

# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## December 2024

### MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT - JANET BOZZONE

Happy Holidays to all!

I recently reminded someone that there are over twenty secular and religious celebrations that fall between October and January. While Thanksgiving is likely the next holiday on most people's minds, we are actually in the middle of this major holiday season.

I thought it might be a wonderful idea for our members to share their fall and winter holiday themed quilts for show and tell at our next meeting on Tuesday, December 3. From Diwali to Chanukah, Christmas to Kwanza and the Dia de Los Muertos to Omisoka.... We have so

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024

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

**Program:** Carol Smith

**Schedule:**

11:00 a.m. Meeting Room available for  
Lunch & Chit Chat  
11:45 a.m. VSQ Business Meeting  
Followed by Holiday Show and Tell  
Followed by VSQ Program  
2:30 p.m. End of the day's activities.

many traditions that can be inspirational to quilters. So go through your projects and regale us with your creativity and help us get into a multicultural holiday swing.

At the next meeting, we will concentrate on a very important topic, "*The Practical Guide to Sewing Machine Cleaning and Maintenance.*" Our very own Carol Smith will be demonstrating how to clean and maintain our sewing machines, which may help us avoid unnecessary trips to the repair technician. Carol suggested that it could be helpful if a few members brought their own machines to

work alongside her. If you plan to bring your own machine, please ensure you bring any necessary tools for maintenance and have it fully set up before the start time.

I hope to see as many of you as possible in person, but I am considering hosting this as a hybrid meeting to allow some members to participate remotely. Please note that this will be a trial run. If you cannot attend in person but would still like to join let me know – you can help test the set up and see if our technology is up to task.

Remember, in anticipation of inclement weather, our January and February meetings will be held via Zoom with speakers and dates to be announced soon.

In the interim, I do wish everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. I hope to see you all on December 3....and will continue to try to keep VSQ in stitches.

Ciao a tutti!

J Bo

Janet Bozzone, DMD, MPH

## 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.



## CALENDAR – UPCOMING VSQ MEETINGS

<b>2024</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
Dec 3	Carol Smith
<b>2025</b>	
Jan 14	Zoom
Feb 11	Zoom
Mar 11	in-person
Apr 8	In-person
May 6	In-person
Jun 10	In-person

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## DECEMBER'S PROGRAM



**and sew on...** Our December meeting will feature VSQ member, Carol Smith, as the guest speaker. Carol will present on the essential topic, "***The Practical Guide to Sewing Machine Cleaning and Maintenance.***"



## SPECIAL VSQ MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hilary Ward, a returning member of VSQ, began her quilting journey at the age of 16. Originally from Cheshire, England, her passion for quilting was sparked when she admired a friend's quilt and knew she had to create one of her own.

Armed with only cardboard templates, scissors, and sewing needles, she embarked on her creative path. After living in Cape Cod for the past ten years, Hilary has returned to VSQ, where members are thrilled to welcome her back.

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## **BEDFORD BABIES**

*Ida Pucino*

Fall visits to Bedford continue. We recently received a donation of flannel fabric from Susan Wolman which will be popular in the cooler season.

We are still seeking volunteers to donate their time at Bedford Babies. We visit twice a month, spending two hours on a Thursday morning from 9 AM to 11 AM. With more volunteers, we could create a rotation, allowing different pairs to attend each visit.

The Bedford Babies Core Team (Doris, Alice, and Ida)

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## **OUTREACH**

Maria Eyckmans, Outreach Coordinator

Thank you to the following members for their quilt contributions to the November meeting: Jeri Serota (4 quilts for Furniture Share House), Carol Smith (1 quilt to Linus Project), Janice Ewing (1 quilt for the VA)

**See the current Outreach Sites, corresponding VSQ Contact and recommended donations below.**

<b>Outreach Sites</b>	<b>VSQ Contact</b>	<b>Recommended Donations/Quilt Sizes</b>
Furniture Share House	Susan Wolman	Full size (60" x 80")
Marymount Convent	Georgina Correa	Wheelchair bags*, Lap quilts (50" x 65")
Montrose VA Veterans	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)	Janet Bozzone	Baby quilt sizes (40" x 46")

\*Instructions for making wheelchair bags are available on the VSQ website.

**NOTE** - If you are donating your quilt or wheelchair bag to any of the above sites, please log in the green logbook 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.

**Reminder** – If you are unable to attend the meeting but are donating quilts and/or wheelchair bags, please email Maria with the details. This will help us keep our Outreach donation count accurate and up to date.

**Help keep our list of Outreach Sites current** – If you currently coordinate, or would like to coordinate, quilt donations for an organization, please inform Maria.

### **Batting and Labels**

Full- and Queen-size batting is available to members for charity quilts. The batting is currently being stored at Janet Bozzone’s house -- please contact her for charity batting.

Quilt labels are available at the meetings. If you need one, please see Maria Eyckmans

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

**Sept 16 – Dec 31, 2024** - VSQ member, Lisa Spain-Moore’s art reception will take place at the Greenburgh Town Hall in White Plains, from 1p.m. – 3p.m. Her exhibit features 35 pieces of her work, which will be on display through the end of the year. If your schedule allows, be sure to stop by and explore her artistry!

**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.

**Sept 21, 2024 – Jan 19, 2025:** The Rockwell Museum (a Smithsonian affiliate located at 111 Cedar St., Corning, NY 14830) is presenting “Stephen Towns’ Private Paradise. The exhibit is inspired by Black American History, and features Town’s paintings and quilts that bring hidden stories back to life. Group tours are also welcome.

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**2026: 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)


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