



MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

There's Always a Springtime

After the winter comes the spring to show
us again that in everything
There's always a renewal divinely planned,
flawlessly perfect, the word of God's hand.
And just like the seasons that come and go
when the flowers of spring lay buried in
the snow,
God sends to the heart in its winter of
sadness
a springtime awakening of new hope and
gladness,
And loved ones who sleep in a season of
death
will, too, be awakened by God's life-giving
breath. *Helen Steiner Rice*

CHARITY QUILTING UPDATE

We are busy getting ready for the March 17,
2022 charity sewing meeting.

There will be many different projects to work
on at the meeting. Think about how you can
contribute and which supplies you will need
to bring to the meeting. Here is a list of
activities: machine sew a quilt top from a
provided kit, machine quilt a supplied pin
basted quilt, hand bind a quilt, hand sew
labels on finished quilts, iron fabric, and
rotary cut fabric.

Stephanie Sanidas

PROGRAMS

Our March guild meeting will be a
combination of charity sewing/binding of
quilts organized by Stephanie Sanidas and
a flea market.

There will be tables for sewing machines and
for hand sewing binding.

At the present time the flea market will
consist of four tables, some of which are
being shared by two people. If anyone wishes
to participate in this, please let Joan Costello
know so that we can tell the Lodge the final
tally of what we need.

Joan's email – jcostello@umbc.edu.

Non-members are welcome to shop the flea
market tables. Face masks are required for
all.

You may bring a lunch for yourself but must
continue to use a facemask when not eating.
We will not have raffles or a free table this
month.

Let's all join in on March 17.

Donna Badgett, Programs Co-Chair

CHARITY GIVING

Please remember to bring your non-
perishable food items for a local food pantry.

MEMBERSHIP

Since we did not meet in person for so long I am aware that new members have not received name tags. Now that we are meeting in person again we have the opportunity to distribute them. Regina English has kindly stepped in to print name tags for all those who do not have one. Please let Regina know at rlenglish@gmail.com. Renewing members do not need a new one printed.

Because of personal circumstances I am resigning as Membership Chair. I encourage you to consider taking on this position. It is a social job, one that gives you the opportunity to greet everyone as they come into meetings. I got to know so many of the ladies who were just faces I would see each month. During the pandemic I would receive such cheery notes with membership checks, this position really helped me stay connected. It has really been a privilege. Linda Newsom and Cindy Reisberg, who came before me, made the process of updating the directory very easy, even for a non techie like me! This is a fun way to serve the guild.

Paulette Chellis

SEW & CHAT/ SHOW & TELL

We will continue having Sew & Chat on Thursdays, but the March monthly meeting from the Lodge will not be on zoom. BUT, the zoom link will be there for any of you who want to work on charity quilts and chat along.

There will be no show and tell at the March 17th meeting, so please bring it for the April meeting. We will show some of the charity quilts and some pictures of the flea market day on our FB page. Hope to see you at the Lodge.

Joan Costello

SEW & CHAT

Last year, Village Quilters began scheduling informal Zoom Sew and Chat sessions on the Thursdays without monthly general meetings. With no program or agenda, these offer members a chance to “see” each other on Zoom. Attendance varies weekly, and it’s a nice way to visit.

I was recently thinking of the many ways we’ve had to adjust to the limits of our communities the last two years. The shift to on-line experiences, while not as rich as in-person ones, has been vital to many of us.

Thursday informal Sew and Chat meetings have provided a connection when it was not advisable to get together in person. As a relative newcomer to the guild (2019) I have gotten to know more people and have appreciated having a standing date to chat about sewing as well as family, books, houses, goals, and plans. The visits made me a bit less isolated in my one-person household and helped me feel more a part of Village Quilters.

If you haven’t dropped in to Sew and Chat, stop by. We’d love to spend some time with you!

Regina English

NAME BADGE WINNER & RAFFLE BASKETS

Name Badge Winner: Jacque Formica

Raffle Baskets: Kathy Appleton won one, and Marcia Wolf won two! \$89 was raised for the Guild.

There will be no raffle baskets in March. In April, please bring Janet your unused, past-used, loved treasures to fill the raffle baskets. Thank you!

Janet Ruehl

IT TAKES OUR VILLAGE...

The purpose of 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.

The Village Quilters semi-annual BINGO is the Village Quilters major fund raiser. It enables us to BE the Village Quilters. The funds raised allow us to enjoy and learn from high quality speakers, to meet in a well-equipped facility and to carry on the business of supporting charities and promoting our love of quilting. We all must work together to accomplish this.

Members Patty Wheeler orchestrated successful BINGOs followed by Cindy Hickman's equally successful BINGO in October of 2019. Cindy stated that Patty's clear and detailed procedures made leading the BINGO very straightforward. Unfortunately, Cindy is not able to assume that role for our upcoming BINGO. The Lodge is reserved for Friday, April 28, 2023. We need an overall chairperson AND members to pitch in and take ownership for a piece of the BINGO. (Remember, we're quilters. Putting pieces together to make a work of art is what we do!) Committees will assume responsibility for just a part of the event. Committees are needed as follows:

- Publicity
- Set up
- Bingo night front door, extra card sellers, Bingo checkers, etc
- Clean up
- Food (hot dogs and pizza)
- Baked goods table
- Quilts and prizes for the runners up
- Raffle baskets (also small groups to

create raffle baskets)

PLEASE contact Ann Eichleman to let her know which committee you will join. We're looking forward to a successful and fun event!

A NOTE FROM THE KITCHEN

In March for charity sewing and our flea market, we will not have potluck lunch. You may bring your own lunch if you wish.

We will be serving coffee and cold beverages. Help will be needed and appreciated. Thank you.

Kathy Appleton

SUNSHINE

If you know of a Village Quilter member who has a health issue or in need of thoughtfulness from the group, let me know – janetruehl@icloud.com.

Janet Ruehl

THANK YOU FOR THE SUNSHINE



Thank you for the glorious sunshine I received after the recent passing of my Father. I truly felt the compassion and hugs from my Village Quilting friends with each card I received. I am so thankful to be a member of this group of strong, wonderful women.

Stephanie Sanidas

POP-TOPS

I am still collecting pop-tops from cans. They help to defray costs for those needing dialysis. Please save them for me until we meet again. Thank you,



Jacque Formica