



## SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Ladies, it has been a difficult year (2+years). We have had our ups and downs, surgeries, losses, and members stepping down, who will be missed.

I want to thank you for keeping me focused on the guild when my husband was in the hospital. Getting back to in-person meeting. And the wonderful projects and conversation with the Sew and Chat on the Thursdays we do not meet in person.

In March, we had a productive charity sew-in and Flea Market. In May, Mimi and Laurie volunteered their talents to teach us and have FUN with a Jelly Roll. The June meeting saw that members and guests enjoyed scrumptious morsels and a wonderful tea.

As your president for the coming year, I am happy that we will have a variety of speakers (Thank you Donna and Good Luck Rose Mary), and Bingo in April. Please volunteer for help to make this a FUN time.

I will be heading to Italy in October and should be back for the meeting. I will

not attend the Board meeting so I will ask Pam to take my place. I am looking forward to the Potluck next time.

### ***The Happiness You Already Have***

*Memories are treasures  
that time cannot destroy,  
They are the happy pathway  
to yesterday's bright joy.*

*~ Helen Steiner Rice*

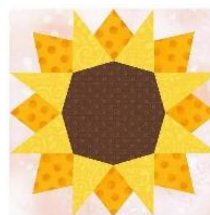
Thank you,  
Ann Eichelman

### **RAFFLE BASKETS**

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



### **SUNSHINE**



Need some sunshine or know someone who does? Send requests to Janet Ruehl –

[janetruehl@icloud.com](mailto:janetruehl@icloud.com)

## **PROGRAMS**

We're starting off our guild year with a bang! Lisa Shepard Stewart will be our Zoom speaker this month and will be presenting Quilting with African Fabrics. Lisa is a textile expert, author, fashion designer and teacher who says, " I love African fabrics with every fiber of my being." Her work reflects the rich patterns of these fabrics and makes creating with them an exciting experience.

She owns Cultured Expressions Sewing and Quilting Studio in Rahway, NJ and also publishes Fabrigasm, a magazine for lovers of African textiles. Her website is <http://www.culturedexpressions.com>.

Please join us on Thursday, September 15 for a delightful morning with this gifted artist, followed by an equally delightful smorgasbord of culinary offerings for lunch.

Rose Mary Digby & Donna Badgett

## **NOTE OF THANKS**

Dear VQ friends,  
I spoke with Shirley Watkins and she asked me to thank you for the wonderful cards and notes you have been sending her. She is so appreciative to be remembered by you all. She was so pleased when she was telling me about your kind regards. I know she would be happy to hear from you any time. You all are the best!

Linda Newsom

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership dues for the 2022-2023 year are due by October 2022. Please complete a membership form, which can be found at the end of the newsletter, and enclose it with your check made out to Village Quilters and mail to:

Sue Grandizio

It is preferred that your dues be mailed rather than turned in at a meeting. Thanks for your cooperation.

If you are a newer member (since 2020) and you would like to add your photo to the directory, or if you would like to update your photo, please email your picture in a jpg format to:

[contact@villagequiltersmd.com](mailto:contact@villagequiltersmd.com)

Sue Grandizio

## **PROJECT LINUS UPDATE**

I hope everyone found some time for relaxing, charity sewing over the hot summer months.



Please bring to the September 15th meeting any Project Linus quilts (tops or finished quilts) you have ready. Kits will be available to take home and sew. We need help preparing for our Winter 2023 Charity Sewing meeting. There are many tasks you can do at your leisure to help our guild: sewing quilt tops, cutting fabric, or machine quilting. Let's work together for another fun and rewarding year of helping children in our community.

Stephanie Sanidas

## **BINGO – April 28, 2023**

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As you all know, the QUILT BINGO is our main source of funds. It enables us to have talented speakers, provide for a variety of quilting opportunities and our meeting space. Last Spring members began volunteering to coordinate committees for the many tasks necessary to ensure a successful QUILT BINGO.

Beginning at the September meeting, the following Bingo Worker Sign-up Sheets will be available at each Village Quilters meeting.

