



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

May 2022

A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Dear VSQ-ers,

On **Tuesday, May 10** we resume the tradition of our annual luncheon, this time in May, not June. Due to COVID, we have not been able to do this the last two years. Also due to COVID, we ask that you bring your own lunch; we will provide appetizers and desserts and some drinks.

Thank you to Linda Quartuccio for once again organizing this and thank you to all of you who have volunteered to bring something or help with set up / clean up. Depending on weather and

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2022

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

Schedule: From 10:30 on - feel free to arrive early-ish and schmooze with other members
11:30 a.m. Begin Luncheon
12:30 p.m. VSQ Meeting
Followed by Show'n'Tell

Linda's last-minute assessment, we might eat outside under the WRT tent. Either way, I highly recommend you bring a mask and wear it inside as much as possible.

There is no specific agenda for the luncheon other than to socialize with as many people as you can (though see later in this newsletter for more info.) Reach out to people who you sometimes don't get around to chatting with. We have so many interesting, fun people in the guild (beyond their extraordinary individual and collective creativity).

Usually this is where I write, "I hope to see you there," but I will be away on that date. (There will be no board meeting.)

But I do hope to see you in June and maybe July and August as well. Here is a rundown on what's ahead:

- **Tuesday, June 14:** This meeting will combine a speaker and a mini tag sale of your unwanted *sewing* items.
 - The speaker will be Bobbi Fitzsimmons of the Advocacy Project. <https://www.advocacynet.org/author/bfitzsimmons/> . Bobbi will begin at 11:30 to accommodate her schedule. So come early.
 - The tag sale will have **two components**: You can bring your unwanted sewing items beginning around 10 a.m. for us to sell and the guild keeps all the money OR you can pay \$25, be provided with a table you must oversee and you can keep what you sell (and clean away all your remaining items after the sale). If you are interested in the table option, please contact Barbara Glab. A special email will go out in late May with details on how to roll and mark your fabric for size etc. **I will also need volunteers to help set up, collect payments and cleanup.**

- **Tuesday July 12 and Tuesday, Aug.9:** These are our informal get togethers as we pay for the space rental but don't line up speakers. In July, we hope you will come and sew blocks for the Westchester Children's Association quilt. Details will be provided when it is closer. Susan Wolman is heading this initiative. We also may do some technique demonstrations that can run a bit longer than our April Members Teaching Members.
- Speaking of MTM, I want to again thank our wonderful presenters at the April meeting: Janet Brodie on her delightful simple block technique; Susan Deshensky on curved piecing; and Pat Julian on combined mitered borders
- Rose Fox is continuing her work to assemble our raffle quilt. At the April meeting we deferred a decision on what agency that helps Ukraine will share a portion of our proceeds. We still need someone to take ownership of ticket sales. It's an easy job: distribute the tickets to members, collect the returned tickets and money, and turn the funds over to our treasurer.

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.

MORE DETAILS REGARDING MAY LUNCHEON

From the Linda Quartuccio

REMINDERS: Food restrictions at WRT – no pork products, no shell fish and no nuts.
AND.....Please wear your name tag.

Set-up committee (Maureen Carline and Laura Lustbader) to begin set up 10:30 – 11:00.

Appetizers and Desserts: Please deliver between 11:00 – 11:30.

Clean-up Committee: Carol Hoffman and Gail Sanders.

From the Editor

While Linda and her crew get the tables set-up, browse some “fabric for sale” that Susan Wolman plans to bring in....or just mingle with your fellow VSQ members.

A Luncheon Conversation Topic: Now that we are meeting, and hopefully will continue to meet, in-person, it is time to think about bringing back some of our traditional activities – but – which ones? Here's a list of some of those past activities – Sit'n'Sew, Pin (or thread) basting, Block of the Month, Technique Tips, Mystery Quilt – I'm sure you can think of more between now and the May Luncheon. Other suggestions are welcome! Talk all (and any) suggestions over with your table mates and then be prepared to discuss during the General Meeting at the conclusion of the luncheon.

MORE DETAILS RE: JUNE TAG SALE

From the Barbara Glab

As mentioned in Donna's message above, we are planning to have a member tag sale during our June meeting (June 14th). With regards to "buying a table" - if you think you don't have enough items for a table, you can share table with a friend and split the table cost in half. If you are interested in the table option, please contact me at barbaraglab@att.net. Remember "one Person's trash is another Person's treasure".

Finally – Let's have fun and say goodbye to quilting related items that we no longer lust for.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN POLAND

An update from the Editor

VSQ (and NSQG) member, Barbara Glab, received two notes from the school in Ukraine thanking us for our donation. Copies of these notes were distributed directly to VSQ members via email, plus Barbara will have a paper copy at the May meeting.

And, per Barbara: *"I would like to again thank everyone for such generous donations."*

OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

Hello Everyone. I hope all is well.

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 – Lee Kimmel
- Marymount - Georgina Correa

**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.

NOTE: If you are not at the meeting and you have donated 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.

BATTING

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 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.

Reminder - Quilt sizes for the 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"

Hearts to Home 36" x 36", 40" x 50", or 40" x 60"

Project Linus – 45" x 60" or 60" x 80"

*Project Linus will also accept other sizes.

Marymount –Wheelchair bags and lap quilts 50" x 65"

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

Thank you to the following members who have donated quilts for charity in April:

Janice Ewing	– 1 quilt for Furniture Sharehouse
Pat Julian	– 1 quilt for Furniture Sharehouse
Jean Power	– 1 quilt for Furniture Sharehouse
Nancy Pruyne	– 2 quilts for Ukraine

Laurie Quadagno-Lagronegro has volunteered to help us with the quilting of our charity Quilts.
Contact Laurie at: laurieq@earthlink.net

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