



DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello, from South America. I hope that you had a bountiful Thanksgiving. We left Antarctica a day early. We had a storm coming up the coast. We had a wonderful trip.

We saw a lot of wildlife...

Penguins, seals, and whales.



Whales are quick so we did not get any photos. But there were lots and lots of penguins.

We returned home on Sunday.



I was able to read the VQ minutes. I am looking forward to seeing everyone. For the Christmas Party let me know if you are interested in helping set up. We will not be able to get into the Lodge before the day of the Party.

Thank you to Sue Grandizio for taking care of the directory. I could take care of manning the front table for you when I am in town.

Ann Eichelman

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have revised the 2022-2023 budget due to the postponement of bingo until October 2023. Reduced speaker fees due to creative programming were also taken into account. This means that our projected funds balance at the end of this program year will be about \$4,000. We will continue to look for ways to increase income and reduce expenses.

October income was \$585, from membership dues, raffle baskets and guest fees. The only expense was \$400 for the speaker. Balance of funds at the end of October:

Checking	\$4,729.88
Savings	<u>3,456.34</u>
Total	\$8,186.22

Regina English, Treasurer

RAFFLE BASKETS

Kindly bring your unused, past-used, or previously loved sewing or Christmas related treasures to fill the raffle baskets. Thank you!

Janet Ruehl

PROGRAMS

We hope to see you at the Christmas Party – December 15.

Again this year, our game involves you bringing 3 fat quarters OR 1 yard of quilt fabric.

New this year, we would like you to bring in any handmade Christmas/holiday item for all to see. This item can be an ornament, tree skirt, place mat, table runner, wall hanging quilt, or anything handmade.

Don't forget to bring your contribution to lunch.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a table runner for this party, sewn or not, contact me. (digbyrose@gmail.com) I will make arrangements to get it from you before the December 15 meeting.

Rose Mary Digby

PROJECT LINUS UPDATE

I was disappointed we could not meet in person at the Lodge in November. It was certainly too cold to have a meeting without heat. I am looking forward to our December holiday meeting. Please remember to bring any finished quilts or quilt tops to our December 15th meeting. Quilt kits for Project Linus will be available for members to take home and sew at your leisure.

Stephanie Sanidas



HOSPITALITY

We are having our annual Christmas party this month.

The following people have signed up to help: (Please arrive by 9:00 to check food in and label it if it includes nuts or shellfish.)

1. Rene Stiebing

Lunchtime helpers – Put food out after program:

1. Rene Stiebing
2. Trish Kilduff
3. Jane Stolte
4. Norma Campbell

Cleanup –

Rene Stiebing
Maryellen Kolke

Sodas – Responsibility of the group who have signed up:

- 2 - 2 liter bottles of diet cola, one caffeine-free – Rene Stiebing
- 2 - 2 liter bottles of clear --- (no one has signed up)
- 2 - 2 liter bottles of clear, caffeine-free (no one has signed up)

Please let me know if you can bring either of the “unclaimed” sodas if you are helping this month.

Thank you, everyone.

Kathy Appleton

tjapple2klb@yahoo.com

5" SQUARE EXCHANGE

Hello and Merry Christmas and all December Holidays!

Because we did not meet in person last month, we will double exchange this month. November's squares were 2 sets of 10 of "what you are thankful for."

In December, the 2 sets of 10 are any December holidays.

Kathy Appleton

TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE

Bring your donations of new, unwrapped toys for the community's annual Toys for Tots toy drive. Through the gift of a new toy, you can help bring the joy at Christmas and send a message of hope to less fortunate children.

CHARITY GIVING

All donations are appreciated. Please remember to bring your non-perishable food items for a local food pantry. No one should go hungry, especially through the holidays.



SEW AND CHAT

Join us on Zoom the first, second, and fourth Thursday of the month from 10 am to noon. It's like a mini retreat at home! A link to connect to Zoom will be sent prior to Thursday.

POP-TOPS

Please save and bring me the "pop-tops" from cans for Ronald McDonald House guests. With a lot of family visiting there will be a lot of cans used! Thanks!

