

# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## April 2022

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### A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Dear VSQ-ers,

Sunflowers have never had so much symbolism as they do today. Sadly, it may be a while until this is replaced by one of the several flowers of peace (white lily, peace rose, poppy, lavender and more. See <https://symbolismandmetaphor.com/flowers-that-symbolize-peace/>)

As a group and as individuals, our Guild has been stepping up to do its small part to help the Ukrainians.

- At our last meeting, Barbara Glab collected cash and children's quilts to help young refugees now in Poland. (See elsewhere in this newsletter for the update from Barbara.)
- With funds raised from my latest fabric sale in my driveway, we have made donations of \$750 each to Doctors Without Borders and Chef Central Kitchen, two impressive non-profits that are working on the ground to bring food and other aid to the Ukrainians who are under siege.
- At our last meeting, we decided that our raffle quilt will feature the blue and yellow colors of Ukraine and that a portion of the raffle proceeds will go to assist the Ukrainian people. The specific organization or organizations will be selected by the *membership at our meeting, Tuesday, April 12*. Thank you to Rose Fox for masterminding this quilt. We still need someone to take ownership of ticket sales. It's an easy job: distribute the tickets to members, collect the returned tickets and money and turn the funds over to our treasurer.

**It is hard to pivot to fun things, but we must for our own sanity. Here is what our guild is up to:**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022

**Location:** Westchester Reform Temple  
255 Mamaroneck Rd  
Scarsdale, NY 10583

**Program:** Members Teaching Members

**Schedule:** 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Lunch  
12:00 (Noon) VSQ Meeting  
Followed by Show'n'Tell  
Followed by VSQ Program

• **Tuesday, April 12:** Our rescheduled Members Teaching Members program, in person. See elsewhere in this newsletter for the "teachers." Hooray. We are allowed to eat inside. Masks are no longer required by Westchester Reform Temple, but I urge you to wear them nonetheless except when you are eating.

• **Tuesday, May 10:** Our annual spring luncheon will be in May, instead of June, as we have a speaker lined up for June. Weather-permitting, we intend to eat **outside** under WRT's big tent.

To simplify things in light of COVID, we ask you to bring your own lunch. Linda Quartuccio is organizing group appetizers and desserts, with the help of Alice Clague. If you haven't signed up to bring something or help with set up or clean up, see Linda.

- **Tuesday, June 14:** This meeting will combine a speaker and a mini tag sale of your unwanted *sewing* items.
  - The speaker will be Bobbi Fitzsimmons of the Advocacy Project. <https://www.advocacynet.org/author/bfitzsimmons/>. More on this in a later newsletter.
  - The tag sale will have **two components**: You can bring your unwanted sewing items for us to sell and the guild keeps all the money OR you can pay \$25, be provided with a table you must oversee and you can keep what you sell (and clean away your items after the sale). If you are interested in the table option, please contact Barbara Glab.
- **Tuesday July 12 and Tuesday, Aug.9:** These are our informal get togethers as we pay for the space rental but don't line up speakers. In July, we hope you will come and sew blocks for the Westchester Children's Association quilt. Details will be provided when it is closer. Susan Wolman is heading this initiative.

## HOPE TO SEE YOU IN PERSON APRIL 12.

Donna

**REMINDER:** Should there be any last-minute changes to the meeting location, VSQ will contact you via email (for those with email) or phone (all others) as per VSQ's snow emergency procedures. So, please check email (or voicemail) before leaving home for the meeting.

## CHARITY TO RECEIVE VSQ RAFFLE QUILT PROCEEDS

*From the Editor*

At the April meeting, we will be deciding who will receive the proceeds from our 2022 Raffle Quilt. To date, the only suggestion received is "Ukraine." However, to be eligible to receive the proceeds from the VSQ Raffle, the nominee(s) must be 501(c)(3) charitable organization(s). In other words, "Ukraine" itself is not sufficient. So, between now and the meeting, please put on your thinking / research hats and come to the meeting with the name(s) of suitable organization(s) to nominate / vote on. One resource to use to check status / reputation of a 501(c)(3) organization is Charity Navigator, [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org).

## SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN POLAND

*An update from the Editor*

VSQ (and NSQG) member, Barbara Glab, had heard from relatives and friends in Poland about some Ukrainian refugees, especially children, taking shelter in a school in a small town in Poland. Barbara described the situation to the guild – especially the need for money for

basic medical, hygiene and other supplies. With generous support from VSQ and NSQG members at their respective March meetings, Barbara collected from VSQ \$645 and from NSQG \$1,065; adding in a donation from her family, Barbara sent a total of \$2,000 to Poland to help the Ukrainian refugees. In addition, 46 lap size quilts were donated and sent to Poland.

In Barbara's words: *"I would like to thank everyone for such generous donations."*

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## APRIL'S PROGRAM – MEMBERS TEACHING MEMBERS

*Provided by Janet Bozzone / Donna Greene*

Four members have volunteered to each (briefly) demonstrate a technique in our annual Members Teaching Members meeting. The demos will begin sometime after 12:00 noon. Here is the lineup:

- Janet Brodie: Indian Hatchet Scrap Quilts, described as "a simple quilt,"
- Susan Deshensky: Curved piecing,
- Rose Fox: Color (details are certainly more complex than just that word),
- Pat Julian: Making mitered corners when you have multiple borders.

