



# Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

## May 2023

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### A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hello my friends and fellow quilters,

This is my *penultimate* president's message. I have always wanted to use that word since discovering it a few years ago when various TV series would refer to their next-to-last episode that way.

As I write this, I am counting the days until my trip to Croatia, Slovenia, Montenegro and a bit of Italy. As you read it, I should be there, but I will be back in time for our May meeting. Pat Julian, our newsletter editor, should also be abroad.

With traveling on the horizon for Pat, me and so many others, let me introduce our speaker for

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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

**Program:** Rona Herman

**Schedule:** 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Lunch  
12:00 (Noon) VSQ Meeting  
Followed by Show'n'Tell  
Followed by VSQ Program

**May 9**, Rona Herman, a/k/a Rona the Ribbiter, who will journey to New York (for her first time ever) and lecture on "Tips for the Traveling Quilter." I think it will be a fun, informative session. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more details, and be sure to check out her website: <https://ronatheribbiter.com/>

Also at that meeting, we will elect new officers for 2023-2025. The list of candidates recommended by the nominating committee is elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you to those who have stepped up.

### Save the following dates as well...

- **Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7:** Our guild is signed up for the latest All-Star Virtual Sampler Platter from the Global Quilting Connection, so this is free for you. This consists of two afternoons of **virtual** quilting demonstrations by a variety of teachers from around the world. You can watch it live or later via YouTube. I will be distributing the link when the date is closer.
- **Tuesday, June 13:** Annual luncheon, no speaker. Plans are in the works to celebrate VSQ's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you have any ideas, please share with Pat Julian, Jean Borsellino, Susan Wolman or Janet Bozzone. We will also do the raffle quilt drawing. As I write this, there's just one month to go – so let's all try to "**sell more tickets**" (see below if you need more ticket booklets). And, maybe we will be ready to show you our new website.

### In other matters...

- **If you need more raffle booklets....**Please see Alice Clague.

For those of you who have not yet picked up your tickets (remember, all members are expected to sell at least 5 booklets of tickets), here are the options:

- We can mail you your 5 booklets.
  - You can pick up the booklets at Alice's house in Sleepy Hollow.
  - You can send a \$25 check for your tickets directly to Mary Anne Byrnes and we will write up the ticket stubs in your name.
  - You can pick up at the May meeting.
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- Sometime in mid-May I will have my famous garage/driveway sale to give you the chance to acquire (more) beautiful fabric at bargain prices. Also on another date, Susan Wolman will give you a chance to go through the enormous amount of Blank fabric cards she still has on hand. All proceeds will go to the guild. Details to come as they develop. Watch your email.
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- In July and August we traditionally do not have formal guild meetings with speakers. But we do have the rental paid for the room at the Westchester Reform Temple. Any ideas of how we should use the space? Please send your thoughts to Deb Johnston, who has volunteered to come up with some suggestions.

## HOPE TO SEE YOU MAY 9.

Donna

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### 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.

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## CALENDAR – UPCOMING VSQ MEETINGS

*An update from the Editor with input from Donna Greene*

2023:

- May 9: Rona Herman a/k/a Rona the Ribbiter: "Tips for the Traveling Quilter"
- June 13: Annual luncheon, no speaker
- July 11: No speaker; informal sewing and / or project TBD
- Aug. 8: No speaker; informal sewing and / or project 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.  
\*Repeat VSQ speaker

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

*From by Alice Clague*

The **Nominating Committee** consisted of three members: Alice Clague, Debra Johnston and Lee Kimmel.

At the March meeting, the Committee presented the following candidates for Officers for 2023 – 2025 to the VSQ Board and the VSQ membership:

**President** - Janet Bozzone

**Vice President** - Ida Pucino

**Secretary** - Alice Clague

**Treasurer** - Mary Anne Byrnes (Part A)  
Anne Frascarelli (Part B)

As they did during their first term (2021 – 2023), Mary Anne Byrnes (Part A) will be responsible for writing all checks for the organization - rent, reimbursement of expenditures, speaker's fees, etc. Anne Frascarelli will be responsible for Part B of the Treasurer's duties. She will input all the data, expenditures of the organization and produce the forms necessary for tax purposes.

