



MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello from Tauranga, New Zealand. We had to miss Napier because of the Cyclone earlier this year. It has been raining the last couple of days. We were on board the ship for most of the rain. We walked around the island this morning.

I hope everyone is doing well. I miss you all. There are women knitting and crocheting on board. I did not bring anything to work on, but I hope to cut out two projects for the retreat. Speaking of the Retreat, I want to thank Cindy Reisberg for her diligence in securing a place for us to stay and sew. I am looking forward to it. Making memories and having FUN.

Thank you to those who worked on the Charity Sewing.

I was sorry to hear about Daria's husband. My condolences and prayers are with her.

Hopefully I will see you all on March 16th. I may be able to make it if I come back a day early. Ha Ha

Ann Eichelman

TREASURER'S REPORT

January's \$277 income came from raffle baskets, dues, and donations. The only expense was \$350 for speaker. The balance of funds at the end of January was \$7,354.23.

Regina English, Treasurer

LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

Name Badge: Norma Campbell

Block of the Month: Betty Zuercher

Raffle Baskets (earned \$114): Stephanie Sanidas, Paulette Chellis, Patty Stenpeck

NEXT MEETING: March 16, 2023

SUNSHINE

Our deepest sympathy to Daria Phair on the loss of her husband, Monty. Kindly keep Daria in your thoughts and prayers.



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

PROGRAMS

The program March 16 is called *A Lesson in Every Quilt* by Kristin Echols. In this presentation, Kristin shows over 40 of her quilts and describes the lessons she learned in making each quilt. Over half the quilts were made using the Quilt-As-You-Go method. But, she does show some other quilts and techniques she has tried over the years. She will show the ugliest quilt she has ever made, and the lessons learned.

We hope you will be able to attend the March meeting in person but if you can't make it the speaker will be available on Zoom. The link will be sent out the week of the meeting.

Rose Mary Digby
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SEW AND CHAT

Join us on Zoom the first, second, and fourth Thursday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon. It is a great time opportunity to get to know some of your fellow quilters, check in with old friends and make new ones. You can talk about current projects, ask for advice on projects, techniques, and tools or just chat about whatever ends up as the topic of the day. The best part is sewing together doing what we love and you don't have to pack up anything! A link to Zoom is sent in the beginning of the week for the Thursday Zoom.

Cathie Shanks

LINUS PROJECT –

CHARITY QUILTING UPDATE

I want to thank everyone for their efforts supporting Project Linus at the February meeting. And I am glad you had the opportunity to meet Marsha Kessler, the Howard County Project Linus coordinator who brings so much energy and enthusiasm to her volunteer job.

We collected fabric, batting, 14 quilt tops and 15 finished quilts at the meeting. I brought 43 quilts for binding and was able to hand them all out for finishing. We also handed 25 quilt kits. Thank you for doing your “homework” to bring back to an upcoming meeting.

We have already begun working on next year's charity sewing event. My favorite long arm quilter (Maria O'Haver of Pangor Quilt Design Studio) has quilted 23 Project Linus quilts, and I am looking for more volunteers to machine quilt. It takes a village, and we are thankful for your help throughout the year.

Stephanie Sanidas

CHARITY SEWING - BABY QUILTS

I will be bringing baby quilt kits to the next VQ meeting. The good news is the Catonsville pregnancy center has moved to Ingleside, just off Frederick Road.

Daria Phair
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BINGO! Save the date – Sunday, October 22, 2023. And keep quilting!

HOSPITALITY

March Kitchen Helpers

I am extremely grateful to all those who assisted in the morning last month. Thank you so much for seeing my distress and for doing all the morning jobs that I could not do at the time. Thank you to the clean-up crew, too. Everyone was wonderful.

Here are the March sign-ups:
(I found the sign-up sheet.)

Morning – 1 person needed to arrive around 9:00AM.

