



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

September 2024

MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT JANET BOZZONE

President's Message: September Newsletter:

Hello Members! I want to welcome you all back to the resumption of our quilt presentation programming. Although I found the end of August to be unseasonably cool, I think it still has been a long, hot, summer for me. I hope you managed to be more productive than I was. I did manage to survive two weeks doing dentistry for the underserved in the North Country, breaking my fifth metatarsal (during one of those stints), and catching some nasty bug that was (thankfully) not COVID19. I thought I would manage to magically get more accomplished with so much free time on my hands, instead I chose to imitate my husband's favorite pastime... "la dolce far niente" ...the sweetness of doing nothing. But now I am looking back and wishing I had accomplished more over the summer months.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 17, 2024

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

Program: Jo Ann Lepore

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.

But FORWARD we go. On Tuesday, September 17th, Jo Ann Lepore will be sharing her quilts and her "Excitement, Passion, and Noise" lecture with us. She may also have advance copies of her new book, "Confetti of Color" to peruse.

As we resume our normal programming schedule, the board will meet at 10:30 a.m. with the general membership arriving after 11:00 a.m. for lunch and socializing. We will then progress to our business meeting, which will include the annual proposed budget, followed by Show'n'Tell. I hope to begin our guest presentation a little before 1:00 p.m. in order to maximize the time we have to spend with our speaker.

I am still seeking some brave, willing volunteer to assume the role of Program Director, which was formerly so expertly managed by Donna Greene. The Program Director will be responsible for arranging our monthly in-person and Zoom speakers and automatically becomes a board member. So, if you are up to the challenge of leading our program forward, please contact me ASAP. We do have leads and you will not be alone in this venture. January is just around the corner and, as yet, have no one programmed for 2025.

We also need to organize a bylaw review committee in order to be compliant with our bylaws which need to be updated by October 2025. I will be looking for a few good members to step up for this challenge as well.

We always include some info about upcoming local quilt events in this newsletter, but for those wanting more details, I recommend signing up for one of our previous speaker's weekly newsletters, Rona the Ribbiter, at <https://ronatheribbiter.com/about/>. Her website contains links to hundreds of quilt events around the world.

I look forward to seeing you all on September 17th, as long as I survive these last few days of vacation with my husband in Las Vegas.

'Til then, I will try to keep VSQ in stitches.
J Bo

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:

IMPORTANT UPDATE: UPCOMING VSQ MEETINGS

Next Meeting is moved to Sep. 17 due to space availability.

2024:

Sep. 17: In-person: Jo Ann Lepore “*Excitement, Passion, & Noise*”
Oct. TBD: In-person: Barbara Vedder: “*Appliqué Passionate Pursuit.*”
Nov. 12: In-person: Jane Davila Topic TBD
Dec. 3: In-person: Speaker TBD

PELHAM QUILTERS IS SPONSORING A TRIP TO AQS LANCASTER

Provided by Donna Greene:

Pelham Quilters is sponsoring a Quilt Show bus trip on Thursday, September 12, 2024:

Cost: Pelham Guild Members \$50; non-members \$60

For more information, TEXT 914-720-0005, 646-203-1958, provide name/contact info.

SAD NEWS: STORE CLOSING – Above and Beyond Creative Sewing

Provided by Donna Greene:

Located at 38 N. Middletown Rd. Nanuet, NY 10954. “We will remain open for the month of September and will have a liquidation sale where all merchandise will be on sale for 25-75%.”
For more information: creativesewingshops.com. (845) 623-4313

SEPTEMBER'S PROGRAM

Provided by: Jo Ann Lepore

Jo Ann Lepore will be our featured speaker at the September meeting.

ABOUT JO ANN LEPORE: In her own words

"I am a native New Jersey girl. My interest in sewing began at a very early age. My mother was a sewist as they would call her today. I hold a BA degree Socio-Political Science and had a successful career in Human Resources for more than 13 years.

"In 1985 I debuted my decorative accessory company at NYIGF, the largest international trade show. I owned and led this successful endeavor until 2014. During all that time I was nurturing a quilt teaching effort half-heartedly.

"I have taught quilting making in the Northeast for more than 25 years. Currently I teach projects and techniques that I love and create quilts for competitive entry.

"Finally, this is how I "begin again" with the opportunity to write and publish . . . "

HER LECTURE: "Excitement, Passion, & Noise"

BEDFORD BABIES

Provided by: Ida Pucino

Summer visits continue to Bedford Correctional Facility where we find enthusiastic new mothers wanting to make quilts for their babies. One mom is making a few quilts to give away as gifts for the holidays to her other children at home.

It is heartwarming to see the excitement as they plan the tops of the quilts. They help each other pick out fabrics and others show the newbies how to sew the quilts together.

We received a generous donation from Rose Fox of bright, cheerful fabric to add to the collection of options for the residents to choose from. The guild was able to buy a 20-yard roll of batting thanks to the fund set up just for Bedford Babies.

The Bedford Babies Core Team,
Doris, Alice and Ida

OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

Hello everyone.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. There were no quilt donations at the June meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our meetings.

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)
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 on 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 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.

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 [E](#) 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):

Sep 12 – 15, 2024: Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza

Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, PA

For more info: www.quiltfest.com

Sep 27 – 29, 2024: Quilts in the Mill Show 2024 Quilt show presented by Courthouse Quilters' Guild – Prallsville Mill, Stockton, NJ. Quilts, workshops, vendors, and more!

For more info: www.courthousequilters.org/quilts-in-the-mill-show.html

AQS Shows:

Sep 11 – 14, 2024: Lancaster, PA.

For more info: [American Quilter's Society -](http://AmericanQuilter'sSociety.com)

Oct 5 - 6, 2024: Quilt Show 2024 Quilt show presented by Quilters United in Learning Together of Schenectady (Q.U.I.L.T.S.) Proctors GE Theatre in Schenectady, NY.

For more info: www.quiltschenectady.org

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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