



# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## November 2022

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### A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hi everyone,

A special greeting to our new members – we have four since July—and a thank you to all of you who have made them feel welcomed. While our Guild is comprised of people of different quilting specialties, the thing we have in common, in my opinion, is friendliness.

An extra thank you to Jean Borsellino, who is our official “meet and greet person” (a/k/a New Member Liaison). Jean has been emailing and calling the newbies and would-be newbies, as well as making sure they have the kit to make a name badge.

To those new members (as well as our long-term members), I urge you to get involved with the Guild. New people means new ideas and energy. Our Board of Directors meetings begin at 10 a.m., and you are invited to attend.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 8, 2022

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

**Program:** Will Daniels

**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

• **Tuesday, Nov. 8:** Will Daniels, an artist philosopher, curator and visual artist who works mainly with textiles, will speak about a variety of things and show us samples of his extraordinary work. See full description elsewhere in newsletter. (I for one am not sure I understand the description, but once I looked at his gorgeous quilts I was blown away and inspired. I believe you will also be.)

[www.williamdanielsartist.com/home](http://www.williamdanielsartist.com/home)

(The speaker we thought we had for November has been rescheduled for next fall.)

- **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. As Sara says, “There is such a strong connection between quilting and painting, which I dive into in my book. As the daughter of a quilter, I grew up learning about color and shapes through my mother's fabric and quilting, and I have taken what I learned from her as a huge source of inspiration over the years.”
- **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.

## IN OTHER MATTERS

- **Raffle Quilt:** Thank you to Angie Vertucci for again quilting our raffle quilt at no charge. Angie has been a great friend to our Guild. See her ad in this newsletter for her contact info if you want to hire her.

As mentioned previously, it was decided by the membership that 50 percent of the proceeds of our raffle quilt will go to *Hearts and Homes*, a local agency that helps settle refugees. <https://www.heartsandhomesforrefugees.org>

We hope to begin selling tickets in December (not November as we originally thought). As in the past, we ask each member to sell at least \$25 in tickets.

- **Nominating Committee:** Yes, it is that time again to find officers to guide our Guild beginning in June. Alice Clague and Deb Johnston have stepped up to be on a nominating committee. I need one more person (per our bylaws). Please volunteer!

More important, I hope you will consider being an officer. (My second term as president— final per the bylaws —expires in June.)

- **Dues:** If you haven't paid your dues for 2022-23, please bring a check for \$45 made out to VSQ to the November meeting. Or mail to it Shel Hoffman, 65 Edgewood Ave., Larchmont NY 10538-2312

## HOPE TO SEE YOU NOV. 8. REMEMBER TO VOTE AS WELL.

Donna

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### 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*

2022:

Dec. 13: In person lecture with Sara Woster <http://www.sarawoster.com/>

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.**

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## NOVEMBER’S PROGRAM

*Provided by: Will Daniels*

**Will Daniels** will be our featured speaker in November.

<https://www.williamdanielsartist.com/home>

**Lecture Description:** We will explore the relationship between art and philosophy and the aesthetic discourse that has taken place for centuries centered around the role of artists and art in society. In addition, we will discuss the aura of a work of art and the various ways we manipulate the space in between the viewer and your masterpiece.

We will delve into color theory and the importance of writing a color story to augment our design statement. We will examine the importance of considering the meanings of colors, the energy they generate and how these combine to strengthen or undermine the intention of your project.

**About the speaker:** William Daniels is an artist philosopher, curator, and visual artist working primarily with textiles. His art quilts and accessories feature traditional quilt blocking and paper piecing techniques, but he sometimes utilizes nontraditional components. He draws inspiration from urban art practice that confronts contemporary issues and is always experimenting to integrate modern archetypes with historical, societal, or spiritual topics. Daniels was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. Currently, he lives, works, and creates art in New York City. He has a PhD ABD in Art Theory, Philosophy and Aesthetics from the Institute for Doctoral Studies in the Visual Arts.

We look forward to his presentation.

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## SCRAPPY BLOCKS OF THE MONTH

*From Susan Wolman with Janice Ewing:*

Hi Everybody,

I'll try again on our fancy BlockS of the Month; maybe a little clearer this time.

Each month we are suggesting **2 blocks**, each block with a single color, not putting the month's 2 colors together. 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	Teal / Aqua	Gold
Month 2	Orange	Lime green
Month 3	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.

Call me with any questions. (You could call Janice but she's on a cruise!)

Susan (914 980-5050)

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**A Suggestion:**

*From the Editor:* Subsequent to Susan's presentation of this project at the October meeting, *Lee Kimmel* sent in the following:

“Only a suggestion: although Susan's idea included ANY size, if only one size block is used, we could make more quilts. If we were to use just 10 inch (finished) blocks, for example the consistency would make more options possible. We could put together blocks on our charity day and use only one color for each quilt. Those who would quilt for themselves could still make blocks as they please. Responses to this idea are welcomed.”

Please let Lee know your thoughts either via email ([rkimmel22@aol.com](mailto:rkimmel22@aol.com)) or see Lee at the November meeting.

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## 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, **Nichole Marra** and **Lisa Moore**. In their own words:

**Nichole Marra:** “Nichole lives in Northern Westchester with her husband and children. She enjoys cooking, baking and crafting. She began quilting within the past year and, as she has become more familiar with quilting, she has begun to tackle more complex projects. Nichole is looking forward to the upcoming holiday season and incorporating quilting into this year’s holiday projects.”

**Lisa Moore:** “I have been sewing garments for myself since middle school. I started quilting about 12 years ago and I love using Ankara fabric! Quilting brings me so much joy and I love being a blessing to others!”

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## OUTREACH

*From Maria Eyckmans*

Hello everyone.

Thank you to those members who took kits made by Pins and Needles for Blythedale and Beacon Health. **Please give your completed quilts to Lee Kimmel by the end of the second week in December.** She will get them back to Pins and Needles so they can be delivered in time for Christmas.

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

Lee Kimmel - 5 baby quilts for Paws Crossed

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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”

OUTREACH SITES	VSQ CONTACT	RECOMMENDED DONATIONS / QUILT SIZES
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.

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**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](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.

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

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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](mailto:laurieq@earthlink.net)

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**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](http://www.hydecollection.org)

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