



JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Although I know there are many men who are quilters, I realize that I most enjoy quilting as feeling myself to be one of a community of women extending backwards through history. At our May meeting, Toni Smith presented “The Pixel Revolution” and explained her methods for making pixelated designs. Many of the quilts she showed featured characters from comic books and video games. Although I recognized a few of the comic book characters (who of us has not imagined ourselves as Wonder Woman?), I confess that that the world of video games is almost completely unknown to me. What impressed me about her presentation was that she developed a rapport with us despite our obviously not being part of her generation or her target audience. It got me thinking about the inter-generational aspects of quilting. Although specific interests may differ between young women who are gamers and women who remember telephone party lines, it was heartening to recognize our commonalities. Some of us will identify with her iconic images and others will choose to adapt her techniques for their own designs, but we all felt a connection to each other!

Things are really happening in June! June closes out our regular Guild calendar with one of our most festive events: the June tea. Rene has planned a splendid tea party and I am looking forward to seeing everyone come in their tea party finery, wearing their summery hats and memory-laden charm bracelets. From what I have heard, I expect the show of textiles-and the stories that go with them-to be varied and interesting.

I am hoping that the new Guild cookbook will be available in time for the June tea. We got a preview of the recipes you submitted at the May potluck lunch, and I am anxious to get cooking! In addition, I know we are all really looking forward to the “Pieces of Peace” show. Many of us have offered quilts to display in the beautiful Salem Lutheran Church. I am sure that this show will be an inspirational experience for everyone. In addition, we will be announcing what the summer activities will be, including the theme for the summer challenge, the sew-in, and the picnic.

I’ll see you at the tea!

Pam Fischer, President

VILLAGE QUILTERS SHOW

Pieces of Peace - June 15, 2024

We hope all Village Quilters will support the quilt show on Saturday, June 15 from 10-3. Please forward the attached flyer to your friends! Thank you!

Mimi Dietrich & Jane Stolte

BIG WINNERS

Paulette Chellis won the Name Badge Drawing!

Raffle Baskets earned \$88, and the winners were: Janice Barthel, Michele Elder, Sue Brunt, Rene Stiebing, and Kay Worley .

Congratulations ladies!

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

In April and May to date, our income totaled \$216 from raffle baskets and \$6 from guest fees. Expenses for the two months were \$100 rent, \$569.51 speaker fees and \$2349.30 for the cookbook production. Our bank balance as of May 25 is \$14,746.31.

Regina English, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP

Collection of next year's membership dues has started. Dues are \$30. Please bring your completed membership form and check (made out to Village Quilters) or cash to the meeting or mail it to me.

Rose Mary Digby

CHARITY QUILTING UPDATE

I am so sorry that I missed the May meeting. I had a good excuse to be absent since I was on a relaxing quilt retreat. Please remember to bring your Project Linus donations (quilt tops, finished quilts, batting, fabric, etc.) to the June tea meeting. We do not meet in July or August, so this will be your last chance until our September meeting to make donations to this worthy local charity.

Thank you for your support throughout the year!

Stephanie Sanidas

NOMINATIONS FOR 2024/2025

Below is the slate for next year's officers. Voting will take place at the June Tea.

- Pamela Fischer will continue as President for 2024/25
- Laurie Gregg has agreed to be Vice President
- Regina English will continue as Treasurer
- Jane Stolte will continue as Secretary
- Penny Clifton and Mary Rutter have agreed to chair Programs

Nominating Committee - Joan Costello, Barb McMahon, Sue Brunt

BARN START SAMPLER SEW-ALONG

The Diamond Star (Block 1) is the block you will be working on in June. You can find the sewing instructions on page 12-14 of your book. It will be 24 1/2 x 24 1/2" (unfinished). Accuracy is a must, watch your seam allowance and make sure it's the same throughout each step. I tend to finish a seam skinnier, and it throws my whole block off. Use your stiletto or guide.

We will discuss the 24 1/2" blocks (1, 2 & 3) at our June meeting. They look overwhelming, but if you do

them in steps it breaks the process up. I find doing them in steps easier & I am more accurate with my piecing. I will cut & lay it out on a cutting mat/wool pressing mat and leave it. The next time, I sew a couple sections following Shelley's directions and again step away. I do NOT trim my units until I am sewing the blocks together in rows. If trimming your units, trim on opposite side of points when possible. Watch your points and seams.

