



# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## December 2021

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### A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hello everyone,

Happy holidays. Happy sewing.

As I write this, my garage is closer (relatively speaking) to being cleared of the boxes and boxes of donated fabric. Thank you to all of you who took some of it off my hands in exchange for a donation to our guild. As a consequence, our guild finances are in good shape and my (husband's) new car is about to reclaim the space. I will be bringing some of the leftover fabric (there really is still a lot) to meetings, so you will have one more chance to look it over.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021

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

**Program:** Pat Yamin

**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

It was great to see many of you at our November meeting. We were lucky to be able to eat outside in warmth – as Westchester Reform Temple is not allowing any indoor eating to minimize mask removal. **This will not change for December – so keep that in mind as you debate whether to bring a scarf and gloves (along with quilts).**

Here is what our guild is up to in the weeks/months ahead:

- We have been approached by the Westchester Children's Association to help this wonderful organization assemble a community quilt for installation sometime in the fall. WCA has sent blank cotton five-inch quilt blocks to about 3,000 (!) supporters as part of its **Hope Quilt Project** "to spark a movement of collective creativity with our supporters." Recipients are invited to decorate the square with drawings and messages of hope.

Our role would likely be to help guide and assemble the quilt (of unknown size) and be a sponsor of the project. Rebekah Raz of WCA will make a short presentation at our meeting to explain the project.

- **Tuesday, Dec. 14:** A year after she was originally scheduled but was postponed due to COVID, Pat Yamin will be our presenter. See elsewhere in this newsletter for a fuller description.
  - The board will meet at 10 a.m. Arrive any time thereafter. Per WRT, you must be fully vaccinated and wear a mask. Remember to bring your lunch for outside "dining."

- If you haven't already turned in your diamond pieces for the raffle quilt that Rose is masterminding, please bring them as well. Rose needs at least 200 completed diamonds. Don't do the trimming.
  - Also, if you didn't bring your finished Mystery Bag charity quilt to the last meeting, please do so. We had some very creative quilts shown at the November meeting.
  - Business meeting will start at noon, followed by Show'n'Tell.
  - Our Program will start around 1 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 11:** We will do our annual members-teaching-members. The board and the membership overwhelmingly indicated they want this to be in person. So, unless we have a weather problem, this is our plan. The idea is to teach a short technique. We do need volunteers to be presenters. **If you have an idea, please see Janet ("JBo") Bozzone, who is organizing it.** Also, if there is a particular technique you hope someone else will teach, let her know as well.
  - **Tuesday, Feb. 8:** We will meet via Zoom. Our guest presenter will be Brenda Gael Smith, an Australian quilter who will get up very early to meet with us. <https://www.brendagaelsmith.com/>
  - **Tuesday, March 8:** Our speaker will be Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill. She lives locally so we can meet in person or via Zoom, depending on weather. <https://www.wholecirclestudio.com/>
  - **Tuesday, April 12:** This will be our charity quilting event, either in person or via zoom.
  - We are still collecting dues for the fiscal year that began August 2021 and continues until July 2022. If you haven't paid your dues, please bring \$45 to the December meeting or email me for the address to snail mail a check to. If you know someone who might be interested in joining our guild, please invite her/him to attend as a guest.
  - Thank you to everyone who has been helping to keep this guild running during these still strange times.
    - We have a very conscientious and wonderful board. If you would like to join us, please come to the board meeting at 10 a.m.
    - JBo has agreed to take over programs beginning in September. Thank you to Janice Ewing for doing an amazing job this last year.
    - Pat Julian has been helping in so many ways with membership record-keeping and attendance (in addition to doing this wonderful newsletter).
    - Thank you also to Sylvia Eusebi, who in addition to maintaining our website has picked up the bulk of email correspondence to members.
    - Judy Simek has once again taken over the challenge of gently reminding members who have not paid their dues.
    - Lee Kimmel is our corresponding secretary and has resumed sending get well and condolence cards to members.

**I hope to see you on Dec. 14.**

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.

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## DECEMBER'S PROGRAM

*Provided by Pat Yamin / Janice Ewing*

Our speaker / presentation for December's meeting will be **Pat Yamin / "Hexagons, Diamonds, Triangles and Quilts!"**



Pat has been designing quilt patterns and templates for 40 years. She is also an author of many books, including *Simple Super One-patch Quilts* and *Quilt Savvy One Patch Scrap Quilts*. She has appeared on Television shows.

Her company manufactures acrylic templates. The Brooklyn Revolver™, is a rotating turntable that is Pat's invention and was the original cutting and turning cutting mat.

