



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

April 2023

A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hello everyone,

On March 14, the day we were to meet, the weather outside was frightful. A week later, when we actually met to work on charity quilts, it was officially spring and it felt wonderful. I am happy to say there are some terrific charity quilts in the works. Please keep those quilts coming.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2023

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

Program: Susan Deshensky

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

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 11**. VSQ member and accomplished quilter Susan Deshensky will present a lecture titled "Every Quilt Has a Story: Making and Designing T-shirt and Memory Quilts." See elsewhere in this newsletter for more details. <https://www.ladybluequilts.com/>

And save the following dates:

- **Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7:** Our guild is signed up for the latest All-Star Virtual Sample Platter from the Global Quilting Connection, so this is free for you. This consists of two afternoons of **virtual** quilting demonstrations by a variety of teachers from around the world. You can watch it live or later via YouTube. I will be distributing the link when the date is closer.
- **Tuesday, May 9:** Rona Herman a/k/a Rona the Ribbiter: "Tips for the Traveling Quilter." Interestingly (ironically?), Rona (who recently moved to Indiana from North Carolina) has NEVER been to New York, despite her topic. So, we will have a lot to tell her as well. <https://ronatheribbiter.com/>

Also at that meeting, we will elect new officers for 2023-2025. (As you perhaps know, I have served two two-year terms and will be turning over the presidency to new talent.)

- **Tuesday, June 13:** Annual luncheon, no speaker. Plans are in the works to celebrate VSQ's 40th anniversary. If you have any ideas, please share with Jean Borsellino, Janet Bozzone, Pat Julian or Susan Wolman.

In other matters...

- In July and August we traditionally do not have formal guild meetings with speakers. But

we do have the rental paid for the room at Westchester Reform Temple. Any ideas of how we should use the space? Please send your thoughts to Deb Johnston, who has volunteered to come up with some suggestions.

- We have a new website in the works. We hope to have it completed in time for the June meeting. (At the March meeting those in attendance gave the board the authority to approve and post the changed website. But if you want to see it in advance, before it goes live let me know.) Also, I could still use additional volunteers to help maintain the website (simple updates; we will train). If you are ready and willing, I will make sure you are able.
- Sometime in mid-May I will have my famous garage/driveway sale to give you the chance to acquire (more) beautiful fabric at bargain prices. Also on another date, Susan Wolman will give you a chance to go through the enormous amount of Blank fabric sample cards she still has on hand. All proceeds will go to the guild. Details to come as they develop.
- **We need ideas where to take our raffle quilt to generate sales.** Obviously high-volume areas are ideal. Any ideas? See me or Alice Clague
For those of you who have not yet picked up your tickets here are the options:
 - We can mail you your 5 booklets.
 - You can pick up the booklets at my house in Greenburgh or Alice's in Sleepy Hollow.
 - You can send a \$25 check for your tickets directly to Mary Anne Byrnes and we will write up the ticket stubs in your name.
 - You can pick up at a later meeting.

HOPE TO SEE YOU APRIL 11.

Donna

A FEW REMINDERS:

Food restrictions at WRT – no pork products, no shell fish and no nuts.

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.

AND.....Please wear your name tag.

CALENDAR – UPCOMING VSQ MEETINGS

An update from the Editor with input from Donna Greene

2023:

Apr.11: Susan Deshensky (VSQ member): "Every Quilt Has A Story: Making and Designing T-shirt and Memory Quilts"

May 9: Rona Herman a/k/a Rona the Ribbiter: "Tips for the Traveling Quilter"

- June 13: Annual luncheon, no speaker
 July 11: No speaker; informal sewing and / or project TBD
 Aug. 8: No speaker; informal sewing and / or project TBD
 Sept. 12: Michelle Renee Hiatt: "When Life Gives You Fat Quarters, Make a Quilt" (topic tentative)
 Oct. 10: *Anita Grossman Solomon: (topic to be determined)
 Nov. 14: *Lisa Shepard Stewart: "Global Textile Influences" explores a variety of fabric techniques from around the world, the cultures that created them, and how to incorporate them into quilting & home decor projects.
 Dec. 12: *Leni Wiener will return to VSQ as a speaker. Topic TBD.
 *Repeat VSQ speaker

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

From by Alice Clague

The **Nominating Committee** consisted of three members: Alice Clague, Debra Johnston and Lee Kimmel.

