



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

June 2023

A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hello my very dear friends– I mean ALL of you,

How do I begin to say what you collectively and individually have meant to me these last four year? We have sewed together, laughed, Zoomed, masked up and shared quilts and sewing tips. We have exchanged personal stories along with widowed blocks and fabric. My presidency may be ending but our friendships -- like our ever-expanding stashes -- will continue on.

And so of course will Village Squares Quilters, under the able leadership of our new president, Janet (J Bo) Bozzone, and our new vice president, Ida Pucino. The strength of an organization is its ability to turn to new people to carry on. (*See George Washington's Farwell Address!*) And wow, VSQ has done this for 40 years. I am very impressed.

But this could not have happened – and won't happen in the future – without a congenial, willing group of volunteers. So many of you have been there when needed for a task large or small. Thank you. Thank you. And please keep doing it.

I am going to leave the sentiment to a minimum and move on to what is ahead in June and beyond.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2023

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

Annual Luncheon & VSQ 40th Anniversary

Schedule: 10:00 a.m. Room set-up
11:00 a.m. Appetizers, et al
Review of the past 40 years
Followed by VSQ Meeting
Followed by Show'n'Tell
Followed by Raffle Drawings:
- 2023 Raffle Quilt "Shining Star
over Kyiv"
- 40th Anniversary Raffle

Tuesday, June 13: Annual luncheon, no speaker. You should by now have received a written snail mail invite to this special occasion. (See details of the event elsewhere in this newsletter.) Thank you to Pat Julian, Susan Wolman, Jean Borsellino, Janet Bozzone and Linda Quartuccio (and all her volunteers) for putting the event together. Reminder: Linda's squad is supplying appetizers and desserts. **You should bring your own main course.** Also, those bringing group food, please drop it off by 10:30 at the latest so that there is time for the setup.

- At that same meeting we will do the drawing for the raffle quilt. All ticket stubs are due by 11:30.
- We will also be collecting dues for the 2023-24 year. Kindly bring a check or cash for \$45, payable to VSQ. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may mail a check to Mary Anne Byrnes.

In other matters...

- Neither Susan nor I got around to doing our fabric garage sale yet. Watch your email for updates on hopefully a June date. All proceeds will go to the guild. Details to come as they develop.
- Congrats to several of our members for winning awards at the recent Northern Star Quilters' Guild Show. They are: Susan Deshensky, Sheryl Fleishaker, Pat Julian and Helen May.
- During the summer months we never have formal meetings but we do try to get together at least once. So, mark your calendar for **July 11**, when we will have an informal "sit and sew and socialize" get together at WRT. There won't be a summer newsletter but we will make sure you get email reminders.
- We have in person speakers planned for Sept.12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec.12. We will meet on Zoom with speakers on Jan. 9 and Feb.13. So, mark your calendars – cancel your dentist appointments – for those dates as well. (See elsewhere in this newsletter for program details.)

HOPE TO SEE YOU JUNE 13

Donna

ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND CELEBRATING VSQ'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Provided by: Pat Julian on behalf of the 40th Anniversary Committee (Jean Borsellino, Janet Bozzone, Pat Julian and Susan Wolman) and the Annual Luncheon Organizing Committee headed by Linda Quartuccio.

Can you believe that it has been 40 years since the first, formal meeting of Village Squares Quilters? Well, a couple of months longer to be correct, as that fateful meeting was held on January 10, 1983.

By now, you should have received your invitation to the Annual Luncheon - remember to bring it with you to the June Luncheon. Upon arrival, please check-in with Jean Borsellino, receive your table number and hand in your invitation to be entered into the 40th Anniversary Raffle drawing.

Linda and her set-up crew request that if you are bringing any food donations for the luncheon to arrive by 10:30 a.m.

While Linda and her crew complete set-up, take a trip down memory lane and browse the many photo albums / scrapbooks that one of our founding members, Marlys Klein (dec.), carefully assembled before the days / years of the internet arrived!

During lunch, maybe while you enjoy your appetizers courtesy of fellow members, we will present a quick review of VSQ's timeline from "*when it all started through to today.*" Then we will begin a continuous presentation (showing) of various VSQ activities over the years. Many thanks to those of you who shared digital photos to be included in this presentation.

After lunch (or maybe during dessert), there will be a brief VSQ General Meeting, followed by Show'n'Tell.

Our last, planned activities for the day are the two raffle drawings:

- 2023 Raffle Quilt “Shining Star over Kyiv.”
- 40th Anniversary Raffle drawing.

Looking forward to seeing you on June 13.

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 Editor with input from Donna Greene

2023:

June 13: Annual luncheon, no speaker

July 11: No speaker; informal “sit and sew and socialize”

Aug. 8: TBD

Sept. 12: Michelle Renee Hiatt: "When Life Gives You Fat Quarters, Make a Quilt" (topic tentative)

Oct. 10: *Anita Grossman Solomon: (topic to be determined)

Nov. 14: *Lisa Shepard Stewart: “Global Textile Influences” explores a variety of fabric techniques from around the world, the cultures that created them, and how to incorporate them into quilting & home decor projects.