Lunchtime – Cindy McIntyre
Sue Grandizio
Cindy Hickman
Sharon Adams

Clean-up – Maryellen Kolbe
Dori Batavick
Jan Barthel

Sodas – We have all the clear sodas we need this month:

2 - 2 liter bottles of “real” cola – Cindy McIntyre

2 - 2 liter bottles of diet cola (1 caffeine-free) -- Chris McNeil

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

This month we are reminded that March “Comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb,” as we exchange 2 sets of 10 squares with baby animals on them. Think chicks, ducklings, puppies, kittens, baby rabbits, or other baby animals you see depicted on fabric.

Kathy Appleton

CHARITY GIVING



Please remember to bring your food donations to the next meeting. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU!

I am so blessed to have Village Quilters as my extended family. Thank you to everyone for the cards and hugs since Monty, my dearly loved husband, was called by God to join the celestial choir. I particularly want to thank those who helped me at The Lodge that horrible morning.

Quilted with love,
Daria the Phair

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
9 1/2 " unfinished
3 Fabrics needed: Light, medium and dark

Cutting Instructions:

Light fabric: Cut 1- 5 3/4" square. Cut twice diagonally to make quarter-square triangles.

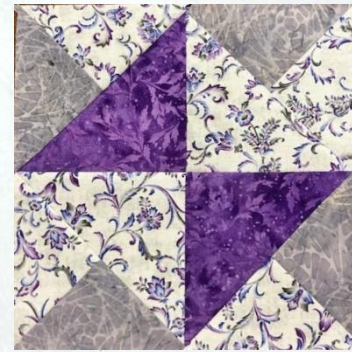
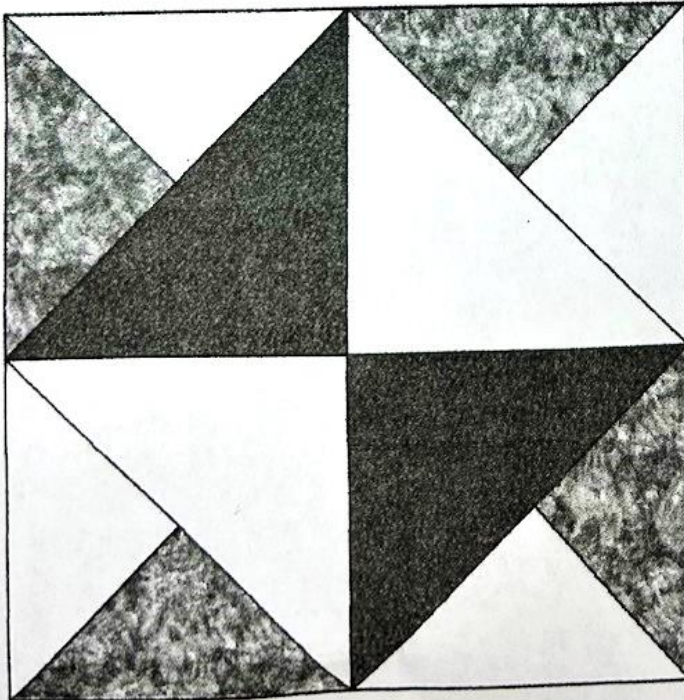
Cut 1- 5 1/2" square. Cut once diagonally to make half-square triangles.

Medium fabric: Cut 1 - 5 3/4" square. Cut twice diagonally to make quarter-square triangles.

Dark fabric: Cut 1 - 5 1/2" square. Cut once diagonally to make half-square triangles.

Piecing Instructions:

1. Sew light and medium quarter-square triangles to make 4 separate units.
2. Press seam to medium piece.
3. Sew light and dark half-square triangles to make 2 units.
4. Press seams to dark piece.
5. Sew pieces together from step 3 above.
- 6 Press seam to one side.
7. Sew pieces from step 1 to unit constructed in step 5.
8. Press seam to light-medium unit.



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.