



NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

I am still dealing with the jetlag and laundry from my trip. I want to thank all those who are volunteering to help with the Bingo. If you have not reached out to Rene, please get in touch with her. We have changed the date to September 22, 2023, a Sunday afternoon.

I am in charge of the Christmas Party. I had patterns for the Christmas table runners at the October meeting. I collected four runners we will need 12. I left the meeting early and whoever picked up the bag of material for the runners, let members know they can work on one for the party. Thanks to Rose Mary Digby. I will attach a pattern. If there is anything else, you want for the party let me know.

Do not forget to work on a quilt for Project Linus and donate to Stephanie.

Please contact Kathy Appleton to sign up for Kitchen help. There are lists located on the entry table.

Jacqui Formica has offered to take up the block of the month. I know we will enjoy doing that activity once again.

I will not be able to attend the November Executive or General meeting. I will be travelling again. My husband and I are leaving for a cruise to Antarctica on November 5th and will return November 27th. I will bring pictures.

I have some from Rome, Greece, Jerusalem, and Cyprus which we just visited.

Ann Eichelman

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the end of September, we had total funds of \$7,870 in the bank. September income was \$2,161.00, primarily from membership dues. Expenditures totaled \$992.78. This included speaker, renewal of insurance, web hosting, Zoom subscription, gift cards for prizes, stamps, and supplies.

Regina English, Treasurer

PROGRAMS

Sandy Fitzpatrick of Hissyfitz Designs is an applique quilt pattern designer whose goal is to get as many of the quirky designs that are spinning around in her head, down on paper for you to enjoy! Her fusible applique patterns are full of whimsy and will certainly bring a smile to your face. Sandy's website is: www.HissyFitzDesigns.com.



Rose Mary Digby

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.



RAFFLE BASKETS

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

Janet Ruehl

PROJECT LINUS UPDATE

We collected 17 quilt tops, 8 finished quilts, and 1 kit at the October meeting. I was very happy to also receive 2 quilts ready for pin basting (quilt top with batting and backing) and 1 quilt ready for hand binding. These donations are very helpful for our upcoming charity sewing event on February 16th, 2023.



Pick up a quilt kit at our next meeting to have ready to sew during the upcoming wintery days.

Stephanie Sanidas

SUNSHINE



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

MEMBERSHIP

I am looking for a volunteer... Would anyone be interested in being a backup for the membership front table if I am not able to attend a meeting? If so, they can contact me by email - shgrand@yahoo.com or phone 410-592-7991. Thank you.

Sue Grandizio

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

This month the blocks will be red/white/blue as in the colors of our National flag. The block size will be 12 ½ inches. No one will actually win the blocks to take home. The blocks will be made into a quilt for the military. The quilt member who makes the MOST 12 ½ inch blocks will be awarded a certificate to a quilt store as chosen by the guild. The pattern is of your own choosing.

PHASE 2

I would appreciate two or more quilt members to volunteer to sash the above completed blocks to make quilt tops. It can be fun if friends get together to do it! The completed tops will then be given to Patty Cirulli and Jacque Formica to quilt on a longarm. The quilts will be bound by Olive Blue. If anyone would like to help please contact me: 410-522-1661 or jformica2020@gmail.com.

PHASE 3

We are in need of military personnel that has never received a Quilt-Of-Valor. If you know of someone please let me know. We would need to info on this person:

- a) Name
- b) Branch of Service
- c) Approximate dates of service
- d) Present address

Thank you,
Jacque Formica

5" SQUARE EXCHANGE

We're off to a fun start, Exchangers. For November, we will exchange 2 sets of 10 squares of what you are thankful for, in honor of Thanksgiving.

Below is a list of the themes for the rest of the year. Some months, due to charity sewing or parties we might not meet, but save those for the next month, when we will do a double exchange. (4 sets of 2 on the themes listed, 2 of each)

- November -
What you are thankful for
- December - December holidays
- January - Let It Snow
- February - Love
- March - Baby Animals
(spring is in the air!)
- April - Flowers
- May - Mother's Day (Mom)
- June - Father's Day (Dad)

New exchangers always welcome.