Voting for the Officers for the period 2023 - 2025 will be held during the May 2023 meeting.

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## MAY'S PROGRAM

*Provided by: Rona Herman*

Rona Herman will be our featured speaker at the May meeting.

**ABOUT RONA:** Also known as Rona the Ribbiter, she is an author, teacher, pattern designer and YouTube host with a passion to experience all that life (and quilting) has to offer. Rona's unique pattern style of pairing traditional quilt block piecing with a modern look and utilizing direction and fabric placement allows her to combine both her love of art and mathematics. Her quilts may look difficult. But, in truth, they are as easy to assemble as any traditional quilt. Today Rona is traveling the globe sharing her tips, tricks, inspiration and travel adventures with quilters the world over.: [www.RonatheRibbiter.com](http://www.RonatheRibbiter.com)

**PROGRAM:** Based on her book [Tips for the Traveling Quilter](#), Rona gives away all her best secrets and tips for the roads we quilters travel. From Quilting Retreats to Tours and Cruises, Budgeting to Safety and little-known Quilting destinations around the globe, mixed with several stories of humorous shenanigans and lessons learned along the way. There's something for everyone in this fun and interactive lecture and trunk show!

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## SCRAPPY BLOCKS OF THE MONTH

*Coordinated by Susan Wolman with Janice Ewing:*

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	Navy	Salmon
Month 10	Your choice	Your choice

This listing provides a quilt of 20 blocks, as was done by our presenter. (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 May meeting.

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## OUTREACH

*From Maria Eyckmans*

Hello everyone.

Thank you to the following members for your contributions at the April meeting:

Janice Ewing - 1 Big throw for Furniture Sharehouse

Ronnie Huvane - 1 lap quilt for Hearts to Home  
- 2 wheelchair bags for the VA

Pat Julian - 1 crib size quilt to Mariandale

Jean Power - 2 Lap Quilts for the VA

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

<b>OUTREACH SITES</b>	<b>VSQ CONTACT</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED DONATIONS / QUILT SIZES</b>
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.

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.

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**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](mailto: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.

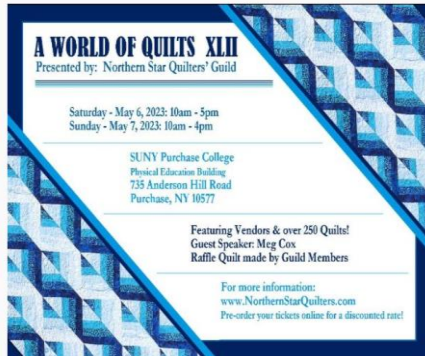
Quilt labels are available at the meetings. Check with Donna Greene or Maria Eyckmans if you need one.

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

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**NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS' GUILD – WORLD OF QUILTS XLII**



**May 6 – 7, 2023: “World of Quilts XLII - A Celebration of Traditional, Modern and Art Quilts.”** Quilts, vendors, speaker (Meg Cox), invitational exhibit (Natalya Khorover Aikens), and more - presented by Northern Star Quilters. Location: Purchase College Gymnasium, 735 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase NY. For more info: [www.northernstarquilters.com](http://www.northernstarquilters.com).

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**March 17 – May 28, 2023: Exhibit - “What That Quilt Knows About Me” at the American Folk Art Museum** Featuring approximately 40 quilts and related works of art, the exhibition will explore the deeply personal and emotional power associated with the experience of making and living with quilts.

American Folk Art Museum, 2 Lincoln Square, Columbus Ave at W66th St, New York, NY  
For more info: [What That Quilt Knows About Me | American Folk Art Museum](http://www.amfartmuseum.org/what-that-quilt-knows-about-me)

**June 21 – 24, 2023 Vermont Quilt Festival - Essex Junction, VT.** It’s finally back in-person! New England’s oldest and largest quilt show.

Location: Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St, Essex Junction, VT.  
For more info: [www.vqf.org](http://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](http://www.allnewenglandshophop.com)

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