



## APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Spring has arrived and the flurry of new growth is everywhere to be seen. Even here in the city, where I live, there are avenues of beautiful Baltimore flowering trees I pass through on my way home. Another sign of Spring is that the “Pride of Baltimore” returns to port. Few sights are more inspiring than seeing her come in under full sail with flags flying and cannons booming across the water!

Those of you who have gardens are welcoming myriad blooms to gladden your senses. These are some of the sights that inspire us as quilters and may lead us into different expressions. Some may put traditional blocks aside and venture into creating pictorial designs and landscapes. Others may try a new color palette inspired by a field of flowers. We may convert what we see, such as the rigging of a ship, into an abstract composition. Spring is the time to try new things, so spring into creating. The possibilities are endless!

As a Guild, we are also trying some new things. For the March meeting, we hosted a traveling quilt shop. Ninette

Beheler brought an array of pre-cut fabrics, yardage, and patterns for us to buy. Members were enthusiastic about this opportunity and some splurging was observed! Next month, a quilt appraiser will speak to us about factors to consider in determining valuation of quilts. This should be both interesting and useful to those of us who sell their quilts as well as to those of us who have family heirlooms or who collect quilts.

In going forward, we would like to continue blending Guild traditions with new directions. In order to plan in ways that suit everyone’s preferences, we would like to gauge your interest in new activities and events. A few, such as the “Pieces of Peace” are already underway, and some other ideas were proposed at the meeting. These included a bus trip to the Lancaster quilts shops, a summer sew-in, a quilt yard sale, and a summer quilt challenge. Please make a list of your ideas to propose during the April meeting so that we can brainstorm and even identify volunteers!

Pam Fischer, President

## **FEBRUARY WINNERS**

Raffle Baskets earned \$136 and the winners were: Pat Lieske, Diane Moritz, and Stephanie Sanidas.

Jacqueline Jones won the name badge drawing.

## **CHARITY GIVING**

Please remember to bring your food donations to the meeting. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Kay Worley

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Before the March meeting, our bank balance totaled \$17,427.89. Expenses in February were for rent and kitchen supplies. Income was from raffle baskets and membership.

Regina English, Treasurer

## **PROGRAM**

Our program for April, "A Lecture on Appraising!", will be given by Pamela Pampe. She will discuss the types of appraisals and all extenuating circumstances that lead to ways values are established. She will have quilts to show as part of the lecture. She hopes that the talk will encourage many questions. Unfortunately, there will be no time for individual appraisals.

A reminder that at our June Tea I hope many members will bring Vintage Textiles for us to share. If you have more than one, the more the merrier.

Rose Mary Digby  
Program Chair

## **CHARITY QUILTING UPDATE**

Thank you for filling my wagon at the March meeting! We collected fabric, UFO blocks, a roll of batting, 20 quilt tops, and 22 finished quilts. We gave 7 small quilts to Beth Bohac for Binky Patrol and the rest of the finished quilts will go to Project Linus at their next meeting.

Please remember to bring quilts you took home for binding to an upcoming meeting. Kits are available at every meeting if you have time to sew a fast and colorful Linus quilt top. Consider taking home a Linus kit to sew during the summer when Village Quilters does not meet.

Stephanie Sanidas

## **RAFFLE BASKETS**

Thank you, members, for your past donations for the raffle baskets.



Please continue to look through your stashes for additional treasures you are willing to share in order to create enticing offerings in each of the upcoming month's raffle baskets.

Janet Ruehl

***Next General Meeting:  
April 18, 2024  
at the Stafford Hall***

## **BARN START SAMPLER SEW-ALONG**



Block 6 is due at our April VQ meeting. You can find the sewing instructions on page 22-23 of your book. It will be 16 1/2" x 16 1/2" (unfinished).

\* Again, I used a scant 1/4" seam

allowance and Deb Tucker's technique for the Flying Geese.

