



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

May 2024

MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT JANET BOZZONE

Happy May, Everyone!

Looks like spring is finally in full swing, and we can put away our winter coats and snow boots. I think spring is my favorite season and provides so much inspiration for colorful quilts. My backyard is in full bloom with cherry blossoms, forsythia, and lilacs, along with tulips and daffodils. Now to just find the time to sit down and sew.

I can't wait to see everyone at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 14. Our featured presenter is Jennifer Strauser, who will be speaking to us about "Kawandi Style Quilting." It should be an interesting and informative lecture, and we are sure to be impressed by some amazing quilts.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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

Program: Jennifer Strauser

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.

Our board will meet as usual at 10:30 a.m. The full board consists of the President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurers along with the chairs of the standing committees: Communications, Membership, Program, Outreach Coordinator, and our Member-at-Large...but anyone interested is welcome to attend the board meeting. All members are welcome after 11:00 a.m. for sewing and mingling. Then we will have our normal business meeting and a Show & Tell of our latest creations. Jennifer's presentation will immediately follow.

Remember to mark your calendar for our annual June luncheon on Tuesday, June 11. Members should plan to bring their own main course, but everyone is asked to bring additional refreshments for appetizers and desserts. Linda Quartuccio is coordinating this fabulous event once again; so please do not forget to let her know what you will be bringing to share with the guild. In addition, we will have a Tag Sale on that day – please see further information about this later in the newsletter.

Hope to see you all on May 14!
J Bo

GOODBYE. PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

As I write this (April 22, 2024), I am barely a week away from my departure to live in Oak Park, IL. It is so bittersweet. I will be near family (and two granddaughters, including an infant) but will be leaving behind so many friends (all of you) and memories.

(I tried also to leave behind a lot of fabric and quilts and sewing supplies, but was only moderately successful! Downsizing is really hard. We shall see whether I will have to shed more due to space once I get there.)

So please, everyone, stay in touch with me via email: donnagreene7@yahoo.com. Or text me. If you are ever in the Chicago area, please let me know.

I will stay a member of VSQ and hope to see many of you on Zoom next January and February.

Fondly,
Donna

A FEW REMINDERS:

Food restrictions at WRT – no pork products, no shell fish 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.

AND.....Please wear your name tag.

CALENDAR – UPCOMING VSQ MEETINGS

An update from the VSQ Website:

2024:

May 14: In-person: Jennifer Strauser: *“Folded Improv – Kawandi Quilting.”*

June 11: In-person: Annual Luncheon and sewing items tag sale.

July: No formal meeting

August: No formal meeting

Sep. 10: In-person: Jo Ann Lepore Topic TBD

Oct. 8: In-person: Barbara Vedder: *“Appliqué Passionate Pursuit.”*

Nov. 12: In-person: Jane Davila Topic TBD

Dec. 10: In-person: Speaker TBD

JUST SEW STORIES

An update from the Editor

This “occasional” section is used to display bio’s submitted by new members, plus any other pertinent stories from our members.

From the Editor: Northern Star Quilters’ Guild “**A World of Quilts XLIII**” was held at SUNY Purchase College May 4 & 5, 2024. Congratulations to VSQ members Sheryl Fleishaker, Brent McGee, Helen May, and Judy Simek on their various awards.

VSQ member *Leni Levenson Wiener* submitted the following:

Leni Levenson Wiener will give the Keynote address on **Friday, May 17: 9:10 am PST** at the virtual **Creative Spark Quilt conference**. **More information about the event at:** [Layered & Stitched: An Art Quilt Experience \(ctpub.com\)](https://www.ctpub.com)

She will also be giving a workshop June 15 at Christies Quilting Boutique in Norwalk Ct. For more information please contact:
Christie Hughes, Christie's Quilting Boutique, 176 Main St, Norwalk, CT 06851
1-203-80QUILT

MAY’S PROGRAM

Provided by: Jennifer Strauser

Jennifer Strauser will be our featured speaker at the May meeting.
<https://www.dizzyquilter.com/>