Block 20 is required in both quilt sizes. (2) for the 80" x 100" and (1) in 56" x 76". Please refer to your hand-out I distributed.



*Please continue to put together the small blocks, 16-20, using scraps.

*At this point you can start putting sections of your quilt together following her instructions on page 39-43. Read her "Tips For Assembling Different-Sized Blocks" on page 39 for hints. Continue watching Shelley on her YouTube site also.

I look forward to seeing more quilt tops assembled from you and hope to get together at the "sew-in" day this summer. I will be helping with squaring up blocks and any other assistance needed. (The date has not been set) We are almost done and we need to think about what project to do next. If you have a quilt-along suggestion, email me privately. Have fun with this adventure and if you need assistance please reach out.

Patty Cirulli

5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGERS

Happy June! With all the lovely examples we have seen of how to use 5" squares, maybe you will make something using them over the summer months. Thank you to all who have shown us your beautiful items.

For June, our theme will be The Beach, since there are a lot of good beach fabrics available in the quilt shops. It doesn't have to be a novelty—a blue or turquoise batik would also suggest a beach or ocean. Have fun and bring in 2 sets of 10 squares to exchange.

Kathy Appleton & Bernadette Burley

FOOD PANTRY



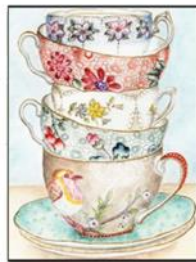
Please remember to bring your non-perishable food donations to the May meeting. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kay Worley

KITCHEN HELPERS

A big thank you to all who helped in May. In June, we have our tea party, so less help is needed, but we are grateful for our volunteers. A sign-up sheet will be available for September.

June morning helpers—
Ann Eichelman
Chris Fittro



June Clean-up—
Gwen Cooley

The Tea Party Committee will take care of the lunch table. NO HOT FOODS! No Sodas!

Remember your teapots and teacups!
Please do not bring sodas.

Thank you all!

Kathy Appleton & Joan Costello

SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT

In June our presenter will be Barbara McMahon who is planning to bring a Vintage Quilt to keep with our Tea Party theme. Please enjoy her quilt presentation to us.

Jacqueline Formica

SUNSHINE

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



MEMBERSHIP

I will be at the sign in table to take any membership renewals. Many members rejoined in May and I have received quite a few in the mail.

Rose Mary Digby

PROGRAM

At our annual Tea, I would like you to share with the guild any type of Vintage Textile you have. This is not limited to quilts.

I am so curious to see what members consider as "Vintage." Is my 1970 wedding dress Vintage or just old? I am bringing a tapestry that my uncle sent from China to my parents in 1935 as a wedding present--or is that just family lore?

Please share with us your family lore via your vintage textile.

Rose Mary Digby



ANNUAL VILLAGE QUILTERS TEA

Our Annual June Tea will take place on 20, 2024!

1. As always, our Tea provides us with the opportunity to visit with friends, dress up, and enjoy special savory and sweet treats! If you have not signed up to attend the Tea, or if you have not given us a seating list for your table (limit 8 per table), please send it to Rene at her email address listed in the directory or contact@villagequiltersmd.com no later than June 12. If you need a last-minute guest ticket, they are still available. Call or e - mail Rene. Tickets are \$10.00.

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

3. For our centerpieces we would again like to feature the beautiful flowers grown by our 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!

4. Remember to bring: your teacup and a teapot for your table! (One or two per table). 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!

5. This year's theme is "Showing Off Our Vintage Textiles" is a lovely opportunity to share a treasured vintage item - whether it is a quilt, a doily, a pair of gloves, handkerchief or even your



grandmother's wedding gown! There will be 30 hooks to hang treasures weighing no more than 4 pounds, and several tables where we plan to group similar items, and finally, a rack to hang multiple larger items.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELED WITH YOUR NAME, AN APPROXIMATE DATE OF ORIGIN (IF KNOWN) AND A SENTENCE OR TWO OF THE ITEM'S HISTORY. You will have an opportunity to share more about your special item during one of several brief SHOW and TELL segments during the program.

6. In keeping with our vintage theme, please plan to wear a vintage charm or scarab bracelet! We are sure that there are MANY stories of our "glory days" that those bracelets could tell! We want to hear them!!!!!!

