



DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

At our November meeting, we had the tongue-twister “Texture Lecture” from Kara Mason and Teri Young from “Through the Needle’s Eye.” These two long-time friends and makers took us through their artistic journey as well as the variety of appliqué and embroidery techniques they employ to realize their designs. We are fortunate that they have made time to hold a workshop on January 9th to teach us wool appliqué and ribbon work using their floral elegance pattern. It has been quite a while since we have been able to have an in-person workshop, so I hope everyone is looking forward to it as much as I am.

Although we didn't officially call the November meeting our Thanksgiving meeting, I spotted a number of Thanksgiving dishes in the potluck spread (hint: I'd love to have the cranberry relish recipe), and my thoughts turned to the many things our Guild can be thankful for. Here are just a few: the fellowship of other makers and artists in a place where old friendships can flourish and new friendships can be forged. A space where talents can be

showcased and we can learn so much from each other. Support from a caring group when we are most in need of a hug and a kind word. A time to laugh and simply have a darn good time together!

Next, we look forward to our Holiday party! The show and tell will include all manner of holiday-themed items that you can wear or display, so gather up your Christmas sweaters (including the ones you made for your dog), aprons, stockings, tree skirts, table runners, wall hangings, Advent calendars, and, of course, quilts. The more glitter, the better!

Ho ho ho! Pam Fischer, President

WINNERS!!!!

Name Badge: Norma Campbell

Raffle Baskets
made \$124!

Paulette Chellis,
Michele Elder,
and Patty
Stenpeck each
won one of the
three baskets.



TREASURER'S REPORT

At the end of October, we had a bank balance of \$17,587. October income was from raffles, cookbook sales and membership. Expenses were for speaker, rent, kitchen supplies, and deposit on the hall for our 2025 bingo.

Regina English

MEMBERSHIP

I want to thank you all for your patience in getting your photo for the new directory. My hope is to have the Directory and your membership card ready to pick up at our December Christmas party.

Rose Mary Digby

PROJECT LINUS

Thank you for filling my wagon and minivan once again. Truly a wonderful day for charitable giving at Village Quilters!



We collected 9 finished quilts, 12 quilt tops, fabric to cut into quilt blocks, large pieces of fabric suitable for quilt backs, batting, and many bags of textiles to recycle. We also received an extraordinary donation from Linda Newsom of many gorgeous quilt tops and backings.

Hopefully, you will all get an opportunity to work on a Linus quilt at our Charity Sewing Day on February 20th, 2025.

Stephanie Sanidas

THE NEW VQ COOKBOOK



Need a last minute gift?? Purchase our new Cookbooks that holds so many delicious recipes. It's a gift that keeps on giving! The price is \$15 each.

Cindy Hickman

KITCHEN HELPERS

Thank you very much to our November crew! Welcome, December helpers.

Morning Helpers:

1. Michon Semon
2. Ann Eichelman

Lunchtime Helpers:

1. Cathy King
2. Sue Brunt
3. Robin Dodd
4. Jan Taylor

Clean-up Helpers:

1. Mary Hess
2. Gwen Cooley

We need some sodas

- 2 2-liter bottles of clear caffeine-free
- 2 2-liter bottles of diet clear, caffeine-free
- 1 - 2-liter bottle of "real" cola (we have 1 bottle)
- 2 - 2 -liter bottles of diet cola

Thanks to all helpers,

Kathy Appleton & Joan Costello

A QUILTERS DIARY WRITTEN IN STITCHES

In December, we will be sharing blocks made from the "Parents" section. This section can be found on pages 22-25 of your book.

I chose 2 blocks from this section. I made Mother's Roses and Mama's Teacup. I liked that one was pieced and the other was appliqued.



I also plan to do the "Handy Andy" block to represent the wonderful father figures I had in my life. I am still working on fabric choices and will add to my display of blocks.

If you are just joining us, please read pages 6-13 and start selecting blocks from the upcoming sections. This is a fun and creative project and you can make this in many sizes depending on your block choices.

