



# Village Squares Quilters

## Newsletter – March 2026

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### FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT JANET BOZZONE

**Next Meeting:** March 10, 2026  
**Location:** Westchester Reform Temple  
**Program:** “Members Teaching Members”  
**Schedule:**  
10:30 a.m. Board Meeting  
11:00 a.m. General Membership Meeting  
11:45 a.m. VSQ Meeting MTM  
2:00 p.m. End of the day’s activities.

Dear Village Squares Quilters,

I hope by the time you read this the nor’easter we are anticipating will be just a memory. I do have some strong words to communicate to both the groundhogs who both predicted six more weeks of winter. I think they went a little over the top on this one. Groundhog stew, anyone?

It has been quite a while since we have experienced a snowfall of this magnitude, but all we can do at the moment is to hunker down and

hope for the best. We are planning to hold our next meeting in person, weather permitting. This will be our annual “Members Teaching Members” program on Tuesday, March 10th featuring:

- Jean Borsellino’s double feature will teach us how to use a quick grid for perfect point matching, and how to make a 3-minute square in a square block.
- Jim Seisfeld will show us the process he uses to make a quilted jacket.
- (moi) Janet Bozzone will demonstrate several easy techniques and tips to construct half-square triangles.

We will feature one presenter at a time, which will be projected and recorded. Subsequently, they will be made available on the VSQ website. This will allow us to see each demonstration together for maximum participation.

Susan Wolman has suggested that we can feature using half-square triangles in our quilts for our charity quilting day in April...so start saving and organizing your scraps, as well as your unloved fabrics, that sometimes can turn into beautiful creations when paired in creative new ways. In case anyone wants some artistic inspiration beforehand, you can check out [Create with Claudia’s layout suggestions.](#)

We will also have fabric available for sale from Janice Ewing’s stash, so be sure to bring cash or checks for purchases. We also are able to accept Zelle payments. All proceeds will be donated to the guild for operating expenses.

As always, the doors open for general members at 11:00 a.m. at the Westchester Reform Temple. We will have our business meeting around 11:45 which will be followed by show and tell and then our MTM program. A Zoom link will be provided for those unable to make it in

person.

For those who missed the February meeting, our speaker, Norene Skiles, who presented on Lecture/trunk show– “Use It All, You Paid for It”, has volunteered to give another Zoom presentation at no cost and/or offer a discount for one of her virtual workshops. We will have the opportunity to discuss interest when next we meet.

Until then, I’ll be trying to keep VQS in stitches!  
J Bo

**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
March 10	in person
April 14	in person
May 12	in person
June 9	Annual Luncheon

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### Upcoming Program

March will bring us a very special and personal program: “Members Teaching Members”. Be prepared to enjoy the instruction of our fellow members, Jean Borsellino, Jim Seisfeld, and Janet Bozzone. We will be tutored in perfect point matching, quilted jacket construction, and construction of easy half-square triangles. What a lovely range of skills!

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

*Jean Borsellino*

Please welcome new VSQ member, Daniela Datcu. Bio to follow in April.

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**February 2026 Quilt Donations Report**  
Maria Eyckmans

Due primarily to our Zoom meeting in February, we have no donations to report. However, the March meeting is coming quickly! VSQ has such generous and talented “givers”; we will surely be listing many lovely gifts in our April newsletter.

Donor	Number of Quilts	Recipient
<b>To see the donation sites, please visit the VSQ website.</b>		

**VILLAGE SQUARES QUILTERS 2026 SEW-A-THON**

During our April meeting, we will be doing our Charity Sew – A – Thon. We will need volunteers to bring:

- sewing machines
- cutting mats
- rulers
- rotary cutters
- ironing boards
- irons
- scissors
- pins
- extra sewing needles
- fabric

Susan Wolman has suggested working with a half square triangle pattern but members can work on whatever they choose.

A volunteer list for the above items will be passed around at the March meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

*Maria Eyckmans*



**BEDFORD BABIES**  
(Doris, Alice & Ida)

**Friendly reminder** - The young moms at the Bedford Women's Correctional Facility continue to sew and make quilts for their babies. They are learning about quilting under the direction of LeeAnn one of the women at Bedford. Currently there are six mothers with their babies in the

Nursery, all eager to make quilts for their babies and their children at home. One mom has already made six quilts, all very colorful ones. She is excited about sewing and is eager to receive more fabric to make more quilts. If you'd like to donate fabric, please bring it to the VSQ meetings. If you're able to help with cutting, we'd appreciate that as well. Requested sizes: 6½" squares, 33" × 45" pieces for backs, and 4½" × 45" strips for borders. **Please also remember we cannot bring the following colors to the prison - BLUE, ORANGE OR BLACK (BOB colors).** Any fabric or cut pieces can be given to me or Deb Johnson.



### **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.

**Heritage Quilters 2026 Quilt Show:** Heritage Quilters of the Hudson Palisades will present their 2026 Quilt Show, consisting of exhibits, demonstrations, and hands-on activities. Save the dates: Saturday, 3/7, 10-5 and Sunday, 3/8, 12-4. Location: Nanuet Public Library, 149 Church St., Nanuet, NY.

**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 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 × width × 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/>

### **A Message from Jean Moccio**

Please sign up to provide refreshments for upcoming meetings. We are currently lacking sign-ups for the rest of this year. Anyone interested can email me: [jmoccio@optimum.net](mailto:jmoccio@optimum.net)

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