Check out Pat's website, [www.comequiltwithme.com](http://www.comequiltwithme.com), for her complete story plus her patterns, templates, and some housewares!

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## REQUEST FOR BABY YARN – CAN YOU HELP?

*From Janet Brodie*

I used to knit beautiful lacy baby sets for every newborn I knew, but today mothers put their babies in onesies, not hand-knit outfits.

This year I used up all my leftover baby yarn to knit 50 preemie hats for the White Plains Hospital NICU.

If you pass along to me any leftover baby yarn you have, I will use it to make more preemie hats.

I'm looking for:

- Good quality, name-brand orlon/acrylic baby yarn that knits up on size 2 or 3 needles and produces a smooth stockinette stitch purl side.
- My leftover yarn was Brunswick Delf-Baby.
- **Please no Red Heart Baby Yarn.** This is a good yarn but the purl side of stockinette stitch is too rough for newborn skin.
- Please bring to December meeting. I plan on being there.

Thank you.  
Janet.

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## OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

**I hope you and your families are well and that you all have enjoyed Thanksgiving.**

### ***Batting***

Janet Bozzone (JBo) and I took a ride up to Roxbury CT to pick up some free batting donated by Fairfield. We packed every available inch of her car with batting. It is being stored at my house. Please contact me if you need any for your charity quilts at [meyckmans@aol.com](mailto:meyckmans@aol.com).

**Janet also keeps a few packages of batting in the trunk of her car, so you can speak to her at our meetings if you need batting.**

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### ***Pins and Needles: Last call for 2021 donations.***

Please bring any completed baby quilts for Pins and Needles to the December meeting. Please give them to Lee Kimmel who will deliver them to Pins and Needles. If you will not be at December's meeting, please contact Lee ([rkimmel22@aol.com](mailto:rkimmel22@aol.com)) directly to arrange to deliver your donations in a timely manner.

To date, 15 quilts have been made by our members for Pins and Needles.

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Thank you to the following members who donated quilts to charity at the November meeting:

Helene Cenci	1 quilt
Pat Julian	1 lap quilt for Linus
Ronnie Huvane	1 baby quilt for Linus
Sheryl Fleishaker	1 quilt
Helen May	1 quilt
Lee Kimmel	1 quilt for Furniture Sharehouse
Jean Power	2 quilts for Pins and Needles
Sada Chiu	3 quilt tops

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If you will not be attending the guild meeting, completed charity quilts can be dropped off at my house, and Susan Wolman will deliver them. Judy Simek will also accept charity quilts and help to get them delivered to their destinations.

Maria Eyckmans [meyckmans@aol.com](mailto:meyckmans@aol.com)  
Judy Simek [judyfrog@optonline.net](mailto:judyfrog@optonline.net)  
Susan Wolman [swolman9@gmail.com](mailto:swolman9@gmail.com)

Marymount is accepting donations. They are interested in wheelchair bags and lap quilts. Georgina Correa ([georginacorrea0312@yahoo.com](mailto:georginacorrea0312@yahoo.com)) is our volunteer for delivery.

Quilt sizes for the different 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”

\*Project Linus – 45” x 60” for or 60” x 80”.

\*Linus Project will also accept other sized quilts.

Hearts to Home – 36” x 36”, 40” x 50”, 40” x 60”

Pins and Needles – children's crib size (36” x 45”) quilts for Blythedale and Beacon Health Center holiday (i.e., December) donations.

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REMINDER: To help Maria keep our count of Outreach donations up-to-date:

If you donate a quilts or quilts and / or wheelchair bags: please remember to enter the details in Maria’s binder at the meeting. The binder is usually on the membership sign-in table. Or, if you are not at the meeting, please e-mail Maria with the details (including where your donation is going).

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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 – Maria Eyckmans or Lee Kimmel

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Laurie Quadagno-Lagronegro has volunteered to help us with the quilting of our charity quilts. Contact Laurie at: [laurieq2@gmail.com](mailto:laurieq2@gmail.com)

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

Remember, many museums all over the world, i.e., not just in the U.S., have updated their websites to showcase their collections online...and frequently, you can browse for free! The list is way too long to be included here, so just do an internet search using your favorite search engine to find the corresponding website(s).

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**Northern Star Quilters’ Guild:** 2022 Quilt Show - *World of Quilts*, Purchase College, Purchase NY, April 30 – May 1, 2022. For information: [www.northernstarquilters.com](http://www.northernstarquilters.com)

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