Enjoy your days sewing & we will gather together at the December meeting,
Patty Cirulli

FOOD PANTRY



Please remember to bring your non-perishable food donations and 'Toys For Tots.'

Kay Worley

5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGERS

Hi, everyone!

In December, we will exchange 2 sets of 10 Christmas-themed fabrics.

Feel free to join us at any time. We have fun exchanging 5-inch squares of fabric and exploring how to use them.

Kathy Appleton & Bernadette Burley

SUNSHINE

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



PROGRAM

There are several upcoming and exciting programs to share with VQ members! First, our December meeting will be here before we know it. In lieu of featuring an invited guest speaker, we will welcome fellow guild members in a program called 'Members Shine!', in which volunteers share a short story that addresses one of two topics. You can share a story about your favorite quilting notion and why it means so much to you, just in time for Christmas gift giving ideas! Or, you can tell us your most meaningful quilting story. A maximum of 10 members can sign up to speak for about 5 minutes each. So far, 6 members have signed up! If you would like to join in the storytelling, contact Mary Rutter by texting or emailing .

For our January meeting on 1/16/2025, we will feature an 'intercontinental' Zoom speaker! The Scottish needle worker and award-winning author, Clare Hunter, will offer us a presentation based on her book entitled 'Threads of Life', a history of the world through the eye of a needle. The book examines how people use the "language of sewing to make their voices heard, even in the most desperate of circumstances." She will also speak to the therapeutic benefits of stitching. Arrangements will be made for guild members to tune in remotely in the event of inclement weather. Thank you in advance to Cathie Shanks, our audiovisual guru, for facilitating our connection to Clare 'across the pond'!



Last, but not least, we will be hosting a workshop on 1/9/2025 presented by our November speakers, Kara Mason and Teri Young of Through the Needle's Eye. It will be held at the same location in which we hold our monthly meetings, Stafford Hall. The full-day workshop will feature their pattern, 'Floral Elegance', which can be viewed on their website (<http://www.needleseystories.com>).

The class offers an introduction to basic wool appliqué and ribbon work. The maximum number of participants is limited to 25, because the speakers will offer hands-on assistance with the project. There are 9 spaces left as of this writing. It will take place from 10am until 4:30pm, with a 30 minute break for lunch. Attendees are asked to bring a bag lunch. The cost of the workshop is \$30 plus the cost of the kit for the project. A full kit is \$40 and includes everything you need for the project, including the pattern. Alternatively, one can choose the ribbon-only kit, for \$25. This kit also includes the pattern, but the attendee provides the background, vase and leaf material, and floss/thread. Attendees also have a choice of which color way they would like for their kit, either a bright jewel tone or a neutral one. Most of those who signed up so far would like the jewel tone color way. I will need to know your choices with

PROGRAMS – Continued...

respect to the kit and the color way as soon as possible, so that our presenters can prepare the kits. Feel free to email or text me with the information.

Payment is due by December 19. Feel free to mail it to Mary Rutter. You can also give it to me in-person at the December meeting.

Happy stitching until we meet again!
Mary Rutter & Penny Clifton

RAFFLE BASKETS

Since I have been putting together the baskets a head of time ... I am noticing that my stash of raffle basket goodies is pretty low. If I don't get more, the number of baskets will lessen from the 3 we've been having.

Please continue to look through your notions and 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 VQ MEETING
Thursday,
December 19, 2024

QUILT BINGO 2025 KICK-OFF

We have officially started planning for our largest fundraising event. The event will be held at the Elks Lodge of Severna Park on Saturday, October 18, 2025, starting at 2:00 pm, with doors opening at 1:00 pm.

For those interested in creating a Bingo Quilt, please ensure they are a minimum size of 55x60.



You can also gather your friends and work on creating one as a group. We will need 20 quilts for the regular bingo and 3 or 4 for special games.

If you prefer not to make a large quilt, you can also create table runners, small wall hangings, or baby-sized quilts for consolation prizes.

Be sure your donation has a label saying "Village Quilters Quilt Bingo 2025."

Many more details to follow in the coming months.

Cindy Hickman