This is a fast-paced series of demonstrations all happening concurrently. Members in attendance will be divided into 4 groups; each group will spend approx. 10 to 15 minutes at each demonstration.

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## HUDSON RIVER MUSEUM AND VSQ

*Provided by Doris Capello*

Quilts - Signed, Sealed, Delivered 🎵🎵

Some of you may remember dancing to Stevie Wonder's song, *Signed, Sealed, Delivered I'm Yours*. The Village Squares Quilters collaboration last Summer and Fall with the Hudson River Museum reminded me of this song. Maureen Carline and I worked with the staff of the Hudson River Museum to create two quilts during their exhibition, **Wall Power**. During this exhibition visitors were invited to join the VSQ volunteers to sew together four squares to create a quilt block. Maureen designed the quilt pattern and painstakingly marked the sewing lines for each of the fabric squares. The result was the creation of two quilts that measure 92" x 82" (see left) and another that measures 52" x 52" (see below). These two quilts were delivered to the Museum mid-March, and are being donated to Furniture Sharehouse, an organization that works with families transitioning from homeless shelters to permanent housing. What a wonderful place for these quilts to end up - signed, sealed and delivered.



I would like to again thank all the VSQ volunteers who gave of their time and talent to help visitors to the museum learn or perfect their sewing skills. I especially want to thank Maureen for all the countless hours she gave to this project; Janice Ewing, who quilted the larger of the two quilts and all the helpers who came on Saturdays to help visitors sew



the blocks together. Among them were Mary Anne Byrnes, Alice Clague, Diane Coldrick, Georgina Correa, Rose Fox, and Judy Simek.

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## **OUTREACH**

*From Maria Eyckmans*

Hello Everyone. I hope all is well.

Any questions regarding quilts, etc. should be directed to the following members:

- VA, Montrose, and White Plains Hospital - Rhona Hiney.
- Furniture Sharehouse and Hearts to Home - Susan Wolman
- Coming Home Project - Barbara Wexler
- Project Linus - Janice Ewing
- Pins and Needles – Lee Kimmel
- Marymount - Georgina Correa

\*\*If you are donating your quilt or wheel chair bag to any of the above sites, please log it in the green log book on the attendance table and give it to the member whose name appears above next to that site for delivery.

NOTE: If you are not at the meeting and you have donated a quilt or quilts and / or wheelchair bags, please e-mail Maria with the details. This way, our count of Outreach donations can be kept current / up-to-date.

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## **BATTING**

Full and Queen size batting is available to members for charity quilts. It is being stored at my house. You can contact me at [meyckmans@aol.com](mailto:meyckmans@aol.com) if you would like to pick some up. Janet Bozzone also keeps a few packages in the trunk of her car. You can speak to her at our meetings if you need batting.

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## **Quilt sizes for the outreach sites are as follows:**

VA- 42" x 60"

White Plains Hospital – 40" x 46"

Phelps Hospital – 42" x 60"

Furniture Sharehouse – 60" x 80"

Coming Home Project – 45" x 60"

Hearts to Home 36" x 36", 40" x 50", or 40" x 60"

Project Linus – 45" x 60" or 60" x 80"

\*Project Linus will also accept other sizes.

Marymount –Wheelchair bags and lap quilts 50" x 65"

Pins and Needles is interested in children's crib size (36" x 45") quilts for Blythedale and Beacon Health Center.

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Thank you to the following members who have donated quilts for charity in March:

Diane Coldrick – 1 quilt for Ukraine

Roberta Daskin – 2 quilts for Polish School

- Janice Ewing – 4 quilts to Project Linus
- Maria Eyckmans – 1 quilt for Ukraine
- Rhona Hiney & VA group – 16 quilts, 36 wheelchair bags
- Pat Julian – 2 quilts for Ukraine
- Lee Kimmel – 1 quilt for refugee family; 5 quilts for Ukraine

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Laurie Quadagno-Lagronegro has volunteered to help us with the quilting of our charity Quilts. Contact Laurie at: [laurieq@earthlink.net](mailto:laurieq@earthlink.net)

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**QUILT SHOWS, EXHIBITS OF INTEREST (and other miscellaneous quilting-related info):**

**Northern Star Quilters' Guild:** 2022 Quilt Show - *World of Quilts*, Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase NY, April 30 – May 1, 2022. Guest Speaker – Jane Sassaman.

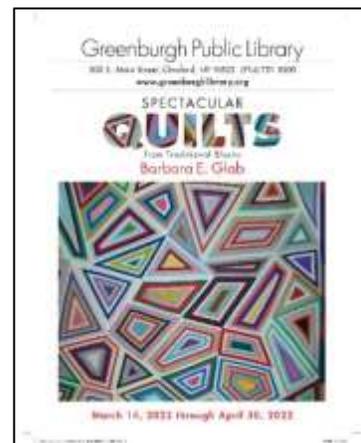


For information: [www.NorthernStarQuilters.com](http://www.NorthernStarQuilters.com)

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**And, a solo Exhibit nearby:**

**Barbara E. Glab**  
 @ Greenburgh Public Library; March 14 thru' April 30, 2022.



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