



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

June 2024

MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT JANET BOZZONE

Happy June, everyone!

I am continually amazed at how fast time flies by. It has been a whirlwind year, and now that June is indeed here, we are thankful we will be able to celebrate another successful guild season at our annual luncheon on June 11. We have had a fabulous lineup of speakers this year, who have provided us with so much information and inspiration.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

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

Schedule:

10:30 a.m. Board Meeting;
Begin drop off: Tag sale items and / or
dishes to share for lunch.
11:00 a.m. Meeting Room available for
shopping at the Tag Sale.
11:30 a.m. Begin luncheon
12:30 p.m. VSQ Meeting
Followed by Show'n'Tell
2:30 p.m. End of the day's activities.

I wanted to express my gratitude to everyone in our guild who made this year so successful. This includes: Donna Greene for coordinating our programs and hosting fabric sales (along with Susan Wolman); Pat Julian for editing our newsletter; Maria Eyckmans for serving as our Outreach Coordinator; Jean Borsellino for her work with our new member recruitment; Linda Quartuccio for serving as our hospitality planner to ensure we have adequate snacks to nosh on at our meetings. We have also had two fun projects this year: Susan Wolman and Janice Ewing's "Scrappy Blocks of the Month" and Lisa Moore's "African Fabric Challenge." But mostly, I want to thank all of our members who have made the year by coming and participating in our events. Collectively, we are a great bunch!

LUNCHEON: Linda will again be serving as our coordinator for this delightful luncheon. While you are responsible for bringing your own main course, we request that as many members as possible bring either an appetizer, dessert, or beverage to share with their fellow quilters. If you have not already done so, please contact Linda to let her know what you are able to contribute. Those bringing a dish should plan to arrive at the Westchester Reform Temple between 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

TAG SALE: We also plan to have a tag sale featuring any unwanted or no longer loved quilting or sewing tchotchkes (e.g. rulers, notions, patterns, kits, yardage, or precuts). We would also welcome any handmade items or trinkets, such as pouches, totes, or carryalls. Please see more detailed information later in the newsletter.

Please RSVP to the survey I will be sending, so I can get a headcount for lunch and an idea of what members will be bringing for the luncheon and tag sale.

BOARD MEETING: We will be having a brief board meeting at the same time as set-up, so board members and standing committee chairs are asked to come early as well.

DUES: Annual dues (\$45) are technically due by Aug. 1, but since we are not having any

formal meetings over the summer, we would like to collect dues from as many members as possible at the luncheon. Alternatively, dues can be sent directly to Mary Anne Byrnes. Should anyone be interested in hosting a get together over the summer months, please let me know and we can get the word out.

Finally.....Don't forget to bring your checkbooks and/or plenty of cash in case you find that must-have item at the tag sale. Looking forward to seeing you all on June 11 and enjoying some delectable delights at lunch.

'Til then, I'll be trying to keep VSQ in stitches.
J Bo

LAST EDITION FROM PAT!

An update from the Editor

Now that the world is pretty much reopened and recovered from the pandemic, my travel schedule has resumed.....Madrid, Philadelphia, and London so far this year! And, I have many more places to visit! So, after a run of four years, I am passing on my editing "pencil" to Candice Abraham.

A FEW REMINDERS:

Food restrictions at WRT – no pork products, no shell fish and no nuts.

Should there be are 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.

CALENDAR – UPCOMING VSQ MEETINGS

An update from the VSQ Website:

2024:

- June 11: In-person: Annual Luncheon and 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

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.

Please welcome new members, *Carol Ferrando* and *Judy Surosky*. In their own words:

“Hi! I’m *Carol*, and my love of sewing came from my mom, and from attending 4H Club sewing classes in Rockland County, NY. I studied Children’s Book Illustration at Parsons School of Design, and I have illustrated many children’s books for Walden Publishing (sticker books, recipe books, and Spin-A-Song books) as well as for Stoopball Press. I worked at Scholastic Publishing (children’s book publisher), and DC Comics (many years ago!) I also do party caricatures! But I really desire to get back into quilting, sewing, and doing “slow stitch” projects in the ‘real’ world (as opposed to digital!)”