- Quilt BINGO prizes
- Consolation prizes
- Door prizes
- Raffle Baskets
- 50 – 50 Raffle
- Kitchen/food
- Bake table
- Supplies purchase
- Ticket sales
- Workers for BINGO set up, event, and clean up

There is a role for every Village Quilters member and every task is important. And we need YOUR help!

We appreciate the quilts already donated and look forward to receiving more, as well as consolation prizes such as table runners, wall hangings and small quilts. The quilts that have already been turned in are spectacular! Please label all quilts. Group or individual made Raffle Baskets are also needed. Think themes like



Maryland, Family Vacation, Holidays and Chocolate. The possibilities are limitless! Thanks so much for your support and participation. If you have any questions, please email me at [stiebing@comcast.net](mailto:stiebing@comcast.net).

Rene Stiebing

## **5" SQUARE EXCHANGE**

We're finally back from Covid! Welcome back to all former exchangers and welcome into the group to anyone who wants to join us. Just bring 2 sets of 10 squares of fabric 5" X 5". This month our theme will be "summer fun." If none of your current stash includes this theme, just bring solids of summer colors or whatever you would like to exchange.

Kathy Appleton

## **CHARITY GIVING**

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



## **2022-2023 ELECTED OFFICERS**

President – Ann Eichelman

Vice President – Pam Fischer

Treasurer – Regina English

Secretary – Jane Stolte

Programs – Rose Mary Digby

Donna Badgett

## **KITCHEN NEWS**

First order of business: We need helpers for this month's potluck lunch! Please let me know if you can or are willing to help on September 15, 2022.

We need:

2 for the morning (set up coffee, tea, etc.)

2 at lunch time – putting out food and serving utensils.

2 for cleanup – washing and drying serving utensils & coffee pots.

1 to take tablecloths, dish cloths & dish towels home to launder and return next month.

Please contact me if you can help in September. Kathy Appleton  
[tjapple2klb@yahoo.com](mailto:tjapple2klb@yahoo.com).

NOTE: When bringing food, please make sure the helpers who check you in know if your meal/dessert has nuts or shellfish. There will be sticky notes available to mark it and leave any reheating instructions or just name your dish.

We will need helpers for the rest of the year. Sign-up sheets will be available on clipboards for each month. On the sign-up sheets, those in each month's group of helpers will sign up to bring sodas. For September only, I will bring sodas and creamer.

See the following for job descriptions, which will be posted in the kitchen each month:

## **Morning routine**

- Turn ovens on at 9:50 to 350 degrees
- Help as food is brought in - ask about directions, name of dish if not obvious and use sticky notes to let people know, nuts/seafood and use those labels provided and put at the ends of the table
- Put out cups, sweeteners, creamers and stirrers with coffee and tea.
- One small hot water pot for tea - put on front counter
- One coffee pot for decaf - Use 2 1/2 cups of decaf -makes 40 cups - use labels in cabinet
- One coffee pot for regular coffee - Use 2 1/2 cups regular coffee - makes 40 cups.
- Get out plates, napkins, plasticware.
- Each month we need:
  - 10 1/2 inch plates
  - small plates
  - napkins
  - 1 pitcher of water
  - 8 bottles of assorted soda
- Get out serving pieces - can put serving pieces with desserts and cut cakes

### Getting ready for lunch

- I will put food in oven at 11:15 to be less disruptive to our speakers.
- We will put out the food after the speaker is done and put like things together (like deviled eggs, etc.).
- Be sure to use labels for nuts, seafood to alert for food allergies.
- Desserts with allergens will be at the end of the table and general food allergens will be at the other end near the plates. There will be signs at the ends.
- Put serving utensils in each dish.



### Clean Up

- As lunch winds down, put out foil for people to wrap up leftovers.
- Wash all serving pieces and counters. Clean coffee pots. Return everything to cabinet.
- Return paper products to cabinet - Please put in labeled spots
- List any items that we need to purchase.

If you can not fulfill your time slot that you signed up for, please exchange with someone else or ask someone to fill in for you. Your help is essential to our monthly luncheon.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION!

