



## JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Ladies, wasn't Mimi wonderful. Mimi had a very informative presentation about Vintage quilts. Mimi talked about her many instructional books. (She also brought some of her 'stash' to share with us). The reproductions of the Smithsonian quilts were beautifully crafted. Mimi explained that the quilts from the museum needed an expert to take up the challenge of researching and finding the stories behind each timely treasure. Embellishing just enough to color each story for us. Thank you, Mimi, for your wonderful presentation. We enjoyed every spellbinding minute. The quilts were beautiful, too.

We are in need of Nominating Committee to select a Vice President. Please contact me.

I am looking forward to the annual Tea on June 15. I enjoyed last year's tasty delectables and aromatic teas. Please contact Rene with your contributions to the sweet and savory dish for the Tea. I also would like to see your spring hats for the Party. There will be no free table or raffle baskets this month.

Bingo tickets will be provided by Cindy Hickman.

I am traveling again, and we are in Sevierville, Tennessee, where Dollywood, Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg are enjoyable tourist attractions. We also visited Oak Ridge which is one of the areas that worked on the Manhattan Project for the Atomic Bomb.



I will be in Virginia for Jury Duty starting 5/30. I hope they will let me go so that I can attend the Tea.



Virginia has several cases running through June 16th. Hopefully they will settle all of them and I am home early.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you.

Ann Eichelman, President

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The only item changing our balance last month was a \$335 rental deposit on the Lodge for October's Bingo. Our total funds balance is now \$6,958.49.



Regina English, Treasurer

## **WINNERS**

Congrats to the May Winners!

*Block of the Month* - Mary Ellen Kolbe won both April and May blocks!

*Raffle Baskets* (\$123 earned): Paulette Chellis, Kathy Appleton, Jane Stolte  
*Raffle Land's End Shirt*: Patti Dedovitch

*Name Badge*: Fern Bowman

## **LINUS PROJECT**

At the May meeting we collected fabric (including a wonderful bag of I-spy fabrics), 9 quilt tops, and 16 finished quilts.

We also collected 15 bags of fabric scraps to recycle. Remember to bring your textiles to each meeting for recycling.

At the June tea, there will be quilt kits for you to take home and sew during the summer when VQ does not meet in person. I hope you will have some free time this summer to help us prepare for the next charity sewing day.

Stephanie Sanidas

## **BABY QUILTS**

Thank you to the ladies who have helped me make baby quilts. Last month I delivered 15 quilts to Women's Center West. The pregnancy center moved earlier this year to Ingleside Avenue, and they have already experienced a spike in the number of mothers seeking their services. I still have many more quilts looking for a home. If you know of another facility that could use baby quilts, please let me know. Thank you.

Daria Phair

## **5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE**

We will catch ourselves up this month for all the times we did not meet. Our themes were:

March – Spring

April – Flowers

May – Mother's Day

June – Any June celebration – graduation, weddings, Father's Day, Flag Day

Next year, Bernadette Burley will be co-chair with me. We will do colors for each month and any holidays for our 2 sets of 10. The completed list will be available in the September newsletter. Thank you!

Kathy Appleton

### **Quilt Bingo!**

Sunday 10/22/23 2PM

The Lodge

2832 Nine Mile Circle  
Catonsville, MD 21228

\$20 in advance

\$22 at the door

CindyH@villagequiltersmd.com

## **PROGRAMS**

In June, Cyndi McChesney will show us how to take that panel you just had to have and turn it into something truly unique. She suggests squaring up your selections, add interesting block treatments and borders, and filling those pesky open spaces with patchwork or appliqué to create a really special quilt. Cyndi will come to us via zoom.

If you have any suggestions for programs please send them to me. I am looking for presenters that are local so that we can see, touch, and admire quilts in person.

Thank you to Mimi Dietrich for a wonderful presentation at the May meeting. In 1983, she met with a few friends who enjoyed quilting. That was the start of Village Quilters. Possibly the only guild, at that time, that met during the day. Forty years later, at the Village Quilters meeting she announced her retirement. What a wonderful legacy she has left us.

Rose Mary Digby

## **JUNE TEA –Hats off to High Tea**

Our Annual June Tea will take place on June 15, 2023! This year's theme is "Hats off to High Tea". It is a lovely opportunity to taste a variety of teas, to visit with friends, dress up a bit, and enjoy special savory and sweet treats! This year remember to wear your favorite hat! There will be prizes.

For our centerpieces we would again like to feature the beautiful flowers grown

by guild members. If you would be willing to contribute some blossoms, please bring the flowers to the Tea. We have vases to showcase their beauty!

If you have not given us a seating list for your table (limit 6 per table), please send it to Rene at her email address listed in the directory or to [contact@villagequiltersmd.com](mailto:contact@villagequiltersmd.com) no later than June 8.

Unless you are on the set- up crew, please arrive between 9:45 and 10:00.

If you need a last minute guest ticket they are still available. Call or e - mail Rene. Tickets are \$10.00.

There will be show and tell. There will be no free table or raffle baskets in June.

Don't forget your teacup and a teapot for your table!



Remember to bring tea appropriate finger foods. If you aren't sure what to bring and did not sign up ahead of time think savory! We always have plenty of sweets.

We're looking forward to seeing you at the Tea! We'll be wearing our favorite hats, too!

Pam Fischer and Rene Stiebing



Sunday, October 22, 2023

This event will be held at the Lodge.

Bingo is just 4 months away! Bingo is our only fundraiser every two years so it is important we make it a success.

