



# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## June 2022

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### A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hello my friends and fellow quilters,

What a busy meeting we will have on **Tuesday, June 14**. I hope you will be there.

The meeting will have two components: a tag sale and a speaker. Please note the speaker will go on at 11:30 a.m., not the usual time, due to her schedule.

With COVID still on the increase in our area, I highly recommend you bring a mask and wear it inside as much as possible.

#### TAG SALE

Have you been cleaning your home of “excessive” (LOL) sewing items? Or are you in “need” (LOL) of more items? Our tag sale is for you. Here is how it will work:

- Drop off donated (sewing only) items between 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. While we will mark prices, I would appreciate it if you rolled up any fabric and marked it for quantity.
- Shopping will begin around 10:30 a.m., stop for the speaker and resume around 1 p.m.
- All proceeds from donated sewing items will go to the Guild.
- If you would like to buy a table for \$25, where you keep the proceeds, please contact Barbara Glab to arrange. You will be responsible for cleanup of your items.
- VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH SET UP, SALE AND CLEAN UP ARE STILL NEEDED. Please email me.

#### PROGRAM – NOTE NEW (EARLIER) TIME

Our speaker, Bobbi Fitzsimmons of the Advocacy Project, will present at 11:30 a.m.

<https://www.advocacynet.org/author/bfitzsimmons> See elsewhere in the newsletter for a full description. Then we will have a short business meeting, followed by Show’n’Tell. Feel free to eat lunch during the business meeting, etc.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022

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

**Program:** Bobbi Fitzsimmons of the Advocacy Project

**Schedule:**

9:30 a.m.	Drop off sale items / Tag Sale set-up
10:30 a.m.	Tag Sale opens
11:30 a.m.	Pause Tag Sale for Program
12:30 p.m.	VSQ Meeting, Lunch, Show’n’Tell and continue shopping
1:30 p.m.	Final shopping and clean-up.

## UPDATES ETC.

- Susan Wolman is heading our committee to “help” the Westchester Children’s Association create a community quilt from squares made by children and supporters. At the June meeting, Susan will be distributing bags with squares and strips to those interested in helping assemble this. We have, I believe, 22 bags so need as many of you as possible to assist.
- Pat Julian will be giving an overview of her findings from the discussion at the May meeting on what program enhancements we might bring back to VSQ meetings.
- Hard to believe but it is time to begin collecting dues again. Our 2022-23 fiscal year begins Aug. 1, and consistent with past practices we begin collecting at the June meeting. Help us get a jump start on this by bringing a check for \$45 to the meeting.
- A big thank you to Linda Quartuccio and her team of volunteers for overseeing the spring luncheon at the May meeting. I heard through the grapevine a good time was had by all.
- **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. We also may do some technique demonstrations that can run a bit longer than our April Members Teaching Members. I will circulate emails with more details when it is closer, as our newsletter is not published during the summer.
- The list of fall dates for meetings is listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Mark your calendars **now** to avoid conflicts with dentist appointments, etc.

## HOPE TO SEE YOU JUNE 14.

Donna

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### \*\*\* CONGRATULATIONS \*\*\*

CONGRATULATIONS to the following VSQ members who “ribboned” at **Northern Star Quilters’ Guild** 2022 Quilt Show - *World of Quilts XLI* held April 30 and May 1, 2022:

Susan Deshensky, Sheryl Fleishaker, Barbara Glab and Helen May.

### 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.

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## CALENDAR – UPCOMING VSQ MEETINGS

*An update from the Editor*

- Tuesday, June 14: Tag sale and speaker (Note: the speaker will start at 11:30 a.m.)  
Tuesday, July 12: No speaker. Informal sewing.  
Tuesday, Aug. 9: No speaker. Informal sewing.  
Tuesday, Sept. 13: In-person speaker.  
Tuesday, Oct. 18: In-person speaker. (Note: this is the 3rd Tuesday of the month, due to the Jewish holidays.)  
Tuesday, Nov. 8: In-person speaker.  
Tuesday, Dec. 13: TBD in-person or Zoom.

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## JUNE'S PROGRAM

*Provided by Barbara (Bobbi) Fitzsimmons*

Our speaker for our meeting on June 14 will be **Barbara (Bobbi) Fitzsimmons**, on the topic of *The Advocacy Project's Quilt Program*. The Advocacy Project helps marginalized communities to tell their stories, strengthen their organizations, take action, and mobilize new support.



An enthusiastic supporter of AP's quilt program, Barbara (Bobbi) is a retired educator who has taught at all levels of education from preschool through graduate school. She has a BA in history from Old Dominion University and an MSED and Ed.D. from the University of Southern California. As a curriculum specialist, she developed training programs for USC in Germany, for the US Navy in Newfoundland, Canada, and a graduate program for the Overseas Federation of Teachers for teachers in the DoD Dependents Schools on three continents. In the US, she has been an associate professor at Lasell

College (Newton, MA) and Morris College (Sumter, SC). She was also Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the North Kingstown, RI school district. As an educational consultant, she worked with a team to improve the national education programs of Pakistan, Egypt, and the UAE. Now retired, Bobbi is an outside evaluator of dissertations and education papers for Pakistan universities and education journals. She is also a docent and children's program educator at the Cameron Museum of Art in Wilmington, NC. She is an award-winning quilter who has conducted workshops and made presentations about quilting to schools, libraries, educational conferences, and guilds. Since 2010, she has made quilts for the Advocacy Project from Kosovo, Uganda, Palestine, Nepal (3), and Syria.

