



# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## March 2023

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### A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hello everyone,

Happy 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary to us! Did you know that Village Squares Quilters was founded in 1983?

Pat Julian brought this to my attention recently, and we have quickly assembled a committee to determine how we can best celebrate this event, probably at the June luncheon. If you have ideas about this or want to be part of the committee, let Pat or me know.

Much of our history, including newspaper clippings, is on our website, in the HerStory section. Here is the link: [http://villagesquaresquilters.com/VSQ\\_HerStory.html](http://villagesquaresquilters.com/VSQ_HerStory.html)

Many of you were at our February Members Teaching Members meeting. I thought we had an amazing lineup of presenters: **Jean Borsellino, Janet Bozzone, Janet Brody, Rose Fox and Lisa Moore**. Thank you to each of you for sharing your knowledge and inspiring us to try new things.

### Meanwhile to the present...

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023

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

**Program:** Charity Sewing Day

**Schedule:** 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Lunch  
12:00 (Noon) VSQ Meeting  
Followed by Show'n'Tell  
Followed by Charity Day

Our next meeting is on **March 14**. It is our annual charity sewing day. This is a big deal to quilting guilds in general and VSQ in particular. Maria Eyckmans continues to be our wonderful and dedicated outreach coordinator and is organizing this event. Many of you signed her informal list indicating you will bring your sewing machine, your iron, sewing supplies, etc. Even if you didn't sign the sheet, feel free to bring sewing supplies of your choice.

We don't have a specific outreach project for you. We can supply you with free fabric, free batting etc. Beyond that, it is up to you.

Also at the March meeting, the Nominating Committee (Alice Clague, Deb Johnston and Lee Kimmel) will present their report (i.e., proposed nominations for the officers of the guild for 2023-2025) to the membership. They will then call for any nominations from the floor. The nominations will be included in the April and May newsletters; with voting at the May meeting.

### In other matters...

**We need ideas where to take our raffle quilt to generate sales.** Obviously high-volume areas are ideal. Any ideas? See me or Alice Clague.

For those of you who have not yet picked up your tickets here are the options:

- We can mail you your 5 booklets.
- You can pick up the booklets at my house in Greenburgh or Alice's in Sleepy Hollow.
- You can send a \$25 check for your tickets directly to Mary Anne Byrnes and we will write up the ticket stubs in your name.
- You can pick up at a later meeting.

**Doris Capello, who heads our Bedford Babies quilt-making outreach with new mothers at Bedford Correctional Facility, is looking for some additional volunteers.** The program is amazing and is finally ready to resume in person after being closed for COVID. See further information from Doris elsewhere in this newsletter.

**And the future, upcoming meetings, save the dates...**

*(see elsewhere in this newsletter for the full 2023 schedule)*

- **Tuesday, April 11:** One of our newer members and accomplished quilter Susan Deshensky will present a lecture titled "Every Quilt Has A Story: Making and Designing T-shirt and Memory Quilts" <https://www.ladybluequilts.com/>
- **Tuesday, May 9:** Rona Harmon a/k/a Rona the Ribbiter: "Tips for the Traveling Quilter." Interestingly (ironically?), Rona (formerly from North Carolina, but recently moved to Indiana) has NEVER been to New York, despite her topic. So, we will have a lot to tell her as well. <https://ronatheribbiter.com/>
- **Tuesday, June 13:** Annual luncheon, no speaker. Celebration of VSQ's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary?

**HOPE TO SEE YOU MAR. 14.**

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 with input from Donna Greene*

2023:

Mar. 14: Charity quilting (in-person weather permitting)

Apr.11: Susan Deshensky (VSQ member): "Every Quilt Has A Story: Making and Designing T-shirt and Memory Quilts"

- May 9: Rona Harmon a/k/a Rona the Ribbiter: "Tips for the Traveling Quilter"  
June 13: Annual luncheon, no speaker  
July 11: No speaker; informal sewing and / or project TBD  
Aug. 8: No speaker; informal sewing and / or project TBD  
Sept. 12: Michelle Renee Hiatt: "When Life Gives You Fat Quarters, Make a Quilt" (topic tentative)  
Oct. 10: \*Anita Grossman Solomon: (topic to be determined)  
Nov. 14: \*Lisa Shepard Stewart: "Global Textile Influences" explores a variety of fabric techniques from around the world, the cultures that created them, and how to incorporate them into quilting & home decor projects.  
Dec. 12: Open, in-person or via Zoom TBD  
\*Repeat VSQ speaker

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## **MARCH'S PROGRAM – CHARITY SEWING DAY**

*Provided by: Maria Eyckmans*

We will have our annual Sew-A-Thon for charity at our March meeting.

