



MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Thanks to everyone who made the February charity sewing day such a success! Kudos to Stephanie Sanidas for her excellent organization of the tasks—her advance preparations made it very easy for everyone to work on their favorite part of making the quilts. I don't know what the final tally of completed quilts was, but those completed on the day as well as those taken home should add up to quite a nice number of quilts for the children served by the Linus Project. Stephanie has been working on the Linus Project since before I joined the Guild and her dedication to this project is truly awe-inspiring and should be celebrated! I hope we will make this an annual event.

Thanks also to those of you who brought scrumptious snacks and desserts. What a great bonus! And, of course, thanks to all of you for working together to make it such a success. Several people noted that the charity sewing day turnout exceeded that of previous years, and looking around the room, I could see that everyone was having so much fun. I'm sure our laughter could be heard from the road. We should always

remember how important it is to have fun. Laughing lifts spirits, lowers stress, and helps people feel connected. So, let's keep on laughing together whenever we can!

Next month, in lieu of a speaker, we will be trying something new that should be very interesting. Ninette Beheler will be bringing us her Traveling Quilt Shop. This should combine all the benefits of shopping from home (e.g. in your pajamas) but being able to see and feel the fabrics without having to go out to a quilt shop (e.g. getting dressed). We are planning to try other new activities in the future, and we are hoping to hear your ideas for what you would like to do.

Pam Fischer, President

FEBRUARY WINNERS

Raffle Baskets earned \$91: Joan Costello, Janet Elton, Paulette Chellis

CHARITY GIVING

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

Kay Worley

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of our February meeting, our bank balance totaled \$17,452.75. The only expense in January was for our speaker. There was no income. The annual report we are required to file with the State of Maryland was submitted on February 12.

Regina English, Treasurer

PROGRAM

At our March meeting we will have Ninette Beheler and her "Traveling Quilt Shop" (almost like a food truck for quilters)!

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://warmandccozy.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.

Please come and support this unique endeavor.

Faithful Circle is bringing their raffle quilt. Please support our sister guild.

Rose Mary Digby

CHARITY QUILTING UPDATE

I hope everyone enjoyed the February charity sewing meeting. It is my favorite meeting of the year, and I am so happy it was well attended. I felt like I was loading my car for a retreat and the effort was so worthwhile. Thank you to everyone who brought their sewing supplies to make this day so successful. We collected 14 finished quilts, 12 quilt tops, and fabric. A total of 45 quilts were brought for binding and all the quilts went home for finishing. We also sent 15 quilt kits home for sewing. We have begun preparations for next year's charity sewing day. Local longarm quilter, Maria O'Haver of Pangor Quilt Design Studio, machine quilted 22 quilts to get us started. Quilt kits will be available at every meeting so we can get more quilts ready for binding, by whichever method you prefer (hand or machine). Please do whatever tasks you can to help with our preparations for charity quilts.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our two new members and add their information to your membership list:

Debbie Cook

Kathleen Murphy

Sally Noone

Thanks, Sue Grandizio

5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGERS

Hi, Exchangers! We will exchange in March. It is an "Anything Goes" month, so bring 2 sets of 10 of any fabrics you want to trade with the other ladies.

New members are always welcome. Just bring your 5" squares and come join us after lunch.

Kathy Appleton & Bernadette Burley

VQ's DENVER QUILT RETREAT

Do you love quilt retreats? There are 2-3 openings in VQ's Pennsylvania "Shop Hop & Quilt" retreat, April 28-May 3, 2024. Blue Lake Retreat Center is located at 14 Ross Road, in Denver, Pennsylvania, and is owned by Burkholder Fabrics. Each person has her own bedroom. The quilting room is well-lit and has design walls. If you can't stay the whole week, you can come on whatever days you want, because the room fee is \$52.50 per day. Food is not included, but there are two potluck dinners planned. If you would like to bring a friend, she does not have to be a member of Village Quilters. We always have great fun and wonderful

camaraderie. For more details, contact Fran Noyes or Daria Phair ASAP.

KITCHEN HELPERS

It was great to see so many people at our charity sewing event last month. Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen.

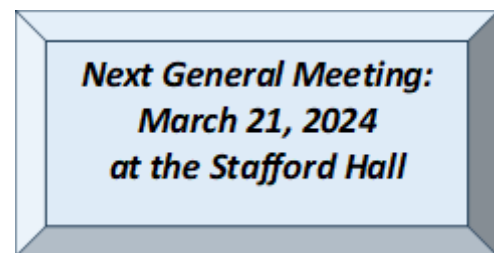
For March, I do not have the sign-up sheet. Someone said they had it and would email it to me, but they have not as yet. I know Cindy McIntyre signed up, and Mary Ellen, but if anyone else signed up, please remember. Cindy, we only need 2 – 2 liter bottles of diet Coke, as sodas are concerned. Thank you!

Kathy Appleton & Joan Costello

OUR TALENT QUILT

March is a treat for us. Patty Cirulli will be bringing a quilt for us to view. Be sure to take the time to view as well as talk to Patty about her quilt.

Jacqueline Formica



SUNSHINE

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



BARN START SAMPLER SEW-ALONG

Block (7) Friendship Star is due at our March VQ meeting. You can find the sewing instructions on page 23-24 of our book.



- * It will be 16 1/2" x 16 1/2" when you are done putting it together (unfinished).
- * Again, I used a scant 1/4" seam allowance and Deb Tucker's technique for the Flying Geese.
- * # of blocks needed: 2- for the larger quilt, 1-for the smaller revised quilt.
- * Continue to put together those small blocks using up cuts from these past blocks. Refer to the sheet with blocks required for the size you are making.

This block looks complicated but when the units are done it goes together nicely. If trimming as you finish each unit, trim on the side without points.

If you are following Shelley Cavanna's YouTube videos she uses the sew and flip technique. It is very accurate and requires no extra tools. I enjoy watching her and how calm she always seems to be.

I look forward to seeing all your color combinations and finished blocks. I love making these larger blocks and am considering making another quilt from this book using all my scrap fabrics. I may have ordered tooooooo much.

Enjoy and contact me if you have any questions,

Patty Cirulli

This is Block 5, The Northern Star



2024 VQ COOKBOOK

Have you heard... Village Quilters is publishing a cookbook! We want your tried and true, family favorite recipes! 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. 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!

If you do not have internet access, a committee member will be glad to enter these for you. You can submit hard copies to Laurie Gregg. Please have your recipes submitted as soon as possible. This is going to be fun!

Cindy Hickman
Dori Batavick

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