



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

January 2025

MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT - JANET BOZZONE

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another year, and it is time to start thinking of making those New Year resolutions, again. When I was working full-time, I remember someone told me, "When you need something done, ask a busy

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Location: ZOOM

Program: Dana Jones
"Around the Block: Creating Quilts from Blocks from Traditional to Contemporary."

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

person to do it." Somehow, I managed to run a dental department with sixty employees at multiple sites, in addition to being a wife and mother, while juggling a myriad of additional pursuits and hobbies including quilting. Now that I am basically retired, I seem to struggle to get anything productive done. Every morning, before I get out of bed, I make a mental list of everything I would like to accomplish...and at the end of the day...only a fraction was actually completed. When you seemingly have all the time in the world, there is no urgency to get things done.

I know I need to stay "on task", so this year, my resolutions will include reorganizing my sewing studio and whittling down my enormous pile of UFOs. My resolutions from last year, also included a commitment to work on my UFOs. Perhaps I will succeed this year. I can't wait to dazzle you all at our next in-person Show and Tell.

We are pleased to have Dana Jones return for our next Zoom meeting on January, 14, 2025. Last time, you may remember, Dana fascinated us with tales from her book "Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island in the Philippines." This time Dana will be presenting, "Around the Block: Creating Quilts from Blocks from Traditional to Contemporary." She will be taking us from traditional blocks to modern blocks, from repeated blocks to one-of-a-kind blocks, from blocks you know to those you've never seen — quilters past and present (and likely future) love blocks. This trunk show includes more than 20 quilts from a range of quilting genres, including ones she has designed, and ones designed by others, and all constructed with blocks. Perhaps you'll be inspired to join to become another "blockhead" — newly defined as a quilter entranced by the infinite world of quilt blocks. She hopes you'll come away from this presentation proud to be a chip off the old block of our quilting foremothers and our quilting mentors and peers.

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 about noon. I will be sending Zoom invites as the date draws closer.

For those of you who are unaware, Shel is in rehab recovering from a recent illness. Until he can pick up his role as Communications Director, please forward anything you need circulated to the membership, please forward it to me. I know you will all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

I trust the rest of you have had an enjoyable and healthy holiday season. I do hope you will all be able to make it to our virtual gathering. What New Year's resolutions will you be making this year? Certainly, attending the virtual quilt meetings will be on your list.

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

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

JANUARY'S PROGRAM

Dana E. Jones will present: "Around the Block – Creating Quilts from Blocks from Traditional to Contemporary"

About Dana E. Jones:

Dana E. Jones, artist, quiltmaker and journalist is a former editor of Quilters Newsletter magazine and the Studio Art Quilt Associates Journal. She has lived in many places in our country and lived locally with us in New York City and then in White Plains for many years. Now living at 9,200 feet in the Rocky Mountains of Gilpin County, Colorado, she frequently takes her beloved camper, "Emma" along on her travels to many of her speaking engagements. Dana is a consummate traveler and has made a commitment to visit all the National Parks in the United States. She only has a few more to go.

Dana has had articles and/or pattern and block designs published in these magazines as well as in e Quilt Life, Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting, McCall's Quilting, Quiltmaker, Quilts With Style and Quick Quilts. She is a regular teacher at Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum and quilt shops in Centennial, Pueblo, Estes Park and Delta, Colorado, and has spoken and taught at quilt guilds and shops in Colorado, Texas, Arizona, Florida, Illinois, New York, North Carolina, Washington and Kansas. She is Zoom-ready for lectures and workshops. Her quilts have been exhibited at Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum and as part of the 2018 American Quilt Study Group traveling exhibition. For more information about my friend, Dana, and her quilt journey, see www.danajonesquilts.com.



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

Thank you to the following members for their quilt contributions to the December meeting: **Ida Pucino** contributed two baby blankets for White Plains Hospital, Janet Bozzone will coordinate the gifts; and **Anne Frascarelli** donated a blanket for Project Linus.

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)
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



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.

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.

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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