



# Village Squares Quilters

## Newsletter – June 2026

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### FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT JANET BOZZONE

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	June 9, 2026
<b>Location:</b>	In person
<b>Program:</b>	VSQ Annual Luncheon
<b>Schedule:</b>	
10:30 a.m.	Board Meeting
11:00 a.m.	General Membership Meeting
11:45 a.m.	Show n Tell
2:00 p.m.	End of the day's activities.

Ciao, Village Squares Quilters!

I can't believe June is already here and we are preparing for our last meeting before summer break. I hope everyone had a meaningful Memorial Day weekend, taking time to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. It is heartbreaking that conflicts around the world continue to add to that loss. We can only hope for a swift end to violence and for peace to prevail. Let us continue to keep all those affected in our thoughts and prayers and hope for peace

throughout the world.

I hope you will join us for our annual luncheon and meeting on Tuesday, June 9. This is always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate another successful year together. Please remember to bring your own main dish and an item to share—appetizers, salads, beverages, and desserts are all welcome. If you have not already done so, please let Jean Moccio ([jmoccio@optimum.net](mailto:jmoccio@optimum.net)) know what you plan to bring. Festivities begin at 11:00 a.m., with volunteers asked to arrive a bit earlier for set-up. We will also hold a brief business meeting and Show & Tell, so be sure to bring your latest projects to share.

While we are not planning formal meetings this summer, there may be an opportunity to participate in a complimentary Zoom presentation or reduced-cost online workshop with our February speaker, Norene Skiles. I will send a survey soon to gauge interest, so stay tuned for updates. Although dues are not officially due until August 1, it would be very helpful if members could bring the \$60 payment to the June meeting or send it directly to Mary Anne Byrnes. We also accept Zelle payments at [vsquilters@gmail.com](mailto:vsquilters@gmail.com). As this is our final newsletter before summer, I wish everyone a safe, happy, and productive season. If anyone would like to share information with the guild over the summer, please email me at [drjbo3@gmail.com](mailto:drjbo3@gmail.com) and include "VSQ" in the subject line.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on June 9<sup>th</sup> with their masterpieces in tow, and I will try to keep VSQ in stitches...even over the summer. Ciao for now!

J Bo

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## REMINDERS

- **Food restrictions at WRT** – **no pork products**, **no shellfish** 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.
- Please wear your name tag.

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## CALENDAR – Upcoming VSQ Meetings

2026	Format
June 9	Annual Luncheon

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## Annual Luncheon

Please join us for the VSQ Annual Luncheon on June 9, 2026, as we celebrate another successful year together. We hope you will join us for good food, fellowship, and fun—and please remember to bring a dish to share. If you would like to contribute a dish, please let Jean Moccio ([jmoccio@optimum.net](mailto:jmoccio@optimum.net)) know what you plan to bring. So far, we have signups for appetizers (4), salads (3), beverages (1), and desserts (6). We look forward to seeing everyone on the 9th!



## MEMBERSHIP

Jean Borsellino

**VSQ Badges** -Jean Borsellino will have a supply of "VSQ badge kits" at the May and June meetings for anyone who is missing their badge and would like a new one.

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## May 2026 Quilt Donations Report

Maria Eyckmans

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Number of Quilts</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
Maureen Carline	1	Sharehouse
Lisa Moore	1	Elizabeth Seton
Connie Walsh	2	Project Linus
<b>Visit the VSQ website to explore all our donation sites</b>		

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## Immigrant Women Sewing Class

Doris Capello

**VSQ Members Bring Sewing Classes to Catholic Charities in Yonkers** -- in early May, a group of VSQ members launched a new round of sewing classes with women at the Catholic Charities office in Yonkers. Four classes were planned, and from the very first session on May 6th, the welcome was warm and the energy enthusiastic. Thanks to the generous support of Jean Powers, the group began with Reading Pillows. VSQ members donated children's books, so each student not only learned to sew but went home with books for their children. The following week introduced string quilt squares, with each student receiving background squares and colorful fabric scraps to design something uniquely their own. Week three featured aprons, with Peggy Altman guiding each student in adjusting pattern pieces to their size. The final class will bring it all together as students use their string quilt squares to create small tote bags — a showcase of everything they've learned.

What has made these classes truly special is the spirit in the room. Students and instructors have learned from one another, with students taking on teaching roles themselves. "*Necesita ayuda?*" — "Do you need help?" has become the unofficial motto, passed freely between everyone. It has been a genuinely fun and rewarding experience for all. Thank you to **Peggy Altman, Deb Johnston and Connie Walsh** for all their help in designing and teaching this class. See a photo of students and their creations below.





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

**A website that may be of interest - [www.shophopinc.com](http://www.shophopinc.com):** Here you will find Shop Hops organized in the different regions of the U.S.

**Hurricane Helene Relief (ongoing)** Keepsake Quilting, a shop in North Carolina, is collecting and distributing quilts to hurricane victims. Please send donations to: Keepsake Quilting, 505 Aztec Drive, Archdale, NC 27265.

**Handwork: Celebrating American Craft 2026:** Craft in America ([www.craftinamerica.org](http://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](http://www.craftinamerica.org)

**Mancuso Show Management** – VSQ member Kate Pendzuk, recommends Mancuso Show Management [quiltfest.com](http://quiltfest.com), which organizes quilt shows in Virginia, Pennsylvania and virtual. Their shows include three different areas of quilt competition, workshops and many vendors. Accommodation for overnight stays are convenient to the venue. There also is the opportunity to volunteer and in return one gets credit towards a workshop. It is worth checking out the website. If you have questions, I attended the PA Show last September and I will be attending the VA Show in February.

**Sewing Machines** – **Susan Wolman** announced that Mr. Mitchell at Sewing Machines, located at 6 N. Central Avenue in Hartsdale, NY, is offering **50% off all notions**. For more information, please call **(914) 682-0595**. This sale is **not open to the general public**— so be sure to **mention Susan's name** to receive the discount.

**Mailing Tip - Rene Santos** shared a great tip for saving on shipping costs when sending packages via UPS or USPS. By using Pirate Ship, shipping expenses can be reduced to as little as **one-third of the standard counter or online rates**. For example, a 5-pound box of quilts shipped to Rhode Island would have cost about \$24 with either carrier, but through Pirate Ship it cost just **a little over \$8**. Rene also noted that using the **smallest possible box based on length x width x height** helps secure the lowest price for the same weight. Pirate Ship offers **bulk-rate discounts** with major carriers and passes those savings on to users. Best of all, **there's no cost to sign up**. Check it out here <https://ship.pirateship.com/>

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