



FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Ladies, I want to thank Pam for leading the General Board Meeting. I did miss all of you and the speaker. I hope that someone won some beautiful fabric and notions from the Raffle Baskets made lovingly by Janet.



Please do not forget to volunteer for our Bingo. There are many ways you could help with the Bingo. Contact any of the Chairs for any contributions you can lend. We need completed quilts for auction, baked goods and help with tickets or flyers. Don't forget consolation and door prizes. The date is October 22.

Please join us for Charity sewing in February. There are Zoom meetings in March and June. Our own Donna Badgett will demonstrate Cathedral Windows in April. I cannot wait!

I will not be joining you in February or March. I will be leaving for Australia/New Zealand on the 12th. I will try to send pictures if I can.

Please remember to volunteer for the Bingo. Hope to see you soon.

Thank you again,

Ann Eichelman

TREASURER'S REPORT

December's \$165 income came from raffle baskets, dues, and donations. Expenses totaling \$328.99 were for the membership booklet printing and a gift for our contact person at the Lodge. Balance of funds at the end of December was \$7,426.99.

Regina English, Treasurer

WINNERS

Name Badge: Rene Stiebing

Block of the Month:

Jane Sinek (13 blocks)

Raffle Baskets (earned \$181):

Patty Stenpeck, Sue Galicki,
Michele Elder

We neglected to thank Janet Elton for her generous donation of the supplies to make 14 table runners for the December meeting. Several members used that fabric to make the runners that decorated the tables and added to the festivities.

PROGRAMS

Since February is our charity sew in, I would like to use this space to ask for your help.

What types of programs are you interested in? Someone mentioned a trunk show by a few members. Would you be willing to talk about a technique/pattern/design you have tried; or share/demonstrate how you adjusted that standard quilt block to suit your needs? Do you have a special quilt that you made for a special person or occasion that you would share with us?

As I watch "show and tell" at the meetings, I am always blown away with the talents of our members. And where there is talent there are ideas. Please send me any ideas or suggestions for future programs.

Be Safe, Rose Mary Digby
digbyrose@gmail.com

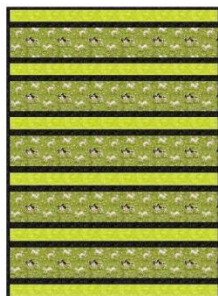
CHARITY SEWING - BABY QUILTS

For February's Charity Sewing meeting, I will be bringing a selection of baby quilt kits for you to piece.

There will be two quilt patterns: Quick Strippie and 5-inch Squares. Please

consider working on a baby quilt for the pregnancy center. Any questions? Contact Daria Phair.

dbphair@gmail.com



CHARITY QUILTING UPDATE

At the January meeting we collected fabric, 2 finished quilts, and 7 quilt tops!

We are busy getting ready for the February 16th charity sewing meeting. Since this is an in person sewing event there will not be a zoom option.

Please think about how you will contribute to the success of our Community Service meeting. Will you bring a sewing machine to sew a quilt kit? Will you bring your hand sewing supplies to bind a quilt? Will you bring an iron and ironing board to press fabric? Will you bring your rotary cutting supplies to cut fabric squares?



Many hands make light work.

Stephanie Sanidas



SEW AND CHAT

Join us on Zoom the first, second, and fourth Thursday of the month from 10 am to noon. It is a great escape in the cold winter months to check in with friends, talk about your current projects, and share holiday experiences or your new favorite book. It's like a mini retreat at home! A link to connect to Zoom will be sent prior to Thursday. We hope to see more faces this year.

HOSPITALITY

Thank you to all who helped in January!

Because this month is our annual charity sewing day, we will bring bag lunches. No buffet lunch, no hot food, no tablecloths on the tables. One serving table will be set up for shared desserts if some people want to bring something (NOT required).

Morning helper – Donna Badgett

Clean up helpers – Donna Badgett
Stephanie Sanidas

We have sodas in the cabinet, so no one needs to bring them.

Other months still have some open slots. If you have not yet signed up to help in the kitchen, please check the remaining months' sheets and volunteer for a slot. It's only once a year, and everyone who is physically able is expected to help.

