

Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

February 2025

MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT - JANET BOZZONE

I cannot believe that February is upon us! The world is turning with a speed that is both too slow and too fast at the same time. I have gained eight pounds since election day and have yet to dive into my stack of UFOs. Besides delving further into remote dentistry, I have been

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Location: ZOOM

Program: Mary O. Gregg
"Quilts with Depth"

Schedule:

10:30 a.m. Board Meeting
11:00 a.m. Zoom opens to general membership
11:30 a.m. VSQ Business Meeting
12:00 p.m. Speaker's presentation

distracting myself by going to exercise classes at the gym, and learning how to play Squash 57, which allows me to smack a ball against the walls and relieve some anxiety. On a positive note, on February 11th, we will again hold our monthly meeting via Zoom. Our guest speaker will be Mary O. Gregg who will be joining us live from Florida. She is the author of the "Quilts with Depth" applique book series. She will be showing us how to construct beautiful 3D Art Quilts by adding dimension with

notions and special techniques. To learn more about her, read her blog and see the quilts and patterns she has featured on her website, <https://quiltswithdepth.com>.

Our board meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. and the Zoom doors will open to the general membership at 11:00 for socializing. We will follow with the general membership meeting at 11:30 a.m., with our featured presentation starting at about noon. I will be sending Zoom invites to our paid members via email. Watch your email for the invite and additional details. **Reminder! This Zoom link will only be sent to members who are current with their dues.** If you have not yet paid your dues this year, you may do so by sending a check to our P.O. Box or via Zelle using our general email, VSQ@villageSquaresQuilters.com.

If you choose to send a check, please inform me that your "check is in the mail" by either email or text. Our address for mail payments is -- Village Squares Quilters, PO Box 75-H, Scarsdale, NY 10583. I do hope that you all can join us for our virtual meeting. It is sure to be informative as well as inspirational. Should you want to dazzle us with your quilting accomplishments since our last in-person meeting, you can do so by taking a photo and uploading to the device you are using for the meeting connection. If you don't know how to do this, I will send more info on how to do this with the link for the meeting. In the meantime, I am optimistic that I can find the ability to divert my attentions to getting more productive things done at my sewing machine, which has been missing me. I hope you can find time to invest in your ability to turn scraps of fabrics into beautiful things, despite the tumultuous world around us.

Until then, I will be trying to keep VSQ 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.



CALENDAR – Upcoming VSQ Meetings

2025	
Feb 11	Zoom
Mar 11	in-person
Apr 8	In-person
May 6	In-person
Jun 10	In-person



February's Program



Mary O. Gregg, author of *Quilts with Depth*, will demonstrate how to create stunning 3D art quilts by incorporating dimensions using notions and unique techniques. To learn more about her work, visit her blog and explore the quilts and patterns shown on her website.

<https://quiltswithdepth.com>.



VSQ Member Spotlight – Pat Boyer

My name is Pat Boyer, and I live in the Mount Vernon Fleetwood area. I was taught how to hand sew, knit, embroider and crochet at the age of 7 by my paternal grandmother. I did not realize how lucky I was to have learned the basics of many crafts until I became a teenager. That is when I started making simple things for myself, a skirt, a blouse, etc. After I was married and had two daughters I loved making clothes for them. I would go to expensive shops and see the beautiful things they had for children. We couldn't afford them, so I would sketch the designs, find similar fabrics, and make the outfits myself.

At this point in my life, I decided I wanted to go to F.I.T. So off I went two nights a week for two years and absolutely loved it. My family was so supportive; and as difficult as I found it with working a full-time job, a house, and now three children, my husband and I managed.

I have played around with quilting now and again and just recently became more interested in it. I find I am still stumbling through but enjoy the process.



BEDFORD BABIES

Ida Pucino

Fall visits to Bedford continue. 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)



OUTREACH

Maria Eyckmans, Outreach Coordinator

I hope you're all staying warm! During the January Zoom meeting, no quilt donations were recorded. Looking ahead, our Sew-A-Thon is scheduled for the April meeting, and we'll need your help to make it a success! Please bring the following supplies: **sewing machines, cutting boards, rulers, rotary cutters, thread, scissors, extra needles, pins, ironing boards, irons, seam rippers and fabric.** Thank you for your support and contributions!

As a reminder -- if you are unable to attend the meeting but plan to donate quilts or wheelchair bags, please email Maria with the details. This will help us maintain an accurate and up-to-date Outreach donation count.

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.

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

Outreach Sites	VSQ Contact	Recommended Donations/Quilt Sizes
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)

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)	Janet Bozzone	Baby quilt sizes (40" x 46")

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.



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

May 3-4, 2025: World of Quilts Show – A Celebration of Traditional, Modern and Art Quilts; presented by Northern Star Quilt Guild at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase, NY 10577. Admission is \$15.

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.

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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