



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

September 2023

Please note:

Due to our recent rent increase, we have adjusted the beginning time of our meetings. Our meeting room will officially open at 11 a.m. Meetings will conclude at 2:30 p.m. The time of our guest speakers remains 1 p.m.

INAUGURAL MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT JANET BOZZONE

Happy September, fellow stitchers,

It's hard to believe that summer will soon be a distant memory and fall is just around the corner. I hope everyone has spent the time productively and will dazzle us at our next Show'n'Tell with their creations. I was fortunate to be able to attend a couple of classes at the first Lancaster Stitch Fest. One of our past speakers, Dana Jones, gave a workshop on "Finding Your Color Sense," so if you hear folks debating the difference between teal and aqua, you will understand.

Thanks to the skillful negotiations of our immediate past-president, Donna Greene, we will continue to be able to gather for our meetings at the Westchester Reform Temple for the foreseeable future. Additionally, Donna has put together a great line-up of speakers for the remainder of 2023.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

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

Schedule:
11:00 a.m. Board Meeting
11:00 a.m. Meeting Room available for
Sit'n'Sew, Chit Chat, etc.
11:30 a.m. Lunch
Noon VSQ Meeting
Followed by Show'n'Tell
01:00 p.m. Program
02:30 p.m. End of the day's activities.

Our next meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 12th** will feature Michelle Renee Hiatt speaking on "When Life Gives You Fat Quarters, Make a Quilt." I'm sure we will come away with some great ideas re: what to do with our stashes. At our business meeting, we will present the budget for our fiscal year which will show a small deficit. We will be entertaining some creative ideas on how to close the financial gap. At Show'n'Tell you can present some of your latest works of art. If anyone has been working on the **Scrappy Blocks of the Month** project – please hold onto your creations for 1 more month – the BIG REVEAL is scheduled for October when it will be wonderful to see your collective completed projects or WIPs (Works in Progress) side by side.

Make sure to mark your calendar for our upcoming Tuesday meetings this fall:

- Oct. 10th: In person: Anita Grossman Solomon (topic to be determined)
- Nov. 14th: In person: Lisa Shepard Stewart "Global Textile Influences"
- Dec. 12th: In-person: Leni Levenson Wiener (topic to be determined).

I hope everyone has had the chance to visit our new website. Our address is unchanged, www.villagesquaresquilters.com. The site was updated and redesigned with the collective efforts of many, especially Susan's son-in-law, Elliot Kendall. Please, check it out!

Thank you for the confidence you all have placed in me to serve as the president of this wonderful organization. I hope I can successfully follow in the footsteps of my predecessor.

I can't wait to see you all in person again on September 12th!

Keeping VSQ in stitches,
J Bo (AKA Janet Bozzone)

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.

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership Dues for 2023-2024 year are, well, due. If you have not yet paid, kindly bring a check or cash for \$45, payable to VSQ. If you cannot attend the meeting, please mail a check to Mary Anne Byrnes (mabyr109@optonline.net).

Shel Hoffman advised that 2023-2024 Membership Cards will be distributed at the September VSQ meeting. The cards will be available at the sign-in table and can be picked up anytime during the meeting. Those not picked up in September will be available at the October meeting.

NEW WEBSITE BUT SAME ADDRESS

<https://www.villagesquaresquilters.com/>

Provided by: Donna Greene

If you haven't already done so, check out our website. We have a brand-new look.

Wondering when the next meeting will be? Check out the calendar page.

Looking to find out more about our outreach programs? We have a section for that.

Curious about VSQ's history or who its officers are? We have pages filled with info.

And there continues to be a password-protected "members only" site for forms and addresses

The updated website was designed by Susan Wolman's son-in-law, Elliot Kendall. With it we are finally relieving Sylvia Eusebi, who designed the original website and has solely maintained it, of this labor of love.

Ida Pucino and Julia Lestch and I will now take over these duties.

