



## APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

from the Vice President. . .

What a wonderful presentation we had from Kristin Echols at our last meeting! She presented quilts she has made beginning with her first quilt and going into her current work, showing how her artistry has developed. She took a “warts and all” approach—including her ugliest quilt—and illustrating how valuable lessons can be learned from mistakes. I think her example can help free us all from the pressure of being perfect.

At our next meeting, we will take another leap into the unknown (for me, anyway) as Donna Badgett teaches us an easier way to make the beautiful cathedral windows patchwork. It will be great fun to sew this project together with Donna.

We have all missed our President during her travels, but rejoice that Ann is now back among us. Now we shall shortly have the vicarious pleasure of hearing all about her trip and seeing some postcard-worthy photographs.

Pam Fischer, Vice President

**NEXT MEETING:** April 20, 2023 –  
No Zoom will be available.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

In February, we had \$114 income from raffles baskets. The only expense was a \$100 deposit for the March speaker. Balance of funds at the end of February was \$7,368.62.

Regina English, Treasurer

### **LINUS PROJECT**

Wow! What a successful sewing day we had at the February meeting. On display at the March meeting, were the fruits of our labor, THIRTY-FOUR completed Project Linus quilts. If you zoomed the meeting, I am sure the photos will be posted on our Facebook page. Job well done, Village Quilters! We also collected eleven quilt tops and fabric for TBD (to be designed) Linus quilts.

Let me know if you can help with getting ready for next year’s sewing day, my favorite meeting of the year 🤗

Stephanie Sanidas

## **PROGRAMS**

The program/workshop for our April meeting features Donna Badgett showing how to make Painless Cathedral Windows. Donna requests that if you can bring an ironing board and iron and extension cord.

Rose Mary Digby

## **APRIL PROGRAM**

April 20's Program is called Painless Cathedral Windows.

You will need fabrics to be high contrast with each other. One fabric should read as a solid and will act as the background. The other may also be a solid or a busy fabric that shows a different "face" in each square. For the class, it might be useful to have forty squares of each fabric so you can experiment with which arrangement will be more pleasing to you. See the cutting instructions attached.

Other supplies needed are a sewing machine in good working order, thread, pins to hold the overlying fabric in place, rotary cutter with sharp blade and mat, small scissors to cut the thread, and a cutting ruler at least 6" x 12". Bring all the precut pieces and the fabric from which they were cut in case you change your plan.



I need at least one volunteer to bring an ironing board and iron. Two volunteers would be even better.

If I can get a count of the people interested in attending, the majority of whom intend to bring their machines and complete the basics of the project by the time they go home. Since there is no charge for the class, observers are welcome. Please RSVP to [contact@villagequiltersmd.com](mailto:contact@villagequiltersmd.com).

Have fun choosing your fabrics! See you April 20!

Donna Badgett

## **LAST MONTH'S WINNERS**

Name Badge: Stephanie Sanidas

Block of the Month: Patty Stenpeck

Raffle Baskets (earned \$141): Kathy Fowler, Robin Dodd, and Joan Costello

## **SUNSHINE**

Join us to send care and concern to Catherine Wooten as she's not attending recent meetings.

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

## **HOSPITALITY**

### *April Kitchen Help*

Many thanks to our March helpers.

After last month's meeting, several people brought up the question of whether or not we should have a potluck lunch in April, since we will be sewing (participating in a workshop). The consensus was that we should bring bag lunches instead.

We will still need one morning helper to help set up the beverages, and 2 cleanup helpers.

Morning:

1. ?

Cleanup:

1. Catherine Shanks
2. ?

Sodas – We need 1 2-liter bottle of diet caffeine-free Coke, and 1 2-liter bottle of diet clear caffeine-free diet soda.

Let me know if you can fill these gaps.

Thank you all!  
Kathy Appleton

## **RAFFLE BASKETS**

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

Janet Ruehl

## **5" SQUARE EXCHANGE**

Due to some needs in Kathy Appleton's family, we will take a few months' break from exchanging squares. We will resume in the future and catch up on the months we miss.

If you want to prepare your squares for when we reconvene, our themes are:

- April – flowers or other spring things.
- May – Mother's Day (Mom)
- June – Father's Day (Dad)

Kathy Appleton

## **CHARITY GIVING**



Please continue to bring your donations for the local food bank. They are greatly needed and much appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Kay Worley

## **THE MARYLAND REGISTER**

Village Quilters will now be listed in the

Maryland Guild Guide of The Maryland Register – online and in print.

Robin Dodd generally hands out the small newspaper at our meetings.

The paper lists premier shopping (quilt and antique store advertisements) and local events, as well as has interesting short stories. The small fee to be listed in the paper affords us a discount to advertise such things as the BINGO!



Cindy Reisberg

**BINGO!** Save the date – Sunday, October 22, 2023.

1. Bingo tickets will be available at the April meeting for members to begin selling. Cindy Hickman will have tickets in envelopes for you to take with you. We are asking each member to sell tickets to make this event a big success!



2. Many beautiful quilts have been turned in so far! We do request that quilts be lap size or larger. Smaller quilts, table runners, and placemats are also appreciated and can be used as consolation prizes. Please make sure you label your quilt. Here is an example:

[Name of quilt] "Summer Beauty"

[Made by] Jane R, Sue B, Kaye F, Terry W

[Made for] Village Quilters Bingo 2023

Quilts can be turned in to Linda Newsom, Rene Stiebing, or Cindy Hickman.