1. Tickets are available from Cindy Hickman so get your packet and start selling! All ticket money and extra tickets need to be returned to Cindy at the September meeting. Cindy's email is [contact@villagequiltersmd.com](mailto:contact@villagequiltersmd.com)

2. If you have a quilt you plan to donate but have not done so, please email Linda Newsom and let her know you are working on one. All quilts must be turned in at the September meeting. Don't forget the label!

3. Please be open to helping either before or during the bingo itself. If a committee chair calls and asks for your assistance, please say yes!

4. Donations for door prizes and consolation prizes are being collected at the June and September meetings. Consolation prizes can be table runners or small quilted items. Door prizes are candles, note pads, gift cards, and other nice small gift items. Please see Laurie Gregg for consolation prizes and Kay Worley for door prizes.

5. Carol Phillips will take donations for raffle baskets if you don't want to put together an entire basket on your own or with your group. Please check with Carol to see what she needs.

Linda Newsom

### **BINGO DOOR PRIZES**

Please bring any Bingo Door Prize contributions to the June meeting. The items do not have to be handmade. Journals, picture frames, note cards, decks of cards, and coffee mugs are just a few ideas. Thank you for your support. Please give items to Joan Costello. Thank you.

Kay Worley

### **CHARITY GIVING**



Please remember to bring your contribution for the food bank. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Kay Worley

### **SEW AND CHAT**

We are continuing to Sew and Chat every Thursday from 10 to noon (except on Guild meeting Thursdays). It is a good time to see what others are creating and get to know other members. Or just tune in even if you are not working on a project at the moment. The link is sent out at the beginning of each Sew and Chat week.

## **KITCHEN HELPERS**

### **FOR JUNE 2023 TEA PARTY**

I want to thank everyone who has helped in the kitchen this year, especially my sidekick, Joan Costello.

This month is unique. The Tea Committee will set up the day before.

Mostly you will be assisting the tea party committee with last-minute details and water pitchers. Extra hands will be needed to get the food in place at lunchtime. **NO FOOD WILL BE HEATED.**



Morning helpers – arrive at 9:00AM to check and label food (nuts, shellfish, etc.) Set out whatever is needed. No coffee or sodas this month.

Penny Clifton

Lunchtime – (Help put food out after the program)

Carol Phillips & Sue Brunt

Clean-Up - Wash, dry and put away utensils and other items that belong to the guild.

Maryellen Kolbe

THANK YOU ALL! Kathy Appleton

## **SUNSHINE**

Need some sunshine or know someone who does? Send any Sunshine requests to Janet Ruehl, [janetruehl@icloud.com](mailto:janetruehl@icloud.com).

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership for the 2023-2024 year is open. Please print a copy of the membership form, enclose your check for \$30 and send it to me. Email [contact@villagequiltersmd.com](mailto:contact@villagequiltersmd.com) for the correct address

There have been some discrepancies in the membership booklet, so it would be helpful if you would complete the membership form even if you feel your information has not changed.

My preference is to receive the membership forms in the mail. All information must be received by the October meeting to be included in the membership booklet.

Sue Grandizio

## **NOTE OF THANKS**

I wish to extend my deepest thanks to my Village Quilter's family for your generosity and love.

Many of you have already experienced the devastating loss of a loved one and the outpouring of care and concern following Ben's sudden death has made my grief a bit easier to bear. I thank each one of you for your cards, calls, and visits as I learn to live with my new reality. I love you all.

Linda Newsom



## **NEW MEETING LOCATION BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 2023**

Earlier this year, the Board set out to look at other meeting places in the area. While our membership has been steady the last two years, our in-person attendance after Covid has been less than in earlier years. The Board also wanted to address some facility issues with the Lodge and be good stewards of our funds.

A list of possible locations was developed as well as a checklist of our requirements. After many phone calls and emails, several of us visited the place that seemed most promising. We found that Stafford Hall [thestaffordhall.com](http://thestaffordhall.com), just a little over a mile up Frederick Road toward Catonsville, to be a lovely meeting place. Many thanks to Daria Phair for her lead on this location and to Rose Mary Digby for her research.

We believe that our membership will enjoy our new location, starting in September. It is handicap accessible, including the ladies' restroom, has the kitchen and storage space we require,

has good WIFI and projection equipment for our Zoom speakers, and is bright and cheerful.

We are most grateful to the Lodge, and to Joe, for caring for us so well over the years.

## **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

Congrats to Maryellen Kolbe who won the Blocks of the Month for April and May!

In June, the Block of the Month is "Spools 2" by Camille Roskelley. See the pattern at the end of this 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 from a nearby quilt shop!

Patty Cirulli

## June 2023 Block of the Month "Spools 2" by Camille Roskelley

### Cutting:

- White background fabric cut:
  - 4- 1.25" squares (A);
  - 2- 1.25" x 6.5" (B);
  - 2- 1.5" x 9.5" (C)
- Gray fabric cut: 2- 2" x 7.5" (spool ends)
- 3 fabrics (thread) cut: 2.5" x 6"



### Spool Center:

Cut 3 different strips of fabric 6"x 2.5" (a variegated thread look),  
Then sew them together to make your spool center (thread)

### Assembly:

1. Draw a line from one corner to the opposite corner on the back of each (A) square. Place one on each of the bottom corners of the gray strips. Sew along the line. Trim & Press. Do this for both strips.
2. Sew one (B) strip on each side of the spool center (thread). Add one spool end on the top and bottom to make your block.
3. Sew one (C) strip on each side of the spool block. Block should measure 9.5" square.

