



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

September 2021

A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hello my friends and fellow quilters,

In a blink of an eye, two-thirds of 2021 is gone.

We were all hoping at this point, COVID -19 would be behind us as well. So not exactly. We shall see what the future holds.

Having said that we are *aiming* (notice the word aiming) to resume in person meetings beginning with Sept. 14. We are prepared to turn on a dime if we have to readjust to Zoom-only. But for now, here is an overview of our plans:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m.:** We will meet in person *but please note the temporary new*

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church,
100 Underhill St., Yonkers

Program: Catch up with members' news
in-person!

Schedule: 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting
11:00 a.m. VSQ Meeting
followed by Show'n'Tell

location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 100 Underhill St., Yonkers. This is just off of Central Park Avenue. Go up the hill; the church is between two stop signs on the right. The parking lot is on the left, or you can easily park on the street after the church.

While the space is large in terms of social distancing, we ask that you be fully vaccinated and wear a mask.

We do not have a specific program for this get together – but we will do Show'n'Tell. **Bring your lunch.** The church will provide coffee and tea.

Raffle quilt 2022: Rose Fox has volunteered to organize a raffle quilt. She will be distributing fabric kits at the September meeting in the colorway the membership decided on in June.

- **Tuesday, Oct. 12:** We hope to be back in person at Westchester Reform Temple. Between COVID and the Jewish holidays, WRT asked us to defer our return there until October. I will confirm this in the weeks ahead, because COVID could change this if WRT has to continue to use "our" space to spread out its nursery school. Our scheduled presenter is Natalya Khorover, who is a whiz at repurposing traditional "fabrics" for quilts. She lives in Westchester.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 9 & Dec. 14:** We have booked in person speakers. Details in future newsletters.

- **January 2022-June 2022:** We have an assortment of planned programs including some via Zoom (to avoid snow). And of course we will have a charity sewing day and our “members teaching members” events.
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OTHER GUILD THINGS

- As of this writing, we have a couple of September dates left for our initiative with the **Hudson River Museum**. Thank you to those who organized this (Doris Capello and Maureen Carline) and those who volunteered to help. (See elsewhere in this newsletter for a wrap up on this project.)
- **Free batting for charity projects:** Maria Eyckmans and Janet Bozzone made a trek to Connecticut to pick up a lot of free batting. This is available to us but exclusively for charity quilts. Let Maria know if you need some.
- On a related note, Deb of Pins & Needles is once again **collecting baby quilts for Beacon Health Care and Blythedale**. Deb put together some kits, so if you are interested in making one or more, let Lee Kimmel know. (Then get some free batting from Maria!) These need to be completed by early December, as they are meant to be holiday donations.
- **Ethan Allen in Hartsdale** reached out to us via our Facebook page, after one of its executives heard a rebroadcast of Susan Wolman’s MOTH story about a 9/11 quilt. (Thank you to Laurie Q., who created and monitors our FB page and who turned the contact info over to me.) They have lots of discarded fabric books (some cotton, some not), space for us to hold events and even space for us to hold a mini quilt show. If you would like to help me explore some of these options, particularly a possible mini quilt show at the store, let me know.
- **Dues:** If you have not already done so, please send your \$45 dues for 2021-22 to Shel Hoffman. Make the check out to VSQ and then mail it to Shel, 65 Edgewood Ave., Larchmont NY 10538. Or bring to the Sept 14 meeting.

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.

VSQ WEBSITE: NEW LOCATION FOR OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

From the Editor

Following up: April “virtual” meeting topic re: newsletter distribution to all members with email and subsequent discussion at the June picnic:

Effective with the May 2021 Newsletter, the VSQ Newsletters will 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. Having our newsletters in the "general access area" means that the general public will be able to see / read the newsletters....this is a great marketing opportunity for VSQ. As an aside and FYI – the majority of quilt guilds seem to have their newsletters available for everyone to see; not just guild members. Respecting the privacy of our members, only member names and email addresses (and / or other information 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.

Based on the discussion at the June picnic, from now on Shel or Sylvia will send out a distribution email alerting you when the newsletter is available on the VSQ website and will include the *link* to it. Please click on this *link* and you will be taken directly to the Newsletter page on the VSQ website; just click on the current month's Newsletter - NO Username / Password required. Reminder - You will NOT receive the Newsletter as a file attached to the email.

NOTICE – FABRIC SALE STILL GOING ON.....

From Donna Greene

As mentioned in an email a couple of weeks ago, our guild had an ENORMOUS amount of high-quality, mainly pre-washed quilting fabric donated to us from someone who is downsizing.

I have been selling it to our guild members at unheard of bargain prices. (Actually, you decide what to pay.) Ask any of those who have shopped!

There still remains a lot of fabric to get into new hands (i.e., yours). Email me and we can set up a special viewing time.

I NEED TO GET RID OF IT. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO VSQ

FYI – To date, over \$1,000 has been raised – thank you, shoppers!!!!