At the March meeting, the Committee presented the following candidates for Officers for 2023 – 2025 to the VSQ Board and the VSQ membership:

President - Janet Bozzone

Vice President - Ida Pucino

Secretary - Alice Clague

Treasurer - Mary Anne Byrnes (Part A)
 Anne Frascarelli (Part B)

As they did during their first term (2021 – 2023), Mary Anne Byrnes (Part A) will be responsible for writing all checks for the organization - rent, reimbursement of expenditures, speaker's fees, etc. Anne Frascarelli will be responsible for Part B of the Treasurer's duties. She will input all the data, expenditures of the organization and produce the forms necessary for tax purposes.

Voting for the Officers for the period 2023 - 2025 will be held during the May 2023 meeting.

APRIL'S PROGRAM

Provided by: Susan Deshensky

VSQ member, Susan Deshensky (www.ladybluequilts.com), will be our featured speaker at April meeting.



Susan Deshensky

Susan will speak to us about making t-shirt and memory quilts, because every quilt has a story. Susan has been quilting for over twenty years. She is a Certified Instructor for Quiltworx/Judy Niemeyer Quilting and is an Island Batik Ambassador for 2023. Susan's favorite type of quilting is designing and making t-shirt/memory quilts. You can find her recent designs published in Quiltmaker, McCall's Quilting, Fons & Porter Love of Quilting and Quick + Easy Quilts.

≈ IN MEMORIAM ≈

On Monday, March 27, 2023, VSQ received the following announcement from the family of Helene Cenci:

“With heavy hearts we inform you of her passing this weekend. She enjoyed quilting with all of you so very much. Your craft community gave her so much joy in life. We thank you so very much. The Cenci family.”

VSQ’s thoughts and prayers are with the Cenci family.

SCRAPPY BLOCKS OF THE MONTH

Coordinated by Susan Wolman with Janice Ewing:

As a reminder, see below for a full listing of “colors by month” and the general instructions for this endeavor.

Each month we are suggesting **2 blocks**, each block with a single color. Of course, you may add any colors that help beautify the block, but the goal is to highlight that month’s individual colors.

Our plan is to have each participant complete her own multicolored quilt, either to keep or donate. (If it’s for donation, VSQ will provide the batting, and if we have an appropriate color, a backing for the quilt.)



Month 1 (Nov)	Teal / Aqua	Gold
Month 2 (Dec)	Orange	Lime green
Month 3 (Jan)	Sky blue	Magenta/fuchsia
Month 4 (Feb)	Purple	Brown
Month 5 (Mar)	Grey	Maroon
Month 6 (Apr)	Pink	Tomato red
Month 7 (May)	Forest green	Lavender
Month 8	Yellow	Deep/dark red
Month 9	Navy	Salmon
Month 10	Your choice	Your choice

This listing provides a quilt of 20 blocks, as was done by our presenter. (See pic above)

Of course, the number of blocks you make is up to you. The size of the blocks is also personal choice. We suggest anywhere from 6 to 12 inches.

The lack of specificity is deliberate. Very relaxing requirements - just a sampler of color.

Quick and easy to do. So have fun. *(Note from the Editor: Although block colors are listed “by month” – feel free to start / stop whenever! So, new members, you too can join this endeavor. I only started my effort in February, although I did start with the colors listed for Month 1!)*

Questions? Chat with Susan and / or Janice at the April meeting.

JUST SEW STORIES

An update from the Editor

This “occasional” section is used to display bios submitted by new members; plus any other pertinent stories from our members.

Please welcome new members, **Rebecca Demir (Becky)** and **Jeri Sue Serota**. In their own words:

Rebecca Demir (Becky): I look forward to spending time with other quilters. I am relatively new to sewing and quilting. I’m particularly interested in creating Native American Star Quilts. I also enjoy rescuing vintage metal machines and bringing them back to working order to be donated to recently resettled families.

Jeri Sue Serota: I began simple quilting in my 30’s. Met Alex Anderson (amazing quilter & teacher) while living in Northern California. Our daughters were buddies and we became friends as well. She inspired me to take classes and expand my quilting horizons. I’ve been quilting ever since.

I worked at a friend’s quilt shop for 5 years and loved the fellow quilters. Moved to Southern California (Newport Beach) and lived there for 5 years. I just moved to NY this past week! And I’m so grateful that I stopped unpacking long enough to come to your March meeting. Why NY? One daughter living in Long Island City with a 2mo old baby. Another daughter in Richmond, VA with a 2mo old and another little girl nearly 2. 2 daughters & 3 granddaughters on the East Coast!!! Thank you for welcoming me

OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

Hello everyone.

