



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

December 2022

A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hi everyone,

I hope your Thanksgiving was filled with family, friends and good food – and good health. Maybe (or not) you had time for sewing. Maybe (or not) those of you who are creating holiday gifts are on top of things. Me, I have my turkey soup that will last quite a while....

I am so pleased to report our raffle quilt is done. Look how beautiful it looks! Thank you again



to Rose Fox for masterminding and assembling this gorgeous 87” by 87” quilt and to Barbara Glab for binding it. Angie Vertucci once again contributed her services to do the exquisite quilting. And thank you also to Shel Hoffman for getting the printing done on the tickets so we can proceed. And of course, thank you to all of you who helped piece the diamonds for this amazing quilt.

We hope to begin distributing tickets to you all at **our Dec. 13 meeting**. As in the past, we ask each member to sell **at least \$25 in tickets**. We are (per the suggestion of Alice Clague) looking into a way to sell digital tickets in addition to the paper ones. This is a bit complicated (and includes fees, etc.), so if any of you have any insights, please let me know.

For those of you who won't make it to December's meeting, we will get you your tickets in a timely fashion. I'll send out an email in December with the possible ways

As mentioned previously, it was decided by the membership that half of the proceeds of our raffle quilt go to Hearts and Homes, a local agency that helps settle refugees.

<https://www.heartsandhomesforrefugees.org>

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

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

Program: Sara Woster

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• **Tuesday, Dec. 13:** Sara Woster, a painter and daughter of a quilter, will speak about her book titled *Painting Can Save Your Life: How and Why We Paint*. She will discuss the connection between painting and quilting, what it means to lead a creative life and the importance of artist communities like VSQ. See full description elsewhere in this newsletter.

If you are doing the scrappy blocks project created by Susan Wolman and Janice Ewing, December's colors are orange and lime green. Feel free to show them at the meeting. And take some fabric from the free table for January: sky blue and magenta/fuchsia.

- **Tuesday, Jan. 10:** We will meet via Zoom. Our presenter will be Tammy Silvers. <https://www.tamarinis.com/>
- **Tuesday, Feb. 14 and Tuesday March 14:** These dates are reserved for Members Teaching Members and our annual charity sewing. The Guild said it wants these to be in person, so weather permitting they will be. Details in early 2023.
- We will be in person in April, May and June as well. See elsewhere in this newsletter for the list of meeting dates. Hey, you may want to cut out the list and post it on your bulletin board.

And an extra thank you to those of you who have been bringing desserts to share to the meetings. Thank you to Linda Quartuccio for organizing, to Gail Sanders for an endless supply of mouth-watering cookies, and to all the anonymous people who have brought things in the past or volunteered for upcoming meetings.

HOPE TO SEE YOU DEC. 13.

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

2023:

- Jan. 10: Zoom lecture with Tammy Silvers <https://www.tamarinis.com/>
- Feb. 14: Members teaching members (in person weather permitting) *
- Mar. 14: Charity quilting (in person weather permitting) *
- Apr.11: In person lecture
- May 9: In person lecture
- June 13: Annual luncheon, no speaker

***NOTE: February and March programs could be swapped.**

DECEMBER'S PROGRAM

Provided by: Sara Woster

Sara Woster will be our featured speaker in December.

www.sarawoster.com

Title: The Painting & Quilting Affinity - How Color, Shape and Pattern Link Two Important Art Forms.

Description: Sara Woster is a painter and painting teacher who comes from a long line of prairie quilters. But it was only recently that Woster began exploring how her mother's creative practice influenced her own work. In the process she uncovered other contemporary artists who are also inspired by quilting's long history and contemporary quilters inspired by painters. This talk will focus on the similarities of painting and quilting, what painters find inspiring in quiltmaking and what quilters should be looking at in painting when creating their own next masterpiece. The talk will also explore color, shape, pattern and composition via art history and contemporary art.

We look forward to her presentation.

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	Purple	Brown
Month 5	Grey	Maroon
Month 6	Pink	Tomato red
Month 7	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.

Questions? Chat with Susan and / or Janice at the December 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, **Candice Abraham** and **Diane Couzens**. In their own words:

Candice Abraham: “I’m a hillbilly from West Virginia. My grandmother, a nurse, was a serious quilter who inspired me. One of my fondest memories is of an old-fashioned “bee.” As I moved around the country with my husband and kids, I have belonged to many guilds, from Baltimore, to Denver, to Bellville, TX. Most recently living in Las Vegas with my son, I belonged to the Las Vegas Quilt Guild, the Las Vegas Modern Quilt Guild, and Las Vegas QOV. Additionally, I participated in All Saints Needlers, a “for charity” needlework group at my church. Yes, I am an addict!”

Diane Couzens: “My mother taught me to sew around age 13 as I am very tall and back then there weren’t any tall girl sizes. I really love it and several years back another friend introduced me to quilting. I am still at the very basic stage, but enjoy hearing about new techniques that I might try down the road!”

OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

Hello everyone.

Thank you to those members who, throughout this year, made quilts for Pins and Needles’ annual donation to Blythedale and Beacon Health. Lee Kimmel sent a total of 24 quilts to Pins and Needles.

Thank you to the following member who donated quilts for charity in November 2022:

Lee Kimmel - 2 quilts to Sleepy Hollow toy drive for children in need.

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.

Laurie Quadagno-Lagronegro has volunteered to help us with the quilting of our charity quilts. Contact Laurie at: laurieq@earthlink.net

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

October 8, 2022 – January 2, 2023: Wall Power! Spectacular Quilts from the American Folk Art Museum: Selection of quilts from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth century, from Alabama to Pennsylvania, will be displayed at the Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St, Glenn Falls, NY.

For more info: www.hydecollection.org

Through January 22, 2023: Exhibit - “The Social Fabric” Using fabric to explore issues of broad social consequence. On display at the ArtsWestchester, White Plains, NY.

For more info: www.artsw.org/socialfabric

February 23 – 26, 2023: Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. This is a Mancuso Show Management festival and billed as “The LARGEST QUILT FESTIVAL on the Eastern Seaboard.” The Merchants Mall will feature everything for quilt, fiber, wearable, textile artists, and home sewers. In addition, MAQF will present the finest collection of quilt, garment, and fiber art exhibitions including quilt and wearable art prize money competitions. Rounding out the event will be workshops and lectures presented by leading instructors along with demonstrations throughout the Merchants Mall.

For more info: www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival

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