

Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

March 2022

A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hello everyone,

Reminder: We will have two meetings in March, one (hopefully) in-person on March 8; the other in the evening, March 30 via Zoom

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2022

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

Program: Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill

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

As of this writing, Westchester Reform Temple is again open to visitors. However, *as of this writing*, WRT continues to ban inside eating. So, bring your lunch and snacks – and gloves. And of course, you must be fully vaccinated and wear a mask to attend.

Our speaker on **Tuesday, March 8** will be Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill at the usual time.

<https://www.wholecirclestudio.com/> Plan to arrive any time after 10:30 a.m., with the Guild business meeting to start at noon. Sheri's presentation will begin at 1 p.m.

Our speaker on **Wednesday, March 30** will be Kelly Ashton. <https://kellyquilter.com/virtual/> Zoom doors will open about 6 p.m., with her program to begin at 7 p.m. This evening time slot is a **one-time experiment**, since some of you have indicated to me that you can't make daytime meetings. Look for the Zoom link the week before.

Details about both speakers and their planned lectures can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Tuesday, March 8:** Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill, in-person
- **Wednesday, March 30:** Kelly Ashton, evening Zoom
- **Tuesday, April 12:** Our rescheduled Members Teaching Members program, in-person
- **Tuesday, May 10:** Our annual spring luncheon will be May, instead of June, as we have a speaker lined up for June. We are hoping by the May luncheon WRT allows inside eating – but irrespective of that, we hope to eat outside under WRT's big tent.

To simplify things in light of COVID, we will probably ask you to bring your own lunch and just organize group beverages and desserts. Thank you to Linda Quartuccio for taking this on once again.

I hope to see you on March 8 in-person and on March 30 on Zoom.

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.

MARCH'S PROGRAM – IN-PERSON MEETING

Provided by Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill

Our speaker for our meeting on March 8 will be **Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill**, Whole Circle Studio, on the topic of *Content, Concepts & Quilts: Approaching Quilting as a Graphic Designer*.

About Sheri:



Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill is a designer, quilt pattern publisher, award-winning quilter and educator. As a trained and practicing graphic designer, her quilts start with a concept and research shapes the design. Sheri strives to enhance people's everyday lives through beautiful meaningful design. Through sharing her work and teaching, she loves to empower and inspire others to enjoy the process of making.

Sheri's quilts have gained international recognition, including awards from QuiltCon, International Quilt Festival, Quilt Week/Paducah and the Modern Quilt Guild. Additionally, her work has been featured at art centers and galleries around the country. Her work has been included in books and publications and magazines. She self-publishes and distributes her quilt patterns, which can be found at quilt shops worldwide and online. Sheri enjoys giving presentations and teaching nationally.

As an active member of the modern quilt community, Sheri collaborates with leading industry organizations such as Aurifil, Janome, Art Gallery Fabrics, Oliso, Ruby Star Society, and The Warm Company. She designed, created and filmed two segments for Fresh Quilting, a public television show co-produced by the Modern Quilt Guild and KS Productions.

Learn more about Sheri and her work at <http://www.wholecirclestudio.com/>

About the program *Content, Concepts & Quilts: Approaching Quilting as a Graphic Designer*

Our own life experiences can play a big role in our work as quilters. In this presentation and trunk show, Sheri will share how she applies her graphic design training and practices to design quilts while showing a selection of her award-winning quilts. Come hear, see and be inspired as Sheri describes her creative journey and process.



MARCH'S SPECIAL, EVENING ZOOM PRESENTATION

Provided by Kelly Ashton

Our speaker for our special, evening Zoom presentation on March 30 will be **Kelly Ashton** on the topic of *Sixty Degrees of Inspiration: Hexagons, Diamonds, Triangles, and More*.

About Kelly:



As a self-described “pragmatic quilt-maker,” Kelly Ashton approaches quilt design and construction with a knowledge of and appreciation for the theoretical while searching for and developing skills and short-cuts that are practical. Kelly’s passion for patchwork covers a dichotomy between “microwave quilts” (quilts that are simple in design and quick to piece) to “crock-pot quilts” (quilts that are more intricate and complex in their construction), and she happily moves back and forth betwixt the two....and everything in-between!

