



# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## January 2022

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### **From the Editor:**

Due to the recent COVID surge, WRT is currently closed to outside groups meeting at its facilities. Therefore, **this month's meeting will be held via Zoom** – Donna will send out an email with the Zoom link and meeting details later this week.

Additionally, instead of the planned program, Members-Teaching-Members, we will have our Charity Sewing Day. Please read on for the details.

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## **A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE**

Hello everyone,

Happy New Year! Well, we made it through another challenging year. May 2022 finally (please) be the year we say goodbye to COVID concerns. I have said this before, but it worth stating again: quilting, sewing, fabric hoarding and all of you have helped me keep my sanity.

In December, we had our fourth in person meeting. It was wonderful to see some people we had not seen in a while – as well as, of course, “the regulars.” As noted above, we will pivot to Zoom for our Jan. 11 meeting / get-together.

Here is what our guild is up to in the weeks/months ahead:

- **Tuesday, Jan. 11: No Board meeting.** Due to our pivot to Zoom, the Board decided to swap our planned January program, our annual Members-Teaching-Members, with our planned April program, Charity Day Sewing. *Please see more details later in this newsletter.*

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022

**Location:** Zoom

**Program:** Charity Day Sewing

**Schedule:** NOTE – No Board Meeting Meeting schedule will be emailed before Jan 10<sup>th</sup>.

- **Tuesday, Feb. 8:** We will meet via Zoom. Our guest presenter will be Brenda Gael Smith, an Australian quilter who will get up very early to meet with us. Details of time and Zoom link will be shared when the date is closer.  
<https://www.brendagaelsmith.com/>
- **Tuesday, March 8:** our speaker will be Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill. She lives locally (sort of) so we can meet in person or via Zoom, depending on weather.  
<https://www.wholecirclestudio.com/>

- **Tuesday, April 12:** This will now be our annual Members-Teaching-Members. The board and the membership overwhelmingly indicated they want this to be in person. **So, unless we have a weather problem or COVID-related restriction, this is our plan.** The idea is to learn a short technique from a handful of sister VSQ-ers. For our original January schedule, 5 members had volunteered to each (briefly) demonstrate a technique. Hopefully, they (and maybe more) will be available for our April program.

#### **OTHER VSQ THINGS:**

- We have teamed up with the **Westchester Children's Association** to help this wonderful organization assemble a community quilt for installation sometime in the fall. WCA has sent blank cotton five-inch quilt blocks to about 3,000 supporters as part of its **Hope Quilt Project**. We will be the co-sponsor of the event and guide the organization on this project. The steering committee is Susan Wolman, Janet Bozzone, new member Laura Lustbader and me. (Others are welcome, just let me know.) Once we have a plan and design, other VSQ members will be invited to help with the assembly.
- Jean Borsellino has taken on the task of being our New Members' Liaison. With her friendly and helpful manner, she is the perfect person to make sure our new members feel welcome at our guild.
- Speaking of new members—we need them. If you know someone who might be interested in joining our guild, please invite her/him to attend as a guest.
- If you haven't already turned in your diamond pieces for the raffle quilt that Rose is masterminding, please bring them to the January meeting. Rose needs at least 200 completed diamonds. Don't do the trimming.
- We are still collecting dues for the fiscal year that began August 2021 and continues until July 2022. If you haven't paid your dues, please bring \$45 to the January meeting or email me for the snail mail address.
- And finally, welcome back home, Shel Hoffman. We are so glad you and Carole, who we've seen at our last two meetings, are both healing.

**I hope to see you on Jan. 11.**

Donna

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**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.

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## JANUARY'S PROGRAM – CHARITY SEWING DAY

*From the Editor*

With the fast-changing meeting location / program, we have not had the time to really plan for Charity Sewing Day. However, the Board thought that making (or beginning to make) a small (i.e., baby) quilt on this day for donation to one of our Outreach sites would be a great use of our time and talents. Remember that the guild has batting (see Outreach later in this newsletter).