Consolation prizes go to Laurie Gregg.

3. If you are forming a group to make a raffle basket, please let Carol Phillips know so she can plan accordingly.

4. Door prizes are being collected by Kay Worley. She is looking for smaller items: candles, note cards, small hostess gifts, gift cards, etc.

Linda Newsom

### **NOTE OF THANKS**

Thanks everyone for the cards and calls of encouragement and concern about my broken wrist! It really helps brighten one's day when faced with a challenging and miserable condition.

Jacque Formica

### **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

See the Block of the month at the end of the newsletter.



Make one and you could win ALL the blocks made this month. The more blocks you make, the more chances you have to win!!! And, if you complete a quilt with them and bring it to Show and Tell, you can win a gift certificate to a nearby quilt shop!

Patty Cirulli

## Block of the Month – April :

10 1/2" unfinished

### Fabrics needed:

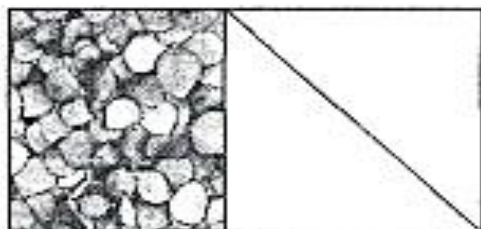
Spring Print 1  
Spring Print 2  
White

### Preparation:

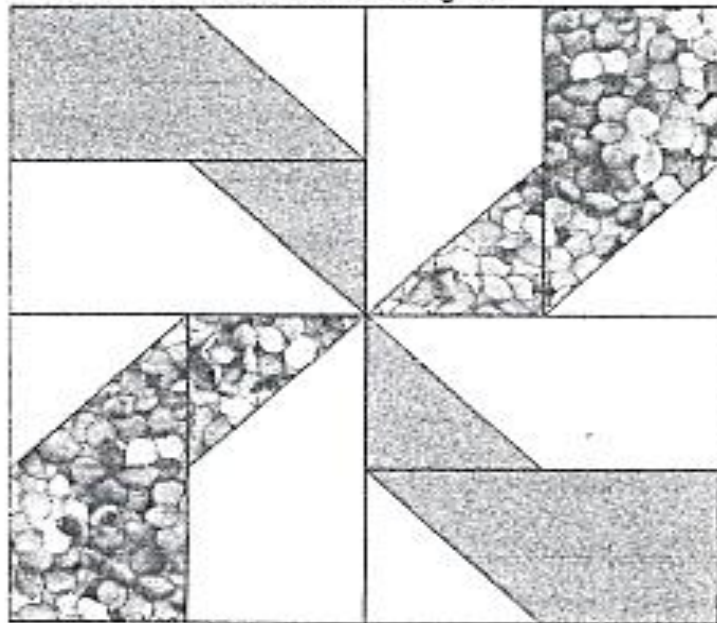
White - 3" square. Cut 4  
- 3" x 5 1/2" rectangle. Cut 4.  
Print 1 - 3" square. Cut 2  
- 3" x 5 1/2" rectangle. Cut 2  
Print 2 - 3" square. Cut 2  
- 3" x 5 1/2" rectangle. Cut 2

### Piecing instructions:

1. With a pencil, draw a diagonal line on wrong side of 3" squares.
2. With right sides together place white square on Print rectangle. Stitch on the diagonal line. Repeat 4 times. Press seams toward White fabric.
3. With right sides together place Print square on white rectangle. Stitch on the diagonal line. Repeat 4 times. Press seams toward Print fabric.



4. Assemble as shown in diagram.



**APRIL PROGRAM by Donna Badgett**  
**SUPPLY LIST for VQ Meeting on April 20, 2023**

***PAINLESS CATHEDRAL WINDOWS***



The finished piece will be 25" x 25" square

**Supply List**

- ½ yard background and "leaf" base fabric that reads as a solid.  
(I used stark white)
- ½ yard assorted scraps at least 3 ½ x 3 ½.  
(I used Kaffe Fassett fabric strips)
- ¾ yard backing fabric
- ¼ yard binding fabric
- 27" x 27" batting or fusible fleece

Cut your scrappy fabric into 80 3 ½" squares. I cut these from 3 ½" wide strips several fat quarters. Have a variety of colors and patterns that will stand out against your background fabric well. Consider using a theme for your colors if you are having difficulty choosing. For instance, fall, spring, or Christmas colors or many batiks.

Cut your background fabric in the following way:

- For the base of the "leaves" cut 40 - 3 ½" squares
- For the background cut 4 - 3 ½" squares  
6 - 3 ½" x 6 ½" rectangles  
2 - 3 ½" x 12 ½" rectangles

Cut a 27" x 27" (or larger) square from your backing fabric.

Cut binding strips about 2 ½" wide and join them for a 108" strip. Fold this in half lengthwise, wrong side to wrong side (right side facing out), iron, and set aside.

Place each 3 ½" x 3 ½" scrappy square so that it is wrong side up on the ironing board. Fold one corner to its opposite, forming a triangle, and press. You will now have 80 right triangles. the triangles will all now be right sides out (after placing the squares wrong side out and ironing them corner to opposite corner.) Set aside for class.