Jacque Formica

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Directories are now available. At print time only paid members were included. Please add:

Betty Sterner

betty.sterner@yahoo.com

Thanks,

Sue Grandizio

SUNSHINE



Need some sunshine or know someone who does? Send requests to Janet Ruehl – janetruehl@icloud.com

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Make one block or five and put an entry in the basket for each block you make. You could win ALL the blocks! Once you complete the quilt, bring the quilt to Show and Tell and win a gift certificate to a nearby quilt shop. See the pattern attached this newsletter.



Also, bring your November Quilt of Valor blocks too! You could win a gift card!!

Thank you,
Jacque Formica



THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all my Village Quilter friends who supported me during my husband's illness and at the time of his passing. The many notes, emails and phone calls were such a blessing to me during his illness as we were physically isolated from everyone except family because of his compromised immunity. When I missed retreat, Dori stopped by with a favor, when I missed the tea, a card was sent signed by multiple friends, when I missed zoom meetings, someone would call or send an email, just checking in. You can never know how much all this lifted my spirits! Also, thank you to everyone for the cards and notes and everyone who came to the funeral home and funeral. During the unfamiliar and challenging time ahead of me, your continued concern, support, and friendship will help me navigate my days going forward.

Paulette Chellis



Twas the night before Christmas,

I'm glued to the tree.

I'm wondering what Santa

brought just for me.

Could it be fat quarters

or a pattern or lace?

Or a quilt kit, I said,

with a smile on my face.

And that's when I heard him,

"Hi Santa," I said

*"You know.... good little girls
should be in their beds."*

*"I know I should Santa,
and now I've got caught.*

*But I was just so excited
to see what you brought."*

*"Well, let's take a look in this
room where you work."*

*He shook his head quickly,
and left with a jerk.*

I heard him exclaim as he put it in gear.

"You've got enough stuff,

I'll see you next year!"

~ Author unknown



December Block of the Month

“Holiday Gifts”

Block size: 11 ½" square, unfinished, using scant ¼" seam allowance

Materials: Using scraps

Background (white on white), **Package:** Holiday fabric of choice,

Bow/Ribbon: Red OR green reading solid.

Cutting

Background fabric (white on white)

2 – 3" squares (HST), 2 – 2 ½" squares, 2 – 1 ½" x 6 ½",

*2 – 2 ¼" x 8 ½", *2 – 2 ¼" x 12"

*I made these background fabrics for steps 4 & 5 a little longer & wider.

My block was a little bigger so I could trim to 11 ½" x 11 ½".



Holiday fabric (package) 2 – 3" x 6 ½" rectangle

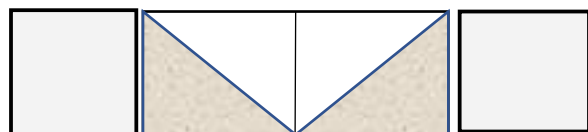
Bow/Ribbon (red or green) 2 – 3" squares (HST), 1 – 1 ½" x 6 ½" rectangle

Making the 2 Half Square Triangles units (HST) & Bow Unit

Using 2 - 3" squares of background fabric & 2 - 3" square of Bow/Ribbon fabric, make 2 HSTs. Mark background fabric with diagonal line corner to corner on back of fabric. Pair with Bow/Ribbon fabric right sides together (RST) and stitch on the line, flip, press & trim. Press to dark and **trim to 2 ½" square**.



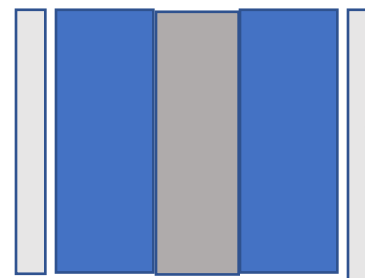
1. Sew HST together (image), add a 2 ½" background square on each end of the HST **Bow** unit. (2 ½" x 8 ½")



(Step 1. Bow Unit)

2. Using holiday fabrics (3" x 6 ½") & bow/ribbon fabric (1 ½" x 6 ½") sew together, press.

Sew the 1 ½" x 6 ½" background rectangles to each side of unit in step 2 making **Package Unit**, trim to 6 ½" x 8 ½".



(Step 2. Package unit)

3. Sew **Bow Unit** to top of **Package Unit** RST and square 8 ½" x 8 ½" (refer to picture above)

4. Sew the 2- 2 ¼" x 8 ½" background fabric to top & bottom of block, press.

5 Sew 2" x 12" background fabric to sides of the block, press.

Trim block to 11 ½" x 11 ½"