



## MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

At our April meeting, Pam Pampe, a Certified American Quilter's Society appraiser, walked us through the process of having a quilt appraised explaining why it is important to document the value as determined by factors such as materials cost, time investment, maker skill, and artistry, needed for compensation for loss. While it is important to have quilts appraised, I was saddened to learn that in many cases, a quilt's value could be only a few hundred dollars or even less than the appraisal fee. To me, value does not equal worth. As quilters, we recognize the skill and effort that goes into making and we cherish the memories sewn into the quilts whether the makers are known to us or obscured by history. In handing down the quilts we make, we are leaving pieces of ourselves and our times. That is the true worth of quilts.

We spent some time brainstorming new directions and identified three potential areas for the Guild to undertake beginning in the summer: (1) a summer challenge, (2) activities outside our regular meetings, and (3) a summer sew-in. You wrote your ideas on sheets of

paper posted on the wall and a number of interesting possibilities emerged. For example, there was a lot of enthusiasm for taking a bus trip. We will have time to consider these suggestions and present them to you in more detail at the May meeting.

In the meantime, our two new projects are well underway. The slots for volunteers for the "Pieces of Peace" show have been filled, and a good number of quilts have been offered for show, but you may still enter your quilts at the May meeting by submitting the form.

Lots of yummy recipes were submitted for the cookbook. We encourage you to bring a dish based on a recipe you



submitted to the cookbook to the May potluck lunch (along with your name and the name of the recipe so that we can find it in the cookbook) as a preview of the culinary delights we can expect!

Pam Fischer, President

## **FEBRUARY WINNERS**

Raffle Baskets earned \$123, and the winners were: Stephanie Sanidas, Mary Brown, Kay Worley, and Paulette Chellis. And Debbie Cook won the name badge drawing. 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**

During March, we had no expenses and \$155 income from membership and raffle baskets. Our bank balance was \$17,583.01.

Regina English, Treasurer

## **MEMBERSHIP**

May is the start of membership renewals. The fees have not changed (\$30/year) as indicated on the form. All renewals must include a completed membership form. This form is attached and on the website. If you can not print out the form I will have some at the sign in desk. I will also accept renewals as you sign in.

Rose Mary Digby

## **PROGRAM**

May's Meeting is *The Pixel Revolution* - Toni Smith will discuss and show various pixelated designs. This process teaches the basics of quilting while also teaching experienced quilters new techniques. Toni will show experienced sewers how to create pixelated patterns of their own. Toni's goal is to put a smile on your face.

Some members requested the website for our previous presenter Ninette Beheler. It is:  
<https://warmandcozy.etsy.com>

The June 20 meeting is the Annual Tea! We will share our own precious Vintage Textiles. It can be any textile, not limited to quilts. The only limit is that I ask you to bring just one.

Rose Mary Digby  
Program Chair

## **CHARITY QUILTING UPDATE**

At the April meeting we collected colorful kids' novelty fabric, 3 quilt tops, and 8 finished quilts. We also gave Cindy Hickman 6 small quilts that she will deliver to her neighborhood hospital. Small NICU quilts are fast and fun to make. I will not be able to attend the May 16th meeting. So please bring your Project Linus donations and quilts to the Village Quilters Tea meeting on June 20th.

Stephanie Sanidas

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

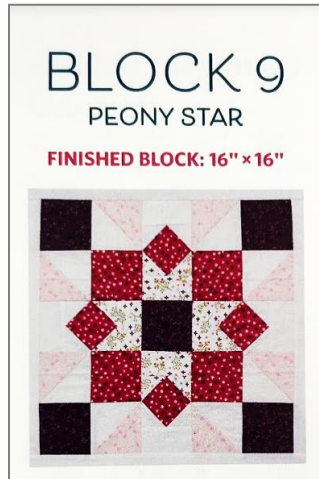
The Peony Star (Block 9) is due at our May VQ meeting. You can find the sewing

instructions on page 26-27 of your book. It will be 16 1/2" x 16 1/2" (unfinished).

I presented this block at our March meeting and some of you may already have

it done. I apologize for any confusion. I switched blocks 6 & 9 unknowingly.

\* Again, I used a scant 1/4" seam allowance. Stay consistent with what is working for you.



The Peony Star isn't required for the smaller quilt. Those of us crazy enough to be doing the 80" x 100" size, will need two (2) of this block.

FYI: This block has a 1" border on each side. It isn't a difficult block and went together rather quickly.

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

\*I have been putting sections of my quilt together following her instructions & suggestions on pages 39-43.

