you? Have you been in contact with other quilters to share, work or chat? Have you joined in the guild meeting, the Sew and Chats? What about projects? What are you working on? Any new classes, techniques, blogs that you've found and want to share? What do you think of the new lines of fabric coming out? What do you think of the colors? Do they look new? Do they inspire or challenge you?



I hope to see you at this month's meeting, live or on Zoom. If you have not dropped in on a Sew and Chat, I hope you will give it a go. Call another quilter or two just to check in and catch up. I've found myself reaching out more and it feels good! I hope you'll agree.

Rene Stiebing
VQ President

PROGRAM

Our speaker in March is going to be Michelle Banton (LittlePupDesigns.com) from Massachusetts. Michelle has gathered some quilting happy accidents along with a few discoveries and even some flops to share with us in her lecture "*If MacGyver Were A Quilter,*" during which she will let us in on quilting hacks you can find around the house. Hmmmm. Is that like using a knife for a screwdriver? I guess we'll see! Join us Thursday, March 18 to enjoy her Zoom lecture to hear about her creative ideas from every room in the house!

Donna Badgett
Programs Co-chair



LINUS PROJECT

Beth Bohac is delivering 24 quilts to Binky Patrol. And we are also getting a delivery ready for Project Linus. If you can help us, our supply of quilt tops is low and we have kits available. Contact me so we can arrange a pick up or parking lot meeting. Thank you for being so productive during the pandemic.



Stephanie Sanidas

SHOW AND TELL

Pictures for the March Show and Tell can be sent to Joan Costello at jcostello@umbc.edu or text to 443-286-7927. Remember to send them in jpeg format by Tuesday, March 16, 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

SEW & CHAT

As you know, Sew & Chat is continuing 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 - a mini-retreat. Hope you join us.

Joan Costello

THANKS FOR THE SUNSHINE

Sue Grandizio wishes to thank those who sent her cards and texts after her recent loss.



St. Patrick's Day Word Search



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LEPRECHAUN
PATRICK

GREEN
POT
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SHAMROCK
LUCK
IRISH

MARCH
EMERALD
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RAINBOW
IRELAND
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