



SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

2024/2025 LEADERSHIP

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It's time to begin a new year in our joint quilting adventures! As you may know, I prefer to estivate (opposite of hibernate—to go into a state of torpor during periods of heat) in the summer, but this summer heralded three new Guild activities that were truly delightful

enough to bring me out of my somnolence.

First, in July we held a sewing day for Guild members to work on whatever they chose or just to schmooze as the spirit moved them. Patti Cirulli demonstrated how to make the charming cord baskets that she had made for our Christmas party, but otherwise, the day was completely unstructured and it was a delightful day.

Second, in July, we had a picnic at the Patapsco Valley State Park. The Park was beautiful and the weather was perfect! We gorged ourselves on a sumptuous spread of traditional picnic food, including hot dogs with all the fixings and at least three kinds of potato salad.

Third, we issued the summer challenge to either make something according to the theme of earth, wind, air, and fire, or to complete a UFO. I have heard whisperings about what people were making, but plans have been kept under wraps with their creations to be flourished at the September show-and-tell. Prepare to be amazed! We all enjoyed these three activities so much

that there was talk of making them annual events.

So, now we look forward to the new Guild year when we will continue with our well-loved activities as well as enjoy some new ones. We are all looking forward to the bus trip to Lancaster in October and we will be again working on group projects like the Barn Star quilt and the 5" blocks. At the September meeting we will also learn about our exciting upcoming programs for the year from the new Program Chairs, Penny Clifton and Mary Rutter. It's going to be another great year!

Last year was a learning curve for me to serve as President of the Guild and I would have been lost without the support and guidance of the wonderful Vice President, Rene Stiebing, and the Board, and, of course, all of you. I am continually amazed at the cheerful willingness of everyone to help out and by the generosity with which you support our charitable work and volunteer your time and efforts. I remain completely humbled in the face of your creativity and talent and have learned so much from all of you. At the June tea, I was so touched by your kind words and the giant wad of cash you gave me in appreciation of our first year together. That will spur me on to make more quilts and I will show you how I have spent the money as projects materialize (pun intended). Thank you all very much! I'll see you at the September meeting!

Pam Fischer, President

PROGRAM

Our new year kicks off with a presentation by Jennifer Worthen, the owner/designer of Slightly Biased Quilts. According to her website, slightlybiasedquilts.com, Jenn loves "bright, fun fabrics that can be brought to life with a simple pattern." She enjoys bringing a modern twist to traditional quilt blocks. In her presentation, she will describe her fascinating quilting journey, treat us to a trunk show, and showcase her patterns and quilting wares. Sounds like great fun!

Also, though I was never a Girl Scout, just a Brownie (yum!), I wholeheartedly believe in their motto, "Be Prepared." I would love to make a contingency plan for our monthly programs that we can put into action in the event that the planned speaker becomes unavailable at the last minute. I think it would be fun to showcase a cadre of VQ members who have a special skill or interest that could be shared with the group. We could implement our 'Emergency Preparedness Program Plan' on short notice and have a wonderful event ready to go. Your offering could be short and sweet, such as how to make gorgeous, delicate braid from embroidery floss to embellish a project. Programs that take the full hour, such as 'The Basics of Wool Appliqué' could also be considered. I will solicit your ideas at the upcoming meeting. So, ponder the possibilities!

Happy sewing,
Mary Rutter

TREASURER'S REPORT

Since the last report, we had \$3,121.01 in expenses for meetings and cookbook printing and \$3,620.22 income from membership renewals and cookbook sales. Our bank balance is currently \$17,865.50. After our program year ends on August 31, a summary report will be sent to members as well as the approved budget for the 2024-25 year. Many thanks to all for contributing to the success of the guild this year.

Regina English

PROJECT LINUS

I hope everyone found some time for relaxing, charity sewing over the hot summer months.

Please bring to the September 19th meeting any Project Linus quilts (tops or finished quilts) you have ready. Project Linus quilt kits will be available to take home and sew. We need help preparing for our annual Charity Sewing meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for February 20, 2025. There are many tasks you can do leisurely at home to help us with community outreach: sewing quilt tops, cutting fabric, or machine quilting. Let's work together for another fun and rewarding year of helping children in our community.



Stephanie Sanidas

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new members Kathleen Murphy and Linda Scholfield. Although many have renewed their Village Quilters membership, I will be at the front desk at our September 19 meeting with membership forms. As a reminder dues are \$30; if paying by check make it out to Village Quilters or cash is always accepted.

Rose Mary Digby

MONTHLY SEW-ALONG

Welcome back to 2024-2025 Village Quilters guild! I want to thank all the members that did the Barn Star Sampler along with me last year. I finally have my quilt bound and ready to share with all of you. We will be presenting our quilt tops at the November meeting. This will give several participants more time to get the tops ready. It would be nice to have as many as possible in the drawing for the "Barn Star Sampler" tote bags. To enter for totes, have your tops pieced together with all required blocks (1-20).



For our next sew-along, I will have information available at our September meeting. I had planned a BOM with a free pattern from Riley Blake. But as summer progressed, so did the ideas, suggestions, and decisions. I am excited about this decision and hope many of you will participate in this project. See you at the September meeting,

Patty Cirulli

KITCHEN HELPERS

At the end of June's meeting, only one helper slot had been filled in. Therefore, we still need several people to step up. Someone else has the list, so I do not know who signed up or for what time. Please sign up for October and November on sheets Joan Costello will bring. (I will be in Alaska for the September meeting.)



If you are planning to help in September, please call Joan Costello—410-747-7553. She will tell you what

sodas are needed & ask you to bring 2 – 2 liter bottles, or maybe all the sodas will be accounted for when you call.

Please welcome our kitchen trainees, Mary Ellen and Bernadette, who will be next year's hospitality committee co-chairs.

In October, Polly Mellow will be speaking on her collection of Halloween quilts. The board has a fun idea, participation encouraged but not required. You can dress in a Halloween costume for lunch if you choose. We will decorate the tables appropriately. This seems too early for October, but we wanted to give people time to decide what their costumes will be. It will be welcoming for Polly to see what we have done, sort of a Halloween party. Be sure to bring lots of candy!
Thank you all!

Kathy Appleton & Joan Costello

5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGERS

Even though I am in Alaska, the group will still meet. Bernadette Burley is going to supervise. Your squares should be 2 sets of 10 in fall colors.

For October, we will exchange Halloween fabrics, 2 sets of 10.

Thank you all, and special thanks to Bernadette.

Kathy Appleton & Bernadette Burley

FOOD PANTRY

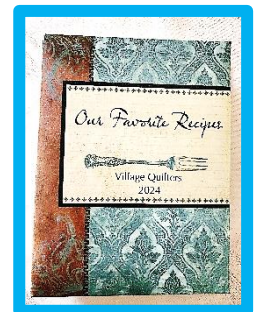


Please remember to bring your non-perishable food donations to the May meeting. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kay Worley

THE NEW VQ COOKBOOK

Cookbooks will be available at the September meeting. So many delicious recipes are included. The cost is \$15 each. Oh, and they'd made wonderful holiday gifts!



SUNSHINE

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



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

NIMBLE FINGERS QUILT GUILD

Will be selling Bingo tickets at our September meeting.



**NIMBLE FINGERS QUILTERS
PRESENTS
QUILT BINGO**

SUNDAY, SEPT 22, 2024
FOP LODGE 69- 2832 NINE MILE CIRCLE
CATONSVILE, MD 21228

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4 Special Games - \$10 for the 4 Pack
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