



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

December 2023

MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT JANET BOZZONE

Hi all!

I do hope that everyone had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving. I know I have so much to be grateful for. This year, I am especially thankful for everyone who works so hard to put together our monthly meetings. For Donna Greene, who has been arranging our programs, for Pat Julian, who has been working diligently to get our newsletters out, for Linda Quartuccio who has been arranging our snack table and to all of you who are adding to our waistlines by providing all those delectable treats.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 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.

I do hope you were able to sneak some sewing in between festivities, and can show off your talents at Show'n'Tell. I am trying hard to finish a one-block wonder in advance of our next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12. We plan to start our board meeting at 10:30 a.m. and have other members arriving around 11:00 a.m. for our usual meeting activities. Our featured speaker will be Leni Levenson Wiener who will present "Finding Your (Quilting) Voice." Leni will try to help us all find our voices as quilt artists. This will be our last in-person meeting until March, so I hope everyone will be able to join us.

Our meeting in January will be via Zoom once again. On January 9, 2024, Thomas Knauer will discuss putting text on quilts as well using quilts as devices for activism. He will discuss the implications and possibilities for using texts on quilts and the historical perspective.

Our Zoom meeting on February 13 will feature Brita Nelson, presenting "Now You See It, Now You Don't. The Magic of Disappearing Blocks."

I do hope to see as many of our members as possible at our December meeting. Let us hope for good weather and dry roads.

I'll be doing my best to keep VSQ in stitches,
J Bo

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.

DECEMBER'S PROGRAM

Provided by: Donna Greene

Leni Levenson Wiener will be our featured speaker at the December meeting.

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

ABOUT LENI LEVENSON WIENER:

Leni Levenson Wiener is an art quilter and instructor living in New Rochelle, NY. She has authored four books—*Thread Painting (2007)*, *Photo-inspired Art Quilts (2009)*, *3 Fabric Quilts (2011)* and *Pictorial Art Quilt Guidebook (2014)* and her work appears in compilation books of art quilts—including *Art Quilt Portfolio: People and Portraits*; *The Best of Quilting Arts Magazine*; *1000 Quilt Inspirations* and numerous magazine articles. In addition, she has self-published a full catalog of her traveling exhibition, "Park Bench Stories."

Her work, which is representational raw edge machine applique focusing on the body language of people caught in ordinary moments of their everyday lives, has been exhibited throughout the US and internationally. Her solo museum exhibition "Park Bench Stories" opened in 2015 at the Grants Pass Museum of Art in Oregon and traveled to galleries and museums throughout the US and selected pieces toured Europe. The run ended in the fall of 2021 at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah.

She has appeared on Quilting Arts and The Quilt Show several times.

Leni regularly teaches her techniques in workshops and also has an online class with **iquilt**. In addition, she coaches emerging artists to help them find their unique artistic voice and lectures on the topic.

Leni is proud to be a BERNINA Ambassador.

ABOUT HER LECTURE: *Finding Your (Quilting) Voice*

Your voice is a unique and recognizable artistic style that is distinctly your own; the ultimate form of self-expression that reflects your personality and vision in a way that no other artist could. This is true whether you are a traditional quilter, an art quilter, or anything else. Many artists grapple with finding their voice, what most don't realize is that their voice is there from the beginning, they just need to hear it and follow it. Leni will talk about the steps to take in order to find your voice. She will also share some new work since the last time she was here.

CALENDAR – UPCOMING VSQ MEETINGS

An update from the VSQ Website:

2023:

Dec. 12: In-person: *Leni Levenson Wiener: “Finding Your (Quilting) Voice.”

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

OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

Hello everyone:

Thank you to the following VSQ members for their quilt donations at the November 2023 meeting:

Jean Borsellino - 4 quilts for Project Linus
Doris Capello - 1 quilt for Pins and Needles
Donna Greene - 1 quilt for Furniture Sharehouse
Ida Pucino - 1 quilt for Project Linus
Eleanor Schmauser - 2 quilts for Project Linus
Jeri Serota - 1 quilt for VA

I hope you all enjoyed THANKSGIVING!

Maria

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)

OUTREACH SITES	VSQ CONTACT	RECOMMENDED DONATIONS / QUILT SIZES
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")

*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.

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.

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

November 2 – December 30, 2023: Elemental & Artist's Choice. Two exhibits by the artists of *Fiber Arts North East (FANE)*.

Location: CH Booth Library, 25 Main St, Newtown CT Third Floor PH: (203) 426 4533
HRS: Mon-Thu 9:30am-8pm; Fri-Sat 9:30am-5pm; Sun 12pm-5pm

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