



NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We had a wonderful bus trip to Lancaster. Kudos to Paulette Chellis for her excellent arrangements for the event! Although we had a late start, and then were taken on a very interesting and circuitous tour through Baltimore City and Baltimore County on the way to pick up the Hunt Valley contingent, the rest of the trip came off without a hitch. The first stop was at Burkholder's for a frenzy of fabric buying and then lunch at the famous buffet—the choices were overwhelming at both places. We finished up at the Kitchen Kettle Village and the Old Country Store before heading home, wearied but having had a great time together.

For the September meeting, we had been alerted that Polly Mello's presentation would focus on the macabre, so we decided that we would get into the spirit by wearing Halloween costumes and making some creepy food for the potluck. It was great fun to see nuns, witches, quilts, and a rhinestone cowboy among other things, and serve ourselves salad with a skeletal hand! Everyone really threw themselves into the fun of the occasion, and judging by the laughter, really enjoyed themselves.

Polly's presentation was not entirely Halloween-oriented, but focused on the commemorative aspects of quilts throughout history, which in earlier times could be grim. Early quilts included literal representations of memento mori and reflected the perils of life and the need to prepare for the afterlife, including iconography such as tombstones, willow trees, broken stems, and so forth, and often illustrating some moral precept. In contemporary times, we generally don't dwell on the ephemeral nature of life, but nevertheless, modern quilts can also be viewed as celebrating the life or events in the lives of ourselves and our loved ones. For example, quilts made from the clothes of someone who has passed serve as a lovely reminder of the person's life. Tee shirt quilts go off to college to provide a link to home. The monthly sew-along quilter's diary project is another example of preserving important events in our lives. To some extent, I think that we always quilt for posterity. We want our work to live beyond ourselves and to commemorate our time.

I look forward to seeing all of you in November!

Pam Fischer, President

WINNERS!!!!

Name Badge: Sue Brunt
Flower arrangements were won by Dori Batavick and Michele Elder.
Raffle Baskets made \$167! Patty Stenpeck, Sue Brunt, Jane Stolte won one of the three baskets.

PROGRAM

We have a wonderful presentation planned for our November meeting. The founders of "Through the Needles Eye", Teri Young and Kara Mason, will present the 'Texture Lecture' in which they share a variety of ways to add texture to appliquéd or pieced quilts. Their website needleseystories.com offers cotton and wool appliquéd designs for purchase. In addition, this site includes a blog of stories about needle adventures as well as stitching tutorials. In the 'Texture Lecture', they share a variety of ways to add texture to appliquéd or pieced quilts. This embellishment includes embroidery, ribbon work, roving, and, in their words, "any fiber that fits through a needle". Their ideas will add life to your quilts with texture.

In addition to this lecture, we are in the planning stages for a workshop in January or February with these very experienced teachers. The workshop will offer an introduction to basic wool appliquéd and ribbon work. More exciting details to follow!

Happy Fall stitching,
Mary Rutter & Penny Clifton

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the first month of our new program year, we had \$675 in income from raffles, cookbook sales and membership. Expenses were \$1,029, for speaker, rent, charity supplies, and annual renewals of insurance, Zoom, and webmail. Our bank balance at the end of September was \$17,866.

Regina English

MEMBERSHIP

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so by 31 October. We are compiling/ correcting information for the 2024-2025 Directory. Pictures will be taken at the November 21 meeting for all who want their picture in the Directory. If you can not attend the November meeting and want your picture in the Directory, contact me.

Rose Mary Digby

BARN STAR SAMPLER

The time has come to show your quilt. Please bring your pieced quilt tops to our November meeting. Three lucky



participants will have the opportunity to win a Barn Star Sampler tote bag.

Thank you for doing this quilt with me. I know some of you are still cursing my name but we have finally completed this challenge. I am also still available if you need help laying this out and or have questions.

Patty Cirulli

PROJECT LINUS

We are continuing to prepare for a fun-filled day of binding (by hand or machine) at our Charity Sewing meeting in February 2025. Please bring your Linus quilt tops or finished donation quilts to the November meeting. I look forward to everyone filling my wagon since I was unable to attend our last meeting.

Stephanie Sanidas

THE NEW VQ COOKBOOK



Cookbooks will be available at the meeting. So many delicious recipes are included. They make great holiday gifts! The cost is \$15 each.

Cindy Hickman

SUNSHINE

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



FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your food bank donations. Please continue to be generous.

Kay Worley



MONTHLY SEW-ALONG

In November we will be sharing what block(s) are chosen from the "Childhood" section on pages 18-21.

I shared the "Kindergarten" block I made using my school colors. There are several choices and you may choose more than one. If you are planning on doing the "Sunbonnet Sue", remember there are several ways to do this block. If you want to do the raw edge fusing instead of hand applique, please reach out to me with questions or you can always refer to YouTube videos.



