



# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## April 2024

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### MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT JANET BOZZONE

Greetings from the North Country!

I am finishing up another week in the North Country bringing downstate love and oral health to the community. Although it is Spring, I narrowly averted the 2 feet of snow that fell in Warren and Saratoga County on my journey up here.

In my off hours, I have been working on some charity quilts, and I was hoping to be able to assemble Lisa Shepard Stewart's Ankara Charm Shoulder Bag. Well, I managed to finish the top, but, of course, I forgot the lining fabric...so I have now added one more WIP to the pile. Lisa's kit comes with fifty 5-inch squares, but you only need forty-eight for the bag. For those of us who participated in the African challenge, I thought it might be a fun idea if we all cut up any fabric we were not planning to use into 5-inch squares and exchanged them with each other to create the most variety. Anyone interested in the African Square Exchange can bring your collection to our next meeting, April 9.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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

**Program:** Members Teaching Members

**Schedule:**

10:30 a.m. Board Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Meeting Room available for  
Sit'n'Sew, Chit Chat, etc. and  
Lunch.  
11:30 a.m. VSQ Meeting  
Followed by Show'n'Tell  
Followed by VSQ Program.  
2:30 p.m. End of the day's activities.

Our meeting on April 9 will feature our *Members Teaching Members* program. Some of our talented members will be there to share some new ideas and techniques with us. The board will gather around 10:30 a.m. and our members can gather after 11:00 a.m. to have lunch and mingle. We will start our business meeting around 11:30 a.m. followed by "Show'n'Tell" and then our program will start. I am sure everyone will enjoy the line-up of the guild's instructors.

The partial solar eclipse will very thoughtfully occur the previous day (April 8) and will not interfere with our meeting. The eclipse will begin in our area at 2:11 p.m. For those of you interested in viewing the eclipse, please make sure you use appropriate viewing techniques and don't stare directly at the sun. ☺

As a reminder, make sure you mark your calendars for our upcoming meetings:

- May 14 we will have an in-person speaker: Jennifer Strauser who will present on "*Kawandi Style Quilting.*"
- June 11 will be the date for our annual luncheon and potential tag sale.

I look forward to seeing everyone on April 9. Until then, I will be keeping VSQ in stitches,

J Bo

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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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**CALENDAR – UPCOMING VSQ MEETINGS**

*An update from the VSQ Website:*

2024:

- Apr. 9: In-person: Members Teaching Members.
- May 14: In-person: Jennifer Strauser: *“Kawandi Style Quilting.”*
- June 11: In-person: Annual Luncheon and possible sewing items tag sale.
- July: No formal meeting
- August: No formal meeting
- Sep. 10: In-person: Jo Ann Lepore Topic TBD
- Oct. 8: In-person: Barbara Vedder: *“Appliqué Passionate Pursuit.”*
- Nov. 12: In-person: Jane Davila Topic TBD
- Dec. 10: In-person: Speaker TBD

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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.

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VSQ member *Lisa Moore* has been accepted to be a vendor at the following event:

***Greenburgh Artists and Crafters Market @ Presser Park***, 218 N. Hartsdale Ave., Hartsdale.  
**Saturday, April 27 (rain date Sunday April 28) 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

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*Doris Capello* kindly sent in a picture of representatives from CLUSTER Community Services accepting the donation of Pat Julian’s African Fabric Challenge quilt. On the left is Freda Macon, Executive Director of CLUSTER and on the right is Jepi Rivera, Director of Development. They are both very grateful for VSQ’s quilt donation to Cluster.

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*From Susan Wolman:* This high heat press or iron is available – only requires a donation (cash) to the Guild and it is yours! One use is to press vinyl to t-shirts to make unique clothing. If you are interested please let me know and I could bring it to the meeting or you could pick it up at my house. Very good deal according to those in the know!



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## **APRIL MEETING: MEMBERS TEACHING MEMBERS**

*From the Editor*

April's program, *Members Teaching Members*, is always a fun and educational event! Although the schedule has not yet been finalized, here's a brief description of what to expect.

Meeting attendees will be divided into 4 to 5 groups; then 4 to 5 members will, concurrently, give 15 – 20 minute demos of their "special" technique or concept. The demos are repeated 4 to 5 times so everyone can see all the different techniques / concepts.

