



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

June 2021

A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hello my quilting buddies,

Mark your calendars for **June 8** and get out your sun screen and hats. We are going to have a picnic. Let's relish being back together in-person – beginning at **10:30 a.m.**

Those of you who joined us last August at the New Dawn Foundation property on Davenport Avenue, New Rochelle, know how glorious the Long Island Sound setting is.



While we will have access to the indoor space as well (including kitchen and bathrooms), I am hoping we can be mainly lounging outdoors, dipping our toes into the ocean.

Thank you again to Rose Fox for arranging this

Things to bring

- Your own food and beverages, although we certainly will have some snacks to share. No need to bring chairs.
- Your quilt creations for a live Show'n'Tell. (Yay!)
- If you are not vaccinated, a mask for indoors.
- Your 2021-22 dues of \$45. Anyone who pays dues in advance or at the picnic will get a door prize. If possible, mail the check made out to VSQ in advance to Shel Hoffman, 65 Edgewood Ave., Larchmont 10538.

Picnic details

Date: Tuesday, June 8.

Time: 10:30 a.m. to about 2 p.m.

Where: The New Dawn Foundation, 590 Davenport Ave., New Rochelle, NY 10805.

Directions (from I-95):

- Take exit 15 on I-95 and follow signs to New Rochelle.
 - Make a right onto Weyman Avenue and follow the street to Pelham Road.
 - Make a left onto Pelham Road and go straight until reaching Church Street (before Trinity Elementary School).
 - Make a right onto Church Street and drive to the end of the road.
 - Make a right on Davenport Avenue.
 - The New Dawn Foundation is on the left side of the street *before* VIP Beach Club and is located in the White House on the property.
 - If you come to the VIP Beach club, you have gone a bit too far. Turn around and it will be the next long driveway on the right.
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OTHER VSQ MATTERS

- We will be on summer siesta July and August.
- We are hoping to be able to meet in person at Westchester Reform Temple in September but WRT is awaiting an all-clear from New York State on some regulations that affect its space usage and the nursery school. *Note: that meeting would be Tuesday, Sept 21 due to the Jewish holidays.* We do not plan a formal program but might have a mini sewing tag sale.
- Elsewhere in this newsletter, read about VSQ's collaboration with the Hudson River Museum. Please volunteer to help on one of the "sewing days" at HRM that we will be involved with. Thank you to Doris Capello, Maureen Carline, Janet Bozzone and Anne Frascarelli for their work on this project.
- Susan Wolman, with the help of Pat Julian, raised about \$600 for the guild with a pay-what-you-want garage sale in May of accumulated fabric.

HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU JUNE 8.

Donna

ELECTION RESULTS: OFFICERS OF THE GUILD 2021-2023

At the May "virtual" meeting, the following members were elected:

President - Donna Greene

Vice President - Janet Bozzone

Secretary - Alice Clague

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

VSQ WEBSITE: NEW LOCATION FOR OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND VOTE FOR DISTRIBUTION METHOD

From the Editor

Following up: April "virtual" meeting / email distribution to all members with email:

Effective with the May 2021 Newsletter, the VSQ Newsletters now reside on the "general access area" of the VSQ website. Newsletters issued prior to May 2021 will remain in the "secure area" of the VSQ website. Respecting the privacy of our members, only member names and email addresses (as submitted to the Newsletter Editor) will be included in the newsletter. For any other member information, members will need to check the VSQ Membership Directory UNLESS the member(s) agree to have phone number / address published.

Distribution Method 1: May 2021 - Website link AND newsletter file attachment:

For the May 2021, Newsletter: Shel distributed the newsletter as a PDF file attachment to his cover email PLUS included the new link to the newsletter residing on the "general access area" of the VSQ website in his cover email.

Distribution Method 2: June 2021 - Website link only:

For the June 2021 Newsletter: Shel will send out the distribution email alerting you that the newsletter is now available on the VSQ website and will include the new link to it. Please click on this new link and you will be taken directly to the Newsletter page on the VSQ website; just click on the June 2021 Newsletter - NO Username / Password required. You will NOT receive the Newsletter as a file attached to this email.

At June Picnic, a vote will be taken re your preferred method to receive the newsletter:

At the June meeting / get-together (a.k.a. picnic), we'll discuss your experiences with these two formats to determine the preferred format going forward.

FABRIC SALE: MAY 14, 2021 – FOLLOW-UP:

From Susan Wolman

Friends,

I would have said "dear " friends if you had been more helpful in clearing out my garage! Good news: there is still a lot left. Yes, a lot.