Thank you!
Kathy Appleton

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members and returning members. Please make the following updates to the new directory:

Please add:

Janet Elton
Mary Rutter
Betty Zuercher

Thanks,
Sue Grandizio

RAFFLE BASKETS

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

Janet Ruehl

CHARITY GIVING



Please remember to bring your food donations to the February meeting. Your support is greatly appreciated.

5" SQUARE EXCHANGE

February is coming and we will celebrate "Love is in the Air" with our squares this month – a short but full month. Your 2 sets of 10 squares can be about Valentine's Day, President's Day (love of country), Groundhog Day (love of the halfway point of winter) or even birthdays of family members (we have several February birthdays in our family.)

Enjoy finding and cutting your "love"ly squares this month!

Kathy Appleton

SUNSHINE

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



BINGO

Bingo is just 10 months away! Please save the date October 22, for this important fundraiser. We will need the participation of every member to make it a success. Below you will find the chairpersons for each committee. Please check out the committees and see how you can help before and during our event. We need all of our members to help make it a success!

We have already collected several quilts for the bingo. Please let Linda Newsom know if you plan to donate or have a quilt ready to go. All quilts must be completed when turned in.

If you have a top to donate, please find someone to quilt it for you, make sure it is bound with a label attached BEFORE you turn it in. Quilts should be lap size or larger. A particularly nice wall hanging or tree skirt could also be used for a main bingo prize. Labels should include Village Quilters Bingo 2023, the name of the quilt, the maker(s) and any other info you want to add.

We are also looking for consolation prizes such as table runners or small wall hangings. Let Laurie Gregg know if you have something to donate as a consolation prize.

Kay Worley is collecting items for door prizes. Please let her know if you have something to donate!

We are also asking small groups of people to create raffle baskets for the event. Speak with Carol Phillips if you would like to work on this project.

Our chairpersons for the various activities are as follows:

- Bingo chair committee: Linda Newsom, Rene Stiebing, Cindy Hickman
- Publicity – Cindy Hickman
- Raffle Baskets – Carol Phillips
- Consolation Prizes – Laurie Gregg
- Door Prizes – Kay Worley
- Bake Sale – Joan Morin
- Food and Drink – OPEN
- 50/50 Raffles – Lynn Hastmann
- Front Door Sales – Nancy Winchester
- Quilt Collection and Distribution – Linda Newsom
- Set Up and Clean Up – Joan Costello

Please contact them if you are able to help them, or when they contact you, please be a willing helper!

POP-TOPS

Please save and bring me the "pop-tops" from cans for Ronald McDonald House guests.



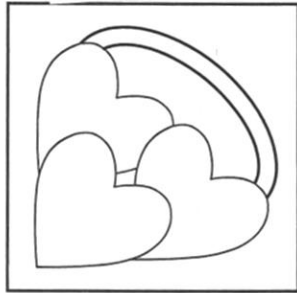
With a lot of family visiting there will be a lot of cans used! Thanks!

Jacque Formica

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Hearts Basket Sampler Directions

You will need coordinating scraps of reds and pinks for the heart basket, background fabric for your large square, fusing product of your choice (I used soft fuse), pencil and usual sewing products.



Working with a background of your choice, cut your 12 1/2" square first. If using a print, please make sure it is small enough and coordinates with the pinks and reds.

- Trace 3 hearts and the handle on the paper side of the fusing paper.
- Cut the pieces out leaving 1/4" from your tracing marks.
- Place the paper images with glue down on the back side of your scrap fabrics and iron on.
- Once fused to the back of your fabric, cut out each piece on the tracing line.
- Lay out your 12 1/2" square and arrange your pieces like the image on the pattern.
- When you like the arrangement, remove paper and iron in place.
- Using a blanket stitch on your machine, stitch around each piece

with coordinating threads. This makes it stay in place longer and the winner of the blocks doesn't have to do it.

Good luck!!! As Norma Campbell just told us.....try something new and change things up a little.

The pattern is in a separate document so that the scale of the hearts stays consistent.

Thank you,
Patty Cirulli



NEXT MEETING

Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month, except for July and August. Our next meeting is on February 16 – Charity Sewing Day. No zoom is available.