The website is always a work in progress. Please review the site. If you find a typo, let me know. If you have suggestions for things that should be added, let us know that as well.

CALENDAR – UPCOMING VSQ MEETINGS

An update from the VSQ Website:

2023:

Sept. 12: In-person: Michelle Renee Hiatt: "When Life Gives You Fat Quarters, Make a Quilt."

Oct. 10: In-person: *Anita Grossman Solomon: (topic to be determined).

Nov. 14: In-person: *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: In-person: *Leni Levenson Wiener: (topic to be determined).

2024:

Jan. 9: Via Zoom: Thomas Knauer: The lecture looks at what it means to put text on quilts, using quilts as a means to activism, and the history of and implications of making text-based quilts.

Feb, 13: Via Zoom: Brita Nelson: "Now You See It, Now You Don't. The Magic of Disappearing Blocks."

Mar, 12: In-person: Charity quilting or Members Teaching Members (TBD).

Apr, 9: In-person: Charity quilting or Members Teaching Members (TBD).

May, 14: In-person: Jennifer Strauser: Kawandi Style Quilting.

Jun, 11: In-person: Annual Luncheon and possible sewing items tag sale.

*Repeat VSQ speaker

SEPTEMBER'S PROGRAM

Provided by: Donna Greene

Michelle Renee Hiatt will be our featured speaker at the September meeting.

Michelle Renee Hiatt (<https://sewonthego.net>) is an award-winning quilter, designer, and national instructor, who has been sewing since before she can remember. She fell in love with quilting more than 25 years ago.

A certified Professional Process Expert, she is the designer for her own pattern line Sew On The Go. Her designs have appeared in several international Quilting Magazines. Additionally, she is a Certified Instructor for Studio 180 Design and many of her patterns have been published in their Modern 180 pattern line.

Lecture: When Life Gives You Fat Quarters, Make a Quilt

Michelle reflects on how she fell in love with quilting and how it has been there through life's peaks and valleys, providing her peace and therapy when she has needed it most.

Additionally, Michelle describes how she got into designing quilts and how you can go about changing fabric and color placement to make quilts your own. Michelle shows numerous alternate versions of quilts.

A WIN-WIN EXPERIENCE.....A Tag Sale looking for Donations!

From Susan Wolman

On Sept. 23, 2023, my neighbor is running a tag sale - her 30th!!!!!! - for *Friends of Karen*, a charity that gives money to the families of seriously ill children.

Since I've noticed that many people are downsizing and have many things they no longer want, I'm suggesting that you bring those items to the September guild meeting and I'll give them to her. Or, if you won't be at the meeting, contact me to arrange drop-off. Items may be random and varied.

See, it really is a win-win experience.....Susan.

SCRAPPY BLOCKS OF THE MONTH

Coordinated by Susan Wolman with Janice Ewing:

Only 1 month to go before the BIG REVEAL!

Hard to believe – but – we are coming to the end of this project. We started this adventure October 2022 and, if you are participating, please bring your completed (almost completed) top / quilt to the **October 2023 meeting for a group Show'n'Tell**. Remember, this was designed to be fun, so relax and enjoy it. Thanks for participating.

As a reminder – and in case you want to join the fun / are a speedy quilter – 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)	Gray	Maroon
Month 6 (Apr)	Pink	Tomato red
Month 7 (May)	Forest green	Lavender
Month 8 (June)	Yellow	Deep/dark red
Month 9 (July)	Navy	Salmon
Month 10 (August)	Your choice	Your choice

This listing provides a quilt of 20 blocks, as was done by our presenter at the September 2022 meeting. (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 September meeting.

