



Village Squares Quilters Newsletter

September 2022

A MESSAGE FROM VSQ PRESIDENT DONNA GREENE

Hi everyone,

The leaves will soon be turning colors and it's getting dark oh-too-early. But having said that, autumn *is* a beautiful time of year.

(Now onto the subject at hand):

VSQ has a lot of things in the works for the next few months, so make sure you mark the meeting dates on your calendars now.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2022

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

Program: Diane Rode Schneck

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

• **Tuesday, Sept.13:** Diane Schneck, in person. Diane, a Manhattan quilter (who does not have a website!), will present a lecture on scraps. (See details elsewhere in newsletter.) We will also approve our guild's budget for 2022-23.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 18*:** Tina Craig Seaside Stitches (<https://seaside-stitches.com/>) *Please note that this meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of the month due to the Jewish holidays.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 8:** Michelle Renee Hiatt
<https://sewonthego.net/>

• **Tuesday, Dec. 13:** TBD Zoom or in person

Thank you to VSQ vice president and program coordinator Janet Bozzone ("J BO") for working diligently to find speakers.

In other matters:

- **Raffle Quilt:** We still have not determined what nonprofit organization to share our raffle quilt proceeds with. The membership previously said "Ukraine." If you have a specific organization, preferably a local one, be prepared to speak on its behalf at the September meeting.
- **Westchester Children's Association project:** All blocks sewed by members have been collected. Now Rose Fox and Barbara Glab are working to assemble the quilt or quilts in a pleasing manner.
- **Membership booklet:** Thank you to Shel Hoffman and Sylvia Eusebi for updating our membership booklet. If you haven't already done so, pick up your copy at a meeting.

- **Dues:** If you haven't paid your dues for 2022-23, please bring a check for \$45 made out to VSQ to the September meeting. Or mail to it Shel Hoffman, 65 Edgewood Ave., Larchmont NY 10538-2312

HOPE TO SEE YOU SEPT. 13.

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 Editor

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SEPTEMBER'S PROGRAM

Provided by: Janet Bozzone

Diane Rode Schneck will be our featured speaker in September. She will be presenting her talk, **HOLY SCRAP!**, during which she will be giving us some pointers on what to do with the scraps we collect and how she incorporates them into her fabulous quilts. See below for a few examples of her quilts:



About Diane: Diane comes from a long line of quilters, sewers and embroiderers. All of the women in her family were involved in some kind of craft or handwork. Her father was an architect, so she feels she's inherited the drawing and drafting genes and a fascination with design from him. She learned hand embroidery at a very early age and taught herself the basics of machine piecing when she was in high school in 1974. She credits the quilters of Grace Lutheran Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, who taught her everything she knows about hand quilting.

What she loves most about quilting is its infinite variety. So, like many of us, it has been hard for her to concentrate on just one thing over the years. She has done a little bit of everything, from folk art to Serious Art, but her favorite things are scrap quilts (especially string quilts), crazy quilts, hand embroidery, and hand appliqué, especially the album quilts of the mid-19th century.

We look forward to her presentation.

WHAT NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DO YOU WANT VSQ TO SUPPORT VIA THE RAFFLE QUILT PROCEEDS?

From the Editor

As per Donna in her "Message from the President," we still have not determined what nonprofit organization to share our raffle quilt proceeds with. The membership previously said "Ukraine." Our Secretary, Alice Clague, has done some research and has submitted the following for consideration:

A proposal for use of funds raised for the 2022 quilt that will be raffled by Village Squares Quilters (VSQ)

Background: Newly arrived immigrants, refugees, and others are admitted to the US by various governmental agencies. They may arrive with different statuses, such as Humanitarian Parolee, or Temporary Protected Status (TPS), or SIV special visas for certain Afghans. Once they are provided with basic documents, they are helped to adjust to their new lives in the US by various non-governmental agencies. In the NYC area, they are usually assigned to Catholic Charities or HIAS; these NGOs then rely on volunteer groups to help the new arrivals to settle successfully.

Whatever their status upon arrival, the new immigrants need a great deal of assistance, advice, and monetary support. Volunteers help get them access to Social Security cards, Medicaid cards, documents for permission to work, and housing. They also help navigate school enrollment, finding doctors, and learning how to move around the area.

