



# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## October 2022

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### A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hello my friends, fellow quilters and fabric lovers,

First and foremost, thank you to everyone who worked on the multiple quilts for our project with the Westchester Children's Association. So many of you did sewing to put together the 500 plus squares we got from this agency into what eventually became eight quilts of various sizes.

Rose Fox and Barbara Glab went the extra mile to assemble on a strict deadline and Janice Ewing did some of the quilting. Others of you did bindings. Susan Wolman, who headed our project, has said repeatedly never again – so (LOL) she will be glad to know I (sort of) turned down a request from another agency to do something similar with them.

I and five other members attended the unveiling on Wednesday, Sept. 27, and it was wonderful. Four of our quilts were on display on the walls of the Westchester Children's Museum at Playland, where they will remain. **(SEE PHOTOS.)** Two others decorated the podium and will go on the circuit. The other two have been hung at the WCA offices.

Everyone was quite impressed.

Speaking of fabric (wasn't I?), if you are reading this **before Oct. 7 & Oct. 8**, I am having my latest driveway/garage sale of fabric on those days. Check your email for the details of time and my address. All proceeds will go to VSQ.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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

**Program:** Tina Craig

**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, Oct. 18:** Please note that this meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month due to the Jewish holidays. Tina Craig of Seaside Stitches will present a lecture titled "**EPP vs. FPP: The Showdown!**" <https://seaside-stitches.com/> See elsewhere in this newsletter for full details.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 8:** Michelle Renee Hiatt  
<https://sewonthego.net/>

• **Tuesday, Dec. 13:** TBD Zoom or in person.

- **Winter meetings (Jan. 11, Feb. 14 and March 14) will be on Zoom.** We will return to in-person in April.

## IN OTHER MATTERS

- **Raffle Quilt:** It was decided by the membership at the last meeting 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> Thank you to Alice Clague for this excellent suggestion.

We hope to begin selling tickets in November, if we get our act together (photographing the quilt, printing tickets, etc.) with the drawing to be in May. As in the past, we ask each member to sell at least \$25 in tickets.

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

## HOPE TO SEE YOU ON OCT. 18.

Donna

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## WESTCHESTER CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION: Pictures of some of the Quilts

*Provided by: Donna Greene*



### 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*

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## OCTOBER'S PROGRAM

*Provided by: Janet Bozzone*

**Tina Craig** will be our featured speaker in October. She will be presenting:



**About Tina:** Tina Craig started quilting as a newlywed back in 1990 and hasn't stopped stitching yet. She tries to challenge herself to learn something new with every quilt.

When she moved to a seaside town in southern Rhode Island in 1997, Seaside Stitches was born. Back then, she was making and selling hundreds of paper-pieced quilt block lapel pins. Now, she prefers to teach you how to make your own!

She specializes in precision piecing, using either English paper piecing (EPP) or foundation

paper piecing (FPP), and domestic machine quilting. She enjoys learning new techniques and has even stepped out of her comfort zone to try her hand at art quilting.

She offers several classes and tutorials online, and while she has been able to share her classes via Zoom during the pandemic, we are thrilled to be able to have her present to Village Squares Quilters in-person. Every quilt she shows will have a story to tell.

She currently serves as Co-Vice-President of [Ninigret Quilters](#) and is a member of [Narragansett Bay Quilters Association](#), [Modern Quilters of Rhode Island](#), and [The Modern Quilt Guild](#).

She has been honored to have won several awards in local and regional shows including Best of Show at Ninigret Quilters 2013, 2017 and Narragansett Bay Quilters Assoc 2016. Her work has also been exhibited at Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, World Quilt New England, and QuiltCon Together 2021.

We look forward to her presentation.

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## SCRAPPY BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM)

*From Susan Wolman with Janice Ewing:*

Hi All,

After the last meeting, with Diane Schnek, we thought it might be fun to have our own modified version of the scrappy Block of the Month quilt. "Yay" said Janice; "Why would I even consider this?" asked Susan, the anti-scrapper. Well, the blocks she showed *were* quite *PRETTY*...

So, here's our plan:

Each month we'll suggest 2 colors. Begin with the first colors on the list (see list later in this article).

Diane's quilt, made with Block of the Month from Victoria Findlay Wolfe, had 20 x 12" square blocks plus sashing. This is simply her layout (see pic above).