OUTREACH

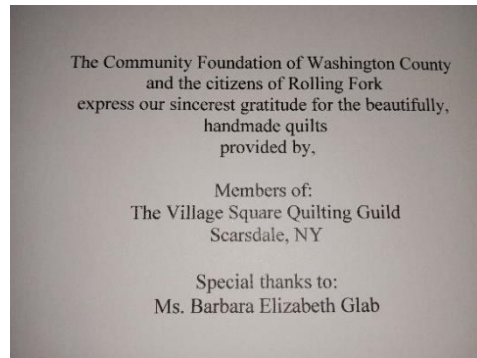
From Maria Eyckmans

First, an update from Barbara Glab:

I sent out a package with quilts made by VSQ members to tornado hit Rolling Fork residents and I received a thank you card. See pic right. I plan to send one more box with quilts that are being presently quilted at the Missouri Star Quilt Co when they finish machine quilting them.

Barbara

PS I will bring the card to the September meeting, too.



Current Outreach Sites, corresponding VSQ Contact and recommended donations are listed below:

OUTREACH SITES	VSQ CONTACT	RECOMMENDED DONATIONS / QUILT SIZES
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. Similarly, please log all donations to other sites, including site name.

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.

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 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.

JUST SEW STORIES

An update from the Editor

This “occasional” section is used to display bio’s submitted by new members, plus any other pertinent stories from our members. This month we have two very interesting bio’s plus an update on the journey being taken by our 2023 raffle quilt, “*Star Shining Over Kyiv.*” Read on.....

Please welcome new members, **Brent McGee** and **Connie Walsh**. In their own words:

Brent McGee: “I grew up in South Dakota, attended the Cleveland School of Music for college, moved to Seattle where I worked for the opera, and then as a k-12 music teacher. Met my husband on vacation in Provincetown and moved to New York to be with him and become a full-time performing pianist and singer. As a pianist I’ve played a Broadway Show at the palace theater “The Illusionists,” music directed the national tour of “Flashdance the Musical,” but enjoyed my time most playing at the piano bars around NYC belting out show tunes for cash. COVID hit and shut all of that down along with my desire to continue down that path. In 2020 my sister asked me to make a large art piece for her new home and I offered to make her a quilt, having never made one before but always wanting to. That led to one quilt after the next, and put me on this quilting path that feels right. I particularly love hand dyeing, hand appliqué, and hand quilting. My husband, Bjorn originally from Belgium, and I live with our two dogs in North White Plains where I’m a homemaker and quilter full time. Living the dream!”

Connie Walsh: “As a new member to VSQ, I thank you all for a very warm welcome at your Annual Luncheon, in June. Although I can sew and made some clothes for our children when they were very young (20-25 years ago), I am new to quilting. My interest in quilting began with COVID shutdown and watching YouTube quilting channels during that time. Since then, I’ve made many small projects as gifts for family and friends. Originally from Minnesota, I came to NYC to study opera, and later changed to get my doctorate in psychology. I worked with residential and day treatment children, with many different psychological diagnoses. After 19 years working with them, I retired in 2019. I look forward to VSQ, inspiration from the show and tell, and most of all getting to know each of you this year. Thank you again for your warm welcome!”

AN UPDATE RE OUR 2023 RAFFLE QUILT: “Shining Star Over Kyiv”

From Rose Fox, the winner of the quilt!

“A friend of mine is a Naval Captain who works in Washington, D.C. and is involved in relief efforts and humanitarian aid for Ukrainians. I contacted him about the quilt, and he has agreed to take the quilt and use it to raise more funds for this cause. He goes to charity events at the Ukraine House in D.C, where it will be featured in a future event (either auctioned / raffled off - I don't know). So, the VSQ quilt will be doing double duty for a great cause!”

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

September 1 – October 31, 2023: All New England Shop Hop. If a “leaf peeping” tour to one or more New England States in on your Wish List – this year may be the year! This 2(!) month event is run by Shop Hop Inc.

Location: Various shops throughout the New England States (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut).

For more info: www.allnewenglandshophop.com

October 21 - 22, 2023: Cocheco Village. The Cocheco Quilt Guild will hold its annual quilt show, "Cocheco Village", from 10AM to 4PM at the James M. Foley Community Center, 130 Wakefield St, Rochester, NH

For more info: www.cochecoquilters.com.


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