



OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We started off the year in September with gusto! Several new and enthusiastic members were welcomed to the Guild. Jennifer Worthen presented useful information on how she creates her quilts and showed us a number of her quilts designed and made at various times in her artistic journey. It was very instructive to learn how she goes through many iterations to arrive at the final design.

For me, the highlight of the meeting was the revealing of the summer challenge projects. The challenge was to interpret the theme of the classical elements of earth, wind, fire, and water as a quilted piece. The range of creations was impressive and no one had the same vision! There were wall hangings, quilts, and other decorative pieces in a rainbow of colors. Pieces ranged from literal representations to abstract concepts. It was a wonderful display of artistry and everyone said they had really enjoyed the challenge. I am hoping we will have more such challenges as the year goes on.

October will be another full month of activities. The bus trip to Burkholders and other Amish country spots will be great fun. At the October meeting, the new sew-along based on Mimi Dietrich's book, "*A Quilter's Diary*," will begin. This will be a process to guide members to chronicle their personal stories of family, travel, school, work, friends, and so forth. Polly Mello will present a spine-tingling display of macabre quilts to get us all in the mood for Halloween! We encourage you all to bring some creepy treats for the potluck and, if you are so inclined, come in your scariest costumes!

Pam Fischer, President

MEMBERSHIP

If you have not renewed your membership, I will be at the sign in table to accept your dues (\$30 -- if paying by check make it out to Village Quilters) If you are not going to attend the October meeting and would like to renew your membership, you can mail a check to me. My address is in the directory.

Rose Mary Digby

SEPTEMBER WINNERS

Name Badge: Bernadette Burley
Raffle Baskets: Jane Stolte,
Paulette Chellis, Pat Holmes
and Toeti Poedjastoeti



PROGRAM

For our October program, Polly Mello will offer her legendary presentation entitled "*Midnight in the Garden of the Quilt*" aka "*The Creepy Quilt Lecture.*" Polly is a noted quilt historian and collector, who professes an interest in the 'dark side of quilting'. She will share some of the quilts from her collection and offer us a fascinating glimpse into the meaning and purpose of these macabre creations.

Since Halloween will be in the air when next we gather, we will have a costume party for those who wish to participate. So, feel like a kid again and dress up if you like!



Finally, please see Penny or Mary if you would like to share a special quilt-related skill or interest with members in the event that our scheduled speaker must cancel on short notice. Be a part of the EPPP: the Emergency Preparedness Program Plan!

Happy sewing,
Mary Rutter & Penny Clifton

TREASURER'S REPORT

It's exciting to begin a new program year. As a result of your support, particularly with last fall's bingo, we begin the year with a healthy bank account to support our upcoming activities. We finished the year with a bank balance of \$17,865.81.

In summary, for the 2023-24 year:

Membership dues	\$ 2,655
Raffles baskets	1,053
Bingo, net of expenses	9,969
Cookbook sales	1,515
Guests, donations, misc.	<u>402</u>
Total income	\$15,594
Rent	\$ 603
Speakers	1,952
Insurance	389
Christmas party & Tea	496
Website, Zoom, IT	210
Other operating expenses	370
Charity	170
Cookbook	<u>2,266</u>
Total expenses	\$ 6,456

The year end audit was conducted without exceptions on September 16. Thanks to Penny Clifton and Carol Phillips for performing this task.

Finally, the Board has approved a budget for the 2024-25 year. Many thanks to all for contributing to the success of the guild.

Regina English

PROJECT LINUS

Thank you for filling my wagon with fabric, batting, 10 finished quilts, and 21 quilts tops. This is a great start on getting quilts ready for binding at our Charity Sewing meeting in February 2025. Keep up the good work ladies! I will not be able to attend our October 17th meeting, so please save your Linus quilts and donations for the November meeting.



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

THE NEW VQ COOKBOOK



Cookbooks will be available at the meeting. So many delicious recipes are included. The cost is \$15 each.

Cindy Hickman

5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGERS

For October, we will exchange 2 sets of 10 Halloween fabric squares. Thank you Bernadette for filling in last month! I am looking forward to seeing you, since I have missed August and September meetings.

Kathy Appleton & Bernadette Burley

FOOD PANTRY

Please remember to bring your non-perishable food donations to the next meeting. The drop off location is across from the sign-in table. Thank you for your support.

Kay Worley

SUNSHINE

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



Many Thanks!