We suggest the following:

- Pick ANY SIZE BLOCK you want; finished 6" seems like the smallest and 12" finished the largest.
- Pick ANY NUMBER OF BLOCKS you want; minimum suggested 12 blocks.
- Use as many DIFFERENT SCRAPS as you want, although 6 seems like a reasonable minimum. Be random in your arrangement or be more controlled. Pleasing to your own eye should guide your choices.
- Any block can be just a bunch of scraps OR the block might have a picture frame type border using that month's color
- Consider including colors in the blocks you don't usually use. That's where our list will help direct you.
- Enjoy auditioning different colors for the sashing until you find one that makes you say AAH (or one you have in your stash?)



Janice has already started separating her scraps by color as she works on her current projects. Her system will give you a head start for subsequent blocks.

Feel free to donate to guild members any color scraps for the upcoming month's block.

**The COLORS:** We decided to list 18 colors (i.e., 2 per month) now so if you get really fascinated by the process, you can continue at your own pace. Colors for Month 10 are your free choice. Be flexible with the definition of the color.

Month 1	Teal / Aqua	Gold
Month 2	Orange	Lime Green
Month 3	Sky blue	Magenta/fuchsia
Month 4	Purple	Brown
Month 5	Light blue	Maroon
Month 6	Pink	Tomato red
Month 7	Dark/forest green	Lavender
Month 8	Yellow	Deep/dark red
Month 9	Navy blue	Salmon
Month 10	Your choice	Your choice

Bring any completed samples when they're finished. No need to wait until they are all done.

This is designed to be a relaxing project with varied and attractive results. "Of course," says Janice; "Maybe," says skeptical Sue. Both agree on the "Have Fun," part of the directions.

See you in October

Janice Ewing & Susan Wolman

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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 member, **Ida Pucino**. In her own words:

"Born in the Bronx I grew up in Orange County, NY. Moved to Malletts Bay area of Vermont in '93 then to Venice, FL in 2014. I moved to Eastchester in 2021. I have sewed clothing, crafts and home decorator items since I was 14 having learned from my mom. In 2016 when I learned that I had a grandchild on the way, a friend suggested that I make him a baby quilt. I've been quilting since then. I enjoy making quilts small enough to easily handle on my domestic machine."

## BEDFORD BABIES: CUTTING IT UP AGAIN

*From Doris Capello:*

The Director of the Bedford Correctional Facility recently reached out to me to request more materials to allow the Moms in the Nursery to continue to make baby quilts. I was elated that there is still interest in quilt making since we have not been able to return to the Nursery for several years due to the Covid lockdown.

I organized a cutting party and the faithful and trusty Bedford Babies Volunteers showed up to help sort fabric, cut squares, backs and borders for the Nursery Moms. At the end of the day, we ended up with enough materials to keep the Moms sewing for many weeks. We are fortunate that one of the women at Bedford, who is serving a long prison sentence and has often helped us, is guiding the novice quilters. Her help has been invaluable in keeping the program going until we can physically return to Bedford.



I want to thank Maureen Carline, Alice Clague, Mary Anne Brynes and Debra Johnston who responded to my request for help. Their continued dedication to this program has been essential to its success. I could not do this without their help and support.

Thank you, Ladies.  
Doris Capello.

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## OUTREACH

*From Maria Eyckmans*

Hello everyone.

Pins and Needles has given us some kits to make quilts for the babies at Beacon Health Center and Blytheville. Please let me know if you are interested in taking one of the kits to be completed and returned to Pins and Needles in December before Christmas. Or, give your completed quilt to Lee Kimmell, our liaison for delivering the baby quilts to Pins and Needles. [Rkimmel22@aol.com](mailto:Rkimmel22@aol.com)

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Thank you to the following members who have donated quilts for charity in September 2022:

Donna Greene	- 1 Queen size quilt for Furniture Sharehouse
Ronnie Huvane	- 1 Crib size for Pins and Needles
	- 2 Wheelchair bags for Marymount
Pat Julian	- 1 Baby Quilt for Pins and Needles
Jean Powers	- 1 Quilt
Susan Wolman	- 1 Twin quilt for Furniture Sharehouse

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Current Outreach Sites, corresponding VSQ Contact and recommended donations are listed below:

<b>OUTREACH SITES</b>	<b>VSQ CONTACT</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED DONATIONS / QUILT SIZES</b>
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"
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):**

**August 11 – October 13, 2022 The Art of the Reveal: NYC Metro Modern Quilters Quilt.**  
Hudson Guild Gallery, 441 W26th Street, New York.

For more info: [www.hudsonquilt.org/events](http://www.hudsonquilt.org/events) and scroll to the flyer, “The Art of the Reveal.”

**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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