

# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## March 2025

### MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT - JANET BOZZONE

Hello again, VSQ'ers!

Will March come in like a lion and go out like a lamb? Last month, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and predicted six more weeks of winter. I hope March will be kind to us and the weather will cooperate with our planned March gathering. I'll keep my fingers crossed!

I hope everyone that could join us enjoyed our guest speakers on Zoom in January and February. Personally, I found them both informative and inspiring, and I am sure I will be adding some more UFO's to my ever-increasing stack.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 11, 2025

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

**Program:** Susan Wolman

**Schedule:**  
10:30 a.m. Board Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Meeting Room available for  
Sit'n'Sew, Chit Chat, etc. and  
Lunch.  
11:30 a.m. VSQ Meeting  
Followed by Show'n'Tell  
Followed by VSQ Program.  
2:30 p.m. End of the day's activities.

This month we will be resuming our in-person meetings at the Westchester Reform Temple in Mamaroneck on March 11. Susan Wolman has a geometric no-sew art project that promises to be an interesting challenge for us. Details to follow. In the meantime, look around for some interesting shapes that you may find in your home that might serve as inspiration.

All members are welcome to arrive after 11:00 a.m. to have lunch, mingle and set up for our no-sew project. We will have a brief business meeting followed by Show'n'Tell. Members are encouraged to bring their latest creations to share.

Please, remember to mark your calendars for our future meetings:

- April 8 will be our Charity Sewing Day
- May 6 TBD: Members-Teaching-Members or featured speaker
- June 10 will be the date for our annual luncheon and possible tag sale

I look forward to seeing everyone on March 11 for our venture into our fabric arts and all the projects you have been working on since our last meeting.

Jean Borsellino will be bringing some fabric by the bolt and yardage for donations or use for charity quilts. Bring cash, check, or even your Zelle info!

PLEASE NOTE! The correct email for Zelle payments is [vsquilters@gmail.com](mailto:vsquilters@gmail.com).

Until then, I will be keeping 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	
Mar 11	In-person: Susan Wolman's No-Sew Art Project
Apr 8	In-person: Charity Sewing Day
May 6	In-person: Members-Teaching-Members or speaker
Jun 10	In-person: Annual Luncheon

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS: MARCH

**Susan Wolman** will present a “hands-on, geometric no-sew art” project:

Here are some examples for inspiration. Our finished works of art have the potential to look like this!



As this is a “hands-on” program and you will need:

- Background fabric: One piece of solid or tone-on-tone suggested (Max 22 inches by 30 inches)
- Feature fabric: ½ yard (high contrast with background fabric)
- Fusible fleece: 22” x 30”
- Paper backed fusible web: ½ yard

While some of you may have all these supplies on hand, we realized that it might be difficult to easily obtain the fusibles, so the guild will supply 30 kits of fusible supplies on a first-come basis to make it easier for everyone to participate in our activity. Bring your own sharp scissors or mat and rotary cutters...whatever you think will work best for your design. Additional details will follow, but in the meantime, look around for some interesting shapes that you may find in your home that might serve as inspiration.

As noted in J Bo's message, all members are welcome to arrive after 11:00 a.m. This will give you time to set up for our no-sew project. You will also have time to prep your fabric before our class begins at the pressing stations that will be set up.

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## APRIL – CHARITY SEWING DAY

**Jean Borsellino** reminds us that plenty of supplies will be available from the VSQ stash for use in our Charity Sewing projects at our April 8 meeting. According to Jean, "I will bring an array of fabrics in all sizes to the March and April meetings so that members can put a quilt together using the VSQ stash."

**Maria Eyckmans** says: "We will be *Sewing for Charity* at our April meeting. To help make the day a success, we will need members to bring Sewing Machines, cutting boards, rotary cutters, rulers, scissors, thread, pins, ironing boards, irons, seam rippers, extra sewing machine needles and fabric.

"Feel free to work individually on your own projects or to work in groups of your choice.

"For those of you who don't have anything special in mind and need some easy suggestions, look up rail fence or disappearing nine patch – a couple of hard copies of these patterns will be available at the March meeting. There are many other free patterns online that may be of interest."



**OUTREACH**

Maria Eyckmans, Outreach Coordinator

Looking ahead, our Sew-A-Thon is scheduled for the April meeting – see above for items needed to help to make it a success! 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.

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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")

### **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.

### **FEBRUARY DONATIONS:**

Nancy Pruyne – 1 quilt for the VA

Maureen Carline – 1 quilt for North Carolina flood victims

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

**March 15, 11am-4pm: Oh, Freedom Quilt Exhibition** sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Anti-Slavery Project. Location: Lobby of the Family Partnership Center, 29 N. Hamilton St., Poughkeepsie, NY. Additional times and exhibits available, see: [info@mhahp.vassarspaces.net](mailto:info@mhahp.vassarspaces.net).

**May 3, 2025, 10am to 5pm and May 4, 10am to 4pm: World of Quilts XLIV – A Celebration of Traditional, Modern and Art Quilts;** presented by Northern Star Quilt Guild at Purchase

College, Physical Education Building, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase, NY 10577. Admission is \$15. Speakers include Sue Brenner and Marge Tucker. For mor information, go to [programs@northernstarquilters.com](mailto:programs@northernstarquilters.com).

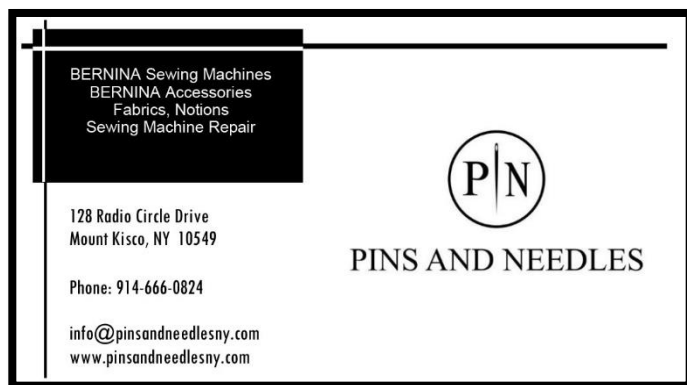
**A website that may be of interest – [www.shophopinc.com](http://www.shophopinc.com):** Here you will find Shop Hops organized in the different regions of the U.S. FYI – the All New York Shop Hop is scheduled for May – June, 2025; the All New England Shop Hop (includes CT) is scheduled for September – October, 2025.

**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.

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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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