



FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I hope everyone is surviving the unusual weather! In this week alone, the temperature has gone from 14° to 70°, but at least the temperature swings are giving me some nice contrasting colors for my temperature quilt.

Fortunately, we were able to avoid the hazardous weather by meeting virtually this month. Since we already had a Zoom presentation scheduled, it worked very well to make that shift. Nancy Prince showed us her truly amazing thread paintings and I hope many of you will be inspired to try her technique on your own projects.

I enjoy Zoom meetings because we can see everyone's face at once on the screen, and get a close-up look at the presentation, but in February we will again have the greater pleasure of meeting in person for our annual charity sewing day. Stephanie has put a lot of work into organizing the day, including insuring that everyone will be able to participate in some part of the quilt-making process from cutting, ironing, pricing, or binding. Remember that "many hands make light work," and I might add that "many tongues make lively conversation." So, gather up your machines and needles (and a really good lunch) and let's churn out lots of quilts!

I was very excited by our discussion of future activities that we could arrange. Two that are already well underway in their planning are the Pieces of Peace quilt show at the Salem Lutheran Church in June, and the issuing of the popular Village Quilt Guild of Catonsville cookbook this Spring. Showing our quilts on the pews of a lovely historic church will be beautiful and we are all extremely enthusiastic about the event. Yum yum! The new issue of the cookbook is eagerly awaited, especially by those of us who don't have the earlier version.

Other activities that have been discussed include a summer project, various types of challenges, and group projects. In addition to projects that are geared towards making individual or group quilts, we would like to consider other types of experiences, such as excursions to quilt shops or exhibitions, museums, and the like. I look forward to continuing these discussions and hearing all your good ideas.

See you in February!

Pam Fischer, President

CHARITY GIVING

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

Kay Worley

PROGRAM

February meeting is our charity quilt-in. Bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided.

MARCH meeting - March 21

I am mentioning our March meeting because it is a new idea which I think is grand. At our March meeting we will have Ninette Beheler and her "*Traveling Quilt Shop*." This traveling quilt shop concept is revolutionary as it recognizes the basic needs that quilters have. It combines the convenience of online shopping with the tactile experience of a brick-and-mortar store, all in the comfort of our March meeting. In addition to her Etsy shop, <https://warmandcozy.etsy.com> (please note that it has two c's), she has offered to bring fabric that you'd like to see. She offers fabric by the yard in one-yard cuts, bundles, kits, and gifts. Her goal is for technology to not get in the way of anyone's quilting enjoyment. In the March newsletter I will give more details as to how this will work.

JUNE meeting - June 20

I am mentioning this meeting because I would like you to look for any VINTAGE TEXTILES that you may have. As you go through your closets, chests, or drawers, you may find something that is "old" but you cannot get rid of it because it has a story behind it. I am hoping that we can all share some personal history via the world of textiles. Please do not limit this to just quilts, there are many precious things that we have that bring back such good/unusual memories. By the way,

there is no date with respect to vintage, that is up to you.

Rose Mary Digby



CHARITY QUILTING UPDATE

We are busy getting ready for the February 15, 2024, charity sewing meeting.

Start thinking about how you will be contributing to the success of our annual Community Service Sewing day. Will you bring a sewing machine to sew a quilt top from a provided 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 (mat, rotary cutter, 6-inch ruler) to cut fabric squares for quilt kits? There are many jobs to do, so pick your favorite and have a fun sewing day with friends.

Stephanie Sanidas

CHARITY SEWING - BABY QUILTS

I will be bringing about a half dozen baby quilts to the February meeting for eager hands to finish hand-sewing the bindings and adding the labels. Please bring your scissors and needle. I will have thread. Thank you kindly.

Daria Phair

KITCHEN HELPERS

February is different for Village Quilters. It is our Charity Sewing month, which means we do not have hot lunch.

PLEASE BRING A BAG LUNCH.

Snacks and/or desserts to share are welcome.