For a few pattern ideas, look no further for information than the secure area of the VSQ Website:

- Tips and Techniques especially BOM from 10/2015 thru' 02/2018 where you'll find detailed instructions for individual blocks. Or, for a full, easy quilt pattern, checkout the ZigZag Pattern from 01/2015.
- VSQ Newsletter January 2021 has two quilt patterns – Disappearing Nine-patch and Rail Fence / Rail Fence Variation.

Remember – you need to log into the secure area. How to log in was emailed to all members in October, 2021. Hopefully, you saved that email...if not, please email me ([pjulian01@verizon.net](mailto:pjulian01@verizon.net)) and I'll resend – and, please, this time do save the email for future reference.

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## LOOKING FOR HELP ORGANIZING FABRIC

*From Susan Wolman*

Hi Everybody,

I need fabric help. I'm trying to organize my sewing room (again) and I need your guidance. Three topics loom large:

1. How do you store works in progress? Both those that you are in the middle of and those that you've put aside because something else has taken priority.
2. How do you deal with scraps? What size do you keep? What do you do with the pieces you feel are too small for you to use? How do you store them?
3. How do you organize your fabric in general? Size? Color? Both? Non quilting cotton?

Additional hints on anything, anything at all, will be welcome. Maybe we can all share our answers.

Thanks in advance  
Susan

***From the Editor:*** *As I think this is a challenge for most, if not all, of us, please be prepared to share your tips / suggestions at the January meeting and we'll have a short-ish discussion before going into Charity Sewing Day. If you don't plan to be at the meeting, please email your tips / suggestions to Susan.*

## OUTREACH

*From Maria Eyckmans*

**I hope you and your families are well and that you all have enjoyed the Holiday Season.**

### ***Batting***

Janet Bozzone (J Bo) and I took a ride up to Roxbury CT to pick up some free batting donated by Fairfield. We packed every available inch of her car with batting. It is being stored at my house. Please contact me if you need any for your charity quilts at [meyckmans@aol.com](mailto:meyckmans@aol.com).

**Janet also keeps a few packages of batting in the trunk of her car. You can also speak to her at our meetings if you need batting.**

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Thank you to the following members who donated quilts to charity at the December meeting:

Jean Borsellino	1 Quilt for Hearts to Home
Linda Quartuccio	1 Quilt for Linus Project
Ronnie Huvane	1 Quilt for Linus Project
Pat Julian	1 Lap Quilt for White Plains Hospital NICU
Nancy Pruyne	2 Quilts for White Plains Hospital NICU
Roberta Daskin	1 Baby Quilt for White Plains Hospital NICU

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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”

If you donate a quilt or quilts and / or wheelchair bags, please log your quilt in the green binder. The binder will be located on the table with the attendance sheets. This way, our count of Outreach donations can be kept current.

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 - Janice Ewing
- Pins and Needles – Maria Eyckmans or Lee Kimmel

These members will also deliver the quilts to the sites next to their names.

\* Please note the revised email for Laurie Quadagno-Lagronegro

Laurie Quadagno-Lagronegro has volunteered to help us with the quilting of our charity quilts. Contact Laurie at: [laurieg@earthlink.net](mailto:laurieg@earthlink.net)

Stay Safe

Maria Eyckmans

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## JUST SEW STORIES.....

*From the Editor:* Join me in welcoming new member, Roberta Daskin, to our guild. Per Maria's column above, Roberta is already an active member – she donated a quilt at the December meeting! Thank you. See below for a brief bio “in her own words.”

**Roberta Daskin:** I recently retired from Sarah Lawrence College and a career in financial aid administration. My husband and I live in White Plains, although I'm originally from Boston. I began quilting less than 10 years ago, and I am entirely self-taught. I'm looking forward to learning some new techniques from VSQ, as well as getting to know all of you and making some new friends.

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

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).

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**Northern Star Quilters' Guild:** 2022 Quilt Show - *World of Quilts*, Purchase College, Purchase NY, April 30 – May 1, 2022. For information: [www.northernstarquilters.com](http://www.northernstarquilters.com)

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