ABOUT JENNIFER STRAUSER:

Jennifer Strauser is a quilting educator and designer who works with some of the top brands in the industry. She is part of the team at Gotham Quilts, making world class quilting classes available online. Her work has appeared in many industry publications, including Curated Quilts and McCall’s Quilting. Jen got started quilting when her first child was a toddler – she needed something in her life that she could control. Currently Jen is working on a series of hand-made projects emphasizing mindfulness. When Jen isn’t teaching, you can find her at home, dreaming up the next big project for Threadsome Patterns or writing about quilting for her blog, Dizzy Quilter.

ABOUT HER LECTURE: *Folded Improv – Kawandi Quilting*

Discussion of the traditions of Kawandi Quilting in India, along with samples of Indian Kawandi. Then I will talk about my introduction into Kawandi, and what makes it so special to me. I will have about a dozen Kawandi I have made myself. I will talk about what Kawandi has done for me, and how I use my experience to give back to the community that has inspired me.

ADVANCE DETAILS RE: JUNE TAG SALE

From Janet Bozzone

In addition to our Annual Luncheon, there will be a tag sale in June for well-loved but no longer needed (by you) sewing items. The tag sale will have **two components**:

You can bring your unwanted sewing items for us to sell and the guild keeps all the money
OR

You can pay \$25, be provided with a table you must oversee and you can keep what you sell (and clean away all your remaining items after the sale). If you are interested in the table option, please contact Janet Bozzone at, or by, the May meeting (May 14).

Further info regarding the luncheon and the tag sale will be provided at the May meeting

OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

Thank you to the following members for their contributions of charity quilts at the April meeting:

Candice Abraham	- 1 Quilt for Marymount
Maureen Carline	- 2 Quilts for Linus
Sheryl Fleischaker	- 1 Quilt for Linus
Donna Greene	- 4 Quilts for TBD / Susan Wolman
Pat Julian	- 1 Lap quilt for TBD / Rhona Hiney
Linda Quartuccio	- 1 Quilt for Linus
Jeri Serota	- 5 Quilts for Marymount

Group quilt - 1 Quilt for Linus
(Diane Coldrick, Maria Eyckmans, Debbie Johnston & Lee Kimmel)

Thanks again everyone for your donations.

Maria Eyckmans
Outreach Coordinator

Current Outreach Sites, corresponding VSQ Contact and recommended donations are listed below:

OUTREACH SITES	VSQ CONTACT	RECOMMENDED DONATIONS / QUILT SIZES
Furniture ShareHouse	Susan Wolman	Full size (60" x 80")
Marymount Convent	Georgina Correa	Wheelchair bags*, Lap quilts (50" x 65")
Montrose VA	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)	Rhona Hiney	Baby quilt sizes (40" x 46")

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

NOTE: If you are donating your quilt or wheelchair bag to any of the above sites, please log it in the green log book 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.

Remember – if you are not at the meeting and you donate a quilt or quilts and / or wheelchair bags, please e-mail Maria with the details. This way, our count of Outreach donations can be kept current / up-to-date.

Help keep our list of Outreach Sites current: If you have an organization that you coordinate (or would like to coordinate) for quilt donations, please let Maria know.

BATTING AND LABELS:

Full- and Queen-size batting is available to members for charity quilts. It is being stored at my house. You can contact me at meyckmans@aol.com if you would like to pick some up.

Janet Bozzone also keeps a few packages in the trunk of her car. You can speak to her at our meetings if you need batting.

Quilt labels are available at the meetings. Check with Donna Greene or Maria Eyckmans if you need one.

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

AQS Shows:

August 21 – 24, 2024: Grand Rapids, MI

September 11 – 14, 2024: Lancaster, PA.

For more info: [American Quilter's Society -](#)

Oct 31 – Nov 3, 2024: “International Quilt Festival - Houston” Quilts, vendors, speakers and more.

Location: George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston TX.

For more info: www.quilts.com.

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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