“*Judy Surosky* recently moved to New York from Maryland with her husband Harold to be closer to her family in Westchester and Manhattan. Judy spent her entire career as an elementary school teacher in both private schools and Baltimore city public schools. Judy loves all types of art, music and dance and spent her childhood and teen years as a ballet dancer. She also loves quilting and was part of a quilting guild in Baltimore. She is a collector of quilting books by Kaffe Fassett and the quilts of Gee’s Bend.”

VSQ member, *Lisa Moore*, is one of the scheduled speakers at the 3-day virtual event **2024 Quilt Africa International Summit**. For more information, see page 6.

VSQ member *Doris Capello* submitted the following: “Although the sewing classes for migrant women at Catholic Charities ended in February, the women have continued sewing. Doris would like to acknowledge Lee Kimmel's generosity to the Catholic Charities ladies. Lee donated a Brother sewing machine to Alexandrina, one of the students in our *Women in Action* sewing class. Alexandrina was very grateful and her daughter, who attended one of our classes and made a small tote bag, will probably use the machine as well. Thank you, Lee.”



TAG SALE LOGISTICS

From Janet Bozzone

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- Drop off donated items between 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. While we will mark prices, it would be helpful if you rolled up any fabric and indicated the yardage.
- Shopping will begin around 11:00 a.m., stop for lunch around 11:30 a.m., and resume after a brief membership meeting and Show & Tell around 12:45 p.m.
- All proceeds from donated sewing and craft items will go to the Guild to help offset our deficit.
- If you would like to buy a table for \$25, where you keep the proceeds, please contact Janet Bozzone to arrange. You will be responsible for the cleanup of your items.

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH SET UP, SALE, AND CLEAN UP ARE STILL NEEDED.
Please email me if you can help.

OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

Thank you to the following members for their contributions of charity quilts at the Mayl meeting:

Doris Capello - 3 quilts for Project Linus
Janice Ewing - 5 knit, 5 quilts for Project Linus
Jean Moccio - 2 quilts for Project Linus
Jean Power - 1 quilt for the VA
Leni Wiener - 2 quilts for Project Linus

Update:

Pat Julian's quilt donated at the April meeting was given to Rhona Hiney for Mariondale.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Maria Eyckmans
Outreach Coordinator

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)

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):

June 13 – 16, 2024: DC/DOX FILM FESTIVAL 2024

Documentary film festival showcasing powerful, timely stories in Washington, DC. The World Premiere of “The Quilters” is scheduled to be shown. This short film follows quilting inmates in a prison in St. Louis, MO.
For more info: www.dcdoxfest.com

July 11 – 13, 2024: 2024 Quilt Africa International Summit This year’s theme is *Creativity in Community!* This is a 3-day virtual event designed to immerse you in a world of inspiration and learning. VSQ member, Lisa Moore, is one of the scheduled speakers.
For more info: www.quiltafricafabrics.com

July 25 – 27, 2024: MAINE QUILTS 2024 Quilt show presented by Pine Tree Quilters’ Guild – Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME. Quilts, workshops, vendors, and more!
For more info: www.mainequilts.org

July 31 – August 2, 2024: Bayberry Quilters’ Annual Show Harwich, MA.
For more info: www.bayberryquiltersofcapecod.com

Sep 27 – 29, 2024: Quilts in the Mill Show 2024 Quilt show presented by Courthouse Quilters’ Guild – Prallsville Mill, Stockton, NJ. Quilts, workshops, vendors, and more!
For more info: www.courthousequilters.org/quilts-in-the-mill-show.html

AQS Shows:

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

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.

2026: Handwork: Celebrating American Craft 2026: Craft in America (www.craftinamerica.org) is a LA-based non-profit organization founded in 2004 with the mission to promote and advance original handcrafted work through programs in all media. Craft in America has announced **Handwork: Celebrating American Craft 2026**, a year-long collaboration among organizations, educators, and makers to celebrate the diversity of the crafts that define America, bringing compelling stories and underrepresented art and artists into the spotlight. The Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum is the lead partner for the initiative and will host the core exhibition for the project.
For more info: www.craftinamerica.org

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