



# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## May 2021

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### A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hello my quilting buddies,

We have (so far) survived more than a year on Zoom. Happily, I think, our Zoom-only days are numbered. Fingers crossed we can meet in-person in September, and then choose to Zoom *when we want to*.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

**Program:** Rita Lynne

**Schedule:** 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting  
11:00 a.m. "Doors" open  
11:30 a.m. VSQ Meeting  
12:00 noon Program

But until then, one last (?) time for our **May 11 meeting**, when we will be hearing from Rita Lynne, a Denver quilter. We will also be electing officers. See elsewhere in this newsletter for details on both.

There will be NO "Show'n'Tell" this month; instead, bring your creations to the June picnic for a live, in-person "Show'n'Tell!"

Also, in May (yes by Zoom), on **Saturday, May 22 & Sunday, May 23** (3:00pm – 6:00pm EDT both days), our guild is participating in **The All Star Virtual Sampler Platter** sponsored by the Global Quilt Connection. *You can attend for both of the two days or just stop in at the times that are convenient.* NOTE: This event will NOT be recorded. See info at <https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/specialevents.html>

This will feature 18 quilt teachers who will give short demonstrations of their favorite techniques. They will be sending me a pdf with written instructions as well as a Zoom link, which I will forward to you.

### Looking Back:

While we are all very Zoomed out after all these months, it is good to review the interesting speakers we have had via this pandemic and what we have done.

- We have "been" to the Philippines and to Egypt.
- We have heard from faraway speakers who we otherwise could not have afforded to hire due to travel expenses.
- We have individually and collectively made charity quilts and massive amounts of P.P.E. for medical professionals and local nonprofits.
- We have seen very close-up views via Zoom's "sharing" options of beautiful quilts and new techniques to inspire us.

- Most important, we have laughed and kept our friendship bonds intact, as we compared mask-making techniques, vaccination efforts, family news and, yes, quilting things.

### **Looking Ahead**

- In June, we will have an outdoor picnic at the New Dawn Foundation's fabulous Long Island Sound property in New Rochelle, thanks to Rose Fox. Our goal is to have this on the date of the scheduled meeting, June 8, but we will adjust based on weather and availability of the site.
- In September we hope that we will be allowed to meet in person at Westchester Reform Temple and that we will feel comfortable doing so. If so, we plan no speaker, just a chance to reunite. We may add in a sewing tag sale, so you can pass on all the "stuff" you would have brought to the event originally scheduled for June 2020.
- We have a local in person speaker booked for October. (Yay!) We would hope to have the same for November and maybe December. Or perhaps in December we will do Members Teaching Members in person.
- During the winter months (January, February, March), we will revert back to Zoom for speakers as well as charity sewing.
- For April and May, we can have in person speakers again.

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### **OTHER VSQ MATTERS**

- We continue to focus on marketing. How can we get new members? Please think about this and invite friends to sample a meeting. We are working on a new brochure to help.
- The Hudson River Museum has reached out to us to participate in a quilt exhibition it has planned for the summer. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.
- Starting in June, we will begin collecting dues (\$45) for our next fiscal year, which begins Aug. 1. Thank you to everyone who paid dues during these challenging times, including some who rarely, if ever, have Zoomed with us. It has kept us financially stable. For those of you on "leave of absence" due to the pandemic, we hope to welcome you back.

Donna

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## NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE GUILD 2021-2023

The **Nominating Committee** consisted of three members: Mary Anne Byrnes, Doris Capello and Helen May. The slate of proposed officers was presented to the VSQ Board and general membership at the March "virtual" meeting and also published in the March and April newsletters. Voting will take place at the May "virtual" meeting.

The slate is as follows:

**President** - Donna Greene

**Vice President** - Janet Bozzone (Janet has been acting VP, replacing Barbara Glab during this period)

**Secretary** - Alice Clague

**Treasurer** - Mary Anne Byrnes (Part A)  
Anne Frascarelli (Part B)

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## VSQ WEBSITE: NEW LOCATION FOR OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

*From the Editor*

### Following up: April "virtual" meeting / email distributed to all members with email:

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 (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.

### Next Steps:

For this, the May, 2021, Newsletter: Shel will distribute the newsletter as a PDF file attachment to his cover email PLUS include the [new](#) link to the newsletter residing on the "general access area" of the VSQ website in his cover email. When you click on this [new](#) link, you will be taken directly to the Newsletter page on the VSQ website; just click on the May 2021 Newsletter - NO Username / Password required. So, if you have a problem accessing the PDF file attachment, just click on the [new](#) link.

For the June, 2021 Newsletter: Shel will send out the distribution email alerting you that the newsletter is now available on the VSQ website and will include the [new](#) link to it. Please click on this [new](#) link and you will be taken directly to the Newsletter page on the VSQ website; just click on the June 2021 Newsletter - NO Username / Password required. You will NOT receive the Newsletter as a file attached to this email.

At the June meeting / get-together (a.k.a. picnic), we'll discuss your experiences with these two formats to determine the preferred format going forward.

## MAY'S PROGRAM

Provided by Donna Greene

Our speaker for our Zoom meeting on May 11 will be **Rita Lynne** on the topic of *Follow the Path Even If You Feel Lost*

### About Rita:



Rita owns and operates *Almost Heaven Designs*, which includes her patterns, kits and fabrics. Designing 3-dimensional floral quilts is a specialty of hers.

Her quilt patterns have appeared in Nancy's Notions and AQS catalogs. Rita authored the only book on "Texture Magic," a popular fabric manipulation product. She has several teaching videos with National Quilters Circle, an online teaching site. Rita also designs for several thread, fabric and batting manufacturers. She has worked on The Quilt Show as a volunteer for several years.