Here in Westchester: Two such groups are *Hearts and Homes for Refugees*, which works county-wide to assist smaller groups to help sponsor a family or individual, and *Rivertowns for Refugees*, a local group with members from the Rivertowns (from northern Yonkers to Sleepy Hollow) which has sponsored several immigrant families.

Let us consider if we would like to share the funds raised from the selling of raffle quilt tickets between these two local organizations.

If **you** have a specific organization, preferably a local one, please send Donna a draft of your proposal prior to the meeting; then be prepared to speak on its behalf at the September meeting so that it can be included in the voting.

FURNITURE SHAREHOUSE NEWS AND INVITATION

From Susan Wolman (and distributed earlier via email):

Good news for The Furniture Sharehouse and their clients. They are reopening after the pandemic! They are having a **reopening celebration on Thursday, September 8**. Part of the celebration is "15 quilts for 15 years," from us of course. They have invited us to join them from 9:30 to 11. The last time we did this, it was a very powerful experience. We spread the quilts out over some railings and the clients got to select a quilt. As Kate Bialo, the founder of the Sharehouse, once told us, many of these clients had never had a choice of anything, and being at the Sharehouse finally gave them this unique opportunity.

If you're interested, please contact Susan directly.

OUTREACH

From Maria Eyckmans

Hello everyone.

I hope all is well and that you have enjoyed the summer.

If you have donated any quilts in July or August, please log them in the OUTREACH LOGBOOK at the September Meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

Maria Eyckmans

BATTING

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.

Any questions regarding quilts, etc. should be directed to the following members:

- VA, Montrose, and White Plains Hospital - Rhona Hiney.
- Furniture Sharehouse and Hearts to Home - Susan Wolman
- Coming Home Project - Barbara Wexler
- Project Linus - Janice Ewing
- Pins and Needles – Lee Kimmel
- Marymount - Georgina Correa

**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.

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

Quilt sizes for the outreach sites are as follows:

VA- 42" x 60"

White Plains Hospital – 40" x 46"

Phelps Hospital – 42" x 60"

Furniture Sharehouse – 60" x 80"

Coming Home Project – 45" x 60"

Hearts to Home 36" x 36", 40" x 50", or 40" x 60"

Project Linus – 45" x 60" or 60" x 80"

*Project Linus will also accept other sizes.

Marymount –Wheelchair bags and lap quilts 50" x 65"

Pins and Needles is interested in children's crib size (36" x 45") quilts for Blythedale and Beacon Health Center

Every year, Pins and Needles collects baby quilts (approximately 36" x 45") to distribute to Beacon Health and Blythedale over the December holidays. If interested, why not start making baby quilts now for the holidays? Lee Kimmell is our liaison for delivering the baby quilts to Pins and Needles and will accept quilts at any time. Contact Lee at Rkimmel22@aol.com

Laurie Quadagno-Lagronegro has volunteered to help us with the quilting of our charity quilts. Contact Laurie at: laurieg@earthlink.net

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.

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

REMINDER: September 14 – 25, 2022 Connecticut Quilt Shop Hop: There's no one website, so either contact a local CT Quilt Shop you have used or visit The Yankee Quilter website, www.yankeequilter.com/ct-shop-hop.htm Note – Flyer originally distributed to VSQ members via email June 10, 2022.

August 11 – October 13, 2022 The Art of the Reveal: NYC Metro Modern Quilters Quilt. Hudson Guild Gallery, 441 W26th Street, New York.
For more info: www.hudsonquilt.org/events and scroll to the flyer, "The Art of the Reveal."

September 13 – 18, 2022 Quilters Take a Moment 2022: Sustainability Stories. Three day live virtual fundraiser for Quilt Alliance.
For more info: www.qtm2022.org

October 8, 2022 - January 2, 2023: Wall Power! Spectacular Quilts from the American Folk Art Museum: Selection of quilts from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth century, from Alabama to Pennsylvania, will be displayed at the Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St, Glenn Falls, NY.
For more info: www.hydecollection.org

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