## **OUR CHARITY WORK**

Like quilters throughout the world, we regularly make and donate quilts to organizations that help children, veterans, victims of natural disasters, the homeless and people in need of the comfort of a cuddly hand-made quilt.

Among our programs are the following:

- Bedford Babies: Members teach quiltmaking to new mothers at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility.
- Cuddle and Friendship Quilts: We make and donate quilts for children with longterm disabilities in local hospitals and rehabilitation centers. We have a robust program at the New York State Veterans' Home in Montrose for whom we make wheelchair bags and quilts of valor. We have provided quilts to Sharehouse of Westchester, Project Linus and many other organizations.
- Annual charity sew-a-thon: Each year we devote a full day to making charity quilts. We provide the fabric, you provide the sewing.
- Pandemic sewing: Early on in 2020, VSQ members collectively made and donated thousands of masks and other personal protective equipment (P.P.E.) to area hospitals and medical professionals, food banks, children's agencies and many other nonprofit organizations. We donated fabric yardage as well to others who were similarly sewing the needed P.P.E.

## **MEETINGS**

Monthly meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, September to June.

Westchester Reform Temple 255 Mamaroneck Road Scarsdale, NY 10583

11:00 a.m. - Sit and Sew / Basting

11:00 a.m. - Social Hour & Lunch

12:00 noon - Meeting

12:30 p.m. - Social Hour & Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Program of members' creations, followed by the scheduled program

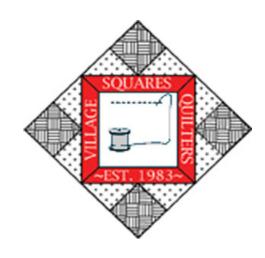
Annual dues are \$45. Guests are welcome.

Checks payable to

Village Squares Quilters
may be mailed to:

Sheldon Hoffman
VSQ Membership Chair
225 Stanley Avenue Unit 120
Mamaroneck, NY 10543-2579

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Join us!

#### **ABOUT US**

The Village Squares Quilters is a nonprofit organization whose members share a love of everything quilting.

Our members include people at all quilting levels who come together to learn from each other via lectures, workshops and one-on-one guidance.

In addition, we bring our craft to the Westchester community through a variety of outreach programs. Each year, we donate hundreds of quilts to local organizations to distribute to children, veterans and nursing home residents, among others.

We also have a robust and unique partnership with the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility where our members teach quilting to new mothers who are nonviolent offenders.

We urge you to check us out. You will find yourself in the company of a group of warm, caring, fun women (as well as a few men).

We welcome any person interested in quilts or quilt-making. You don't have to make quilts to love them.

# **A NOTE ABOUT COVID-19**

During the pandemic, we met monthly via Zoom. We are back in person now, but continue to meet occasionally on Zoom due mainly to potential weather issues. You can find the latest about our plans at our website:

http://www.villagesquaresquilters.com

#### **MEMBER BENEFITS**

- Monthly meetings: These showcase
  the talents of nationally and locally
  recognized quilting teachers on a
  variety of topics from piecing,
  appliqué, modern quilts, new
  techniques, machine quilting, finding
  inspiration, color theory, hand
  quilting, art quilts and much, much
  more.
- Special events: This may be a
   workshop with an outside teacher or
   a special "in house" session focusing
   monthly on a specific technique. Tell
   us what you want to learn or
   practice, and we will try to make it
   happen. The goal is to help you grow
   as an artist.
- One-on-one quilters helping quilters:
   Need some help with your work? Our members are there for you. We are definitely NOT the quilt police, but we can give you the help you need to take your craft up a notch.
- Monthly fabric sales: If you are new to quilting, we can help you build your stash at great prices. If you are a seasoned quilter, you already know there is no such thing as too much fabric. At our meetings, we have a lot for you to look through.

- Biennial tag sale: Every other year we hold a large "treasures" tag sale where you can shed supplies you no longer need that someone else might covet. (Funds go to defray the costs of our programs.)
- Raffle quilt: Be part of the fun of a joint effort to create an exquisite quilt that will be raffled off. (Proceeds will go to support VSQ activities and to a charity selected by the membership.)
- Library: We have a vast library of quilting books that you may borrow.
- Newsletter: Our monthly newsletter will keep you up-todate on what the Guild is doing as well as what other quilting-related events are going on nearby and online.
- Friendship and camaraderie:
   While we come from different backgrounds, sewing brings us together.