Kathy Appleton

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.



KITCHEN NEWS

Thank you to all our wonderful helpers from October's meeting.

Here is the list so far for November:

Morning -- still need one person.

Lunchtime -- Fran Noyes

Jenny Cecil

Robin Dodd

No more needed

Clean-up -- Regina English

& 1 more needed

Sodas: No one signed up. Those who have signed up to help, call each other about what you will bring. We need:

- 2 liter bottle of clear, caffeine-free
- 2 liter bottle of diet clear caffeine-free
- 2 liter bottle of real Coca Cola
- 2 liter bottle of diet Coke

Also, if you have not yet signed up to help for a month, the board has decided that you will be assigned a month.

Please call me if you can fill one of the available spaces. Thank you.

Kathy Appleton

tjapple2klb@yahoo.com



Village Quilter Website:

<http://villagequiltersmd.com/>

Village Quilter Email:

contact@villagequiltersmd.com



October 22, 2023

As many of you know, we have changed the date of our VQ Bingo to Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 2PM. We are so excited to be having our Bingo during the afternoon!! QUILT BINGO is our main source of funding for our guild. It enables us to have talented speakers, provide for our meeting space and gives us a variety of quilting opportunities.

Thanks to the recent survey on fundraising, we are incredibly pleased to see Bingo is unanimously supported by you. Over the next year we will be asking people to step up to help in a variety of ways as many of you already have! There is a role for every VQ member and every task is important. We will need YOUR help! We will be checking in with the people who have already volunteered for tasks as well as asking others for their help before and during bingo. The more hands we have, the lighter the task for everyone!

We can be contacted at:

- Rene Stiebing, 410-370-1285
stiebing@comcast.net
- Linda Newsom 410-271-2840
qltdwcare@gmail.com
- Cindy Hickman 410-940-8730
chickman1963@yahoo.com

BINGO SURVEY RESPONSES

Fifty-seven members responded to the online survey about Village Quilters' bingo. Of those responding, 98% said they would support the Bingo. The support included:

- Chair a committee – 10 people
- Serve on a committee – 17 different people (some on multiple categories)
- Participate with a function of a committee – 29 different people (some on multiple categories)
- Donate an item – 46 different people (some on multiple categories)

In response to the question on other fundraising methods, members responded:

- Raise dues to \$60 per year – 38.6%
- Contribute an additional donation - \$40.4%
- Other ideas – 21.1%

27 responses of other ideas included:

- Quilt sale where quilters are charged as vendors
- Guild Cookbook,
- Selling items or food, like gourmet coffee, candles, popcorn, cookie dough, discount cards, etc.
- Quilt show
- Raffle quilt
- 50-50 raffles at every meeting
- Fund raising via selling prepared lunches
- Flea market (sewing theme), yard sale (any household items)

In response to the question about future activities of the Guild, members (29)

offered ideas for future guild activities. The ones most often mentioned included:

- Member demonstrations of special techniques
- Members' trunk show
- Members mentor new quilters; find ways to mentor young girls
- A quilting retreat, a bus trip or caravan to quilt shops in the tri-state area.
- Sew ins / Sew along like the jelly roll race
- Work with other guilds to share the cost of speakers
- Additional charitable program (2 months instead of the one we currently do)
- Booth at Catonsville and Arbutus arts festivals
- More sewing together events with specific projects / quilting bee, and raffle off resulting quilts
- Find a cheaper place to meet
- More in-person programs or workshops
- Regroup, more like a Bee or social group. Bring our lunch, show and tell and enjoy each other
- Quilting Bee, and raffle off resulting quilts
- New Members promotion

Many thanks to all who responded to the survey. Your input is meaningful. Thanks also to Cindy Reisberg for sending and tabulating the survey.

Rene Stiebing