HUDSON RIVER MUSEUM QUILT PROJECT

From Doris Capello

The Village Squares Quilters Guild has participated in four exciting weekends at the Hudson River Museum, teaching visitors how to make a four-patch square. Over forty visitors have joined us – some beginner sewers; others very experienced quilters. Maureen Carline has washed, cut, pressed and marked countless fabric squares making it easier for visitors to sew together the fabric squares. The results so far are a completed beautiful purple and floral lap quilt (see photo right). We are now working on a much larger full-size quilt. Maureen and I are grateful to all the VSQ members who have volunteered their time to join us on Saturdays at the Museum: Georgina Correa, Diane Coldrick, Judy Simek, and Janice Ewing.



We are also grateful to all the young junior docents who are volunteers at the Museum. They are responsible for threading needles, handing out fabric and pins, and pressing completed squares. They have been a great help to us. We want to thank: Hephshibah Jacob, Emmanuella Maameyaaba, Essein Addai, Sumuya Kashem, Jarlyn Aquino, Elise Rodrigues and Keya Patel.

We have two more Saturdays scheduled at the Museum if anyone wants to come and join us in this exciting project.

September 4, 2021
September 18, 2021

For those who volunteer you will receive free admission to the HRM and an opportunity to view their Quilt Exhibit. Please call or email me if you are interested in volunteering.

I am most grateful to Maureen Carline who joined me in this venture. Without her steady hand and hard work this project would not have been as successful as it has been. Thank you, Maureen.

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 meyckmans@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.

On Tuesday, August 31st, Janet Bozzone, Diane Coldrick, Lee Kimmel, Nancy Pruyne, and I worked together to make quilt tops from the Pins and Needles kits for Blythedale and Beacon Health Center. Rose Fox joined us and is quilting many of the tops for us.

Thank you, ladies, for a wonderful and productive day!

The following members donated quilts to charity:

Janice Ewing – several quilts to the Bronx VA
Maureen Carline – 1 quilt to Furniture Sharehouse
Carolyn Winter – 1 quilt to charity
Nancy Pruyne – 1 quilt for the NICU
– Completed, quilted and bound one quilt started by Carolyn O'Leary

Nancy Pruyne and Laurie Quadagno-Lagronegro worked together to complete a quilt of Carolyn O'Leary's.

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 (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 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.

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

JUST SEW STORIES.....

We welcome two news members to VSQ. See below for a brief bio “in their own words” – hopefully we’ll all meet Susan and Julia at our September meeting.

Susan Deshensky: Not much to tell about me! I am a retired public servant who loves quilting. I love animals and I have one very spoiled dog. For the past year, I have been working as a Contact Tracer. I also volunteer as an Emergency Medical Technician. We are now a military family, as my nephew went off to Army boot camp last week. I love teaching and designing quilting classes. I love boating and riding around in my Jeep Wrangler “Scarlet”. And I am married to an amazing guy, Rob. You can follow me on Instagram and Facebook at Lady Blue Quilt Studio.



Julia Lestch has lived in the town of Eastchester for over 30 years. She began quilting five years ago when she sought an outlet to relieve her medical symptoms and stress. Her savior was finding and taking classes with Kate Perri, a long-time quilter and resident of White Plains. After several lessons, Julia couldn’t wait to purchase a sewing machine and make a trip to a fabric shop. Not only did she feel her stress lessen, but she found natural talent she didn’t know she had.

Two years ago, she began a long-distance collaboration with her sister-in-law, Sara Hall, a quilter based in Asheville, NC. They have completed several quilts together and donated their first quilt to the Animal Lighthouse Rescue for its silent auction.



Julia looks forward to meeting fellow quilters and new friends.

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; Reception on September 12, 2021 1:30 – 4:00.

For information: www.crotonfreelibrary.org.

Global Quilt Connection – Second All-Star Sampler Platter: A virtual event scheduled for October 2 – 3, 2021; 3:00pm – 6:00pm both days PLUS access to a recording of each day's presentations for the following 24 hours.

In this live Zoom event, an All-Star cast of 18 quilt teachers will demonstrate some of their favorite quilting techniques over two different days. It's a showcase of a wide variety of styles and techniques, from traditional to modern and art quilting techniques with something to please everyone!

Donna has registered VSQ for this event so you (i.e., VSQ members) don't have to register individually. A few days before the event, Donna will receive / distribute the Zoom link to VSQ members together with the link to a PDF that includes written instructions to go along with each teacher's demonstration.

Pinwheels - A Quilter's Social: October 1 – 2, 2021 at Ann's Place, Danbury, CT.

For information: www.pinwheelsandfriends.com.

Mancuso Show Management has begun planning hybrid shows (i.e., on-site together with some virtual workshops). Two upcoming shows are:

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Oaks, PA September 16 – 19, 2021.

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

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.

FINDING QUILT STORES WHEN YOU TRAVEL

From Donna Greene

Many of us love stopping in local quilt stores when we travel. Here is a website (also, iOS (Apple) and Android (all other cell phones) apps are available) that is a great resource for US-based stores:

Visit the website, www.needletravel.com, which advertises itself as "...the most complete listing of fiber and fabric shops in the US."

For example, their search criteria includes Yarn Shops, Weaving Shops, Spinning Shops, Quilt Shops, Cross Stitch Shops, Embroidery Shops,

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