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## JUNE MEETING INFO.

*From the Editor*

As you probably realized after reading Donna's letter that, in addition to the Tag Sale and our Speaker, a very busy meeting is planned for June. Some of the items are summarized below:

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:** *Shel Hoffman* has advised that the new VSQ 2022-2023 Membership Directory (with member photos) will be distributed at the June meeting. The directory lists each member's home address, home and cell phone numbers (where cell phone numbers are available) and email address. Some phone numbers are listed in bold type. This indicates the member's preferred call number.

**WESTCHESTER CHILDRENS' ASSOCIATION QUILT:** *Susan Wolman* provided the following update:

Hi VSQ,

Remember when the young woman from Westchester Children's Association (WCA) came and spoke to us?

Remember when we agreed to put together blocks designed to represent Hope, as it referred to by WCA?

Remember when that young woman who knew nothing about quilting resigned?

Remember when we received 550 blocks, including scribbles from children? (You don't remember since that just happened.)

So friends, we need kind volunteers to make a square and the committee will put them together. Obviously, we will end up making more than one quilt.

Your job, should you accept it, would be to put together 25 5"x5" blocks with sashing. Not bad eh? I'll have a bag of blocks and sashing along with directions for you at the June meeting.

I beg you, if I ever agree to something like this again, remember to remind me that this is crazy and I should ***never*** do it again.

Thank you in advance.

Susan

**FOLLOW-UP RE: May's Luncheon Conversation Topic:** *Pat Julian* provided the following update:

Thank you all for your active participation in the informative discussion held at the conclusion of the May 10, 2022 luncheon re: **activities the guild should consider for 2022 – 2023.**

Maxine Shaines and I reviewed your notes on the forms returned to us plus our notes (memories?) of the discussion. In short, **Tips and Techniques** proved to be the Number One suggestion including a specific request to “restart Tips and Techniques!”.

A day or two prior to our June meeting, the full summary of our findings will be emailed to all members. Please review and come to the meeting re your preferences going forward. If you will not be at the meeting, please email your preferences to reach me ([pjulian01@verizon.net](mailto:pjulian01@verizon.net)) prior to the meeting.

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## **OUTREACH**

*From Maria Eyckmans*

Hello everyone. I hope all is well.

## **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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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.

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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 May 2022:

Helen May	- 1 quilt for Furniture Sharehouse
Jean Borsellino	- 1 quilt for Furniture Sharehouse
	- 2 baby quilts for Pins and Needles
Ronnie Huvane	- 2 baby quilts
	- 2 wheelchair bags for Marymount
Rose Fox	- 7 lap quilts for Ukraine
	- 1 bed size quilt for National Historic Theatre auction
Janice H	- 2 lap quilts
Lee Kimmel	- 1 baby quilt for Pins and Needles
Anonymous	- 1 baby quilt for Pins and Needles

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

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Every year, Pins and Needles collects baby quilts (approximately 36" x 45") to distribute to Beacon Health and Blythedale over the December holidays. If interested, why not start making baby quilts now for the holidays? Lee Kimmell is our liaison for delivering the baby quilts to Pins and Needles and will accept quilts at any time. Contact Lee at [Rkimmel22@aol.com](mailto:Rkimmel22@aol.com)

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

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.

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

**May 21 – June 26, 2022 The Art of the Quilt – Chappaqua NY.** Quilt exhibit with 30+ vintage and antique quilts displayed in the 1852 summer residence of Horace Greeley. Fri, Sat and Sun only.

For more info: [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-art-of-the-quilt-tickets-324418062157/](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-art-of-the-quilt-tickets-324418062157/)

**June 16 – 18, 2022 Virtual Quilt Festival.** Online only and most of the curriculum will be available to registrants for on-demand viewing for 2 weeks after the event.

For more info: [www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/virtual-quilt-festival/all-classes/](http://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/virtual-quilt-festival/all-classes/)

**July 28-30, 2022 Maine Quilt Show – Augusta ME.** Over 500 quilts, workshops, events and activities to inspire you whether you're an experienced quilter, beginner or an admirer of this art form.

For more info: [www.mainequilts.org/quilt\\_show/](http://www.mainequilts.org/quilt_show/)

**August 4-6, 2022 – Bayberry Quilters Show – Harwich MA.** “Let’s Celebrate!” is their theme — they look forward to celebrating overcoming the many obstacles and challenges of the past year and sharing all the quilts they’ve made!

For More info: [www.bayberryquiltersofcapecod.com/quilt-show](http://www.bayberryquiltersofcapecod.com/quilt-show).

**August 11-13, 2022 – Mancuso’s QuiltFest New England – Springfield MA.** The festival will feature the entries to the QuiltFest New England National Quilt Competition, an array of special exhibits, and the always fabulous Merchants Mall. In addition, a talented faculty will present workshops where you may learn the latest in quilting techniques.

For more info: [www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/world-quilt-new-england/](http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/world-quilt-new-england/)

**Ongoing.** Cheryl Lynch, who was one of our early speakers when we pivoted to Zoom, has a free online Webinar tutorial about raw edge appliqué on the Sulky website.

For more info: [www.sewingonline.sulky.com/store/](http://www.sewingonline.sulky.com/store/) then scroll to and click on “Free Webcasts.”

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