All books and magazines are FREE; all other items (i.e., notions, fabric) are *pay-what-you-want*. An enticing tidbit: 7 clear plastic containers (maybe 4"x4"x5") each filled with a collection of 2½" squares, organized by color. It's quite delightful for those who use that size.

I just got an idea. Would you like to stop by on the way to the picnic? I'll be here. If you want to do that, please call me (914) 633-6991 and we can set up our date (for that day or another day!). Upon arrival at Susan's, please call her and then wander down the driveway; she will meet you in the "boutique in the garage" !

Supporting your guild is one thing (we did make about \$600) but supporting my garage is another.

Thank you, dear friends.
Susan

HUDSON RIVER MUSEUM QUILT PROJECT – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

From Doris Capello

Overview:

The Village Squares Quilters (VSQ) Guild is pleased to join the Hudson River Museum (HRM) in promoting its 2021 Summer Exhibit – **Wall Power** – an exhibition of Quilts from the American Folk Art Museum.

In support of this exhibition, VSQ members, in cooperation with the HRM, will provide basic instruction on how to select fabric, stitch together small, 4-patch blocks and create a quilt to donate to a local charity. Members of the community will be encouraged to join us in this creative process, learn a few basic hand sewing skills and create a work of art.

The Museum will be open on the following Saturdays for this community project:

- July 10 and July 24
- August 7 and August 21
- September 4 and September 18.

Volunteers Needed:

As noted above, VSQ and the Hudson River Museum will be holding mini quilt sessions on the following Saturdays this summer: July 10 and July 24; August 7 and August 21; September 4 and September 18. Each VSQ volunteer would teach Museum visitors a simple running stitch to piece four pieces of fabric together i.e., a 4-patch (see right). All sewing will be done by hand. The completed blocks will be collected and, later joined by VSQ members to make a full-size quilt. The completed quilt will be donated to a local charity selected jointly by HRM and VSQ.



All the materials needed for this activity will be provided by the Museum. In addition to the VSQ volunteers, the Museum will also have several junior docents to assist the visitors in selecting fabric and sewing the pieces together. **WE NEED A MINIMUM OF TWO VOLUNTEERS PER SESSION. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL MAUREEN CARLINE (914) 962-3240 OR DORIS CAPELLO (914) 793-7744.**

Thank you for your continued support of our Guild projects.

OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

I hope you and your families are all doing well.

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

Judy Simek judyfrog@optonline.net

Susan Wolman swolman9@gmail.com

Marymount is accepting donations. They are interested in wheelchair bags and lap quilts.

Georgina Correa (georginacorra0312@yahoo.com) is our volunteer for delivery.

There were no reports of quilt donations for May. Remember – if 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 until we meet again in-person.

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" 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 is interested in children's crib size (36" x 45") quilts for Blythedale and Beacon Health Center.

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 is accepting quilts - Janice Ewing
- Pins and Needles – Maria Eyckmans

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

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

****BREAKING NEWS**** Some shows, scheduled for later this year and now in the planning stages, are forecast to be **"IN-PERSON."**

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).

SOME TIDBITS FROM THE GLOBAL QUILT CONNECTION ALL STAR SAMPLER PLATTER:

From Janice Ewing

Ever wanted to learn about Ankara Prints (commonly known as African prints, wax prints or Dutch wax prints)? Here's your chance. **Lisa Shepard Stewart**, one of the presenters (www.CulturedExpressions.com), will have 2 online (via Zoom) classes on this topic:

LIVE: All About Ankara Fabrics Live Zoom Class on June 17, 2021

LIVE: Shoulder Bag Live Zoom Class July 8, 2021

For information: www.sewing.patternreview.com. Click on online classes.

Special Exhibit: **"Testimony: African American Artists Collective" June 5, 2021 – March 27, 2022**, at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO. Lisa has a quilt in this exhibit.

For information: www.nelson-atkins.org.

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival Online: June 24 – 27, 2021.

This online show, run by Mancuso Show Management, includes competition quilts from around the world, merchants' mall, workshops and more.

For information: www.Quiltfest.com.

International Quilt Festival Houston: October 28 – 31, 2021.

"The International Quilt Festival has taken up where the International Quilt Association left off and is excited to announce our debut Judged Show, premiering at our **IN-PERSON 2021** event, October 28-31 (with Preview Night October 27) at our usual home of the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas, USA!"

For information: www.quilts.com.

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