



MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

February was an unusual month, with its up and down temperatures and fierce winds, and in the face of the predicted snow storm, the Board made the difficult, and perhaps unprecedented, decision to postpone our meeting for one week. We were afraid to take a chance on being snowed out and miss our charity sewing day. I'm very sorry for the inconvenience, but on the bright side, perhaps taking preventive action saved us all from the storm, much like lugging an umbrella around with you all day will ensure it won't rain!

Now we look forward to March and the newness of Spring. In the spirit of doing something new, and I hope, fun, I would like to propose a March challenge. As you may remember, several people have expressed concerns about the Guild's use of plastic cutlery for our lunches since it cannot be recycled. and nobody really wants to wash and reuse it. One solution is for each of us to bring our own utensils. I thought that I would be more likely to remember to bring mine, and less likely to leave them on the table or throw them into the trash along with my plate if I made a little cutlery bag to carry them in (maybe even hang around my neck!). So

your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to sew up a roll, pouch, pocket, bag, or whatever you can dream up, to hold your knife, fork, and spoon, and show them off at the March meeting.

We have considered the need to take a longer-range approach to planning. For example, Last year, we added some new activities and we have begun to consider what direction we should take for the remainder of this year. Rather than just ask for suggestions at a meeting, we decided that it might be most productive for the Board to consolidate some ideas and present them to all of you for discussion and refinement. The Board will have a planning retreat on March 18 and will present some ideas at the March meeting for discussion. If you have ideas about special events, summer activities, challenges, quilting projects, workshops, types of programs, and the like, please get them to me by March 11, so that I can include them in the agenda for the meeting. I'm very excited about the possibilities!

See you in March!

Pam Fischer, President

LINUS PROJECT

Since I am writing this article before our annual charity sewing meeting rescheduled for Thursday February 27th, I will have updated information in the April newsletter. Fingers crossed for good weather at this event!

Stephanie Sanidas

PROGRAM

Our guest for March will be Suzi Parron, a quilt-maker and folk-art collector whose special love is barn quilts. In fact, she literally wrote the book on the topic, entitled "Barn Quilts- the American Quilt Trail Movement." This program dovetails nicely with the Village Quilter's Barn Star Quilt Project, which concluded in 2024. Suzi and her husband Glen have traveled across the country in years past speaking to quilters and civic groups about this grassroots public arts project. Though they are not on the road anymore, Suzi continues to share her wisdom about this unique and deeply meaningful folk art from her home in Florida, via Zoom. So come and join in the fun at our meeting hall or join us online for a delightful presentation!

Penny Clifton and Mary Rutter

5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGERS

Can you believe March is here? We will exchange 2 sets of 8 squares that have a St. Patrick's Day theme – Greens, shamrocks, etc. Anything Irish.

Kathy Appleton & Bernadette Burley

KITCHEN HELPERS

We haven't met yet to have the sign-ups completed. As of the January meeting the following people had signed up for March:

Morning - No one. **We need 2 people to arrive at 9:00 A.M.**

Lunchtime:

1. Cindy McIntyre
 2. Sue Grandizio
- +2 more needed.**

Clean-up:

Gwen Cooley

Sodas:

2 - 2-liter bottles of "real" cola-- Cindy McIntyre

2 - 2-liter bottles of diet cola, 1 caffeine-free---Gwen Cooley

We still need clear, caffeine-free, and diet clear caffeine-free.

Please contact me or Joan Costello if you can fill in any of these spaces. Thanks to all helpers,

Kathy Appleton & Joan Costello

QUILT BINGO 2025

The 2025 BINGO 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.



Cindy Hickman

"A QUILTERS DIARY WRITTEN IN STITCHES"

"TRUE LOVE"

I have been finding more blocks to make for my diary quilt and have completed 30 that I will be using so far. As you look at the chapters, I encourage you to find your favorite block(s) to tell your story in any way that suits you.

Remember to keep notes on why you chose to make the block(s) for each chapter of your life. I hope you are looking back and making blocks that bring you joy. Sewing is meant to bring happiness, comfort and joy.



The March block can be found on pages 34 -37 of our book. "True Love" can be very hard to put into words, even harder to put in a block. For

some, true love may be a pet, place or a hobby. I made the " Double Wedding Ring" and "Trip to the Altar" blocks. I chose the Double Wedding Ring because it reminds me of the married couples that I have/had in my life along with my own marriage. The "Trip to the Altar" block is a sweet reminder that it took my husband only 5 years to get me to the altar.



Enjoy your journey and stay warm,

Patty Cirulli

RAFFLE BASKETS

Please continue to look through your notions and stashes for additional treasures you are willing to share to create enticing offerings in each of the upcoming month's raffle baskets.

Janet Ruehl

FOOD PANTRY

Please remember to bring your canned and boxed donations for the food bank. Thank you!

Kay Worley

SUNSHINE

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



THE NEW VQ COOKBOOK



Cookbooks are still available!
The price is \$15 each.

Cindy Hickman

NEXT VQ MEETING

Thursday, March 20, 2025