I have always learnt a couple of new or different ways to do something at the MTM meeting!

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## **SEWING CLASS FOR MIGRANT WOMEN**

*From Doris Capello*

Our last class with the *Women in Action* at Catholic Charities was on February 28. The last project was to work on aprons and place mats. The students decided to make coordinating aprons and placemats with the fabric we provided. They were very diligent and worked so fast that they were able to complete matching mother/daughter aprons. So cute. One woman was working quickly to complete an apron for her daughter's birthday that same day.



In the previous class, the women had learned how to make tote bags. On the last day of class, the students came in with their completed tote bags and were able to sell some to the Catholic Charities staff. We were so proud of their work. It was exactly what we had hoped for - for them to make projects that they could sell and earn a little money to support their families. They are planning to continue making more tote bags, aprons, and placemats to sell at a "Pop-Up" event in May around Mother's Day.

We had two young visitors on the last day. Susan Wolman was delighted to teach the 10-year-old how to use a sewing machine. She did an excellent job sewing a small tote bag for her little niece. We were again feasted with delicious Mexican food. It was a great day all around. We want to thank all the VSQ members who so generously donated so many items that these women needed to learn how to sew new projects. Initially, they learned how to make small quilt projects that were converted into pillows. Then, throughout the year, they made Christmas napkins, larger quilt patterns converted into full size bed quilts, tote bags, aprons, and placemats. Thank you to all who participated in this VSQ outreach program.



VSQ Coordinators: Peggy Altman, Doris Capello, Deb Johnston, and Susan Wolman.

## OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

Thank you to all of our members who lugged their machines and other supplies to participate in our Charity Sew-a-Thon.

I am looking forward to seeing the finished quilts!

Thank you to the following members who donated quilts at our March meeting:

Janice Ewing	2 quilts plus 1 quilt top (to be quilted) for Project Linus
Ronnie Huvane	1 quilt to Susan Wolman; 3 Wheelchair bags for the VA
Pat Julian	1 lap quilt for CLUSTER
Jean Moccio	1 quilt for Project Linus
Lisa Moore	1 lap quilt for the VA
Nancy Pruyne	2 bedrunners and 1 quilt for the VA; 1 quilt for Project Linus
Linda Quartuccio	1 bedrunner for the VA

Maria Eyckmans

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

OUTREACH SITES	VSQ CONTACT	RECOMMENDED DONATIONS / QUILT SIZES
Furniture ShareHouse	Susan Wolman	Full size (60" x 80")
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")

\*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):



**May 4 – 5, 2024: “World of Quilts - A Celebration of Traditional, Modern and Art Quilts.”** Quilts, vendors, speaker (Irene Roderick), and more - presented by Northern Star Quilters.  
Raffle Quilt “Parfait” (pictured) - Proceeds to support North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps.  
Location: Purchase College Gymnasium, 735 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase NY.  
For more info: [www.northernstarquilters.com](http://www.northernstarquilters.com).

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**April 11 – 13, 2024: “New England Quilt Expo.”** Quilt displays, vendor mall, workshops, lectures and more...  
Location: Double Tree Hotel and Convention Center, 700 Elm St, Manchester, NH.  
For more info: [New England Quilt Expo 2024 - Quilting in New England \(quiltnewengland.com\)](http://NewEnglandQuiltExpo2024-QuiltinginNewEngland.com)

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From The Yankee Quilter ([www.yankeequilter.com](http://www.yankeequilter.com)).

**April 12 – 20: “Quilt Across CT Shop Hop.”** Visit five leading CT shops for an educational, informative, trendsetting shop hop.  
For more info: [www.yankeequilter.com](http://www.yankeequilter.com)

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### AQS Shows:

April 24 – 27, 2024: Paducah, KY  
August 21 – 24, 2024: Grand Rapids, MI  
September 11 – 14, 2024: Lancaster, PA.  
For more info: [American Quilter's Society -](http://AmericanQuilter'sSociety.com)

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**Oct 31 – Nov 3, 2024: “International Quilt Festival - Houston”** Quilts, vendors, speakers and more.  
Location: George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston TX.  
For more info: [www.quilts.com](http://www.quilts.com).

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