



# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## March 2024

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### MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT JANET BOZZONE

Happy March, VSQ'ers!

I am happy to report that I successfully completed my sojourn to the North Country to help provide some much-needed oral health care for their community. The experience has been rewarding, but also frustrating because there was so much need and I can only make a small dent. On the bright side, I was able to catch up on some creative sewing in my off hours. I will be returning at the end of March to provide another week of care for their patients and maybe even get some more stitching done.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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

**Program:** Charity Sewing Day & Fabric Bolt Sale

**Schedule:**

10:30 a.m. Board Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Meeting Room available for  
Set-up for Charity Day,  
Sit'n'Sew, Chit Chat, etc.  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
Noon VSQ Meeting  
Followed by Show'n'Tell  
Followed by Charity Day.  
2:30 p.m. End of the day's activities.

This month we will be resuming our in-person meetings at the Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale for our annual charity quilting day. I hope March will be kind to us and the weather will cooperate with our planned gathering. We will have some coordinated fabric bundles available, as well as others that have already been pre-cut. Please let Maria Eyckmans know if you can assist with any of the supplies and equipment needed to make this day a success. Most importantly, we need everyone's can-do attitude to create beautiful quilts for the charities that we have been supporting. We have been circulating some pattern designs, but feel free to bring your own creative ideas to sew. We will have tables and power cords set up for cutting, sewing, and ironing...and are counting on our membership for a great turnout.

Remember, we will also be holding a bolt sale from our guild's fabric collection, as well as some pre-cut fabric pieces. So, don't forget to bring some cash or your checkbook with you, in order to bring some home to add to your own stash.

The board will meet at 10:30 a.m. and members are welcome to arrive after 11:00 a.m. to have lunch, mingle and set up for charity sewing day. We will have a brief business meeting followed by Show'n'Tell featuring our African challenge participants' designs, as well as anything else our members have created over the winter. Then we will fire up the machines and sew away!

Please, mark your calendars for our future meetings:

- April 9 will be our "Members Teaching Members" program. I am looking for 4 or 5 volunteers to share a technique or concept that can be presented in a 15–20-minute segment. Members can rotate to the various stations and learn some new skills.

Please email me if you are interested, using VSQ Members Teaching Members as a subject line.

- May 14 we will have an in-person speaker: Jennifer Strauser who will present on “*Kawandi Style Quilting*.”
- June 11 will be the date for our annual luncheon and potential tag sale.

I look forward to seeing everyone on March 12 for our charity quilting day and all the projects you have been working on since our last in-person meeting.

Until then, I will be keeping VSQ in stitches,  
J Bo

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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 VSQ Website:*

2024:

- Mar. 12: In-person: Charity Sew-a-thon and bolt fabric sale.  
Apr. 9: In-person: Members Teaching Members.  
May 14: In-person: Jennifer Strauser: “*Kawandi Style Quilting*.”  
June 11: In-person: Annual Luncheon and possible sewing items tag sale.  
July: No formal meeting  
August: No formal meeting  
Sep. 10: In-person: Jo Ann Lepore Topic TBD  
Oct. 8: In-person: Barbara Vedder: “*Appliqué Passionate Pursuit*.”  
Nov. 12: In-person: Jane Davila Topic TBD  
Dec. 10: In-person: Speaker TBD

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## AFRICAN FABRIC CHALLENGE – THE BIG REVEAL!

*From the Editor*

Reminder to those participating in the **African Fabric Challenge**: Please bring in your projects for a group Show’n’Tell at the March meeting.

As a reminder: The project can be anything you want (e.g., a wall-hanging, crib quilt, jacket, etc.); there are only two “rules” - just use some African print fabric and have the project completed by Mar. 12.

Questions? Please contact the Challenge Coordinator, Lisa Moore.

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## JUST SEW STORIES

*An update from the Editor*

This “occasional” section is used to display bio’s submitted by new members, plus any other pertinent stories from our members.

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A request from **Barbara Glab**: HELP! I am (still) looking for JAN/FEB 2018 issue of LOVE OF QUILTING. There is a quilt that I would like to make. I am happy just to borrow the magazine for a short period; then return it.

