



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

February 2023

A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hello my fellow quilters (and new bag makers!) and friends,

Don't forget Feb. 14 is not only Valentine's Day but the day of our next meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

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

Weather-permitting, we will be in-person for our annual Members Teaching Members meeting. VSQ Vice President Janet (J Bo) Bozzone is putting together the program, which will include a variety of mini lessons. This is always a fun event. (See elsewhere in newsletter for full details.)

Speaking of handbags (or as we oldsters *used* to call them -- pocketbooks), I had a great time leading a bag-making workshop on Jan. 17 for 7 of you. The finished products I have seen so far have been wonderful. Well-done to all participants.

In other matters:

RAFFLE QUILT

We won't be doing digital tickets as an add-on to paper tickets after all. Regrettably, New York State regulations for "gaming" make it impossible. We would like to take the quilt "on the road" to generate sales. 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.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Pat Julian, our de facto historian, tells me that the VSQ website was designed and built by member Sylvia Eusebi around 2006 using the tools available at that time. Despite moving away, Sylvia has remained an active member of VSQ and continues to update our website without any backup person. As Pat says, "Kudos and thanks to Sylvia for all her (continuing) work; we definitely wouldn't have had a website for all these years without her talent / knowledge."

Having said that, we are working on updating our website so two or maybe three people will be able in a *simple manner* to make updates and Sylvia can go on vacation without being "on

call." Susan Wolman volunteered her son-in-law, Elliot Kendall, to take on the task of investigating how best to do this. It is as we in the quilter world say a WIP.

OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS: SAVE THE DATES

(see elsewhere in this newsletter for the full 2023 schedule)

- **Tuesday, March 14** will be charity sewing -- weather permitting in-person. If you have thoughts on a particular project we might tackle, please see Maria Eyckmans, who is our outreach coordinator.
- **Tuesday, April 11**, one of our newer members and accomplished quilter Susan Deshensky will present a lecture titled "Every Quilt Has A Story: Making and Designing T-shirt and Memory Quilts."

HOPE TO SEE YOU FEB. 14.

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:

Feb. 14: Members Teaching Members (in-person weather permitting)

Mar. 14: Charity quilting (in-person weather permitting)

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

May 9: Rona Harmon 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: Open, in-person or via Zoom TBD

*Repeat VSQ speaker

Westchester County Executive George Latimer Unveiled "Hope Quilt" Installation in Support of the Westchester Children's Association and Youth Advocacy

January 26, 2023 Michaelian Office Building, White Plains, NY

On Thursday, January 26th, VSQ Vice President Janet Bozzone was honored to represent the guild at the press conference where George Latimer, Westchester County Executive, accepted one of the quilts that VSQ created for the Westchester Children's Association's Hope Quilt Project. We've often heard it takes a village to raise a child but it takes the Village Squares Quilters to transform children's vision of hope into beautiful quilts. The Village Squares Quilters were able to take the hopes and dreams depicted in those small squares, and transform them into seven inspiring quilts. The resulting quilts are displayed in several locations in the county. This one (see picture below) will hang in the lobby of the Westchester County's Office Building on Martine Avenue and others are exhibited at the Westchester Children's Museum, the offices of the Child Care Council of Westchester, and the WCA.



The Westchester Children's Association's (WCA) vision is for every child to be healthy, safe, and prepared for life's challenges regardless of race or zip code. The Hope Quilt Project was undertaken to raise awareness of the WCA's Early Child Home Visiting Services, which provides individualized support services that successfully decrease child abuse and neglect while improving school readiness and improved overall health for both mother and child. Because of limited funding and capacity, over 95% of eligible children are not able to take advantage of these programs.

We want to thank the collective efforts of our guild members who initially pieced the blocks and give special recognition to Rose Fox, Barbara Glab, Susan Wolman, and Janice Ewing who completed the design, construction, quilting and binding of the finished pieces.

Contributed by Janet Bozzone.

FEBRUARY'S PROGRAM – MEMBERS TEACHING MEMBERS

Provided by: Janet (J Bo) Bozzone

Our February meeting will be featuring our Members Teaching Members program.

Lisa Moore will be discussing African fabrics

Janet Bozzone will demonstrate an easy way to "face a wall quilt" instead of adding a binding for a modern look. As a bonus, no hanging sleeve is needed.

Jean Borsellino and Janet Brodie will have a couple of surprise topics in store for us.

So, come to the meeting prepared to learn some new techniques courtesy of your fellow members!

SCRAPPY BLOCKS OF THE MONTH

Coordinated by Susan Wolman with Janice Ewing:

An update from Susan:

“Dear Friends,

I'm done being sick, I've had it! I'd much rather encourage (nag?) you about our block of the month. This month's colors are purple and brown. If I PROMISE to complete them, will you? I will.

I'm looking forward to finally seeing you all at the Feb mtg. I miss you .

Quilting hugs,
Susan”

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	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 February meeting.

OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

Hello everyone.

Our March meeting (March 14, 2023) will be our charity sew-a-thon. As a reminder, feel free to work on any pattern of your choice individually or as part of a team.

We will need volunteers to bring the following supplies:

SEWING MACHINES
IRONS
IRONING BOARDS
CUTTING MATS
ROTARY CUTTERS
RULERS
SCISSORS
SEAM RIPPERS
PINS
SEWING MACHINE NEEDLES

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BRING ANY OF THE ABOVE SUPPLIES.

There were no reports of charity quilt donations at the January Zoom meeting.

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")

OUTREACH SITES	VSQ CONTACT	RECOMMENDED DONATIONS / QUILT SIZES
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):

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

March 4 – 5, 2023: “The Art of Quilting” A display of quilts made by the members of Heritage Quilters of the Hudson Palisades.

Location: Nanuet Public Library (Community Room), 149 Church St, Nanuet NY.

For more info: www.heritagequilters.org.

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 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.

May 6 – 7, 2023: “World of Quilts XLII - A Celebration of Traditional, Modern and Art Quilts.” Quilts, vendors, speaker (Meg Cox), and more - presented by Northern Star Quilters.

Location: Purchase College Gymnasium, 735 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase NY.

For more info: www.northernstarquilters.com.

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