Kathy Appleton  
[tjapple2klb@yahoo.com](mailto:tjapple2klb@yahoo.com)

### SHOW & TELL

As we get ready to start a new year of our in-lodge meetings with Zoom presenters and participants, I want to thank Cathie Shanks and Regina English for all they do to keep us zooming along. We would be lost and in the dark without them - thank you so much Cathie and Regina. And thanks to Patty Stenpeck for documenting our accomplishments for our Facebook page - love those pictures!

Show & Tell should be interesting after our summer of maybe finishing some UFOs or new projects - looking forward to it! Patty will take pictures of the items brought to the Lodge, and you can submit pictures to Joan via email or texting ([jcostello@umbc.edu](mailto:jcostello@umbc.edu)) if you are not attending in person. We will post to the Village Quilters Facebook page. Thanks everyone.

Joan Costello

### SEW AND CHAT

It's a mini-retreat in your own sewing area! Join us on Zoom the first, second, and fourth Thursday of the month from 10 am to noon. A link to connect to Zoom will be sent prior to Thursday.

**\*\* Sew-in Opportunity! \*\***

We still have a few spaces available in our fun sewing class for anyone who has been wanting to sew together again with friends! This strips & strings quilt can be your next creative project! Sew with all your pretty scraps (or ugly)! Use all scrappy colors or lean towards a specific color way. Start saving & cutting your various 1 1/2"-2" strips - it's fun to share too!

Teacher: Norma Campbell!

Class: A String Quilt Workshop  
(15 minimum/18 max participants)

When: Thursday, September 22  
(the week after VQ's meeting)

Time: 10:00am-4:00pm

Where: Catonsville United Methodist Church (no steps, ramp entry into elevator to 2nd floor -details will accompany confirmation of class)

Cost: \$35.00

Mail & make checks payable to:  
Barbara McMahon

Give me a call if you need further info.

Barb McMahon

[barbaramcm@comcast.net](mailto:barbaramcm@comcast.net)

**POP TOPS**

Thanks to the faithful people who have been collecting pop tops for charity.



This year we are partnering with the Ronald McDonald house in Baltimore. They use the pop tops to financially fund their programs for the people who stay there while their children are in the local hospitals. The staff member told me that a lot of the funding goes to help finance transportation to and from the hospitals for family members to visit their children.

Any pop top will do: soda cans, beer cans, pet food cans, and veggie cans. Please bring your "stash" to the monthly meeting and give to Patty Cirulli or me.

Thank you,  
Jacque Formica

**F.Y.I.**

Village Quilter Website:

<http://villagequiltersmd.com/>

Village Quilter Email:

[contact@villagequiltersmd.com](mailto:contact@villagequiltersmd.com)



### VILLAGE QUILTERS Membership Form 2022-2023

*Please fill out the form below and turn it in along with your check made payable to Village Quilters*

Dues are \$30 for the 2022-23 year (September 2022 to August 3, 2023) and due in September. If you are a new member joining after February 1, 2023, the dues are \$15. If you do not pay your dues by the October meeting you will be considered a guest. Guests may attend two meetings, paying the required guest fee, and thereafter shall pay membership dues. (Bylaws, Article III)

If you want to be included in the new directory your dues must be paid by the October meeting. Membership cards will not be issued until this form and your payment are received.

Make checks payable to Village Quilters

Send the form and your check to: Sue Grandizio, Membership

Email: [contact@villagequiltersmd.com](mailto:contact@villagequiltersmd.com) with any questions.

Please contact me with any changes in your information throughout the year, or if you find an error in your information in the directory. Please remember to sign in at each meeting. Only members who are paid in full can enter the name badge drawing – if you are wearing your name badge.

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If your information has not changed from last year, just fill in your name and check the 'renewal' box.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate (mm/dd) \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal  
 New Membership  
 Donation to support our  
charitable sewing activities

#### MEMBERSHIP CHAIR USE ONLY:

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Check                      Cash   

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Member has received:

- Membership Card & Pin  
 Name Badge  
 Welcome Letter & Directory  
 Picture taken for directory