Rita is an accomplished quilting instructor traveling to quilt guilds, teaching online classes and teaching at Houston International Quilt Festival. <https://almostheavenonline.com/>



### About the Program: *Follow the Path Even If You Feel Lost* (Submitted by Rita Lynne)

Hello Village Squares Quilters!

I am looking forward to meeting all of you May 11. Please join me for my lecture "*Follow the Path, Even if You Feel Lost.*"

What keeps you from finishing your quilts? What holds you back from trying something new?

Well, it is the stories we tell ourselves: "I am not good enough." "Someone else has already done that!"

Whatever is holding you back is actually a sign of growth, not any of the other stories you tell yourself.

I will walk you through the six guiding lights on the Creativity Path and show you how to break through those illusions of "I can't do this."

Rita.

## **NOTICE - UPCOMING FABRIC SALE: MAY 14, 2021 10:00AM – 2:00PM**

*From Susan Wolman and Pat Julian*

Following up on the "Advance Sale" notice in last month's newsletter plus discussions at the April "virtual" meeting, Susan will be opening her garage for this sale on **Friday, May 14, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** As mentioned last month, there is not a large collection of yardage but rather a large collection of smaller pieces and treasures; plus some fabric kits, notions, quilt books and magazines – all gathered from Mia Blumenstock's and Bernice Ward's stashes. The price is voluntary with donations being dropped in a "tip" jar - so come prepared with cash and / or checks plus bring your own bags. All donations will go to the guild.

If this date / time does not work with your calendar, please call or email Susan directly to arrange an alternate day / time. Upon arrival at Susan's, please call her and then wander down the driveway; she will meet you in the "boutique in garage!"

Although Susan's garage is very airy, it is still indoors; so please wear your face mask while shopping.

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## **HUDSON RIVER MUSEUM QUILT PROJECT**

*From Doris Capello*

The Hudson River Museum (HRM) is organizing a Quilt Show this summer titled "**Wall Power.**" They have on loan Quilts from the American Folk-Art Museum, which will be displayed at the Hudson River Museum **June 18<sup>th</sup>** though **September 26, 2021**. The Quilts in their own collection will also be on display.

Laura Vookles, Chair of the HRM Curatorial Department contacted me and arranged a Zoom meeting to discuss the VSQ Quilting Program at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility (Bedford). In her words they, "...wanted to spotlight guilds with a community connection." She had seen the clip of the Bedford Babies Anniversary Celebration shown on News 12 Westchester and was interested in displaying any quilts made by the Mothers at Bedford. On this call we also had Maureen Carline, Saralinda Lichtblau, Director of Education and Nancy Denatale, Director of Development at HRM.

Maureen and I described the program at Bedford and stressed that the quilts made by the Mothers at Bedford were not available to us. We do have two quilts that the Mothers made and gave to us, in appreciation of the work we do at Bedford. I have those two quilts and will gladly lend them to the HRM. We also discussed our participation in this project. We agreed that once the HRM had finalized their activities and had an idea of how we could help, we would reach out to the VSQ membership and ask for volunteers.

Some of the help they may need include training their summer interns some basic quilting skills that they would then share with Museum visitors; participating in a sew along with visitors; creating connections between quilts and poetry, math, storytelling etc. As the project takes a more specific shape and form, we can explore different ways that VSQ could collaborate with HRM.

Maureen and I believe this is a worthy collaboration. It will help us recruit more members and, most importantly, help us share our love of quilting with others.

## OUTREACH

*From Maria Eyckmans*

### **I hope you and your families are all doing well.**

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](mailto:meyckmans@aol.com)

Judy Simek [judyfrog@optonline.net](mailto:judyfrog@optonline.net)

Susan Wolman [swolman9@gmail.com](mailto:swolman9@gmail.com)

Marymount is accepting donations. They are interested in wheelchair bags and lap quilts.

Georgina Correa ([georginacorrea0312@yahoo.com](mailto:georginacorrea0312@yahoo.com)) is our volunteer for delivery.

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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”

Pins and Needles is interested in children's crib size (36” x 45”) quilts for Blythedale and Beacon Health Center.

There were no reports of quilt donations for April. 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.

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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

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Laurie Quadagno-Lagronegro has volunteered to help us with the quilting of our charity quilts. Contact Laurie at: [laurieq2@gmail.com](mailto:laurieq2@gmail.com)

## SOME INTERESTING TIDBITS.....

From Janice Ewing

**MAGIC NUMBERS – SQUARES AND TRIANGLES:** When faced with knowing the “finished” size of a square or a triangle BUT have no idea how big to cut your fabric for the corresponding square / triangle? Check out this website for the **Magic Numbers** to add to your “finished” dimensions and you’re all set!

<https://thequiltshow.com/learn/class-downloads/magic-numbers?task=viewdocument>

**GOT RAGS? WEAVE A RUG:** We have the fabric!!!! From the NYT, 05/02/2021:

[www.nytimes.com/2021/05/01/at-home/weave-a-rag-rug.html?referringSource=articleShare](http://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/01/at-home/weave-a-rag-rug.html?referringSource=articleShare)

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## 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.”**

Though the shows have all gone “*Virtual,*” everything we loved about them in-person is still available – just online! In other words, quilt displays (including competition quilts, special exhibits, etc.), workshops, lectures, vendors, and more are all online! Note – as with in-person shows, pre-registration and / or fees may be required. Please visit each show’s website for all that show’s information.

In addition, classes (a.k.a. workshops) have gone “*virtual*” too! Now’s the time to sign-up for a class with a renowned teacher that previously may have been impossible to attend in-person.

Also, 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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### Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival Online: May 24 – 27, 2021.

This online show, run by Mancuso Show Management, includes competition quilts from around the world, merchants’ mall, workshops and more.

For information: [www.Quiltfest.com](http://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!”

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