I am excited to see my quilt coming together and antsy to see the finished result. If you are at the point of putting sections together and want to share, please bring them to our next meeting.

Enjoy this beautiful weather along with time with your project.

Patty Cirulli

## **SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT**

This month, May, our Showcase Your Talent presenter will be Bernadette Burley. Bernadette did not have a definite plan as to which quilt she wanted to choose when I spoke to her at the April meeting. She will surprise us all in May.

Jacqueline Formica

## **KITCHEN HELPERS**

Thank you to all who helped in April – we appreciate the ladies who volunteered that day. For May, we could use someone for the 9:00 setup.

Lunch-time people who have signed up are: 1. Michon Semon 2. Jan Taylor 3. Sally Noone

Clean-Up:

1. Ann Eichelman 2. Mary Rutter

Sodas were signed up for as follows:

Mary - 2 - 2L clear soda

Ann - 1 2L diet ginger ale

Jan - 1-2L coke, 1 2L diet coke

Sally - 2-2L diet coke (one caffeine free)

Thank you all!

Kathy Appleton & Joan Costello

## **SUNSHINE**

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



## **NOMINATIONS FOR 2024/2025**

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

- 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

## **5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGERS**

Hi, everyone! A huge thank you to Bernadette Burley for taking care of the group in my absence. This month we will exchange red, white, and blue squares in honor of Memorial Day. Please bring 2 sets of 10 squares. Thank you!

Kathy Appleton & Bernadette Burley

## **ANNUAL VILLAGE QUILTERS TEA**

You are Invited to A Truly Charming Tea! We're looking forward to seeing you at the Annual June Tea. The Tea will be held at the Thursday June 20, 2024, regular meeting at Stafford Hall. A sign-up sheet will be available at the May meeting. Please be sure to note whether you will bring a savory or sweet table-ready finger food for the Tea. Forms to

request seating reservations will also be available. Tables can accommodate a maximum of eight people. As in past years, guest tickets may be purchased for \$10 each.

This year we are inviting you to bring a vintage textile such as a quilt, dress, tablecloth, dresser scarf, etc. to share at the Tea. I know we will all enjoy examining the intricate details of items lovingly made in days gone by, and to possibly learning some of their special stories. Please attach a small card with your name and a brief bit of information to your piece. You will have the opportunity to share more information as part of the Tea Program.

We also encourage you to wear the charm or scabbard bracelet that was your signature piece back when. A bracelet parade will conclude with prizes awarded for to be determined categories, by yet to be identified individuals!

If you are unable to attend the May meeting, please contact Rene Stiebing with your Tea information. Additional details will be published in the June Village Quilters Newsletter.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

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



Kay Worley

## VILLAGE QUILTERS SHOW

### Pieces of Peace - June 15, 2024

We need your quilts!

Please register your quilt for the show by contacting Jane Stolte. There is a short form you should complete. 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 to volunteer for the day of the show! We need a few more volunteers and will have the signup sheets at the May meeting. There are still a few easy "sit down" jobs available!

This is going to be a beautiful show and a fun day! Share with your friends and family!

Thank you!

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 Atwater's

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**VILLAGE QUILTERS  
NEXT MEETING IS  
THURSDAY, MAY 16  
AT 10 AM**





**VILLAGE QUILTERS Membership Form 2024-2025**

**Please fill out the form below and turn it in along with your check made payable to Village Quilters**

Dues are \$30 for the 2024-2025 year (September 2024 to August 2025) and due in September. If you are a new member joining after February 1, 2025, the dues are \$15. If you do not pay your dues by the October meeting you will be considered a guest. Guests may attend two meetings, paying the required guest fee, and thereafter shall pay membership dues. (Bylaws, Article III)

If you want to be included in the new directory your dues must be paid by the October meeting. Membership cards will not be issued until this form and your payment are received.

Make checks payable to Village Quilters

Send the form and your check to: Rose Mary Digby, Membership

Email: [contact@villagequiltersmd.com](mailto:contact@villagequiltersmd.com) with any questions.

Please contact me with any changes in your information throughout the year, or if you find an error in your information in the directory. Please remember to sign in at each meeting. Only members who are paid in full can enter the name badge drawing – if you are wearing your name badge.

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If your information has not changed from last year, just fill in your name and check the 'renewal' box.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate (mm/dd) \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Donation to support our charitable sewing activities
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<p><b><u>MEMBERSHIP CHAIR USE ONLY:</u></b></p> <p>Date Paid _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check                      Cash    <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Check No. _____</p>	<p>Member has received:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Membership Card &amp; Pin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name Badge</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Letter &amp; Directory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Picture taken for directory</p>
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