Dec. 12: *Leni Wiener will return to VSQ as a speaker. Topic TBD.

2024:

Jan. 9: Zoom; Speaker TBD

Feb, 13: Zoom; Speaker TBD

*Repeat VSQ speaker

SCRAPPY BLOCKS OF THE MONTH

Coordinated by Susan Wolman with Janice Ewing:

Hard to believe – but – we are coming to the end of this project. We started this adventure October 2022 and, if you are participating, please bring your completed (almost completed) top / quilt to the **October 2023 meeting for a group Show’n’Tell**. Remember, this was designed to be fun, so relax and enjoy it....maybe this could be your summer 2023 project as it not too late to join in the fun! Thanks for participating.

As a reminder, see below for a full listing of “colors by month” and the general instructions for this endeavor.

Each month we are suggesting **2 blocks**, each block with a single color. Of course, you may add any colors that help beautify the block, but the goal is to highlight that month's individual colors.

Our plan is to have each participant complete her own multicolored quilt, either to keep or donate. (If it's for donation, VSQ will provide the batting, and if we have an appropriate color, a backing for the quilt.)



Month 1 (Nov)	Teal / Aqua	Gold
Month 2 (Dec)	Orange	Lime green
Month 3 (Jan)	Sky blue	Magenta/fuchsia
Month 4 (Feb)	Purple	Brown
Month 5 (Mar)	Grey	Maroon
Month 6 (Apr)	Pink	Tomato red
Month 7 (May)	Forest green	Lavender
Month 8 (June)	Yellow	Deep/dark red
Month 9 (July)	Navy	Salmon
Month 10 (August)	Your choice	Your choice

This listing provides a quilt of 20 blocks, as was done by our presenter at the September 2022 meeting. (See pic above)

Of course, the number of blocks you make is up to you. The size of the blocks is also personal choice. We suggest anywhere from 6 to 12 inches.

The lack of specificity is deliberate. Very relaxing requirements - just a sampler of color. Quick and easy to do. So have fun.

Questions? Chat with Susan and / or Janice at the June meeting.

OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

Hello everyone.

Thank you to the following members for their quilt contributions at the May 2023 meeting:

Jean Borsellino - 1 child's quilt to Furniture Sharehouse

Lisa Moore - 2 children's quilts for Linus

Jean Borsellino - 1 female quilt for Linus
and Lisa Moore

Roberta Daskin - 1 baby quilt for Mississippi

Maria Eyckmans - 1 baby quilt for Mississippi
and Jean Borsellino

Lee Kimmel - 4 children's quilts for Mississippi

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

OUTREACH SITES	VSQ CONTACT	RECOMMENDED DONATIONS / QUILT SIZES
Coming Home Project	Barbara Wexler	45" x 60"
Furniture Sharehouse	Susan Wolman	60" x 80"
Hearts to Home	Susan Wolman	36"x 36", 40" x 50", or 40" x 60"
Marymount	Georgina Correa	Wheelchair bags Lap quilt 50" x 65"
Phelps Hospital		42" x 60"
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	45" x 60" or 60" x 80" Will also accept other sizes.
VA, Montrose	Rhona Hiney	42" x 60"
White Plains Hospital	Rhona Hiney	40" x 46"

**If you are donating your quilt or wheel chair 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.

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):

May 6 – June 30, 2023: Bisa Butler: The World is Yours. Deitch Gallery, 18 Wooster St, New York NY. Tues – Sat, 12-6pm

For more info: <https://www.deitch.com/new-york/exhibitions/bisa-butler-the-world-is-yours>

*****CANCELLED*** June 21 – 24, 2023 Vermont Quilt Festival - Essex Junction, VT.** After the May edition of this newsletter went to Press, the Vermont Quilt Festival was cancelled. Here is an update from VQF regarding the subsequent cancellation of the virtual Kaffe Fassett event:

May 24, 2023 Announcement: “It is with heavy hearts that we must share some more difficult news. After much deliberation, the board of the Vermont Quilt Festival (VQF) has made the tough decision to cancel our much-anticipated virtual Kaffe Fassett event and, sadly, close down the Vermont Quilt Festival altogether. This was not a decision that we took lightly. We explored every possible avenue to continue the festival and provide the quilting community with the experiences and joy it has brought for over 45 years. However, due to various circumstances, the board came to the realization that it is no longer feasible for us to continue. We understand that many of you purchased tickets for the Kaffe Fassett event, and we want to assure you that refunds will be issued promptly.”

For more info: www.vqf.org

September 1 – October 31, 2023: All New England Shop Hop. If a “leaf peeping” tour to one or more New England States in on your Wish List – this year may be the year! This 2(!) month event is run by Shop Hop Inc.

Location: Various shops throughout the New England States (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut).

For more info: www.allnewenglandshophop.com

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