Thank you to those members who are going to participate and who will be bringing their machines and other supplies.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

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## **BEDFORD BABIES OUTREACH PROGRAM**

*Provided by: Doris Capello*

The Bedford Women's Correctional Facility is opening again to allow volunteers to teach young mothers who are serving short prison sentences at Bedford how to make quilts for their babies. The Bedford Babies program has been operating at Bedford, via VSQ, for over 20 years. The Bedford Babies program is looking for a few volunteers to join us, as we return to the Bedford Women's Correctional Facility this year.

The requirements are simple: you need to fill out an application, submit the names of three references; take a TB test, be fingerprinted, and submit copies of your Covid vaccinations. The nursery is located in a building away from the general population. Security is very tight and we have never felt uncomfortable being inside. We are usually there for about two hours, twice a month. We are escorted from the front desk to the nursery and again escorted back outside. Please take some time to think about this very rewarding volunteer opportunity.

A second program, the Cuddler Program, is run by a different group and they are also looking for volunteers. Cuddlers are individuals who visit the Nursery and hold/cuddle the babies while mom is quilting, attending class or just needing a respite after their delivery. The Cuddlers are usually in the Nursery for about two hours. If you are interested in this program, please let me know and I will connect you with the person responsible for the program.

If you are interested in either opportunity, please contact me - Doris Capello

## SCRAPPY BLOCKS OF THE MONTH

Coordinated by Susan Wolman with Janice Ewing:

*Note from the Editor....if you're stuck for a project idea for Charity Sewing Day, this is a great inspiration!*

As a reminder, see below for a full listing of "colors by month" and the general instructions for this endeavor.

Each month we are suggesting **2 blocks**, each block with a single color. 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 (Nov)	Teal / Aqua	Gold
Month 2 (Dec)	Orange	Lime green
Month 3 (Jan)	Sky blue	Magenta/fuchsia
Month 4 (Feb)	Purple	Brown
Month 5 (Mar)	Grey	Maroon
Month 6 (Apr)	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.

Questions? Chat with Susan and / or Janice at the March meeting.

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## OUTREACH

*From Maria Eyckmans*

Hello everyone.

There were no reports of charity quilt donations at the February meeting.

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

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**NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS' GUILD – WORLD OF QUILTS XLII**



**May 6 – 7, 2023: “World of Quilts XLII - A Celebration of Traditional, Modern and Art Quilts.”** Quilts, vendors, speaker (Meg Cox), invitational exhibit (Natalya Khorover Aikens), and more - presented by Northern Star Quilters.

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

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

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**March 17 – May 28, 2023: Exhibit - “What That Quilt Knows About Me” at the American Folk Art Museum** Featuring approximately 40 quilts and related works of art, the exhibition will explore the deeply personal and emotional power associated with the experience of making and living with quilts.

American Folk Art Museum, 2 Lincoln Square, Columbus Ave at W66th St, New York, NY

For more info: [What That Quilt Knows About Me | American Folk Art Museum](http://What That Quilt Knows About Me | American Folk Art Museum)

**March 29 – April 1, 2023: Lancaster Quilt Show.** This will be presented by A Quilter’s Destination QUILT SHOWS. Quilt exhibits, over 40 vendors, classes and demos. Free admission and free parking.

Location: Wyndham Host Resort and Convention Center, 2300 Lincoln Hwy E, Lancaster, PA.

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

**April 22 – 23, 2023: Hands All Around Quilt Show.** Presented by Hands Across the Valley Quilters Guild.

Location: Robert Crown Gymnasium, 893 West St – Rte 116, Hampshire College, Amherst MA.

For more info: [www.handsacrossthevalley.org](http://www.handsacrossthevalley.org)

**April 29 - 30, 2023: Q.U.I.L.T. , Inc. Presents an Exposition.** Quilters United In Learning Together (Q.U.I.L.T., Inc) is hosting a quilt show featuring 150+ quilts, vendors, et al.

Location: St. Matthew’s Church, 25 Mountview St, Voorheesville, NY. Sat 9am – 4pm; Sun 11am – 4pm

For more info: Follow Q.U.I.L.T. on Facebook (search Quilt Inc) or [www.quiltinc.org](http://www.quiltinc.org).


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