



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

October 2021

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 2021

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

Program: Natalya Khorover

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

A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hello my friends and fellow quilters,

One of the most overused phrases in the English language is “I am so excited.” It is a phrase I try to rarely use; and when editing someone else’s copy, I delete it. I also hate “thrilled” and the excessive use of exclamation marks, as in!!!

So, for that reason, I am *not* writing that I am *excited* that on Tuesday, Oct. 12, we will be meeting in-person with a speaker.

I am *not* writing that I am *thrilled* we will be back at Westchester Reform Temple for the first time since February 2020.

I am *not* punctuating my statements *with!!!* since a simple period gets the job done.

Having said that (and consulted a thesaurus), I want to let you know that I am fired up, elated, blissful, in high spirits, joyful and more. I am also grateful for science and vaccinations and to have all of you as my quilting buddies.

So, here’s what’s happening:

- We will be in-person at WRT on **Tuesday, Oct. 12 at the usual time**. Our speaker will be Natalya Khorover, who specializes in the use of non-traditional “fabrics” for quilts. (See elsewhere in this newsletter)
 - We will not be in our usual room but will instead be in the temple’s adjacent building, the Center for Jewish Life.
 - If you have heavy things to carry in, you may drop them off by the temple’s main entrance before you park your car in the usual lot.

- After parking, return to the main entrance and you will be buzzed in and directed via a short cut through the main building to our meeting space.
 - Don't forget to bring your lunch.
 - Arrive any time after 10:30. Our business meeting will begin about noon, followed by Show'n'Tell and then our speaker.
 - The temple's rules require that only fully vaccinated people may attend and that you must wear a mask when inside.
- We expect to have in-person speakers November and December as well. During the winter months, we will return occasionally to Zoom.
 - VSQ has paid for our members to attend the Global Quilt Connection's All Star Sampler Platter live on YouTube. The dates are **Oct. 2 & 3**. You can come and go as you please during the sessions or log on later to see a replay. Check your email for the links.
 - We have a raffle quilt in the works thanks to Rose Fox. (See elsewhere in this newsletter for details.)
 - More than 20 of you are participating in the Mystery Bag Challenge. Make one or two or more charity quilts of any size and style with your bag. We have about \$100 in cash prizes to give out. Deadline: our November meeting to be eligible for prizes – but otherwise just complete in time for holiday distribution.
 - **Have you paid your dues or is it just that you think you have paid them?** It's been a bit confusing because, due to COVID, we belatedly collected dues for 2020-21 in early spring 2021. We are now collecting dues for fiscal year 2021-22. I will have a list of paid members at the October meeting. If you are unsure, please see me.
 - A special thank you to Sylvia Eusebi for continuing to maintain our website and to help circulate our member communications. Also, a big thank you to Laurie Quadagno-Lagronegro for creating and continuing to update our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/VillageSquaresQuiltersGuild>) and for quilting some charity quilts. Neither Sylvia nor Laurie lives locally, but both have kept their ties to VSQ.

Hope to see you on Oct. 12.

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.

OCTOBER'S PROGRAM

Provided by Natalya Khorover / Janice Ewing

Our speaker for October's meeting will be **Natalya Khorover** on the topic of *Alternative Stitching Practices*.

Natalya Khorover is an award-winning mixed-media artist teaching and lecturing on mixed-media art techniques, the creative process and inspiration.



Natalya received her BFA in fashion design from Pratt Institute. She began her career in the fashion industry in NYC, designing for mass market retailers. She then escaped into the world of make-believe, spending a decade doing wardrobe supervision and costume design for film and TV. During a hiatus to raise her daughters, Natalya discovered her passion for creating art from repurposed materials. In her hands, the single-use plastic shopping bag is elevated and transformed into a treasured artwork. Natalya's classes are designed to help you unlock the artistic potential of the most humble items.

Natalya's lecture is *Alternative Stitching Practices*.

What can you stitch on? Just about everything! Natalya will show examples which will motivate you and inspire you, sharing details of the pleasures and occasional pitfalls of working with each. This lecture will broaden your understanding of what you can use in your art.