Thank you to all of the members who brought their machines and other supplies and who worked on making quilts for charity at the March meeting.

The following members donated quilts at the March meeting:

Jean Borsellino - 1 quilt to Furniture Sharehouse
Donna Greene - 1 quilt to Furniture Sharehouse

Current Outreach Sites, corresponding VSQ Contact and recommended donations are listed below:

OUTREACH SITES	VSQ CONTACT	RECOMMENDED DONATIONS / QUILT SIZES
Coming Home Project	Barbara Wexler	45" x 60"
Furniture Sharehouse	Susan Wolman	60" x 80"
Hearts to Home	Susan Wolman	36"x 36", 40" x 50", or 40" x 60"
Marymount	Georgina Correa	Wheelchair bags Lap quilt 50" x 65"
Phelps Hospital		42" x 60"
Pins and Needles (for their annual donation to Blythedale and Beacon Health)	Lee Kimmel	Children's crib size (36" x 45")
Project Linus	Janice Ewing	45" x 60" or 60" x 80" Will also accept other sizes.
VA, Montrose	Rhona Hiney	42" x 60"
White Plains Hospital	Rhona Hiney	40" x 46"

**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.

Remember – if you are not at the meeting and you donate 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.

BATTING AND LABELS:

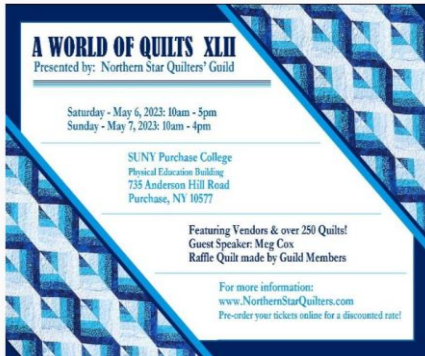
Full and Queen size batting is available to members for charity quilts. It is being stored at my house. You can contact me at meyckmans@aol.com if you would like to pick some up.

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.

Quilt labels are available at the meetings. Check with Donna Greene or Maria Eyckmans if you need one.

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

NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS' GUILD – WORLD OF QUILTS XLII



May 6 – 7, 2023: “World of Quilts XLII - A Celebration of Traditional, Modern and Art Quilts.” Quilts, vendors, speaker (Meg Cox), invitational exhibit (Natalya Khorover Aikens), and more - presented by Northern Star Quilters. Location: Purchase College Gymnasium, 735 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase NY. For more info: www.northernstarquilters.com.

March 17 – May 28, 2023: Exhibit - “What That Quilt Knows About Me” at the American Folk Art Museum Featuring approximately 40 quilts and related works of art, the exhibition will explore the deeply personal and emotional power associated with the experience of making and living with quilts.

American Folk Art Museum, 2 Lincoln Square, Columbus Ave at W66th St, New York, NY
For more info: What That Quilt Knows About Me | American Folk Art Museum

April 19 – 22 2023: New England Quilt Expo. Quilt displays, classes and vendors.
Location: Double Tree by Hilton, Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm St, Manchester NH.
For more info: www.bnpquilts.com

April 22 – 23, 2023: Hands All Around Quilt Show. Presented by Hands Across the Valley Quilters Guild.
Location: Robert Crown Gymnasium, 893 West St – Rte 116, Hampshire College, Amherst MA.
For more info: www.handsacrossthevalley.org

April 29 – 30, 2023: Q.U.I.L.T. , Inc. Presents an Exposition. Quilters United In Learning Together (Q.U.I.L.T., Inc) is hosting a quilt show featuring 150+ quilts, vendors, et al.
Location: St. Matthew’s Church, 25 Mountview St, Voorheesville, NY. Sat 9am – 4pm; Sun 11am – 4pm
For more info: Follow Q.U.I.L.T. on Facebook (search Quilt Inc) or www.quiltinc.org.

September 1 – October 31, 2023: All New England Shop Hop. If a “leaf peeping” tour to one or more New England States in on your Wish List – this year may be the year! This 2(!) month event is run by Shop Hop Inc.
Location: Various shops throughout the New England States (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut).
For more info: www.allnewenglandshophop.com

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