Kelly is the author of [Hexagons, Diamonds, Triangles, and More: Skill-Building Techniques for 60-Degree Patchwork](#), and her obsession with 60-degree patchwork continues. In addition to designing quilts, Kelly especially loves to teach and talk about quilts. Her motto is “Have quilts. Will travel.” Since COVID, Kelly has adopted the mantra, “Flexibility is the key to a happy life,” so she continues to travel to quilt guilds “in-person” when able, AND she also “travels” and teaches (presentations and workshops) via Zoom.

Kelly and some of her classes can also be found on the **new** Craftsy website (<https://www.craftsy.com>).

Kelly resides in Overland Park, KS, USA with her husband, Jeff Seib. For more information, please check her website (www.kellyquilter.com), “Like” her Facebook page (Kelly Ashton: Quilting Lectures & Workshops), and follow her on Instagram (kellyaquilter). In addition to quilting things, Kelly owns and operates The Creative Place, a retreat for quilters and other artists located in Spring Hill, KS. (www.creativeplaceretreats.com / FB: The Creative Place, event venue).

About the presentation *Sixty Degrees of Inspiration: Hexagons, Diamonds, Triangles, and More*

Based on Kelly’s book, [Hexagons, Diamonds, Triangles, and More: Skill-Building Techniques for 60-Degree Patchwork](#), this lecture / trunk show is loaded with quilts and ideas to spark your creativity! You’ll see a variety of antique and vintage quilts that lent inspiration to Kelly; you’ll become familiar with the shapes (more than hexagons, diamonds, and triangles!) that morphed into the 80+ blocks found in the book; and, you’ll see many quilts born from the blocks.



OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

Hello Everyone. I hope all is well.

Until we can meet in person at WRT, completed charity quilts can be dropped off at my house and Susan Wolman will pick them up and deliver them. Judy Simek will also accept completed 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

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 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.

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.

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.

Thank you to the following members who have donated quilts for charity in February:

- Maureen Carline – 1 quilt to Furniture Sharehouse
 - Janice Ewing – 6 quilts to Bronx VA, 6 quilts to Project Linus
 - Maria Eyckmans – 1 quilt to Project Linus
 - Donna Greene – 2 quilts to Project Linus
 - Lee Kimmel – 3 quilts to Project Linus, 1 wheelchair bag to VA Montrose
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Laurie Quadagno-Lagronegro has volunteered to help us with the quilting of our charity Quilts. Contact Laurie at: laurieq@earthlink.net

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

Northern Star Quilters' Guild: 2022 Quilt Show - *World of Quilts*, Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase NY, April 30 – May 1, 2022. Guest Speaker – Jane Sassaman.

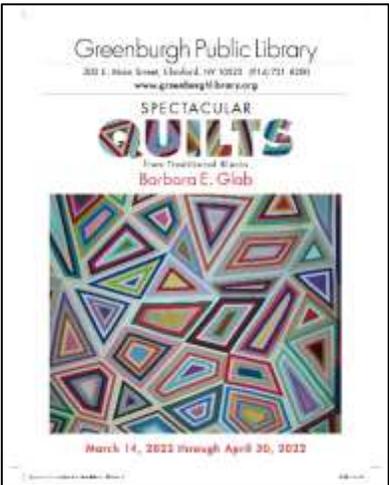
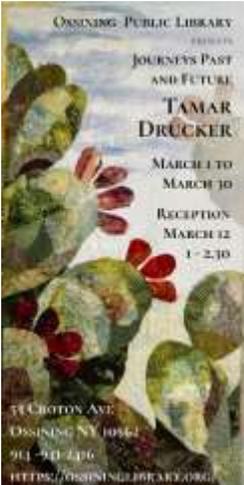
For information: www.NorthernStarQuilters.com

Other upcoming Shows....tho' further afield!

March 12 & 13, 2022 - Thimble Pleasures Quilt Show - Blackstone Valley Technical School in **Upton, MA**.

April 23 & 24, 2022 – Amoskeag Quilt Show in Manchester NH. 150+ quilts, vendors, demos and more.

And, two solo Exhibits nearby:

<p><u>Barbara E. Glab</u> @ Greenburgh Public Library; March 14 thru' April 30, 2022.</p>		<p><u>Tamar Drucker</u> @ Ossining Public Library; March 1 to March 30, 2022.</p>	
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