HAVE YOU VISITED THE VSQ WEBSITE RECENTLY?

From the Editor

Have a question about Who's Who in the guild? About guild activities? Want to refresh your memory on some of the tips and techniques shared by our members?

That information, and more, is on the VSQ website, www.villagesquaresquilters.com. A reminder that some information is located in a secure area of the website (find it via the *Forms* tab on the left side of the home page) – to access this area you need an USERID and password. Forgotten those (or have other VSQ website questions) – please seek out Pat Julian at the meeting.

2022 RAFFLE QUILT IS NOW "IN PROGRESS....."

Notes from September's meeting

At the September VSQ Get-together, Rose Fox described the planned 2022 Raffle Quilt – a Scrappy Lone Star. 200 diamonds (yes, you read that right – **two hundred** diamonds) are required for the quilt. Rose had 200 diamond patterns on hand at the meeting....several were taken by those members at the meeting; but many diamond patterns are still available. Please see Rose at the October meeting and pick up a few patterns to take home, sew up a scrappy diamond, then return the completed (uncut) diamond to Rose at the November meeting. Note – for those who took diamond patterns in September, return your completed (uncut) diamonds to Rose at either the October or November meeting.

OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

I hope you and your families are all doing well and that you all have enjoyed summer.

Janet Bozzone (JBo) and I took a ride up to Roxbury, CT to pick up some free batting donated by Fairfield. We packed every available square inch of Janet's car with batting. The batting is being stored at my house. Please contact me if you need any for your charity quilts at meckmans@aol.com

Pins and Needles is interested in children's crib size (36" x 45") quilts for Blythedale and Beacon Health Center. They are being distributed Christmastime. Pins and Needles has pre-cut rail fence kits available for anyone interested in using them. Please contact Lee Kimmel (rkimmel22@aol.com) or Pins and Needles in Mt. Kisco directly (914 666 0824) if you are interested in a pre-cut rail fence kit. You can also use any pattern you choose. Completed quilts can be given to Lee Kimmel. She is collecting them for Pins and Needles.

Thank you to the following members who donated quilts to charity:

Eleanor Schmauser – 2 quilts for Linus Project

Pat Julian – 1 quilt for White Plains Hospital NICU
1 quilt for Pins and Needles-Blythedale
2 quilts for Furniture Sharehouse

Helen Cenci – 2 Minion Quilts for Linus Project

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 meckmans@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 (georginacorrea0312@yahoo.com) is our volunteer for delivery.

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” for or 60” x 80”.

*Linus Project will also accept other sized quilts.

Hearts to Home – 36” x 36”, 40” x 50”, 40” x 60”

Remember – if you donate a quilt or quilts and / or wheelchair bags, please remember to enter the details in Maria’s binder at the meeting. The binder is usually on the membership sign-in table.

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).

Exhibit at Croton Free Library: Spectacular Quilts from Traditional Blocks – Barbara E. Glab; September 1, 2021 – October 28, 2021.

For information: www.crotonfreelibrary.org.

Ask Adele’s Fall 2021 Quilting Retreat: In-person event - November 7 – 11, 2021

This retreat offers something for everyone - Quilting techniques, Westalee Rulers and/or Open Sew! You will spend 4 nights and 3 full days at The Cape Codder Resort & Spa in historic Hyannis, MA on Cape Cod with ongoing instruction from Adele Scott.

For information: www.adelescott.com.

Mancuso Show Management has begun planning hybrid shows (i.e., on-site together with some virtual workshops). Next nearby show:

The Quilt & Sewing Fest of NJ, Edison, NJ November 17 – 20, 2021.

For information: www.Quiltfest.com.

International Quilt Festival Houston: In-person event - October 28 – 31, 2021.

The winners for the 2021 Festival Judged Show have been announced! Visit www.quilts.com/judged-show-winners-2021 to feast your eyes on the winning quilts.

IQF will be holding in their event, October 28-31 (with Preview Night October 27) at their usual home of the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas, USA.

For information: www.quilts.com.

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