*Dear VQ friends,
Thank you so much for your cards, texts, and calls during my recuperation from hip replacement surgery. You brightened my day so often! Recovery has gone very well and I hope to be back at VQ in October. As always, I am so happy to be part of such a caring and friendly group!*

Linda Newsom

MONTHLY SEW-ALONG

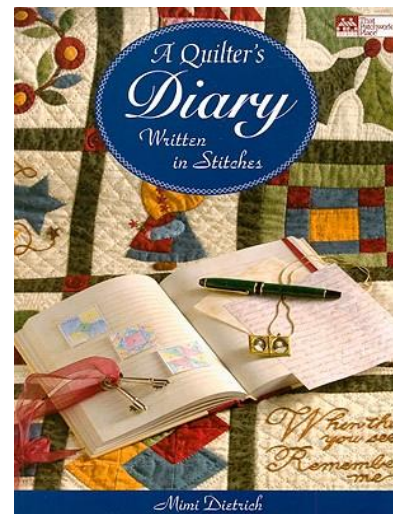
"A Quilter's Diary Written in Stitches"

I am very excited to be doing this project with many of you this year. I will try to stay a few chapters ahead of you and encourage you to be creative and to share ideas with the group. Each quilt will be totally different and should reflect your interests and life and will be exciting to see all the different blocks and the stories behind them.

A few details: We will be using "*A Quilter's Diary Written in Stitches*" by Mimi Dietrich. This book is out of print and as mentioned several times, you may have to "borrow" the book or find a reasonably priced one online. Please read page 11 on "Getting Started". This will help you with getting organized and picking blocks for upcoming chapters/themes.

On pages 13 & 103, you will find hand embroidery blocks to add to your diary quilt. I machine embroidered my block and will place it in my quilt at a later time. Information for hand embroidery stitches can be found on page 8 in the book OR use the internet for hand embroidery videos. Another option is to use a Pigma Micron fabric pen and write the block in your handwriting. This will add a very personal touch to your diary quilt.

My quilt is going to be scrappy. I am pulling fabrics that I want to use and will be putting in my project case. I have a focus (inspiration) fabric for my border and am coordinating my scraps around



it. This may change as my blocks grow and my quilt takes shape. Fabrics have always been the hardest part of the planning process for me. I generally work off a focus fabric, hoping it pulls everything together. Keeping the fabrics together in a project case allows me to use fabrics in several blocks to help balance colors in my quilt. So, get a project bag, box or case and start collecting fabrics and leave room for your book, extra patterns and mementos you want to add to your blocks. On page 7 it mentions adding Girl Scout badges, charms or buttons that have meaning. All these things will help tell the story of your life. I have started collecting different pins, charms and buttons to add to different blocks that I will be making.

Each month will have a theme to follow. Our first block in our story is "Heritage". Suggestions with instruction are on pages 14-17. Mimi writes in each chapter an "Inspiration" section. You may find blocks that inspire you from many sources. I pulled a Norwegian flag

Monthly Sew-Along... Continued

from the internet and made a block to represent my mother's side of the family. Use quilting books or find patterns that can be sized to 6 1/2" (unfinished) to use in our quilt. It may be the name of the block that inspires you or a favorite pattern. Be creative and I look forward to seeing what everyone else comes up with.

We each have a story and each of our quilts will be different. We can inspire and share patterns and encourage each other along the way. If you have questions, please contact me at pcirulli4@gmail.com.

I will be traveling September 24 - October 10th. I will try to respond to your questions as soon as I can. Open the book, start marking your chapters with notes and ideas.
See you in October,

Patty Cirulli



KITCHEN HELPERS

It was great to see so many folks - returning, new and old timers returning, I hope - at the September meeting and you all made such wonderful food!

For the coming year, we will have sign up sheets for the next two months at the reception table. Please sign up and remember that the people who sign up should also sign up to bring the sodas. Thanks so much - it takes a Village!

NOTE: Kitchen help should not come back until the program is over. We prefer that the cleanup people start after show and tell so that we can all oooh and awww for our friends.

October Help

Morning Help –

Cindy Reisberg and Daria Phair (1 clear soda)

Lunch Help –

- Michele Elder 2 - 2L coke
- Nancy Winchester - can you please bring 2 - 2L diet clear soda
- Michon Semon - can you please bring 2 - 2L diet cokes, 1 caffeine free

**** could use 1 more person

Clean Up - need 2-3 people

Kathy Appleton & Joan Costello