No lunchtime helpers will be needed.

We will need a cleanup person or two to deal with the coffee pots and serving pieces from the desserts.

Thank you!

Kathy Appleton & Joan Costello

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of our January meeting, our bank balance totaled \$17,902.38. Income was from December raffle baskets. Expenses were for rent, speaker, and supplies.

Regina English, Treasurer

5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGERS

Happy February! We will double up on squares since we didn't meet in person last month.

January's colors/themes were blue and white/snow. (appropriately)

For February, please bring 2 sets of 10 red/white or Valentine's squares.

Kathy Appleton & Bernadette Burley

BARN START SAMPLER SEW – ALONG



Hello. I hope this finds you well and warm.

Block (5) - Northern Star - is our next block to be due at the February meeting. You can find the sewing instructions on page 21-22 of our book.

* It will be another 16 1/2" x 16 1/2" when you are done putting it together.

* Trimming can be done at a later date as I found this block didn't leave much for trimming.

* I used a scant 1/4" seam allowance and Deb Tucker's technique for the Flying Geese.

* # of blocks needed: 2-Large, 1-smaller

Enjoy and contact me if you have any questions or concerns,

Patty Cirulli

OUR TALENT QUILT

The quilt being displayed for our viewing has been made by Cathy King this month of February. Please take note and enjoy at our meeting this month.

Jacqueline Formica

2024 VQ COOKBOOK

Isn't it a pleasure to serve a dish that you know will delight your family and your guests? We will be publishing our own Village Quilter's custom cookbook, and it will feature tried and true recipes from you - our members. The new cookbook will be professionally published and bound in a convenient easy-to-open binder format. It will sure to be used and treasured by all of us.

Once complete, the Cookbooks will sell for \$20. Funds raised from the sale of the cookbook will be used towards workshops, charity, and the general fund.

Please submit 3 to 5 of your favorite recipes. We want all our members to be represented. You may include a recipe from your aunt who was a great cook or maybe there are other members of your family whose recipe you think would be perfect in our cookbook. Start collecting them now!



You will easily be able to submit your recipes on-line using Morris Press Cookbook's. Check out the Recipe Writing Tips to read prior to recipe entries.

Follow these steps to log in to type in your recipes:

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

It's that easy!

If you do not have internet access, a committee member will be glad to enter these for you. You can submit hard copies to Cindy Hickman. She will have forms for you at our February and March meetings.

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

Cindy Hickman
Dori Batavick



SUNSHINE

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

***Next General Meeting:
February 15, 2024 at the Stafford Hall***

VILLAGE QUILTER'S QUILT SHOW

*Please Save the Date –
Just One Day!*

***Village Quilter's Quilt Show:
Pieces of Peace***

***Saturday, June 15, 2024
from 10 AM – 3 PM***

This will be held at:

Salem Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, Maryland 21228.

We want to include all guild members and all kinds of quilts. Patchwork and applique, antique and brand new. We are looking for larger quilts, twin and larger, not wall hangings, to drape over the church pews. Quilts will not be for sale and will not be judged.

You will need to register each quilt by June 1, so that we can better prepare the display and to keep them safe. We will have registration papers at the next few meetings and will provide a link in the next newsletter. Quilts will need either a sewn label or one of the prepared labels pinned to the quilt. This is to make sure that quilts are returned to the proper owner.

You must bring your quilt to Salem Lutheran Church on Saturday morning, June 15, at 9 AM and pick it up at 3 PM. A friend can bring your quilt and pick it up for you.

A member of the quilt committee will accept your quilt at 9 AM and display your quilt over the pews. Doors will open to the public at 10 AM. Quilts will be released at 3 PM – not before! We will need to release all quilts before 3:30 PM as there is an evening service in the church.

We hope you will also volunteer – a sign-up sheet will be available at the next few meetings with several ways to help. Coffee and pastries will be available between 9 AM and 10 AM for those helping or bringing quilts.



Sample photo