



# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## October 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.

## MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT JANET BOZZONE

Happy October, fellow stitchers,

Well, it's official. Fall is finally here! After months of complaining about how hot it was, we can now complain about rain and flooding. I hope everyone remained safe during the most recent flooding alert.

I want to give a big "shout out" to Janet Brodie. When our scheduled speaker bailed on us at the last moment, Janet willingly stepped in to give us a fascinating presentation on Seminole patchwork and design. I hope everyone was as engaged as I was and appreciative of her last-minute effort to educate us. Thank you, Janet.

It will be wonderful to see everyone at our next gathering on Tuesday, October 10, and I hope you all are looking forward to meeting our guest speaker, Anita Grossman Solomon, as much as I am. Her presentation on "Pages from the Make It Simpler Notebook" is something I need to hear.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 10, 2023

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

**Schedule:**  
10:30 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 board will meet at 10:30 a.m. in our usual location and other members should plan to arrive around 11:00 a.m. for lunching, stitching, and socializing. We will then start with our business meeting, which will be followed by show and tell. In addition to our usual round-up, we encourage all who participated in Susan's color challenge to bring their finished projects (or works still in progress) so that we can see the group's collective efforts.

Lisa Moore will tell us more about a quick new challenge she has suggested using African inspired fabrics at our upcoming meeting. We were thinking about having small wall hangings ready for Black History Month in February.

And lastly, please look for a survey regarding ideas on how to reduce our deficit and your willingness or ability to participate. For example, I am willing to give an assortment of cookies or other baked goods in exchange for a donation from members, families, and/or friends.

While a financial crisis is not looming, it will be good to get some ideas rolling sooner rather than later.

Let's all try to keep VSQ in stitches. 😊  
J Bo (AKA Janet Bozzone)

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### 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.

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## 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 continue to be available at the October VSQ meeting. The cards will be available at the sign-in table and can be picked up anytime during the meeting.

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## 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS to Brent McGee:

Brent: "My quilt "*Coral Fans*" was juried into the Houston International Quilt Festival in the Large Pictorial category. It will be on display there from Nov. 2-5. I was very honored to be chosen for this prestigious show, and will be traveling to Houston to see my quilt hanging."



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## CALENDAR – UPCOMING VSQ MEETINGS

*An update from the VSQ Website:*

2023:

Oct. 10: In-person: \*Anita Grossman Solomon: "Pages from the *Make It Simpler Notebook*."

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

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## OCTOBER’S PROGRAM

*Provided by: Donna Greene*

Anita Grossman Solomon will be our featured speaker at the October meeting.

**Bio:** Anita is a full-time quilter, author, and innovator behind three Make It Simpler® books from C&T Publishing and her Cutting Lines™ patterns. Anita's quilts have been displayed everywhere from the ceiling of the International Quilt Festival in Houston to an enormous screen high above Times Square in New York City where she lives. An international guest speaker and popular instructor, she has appeared 3 times on Alex Anderson’s shows and teaches two online classes for Craftsy, The International Quilt Festivals and The American Quilter’s Society.



**Lecture:** “Pages from the Make It Simpler Notebook” <https://makeitsimpler.com/>

**Description:** “Anita’s mind works in unusual ways when it comes to quilting. She is known for her “How did you think of that?” methods to make quilting simpler. In this trunk show and PowerPoint presentation she will quickly share techniques and innovations she is known for and how she arrived at them. You will leave with a smile and a cache of ideas to make your piecing even more enjoyable

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## SCRAPPY BLOCKS OF THE MONTH

*Coordinated by Susan Wolman with Janice Ewing:*

### Time for 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.**

Thanks for participating...we hope you had fun working on this project.  
Susan and Janice.

## OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

Hello everyone.

Thank you to the following members for their quilt contributions at the September 2023 meeting:

Candice Abraham - 1 quilt  
Rhona Hiney - 6 bed runners, 36 wheelchair bags  
Jean Power - 8 quilts  
Nancy Pruyne - 1 bed runner  
Ida Pucino - 3 crib size quilts for Pins and Needles

A request: To help keep our records accurate, please also include the charity / Outreach Site receiving your donation.

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

OUTREACH SITES	VSQ CONTACT	RECOMMENDED DONATIONS / QUILT SIZES
Marymount Convent	Georgina Correa	Wheelchair bags*, Lap quilts (50" x 65")
Montrose VA	Rhona Hiney	Wheelchair bags*, Lap quilts (42" x 60"), Bed runners (30" x 60"; Charm packs work well)
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 Susan Wolman	All sizes accepted.
White Plains Hospital (NICU)	Rhona Hiney	Baby quilt sizes (40" x 46" or 40" x 46")

\*Instructions for making wheelchair bags are available of the VSQ website.

NOTE: If you are donating your quilt or wheelchair 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.

Help keep our list of Outreach Sites current: If you have an organization that you coordinate (or would like to coordinate) for quilt donations, please let Maria know.

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### **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](mailto: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.

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### **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](http://www.allnewenglandshophop.com)

**October 12, 19 and 26, 2023: Quilters Take a Moment (QTM) 2023 virtual workshops.**

QTM is a virtual workshop series of nine recorded workshops and three live Q&A sessions with instructors. The workshop topics include:

- Quilt labeling and documentation,
- Writing for and about your quilts,
- Quilt photography and styling.

Live sessions on October 12, 19 and 26, 2023; recordings available for viewing through the end of 2023.

QTM is a virtual fundraiser for the Quilt Alliance, a nonprofit dedicated to documenting, preserving, and sharing the history of quilts and quiltmakers, and an online event for every quilter.

For more info: [www.qtm2023.org](http://www.qtm2023.org)

**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](http://www.cochecoquilters.com).

**November 2 – 5, 2023: International Quilt Festival Houston.** Preview Night Nov 1; classes begin Oct 30. Includes more than 1,050 quilts in 32 themed exhibits; includes the Festival Judged Show; plus vendors and classes.

For more info: [www.quilts.com](http://www.quilts.com)

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