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Congratulations to **Brent McGee**:



From Brent: “My quilt, *Coral Fans*, has been accepted into multiple AQS shows, including Daytona Beach, Branson, and the “big one” in Paducah. I will be attending the show in Paducah, and cannot wait to meet all the other quilt folk and see my quilt hanging with all the others.”

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## MARCH MEETING: CHARITY SEW-A-THON and FABRIC BOLT SALE

*From Maria Eyckmans*

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting.

We will be holding our Annual Charity Sew-A-Thon at our March meeting.

If you can bring your sewing machine, please do.

We also need:

- ❖ Cutting mats
- ❖ Rotary cutters
- ❖ Rulers
- ❖ Pins
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Irons
- ❖ Ironing Boards
- ❖ Extra machine sewing needles

Janet Bozzone will bring some coordinating fabrics that may be used for some projects.

A separate email will be sent to VSQ members with two easy patterns (Rail Fence and a basic Disappearing Nine Patch) attached. These can be used if you are stumped and looking for something to do at the Sew-A-Thon.

As advised at the February Zoom meeting, if you plan to use Susan Wolman’s suggested pattern “Sweet Dreams” for your charity quilt, please let her know. She will bring you some

solid light-colored fabric for the background; you will need to bring some of your own fabric for the heart shapes (Charm Packs / assorted 5" squares or strips 2½" x 8" will work).

*From Jean Borsellino*

In addition to having fabric for sale at this meeting, member(s) may choose one of several available pre-cut fabric kits to sew for a charity quilt. The kits, assembled by a few members, will be displayed on a table.

## **OUTREACH**

*From Maria Eyckmans*

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>
Cluster, Inc.	Doris Capello	Full size (60" x 80")
Furniture ShareHouse	Susan Wolman	Full size (60" x 80")
Marymount Convent	Georgina Correa	Wheelchair bags*, Lap quilts (50" x 65")
Montrose VA	Rhona Hiney	Wheelchair bags*, Lap quilts (42" x 60"), Bed runners (30" x 60"; Charm packs work well)
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 Susan Wolman	All sizes accepted.
White Plains Hospital (NICU)	Rhona Hiney	Baby quilt sizes (40" x 46")

\*Instructions for making wheelchair bags are available of the VSQ website.

NOTE: If you are donating your quilt or wheelchair 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. Similarly, please log all donations to other sites, including site name.

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.

Help keep our list of Outreach Sites current: If you have an organization that you coordinate (or would like to coordinate) for quilt donations, please let Maria know.

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



**May 4 – 5, 2024: “World of Quilts - A Celebration of Traditional, Modern and Art Quilts.”** Quilts, vendors, speaker (Irene Roderick), and more - presented by Northern Star Quilters.

Raffle Quilt “Parfait” (pictured) - Proceeds to support North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Location: Purchase College Gymnasium, 735 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase NY.

For more info: [www.northernstarquilters.com](http://www.northernstarquilters.com).

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**April 11 – 13, 2024: “New England Quilt Expo.”** Quilt displays, vendor mall, workshops, lectures and more...

Location: Double Tree Hotel and Convention Center, 700 Elm St, Manchester, NH.

For more info: [New England Quilt Expo 2024 - Quilting in New England \(quiltnewengland.com\)](http://NewEnglandQuiltExpo2024-QuiltinginNewEngland(quiltnewengland.com))

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From The Yankee Quilter ([www.yankeequilter.com](http://www.yankeequilter.com)).

**April 12 – 20: “Quilt Across CT Shop Hop.”** Visit five leading CT shops for an educational, informative, trendsetting shop hop.

For more info: [www.yankeequilter.com](http://www.yankeequilter.com)

### AQS Shows:

April 24 – 27, 2024: Paducah, KY

August 21 – 24, 2024: Grand Rapids, MI

September 11 – 14, 2024: Lancaster, PA.

For more info: [American Quilter's Society](http://AmericanQuilter'sSociety) -

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**Oct 31 – Nov 3, 2024: “International Quilt Festival - Houston”** Quilts, vendors, speakers and more.

Location: George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston TX.

For more info: [www.quilts.com](http://www.quilts.com).

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