If you are just joining us please read pages 6-13 and start looking through the other sections. You may join in anytime and make this as big or small as you want.

The paragraph on page 7 about "Life's Little Extras" is a great addition to your story. I have a collection of charms & pins that Mimi gifted for our drawings. Dori won a small spool of thread to use as a cute embellishment on a block. It was mentioned that these need to be added AFTER your quilt is back from your favorite longarm quilter.

Any questions or suggestions please reach out to me. See you in November. Enjoy!!!

Patty Cirulli

KITCHEN HELPERS

Thank you to all our October helpers!

Those who signed up for November are as follows:

Morning:

Regina English

We could use one more.

Your job includes putting cloths on serving tables, setting out plates and plasticware, making sure coffee is started, set out tea, cups, etc.

Be at Guild at 9:00 to check in food, making sure it is labeled with instructions, allergens at the end of the table, labeled (nuts, shellfish).

Lunchtime helpers:

1. Dori Batavick
2. Pat Holmes

Put out food after the program is done (cold first, then hot). Be sure nuts and shellfish are noted.

Clean-up Helpers:

1. Laurie Gregg
2. Mary Hessi
3. Sally Noone

Your job – wash serving utensils and coffee pots, give used table & dish cloths and dish towels to Joan, help put all items back in cabinets. Two ladies will wash & dry dishes, one with pack cart to go back to cabinet.

Sodas:

- 2-liter bottle of “real” cola – Pat Holmes
- 2 2-liter bottles of diet cola,

(1 to be caffeine-free) – Laurie Gregg

Thanks to all helpers,
Kathy Appleton & Joan Costello



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.

Many more details to follow in the coming months.

Cindy Hickman

5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGERS

Hi, everyone! New members are always welcome in this group. We have fun sharing our squares every month.

For November, we will use Thanksgiving as our theme. You are not limited to that if you do not have that kind of fabric in your stash. The theme is a guideline. Please bring 2 sets of 10 squares. A set is 10 squares from the same fabric 5" X 5".

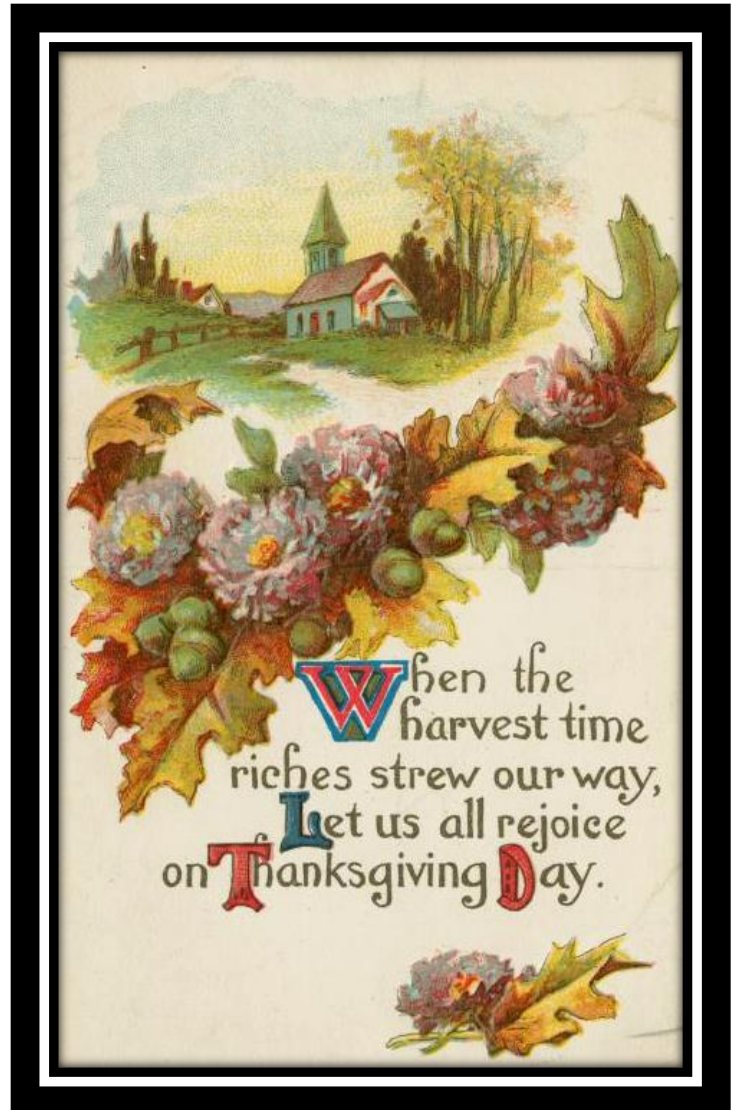
Kathy Appleton & Bernadette Burley

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



NEXT VQ MEETING
Thursday,
November 21, 2024