\* Both quilt sizes require 2 Moroccan Star blocks

\*Please continue to put together the small blocks, 16-20, using scraps. Refer to the sheet with blocks required for the size you are making.

If you are following Shelley Cavanna's YouTube videos and using her sew & flip techniques, stay consistent with what is working. If you have already pre-cut your blocks, it will be difficult using any other techniques like Deb Tucker's "Eight at Once" for 1/2 square triangle or her flying geese techniques.

Besides finishing this quilt, our goal is to enjoy this adventure together. Yes, enjoy doing the blocks. Put music on, a book on tape or sew in complete silence, we all need to find our happy place. Even when we find ourselves ripping out more than we are piecing together, find peace.

I look forward to seeing your blocks and if you need help or have any questions, please reach out.

Patty Cirulli

## **SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT**

April will have a community quilt from Nancy Winchester. Nancy will write up a flow sheet telling us about her quilt and attach it to her hanging quilt. Please make sure you take time to read and enjoy the quilt. I know that I will.

Jacqueline Formica

## **KITCHEN HELPERS**

Thank you to all who helped in March. April has a few gaps in sign-ups -- we still need one person in the morning and 2 for clean-up.

Lunch-time people who have signed up are:

1. Fran Noyes
2. Jenny Cecil
3. Beth Bohac

Sodas were signed up for, but we only need 2 – 2 liter bottles of clear diet soda, Beth Bohac signed up to bring them.

Thank you!

Kathy Appleton & Joan Costello

## **SUNSHINE**

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



## **FOOD PANTRY**

Please continue to support our donations to the food pantry. Your contributions are appreciated.

Kay Worley

## **5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGERS**

Spring is in the air, and the squares we exchange this month are flowered ones. Please bring 2 sets of 10 to share.

Anyone, whether a member of the group or not, is invited to show the group something they have made using 5" squares. It can be a tote bag, a table topper, a quilt, place mats or whatever else you might have made using 5" squares.

Also, new exchangers are always welcome, any time. Just bring your squares and join us after lunch. Thank you!

Kathy Appleton & Bernadette Burley

## **2024 VQ COOKBOOK**

Don't miss out on getting your recipes in the new cookbook! Follow these steps to log in to type in your recipes using the Morris Press website:

1. Go to <https://www.typensave.com/>
2. Login: Cindy Hickman
3. Password: grape579
4. Then click on Add Recipe

It's that easy!

Please have your recipes submitted as soon as possible. This is going to be fun!

Cindy Hickman  
Dori Batavick

## **VILLAGE QUILTERS SHOW**

### **Pieces of Peace - June 15, 2024**

We need your quilts!

Please register your quilt for the show by using the attached registration form and sending it to Jane Stolte. Her address is at the bottom of the form. Thanks to everyone who has already registered!

Someone asked if you can just appear with your quilt on June 15. The answer is no.... you need to let us know what you are bringing by the May meeting!

Thanks to everyone who signed up at the March meeting to volunteer for the day of the show! We need a few more volunteers and will have the signup sheets at the April meeting. There are still a few easy "sit down" jobs available!

This is going to be a beautiful show and a fun day! We have attached a flyer that you can print off and share with your friends and family!

Mimi Dietrich  
Jane Stolte



Village Quilters of Catonsville Presents

# Pieces of Peace

Please come visit our quilts lovingly displayed on the pews of  
**Salem Lutheran Church,**  
exhibited anonymously to illustrate the beauty of the craft  
and the success of working together.



905 Frederick Road  
Catonsville, Maryland 21228

One day only!  
Saturday, June 15, 2024  
10 AM – 3 PM

Free admission – free parking behind the church  
If you wish, please make a free will donation to support  
Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Retreat Center

Visit the quilts, then shop local at Pat's Porch and enjoy lunch at one of the many restaurants in  
Catonsville, including Matthew's, State Fare, Jennings, Catonsville Gourmet, and Abwater's

