



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting – April 20, 2017

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy Spring everyone! It's so wonderful to have longer days and warmer weather. I love this time of year.

It has been suggested to the board that we disband our lending library due to the low volume of use. The board has discussed this topic, and we feel this matter needs the input of the entire guild. It is a lot of work for our librarian to store our books and then transport, carry in and set up the library each month. A look through recent checkout records shows that less than 10 books per month are circulating. There are several more cards for books that have been checked out and not returned in a timely manner, but those were not counted in the active circulation totals. So our question to you is - Do you approve of the dissolution of the guild library? Ask yourself if you would make the effort to provide this service each and every month with so little return. We will have a short member discussion on this subject at our April meeting. Until then, take care ladies. I will see you on the 20th.

Debra

PROGRAMS

Our April speaker is Suzi Parron. Come and join us as we hear Suzi share stories about barn quilts across America. Suzi, a former teacher, now travels full time speaking about the American quilt trail movement at guilds and libraries. If you want to know more, her website can be found at <http://barnquiltinfo.com>

There are still plenty of spaces in the Ami Simms workshop scheduled for Wednesday, October 18. The workshop focuses on Ami's method for making string pieced blocks. Once your blocks are made you can set them in many ways to create a unique quilt! The cost is \$48. See Patty Wheeler or Daria Phair to register.

WORKSHOPS



Ami Simms is coming in October and will be teaching her “String Quilting” workshop on Wednesday, October 18. This will be at The Lodge from 10-4:30 (doors will open at 9:30 for setup). COST: \$48, check payable to Village Quilters. To watch a short video about the class, go to <http://amisimms.com/stquf.html>. This is a fun block that has many setting possibilities!

See Patty Wheeler or Daria Phair to register for the workshops.

Patty Wheeler & Daria Phair, Program Chairs

BINGO – October 27, 2017

Quilts and table runners are coming in so now we need to focus on getting a crowd for Bingo.

Tickets for Bingo will be available beginning at our April meeting. Tickets will be \$20 prepaid or \$22 at the door. You can purchase tickets outright or you can take tickets to sell and then return the money and any unsold tickets to Patty Wheeler. There will be a total of 275 tickets available.

Bingo Raffle Baskets - At the May meeting Patty will begin to collect items for raffle baskets at Bingo. The raffle baskets will include the following themes: Sports, Tea, Coffee, Holidays (general), Christmas, Quilting, Picnic.

There may be more than one basket for some of these themes. How many we make will depend upon what is donated. Items for the raffle baskets should be new or absolutely as good as new.

NOVEMBER 2017 FALL RETREAT – West River

This year's retreat is November 9th-12th at the West River Conference Center. The cost is \$225.00. A deposit of \$112.50 must be made by the June meeting in order to hold your spot. At this time we do have a few openings. If you are interested in attending please email me at ladybug3157@gmail.com.

Sharon Coffman

RAFFLE BASKETS

Keep on bringing in the sewing/quilting related goodies for the raffle baskets. The March raffle baskets contributed \$67 for the guild treasury. The 3 winners were Janet Elton, Joyce Vain and Pat Lieske.

Our back up stash of VQ Raffle basket goodies is dwindling. It's pretty exciting to see what the gals bring in each month to contribute to assure that we have 3 full baskets. Please continue to tote your extras to guild to give others the "thrill" of winning some sewing toys and fabric/ blocks and Unfinished but loved at one time Projects !!!

Janet Ruehl

OTHER WINNERS

Name Badge: Elaine Loughlin
BOM: Kathy Appleton

Jane Stoltz

SUNSHINE



Bev Landis has come home from the hospital. She told her friend Nancy that she really enjoyed the encouragement in the past from receiving cards & notes from guild members.

Shirley Watkins was not able to come to the guild meeting due to continued illness but one of her quilt's was highlighted on the quilt rack. Please continue to send sunshine cards to Shirley also.

Please let Janet Ruehl know of any others in need of sunshine!

**Thank you,
Janet Ruehl**

APRIL 2017 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

This months block of the month is "The Winds of Spring", a double pinwheel block. We chose lavenders and purples for this block. You can use white or a very light lavender for the "A" block. We are Baltimore girls, you know you have purples in your stash! This is a fun block to make that really shows off the shades of purple and has lots of movement.

Paulette and Dori

PROJECT LINUS UPDATE

At the March meeting we received fabric donations from Kay Worley and Catherine Wooten. We also collected 9 quilt tops and 21 finished quilts for Project Linus. If you took a quilt home to finish binding, please remember to bring it to the next meeting. Stop by and see me in April to drop off your finished quilts and/or pick up a quilt kit to take home and sew. Quilt kits are available from the generous donations of fabric we receive each month. And if you enjoy all of the steps of the quilt making process, you can also quilt and bind the kits you take home. On a sad note, I will dearly miss VQ member Lucy Smith, who passed away this month. Over the past ten years, Lucy sewed hundreds of Linus quilt tops. I hope more members will help with charity sewing so we can continue to make donation quilts.

Stephanie Sanidas

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN - APRIL

Morning Helpers: Sharon Koscinski

Lunchtime Helpers: Ethel Caudill, Joan Hammerslea, Bev Landis, Donna Shroff

Clean-Up Helpers: Jane Sinek, Paulette Chellis, one additional helper

Drinks: Sharon Koscinski (2 "real" cola)
Lynn Hastmann (2 diet cola)

Tablecloths: Donna Helm, one additional helper

Janet Elton

5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE

For April, we will exchange 2 sets of 8 batik fabric squares.

I hope everyone can come. Think SPRING!

Kathy Appleton

CHARITY GIVING

Now that this strange winter is almost over, maybe our energy will be directed to sewing and getting quilt things done. One can only hope. Please continue to bring in your canned food donations. Your generosity makes a difference.

Kay Worley

SPRING RETREAT in Ocean City

The 2017 Retreat went smoothly with just a couple hiccups that were quickly ironed out. The Clarion never fails to provide us with a bright, roomy sewing space, plenty of delicious food, clean rooms and comfy beds. Throughout the week I spotted lots of beautiful projects being pieced.

Planning ahead... the dates for 2018 are Monday, March 19 through Thursday, March 22. I am pleased that this is the fifth year retreating at the Clarion and the cost hasn't changed -- \$500 Single; \$352 Double; and \$320 Triple. This price includes three room nights and three dinners, lunches, and breakfasts. Room nights prior to or after the retreat are \$95.

Spaces are available if you would like to join us. Deposits (\$100) are due to me by the first of December, and the balance by mid-January.

If you are interested or have any questions, just let me know. Call me at 410-922-4365 or email CindyReisberg@gmail.com.

Sew on,
Cindy

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

April 27-29 **Milltown Quilters** Quilt Show at the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, MD 21045 For more info www.milltownquilters.com

April 28-30 **Friendship Star Quilters** "Sunshine and Moon Glow Quilt Show" in Gaithersburg, MD at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Go to www.friendshipstar.org for more information

May 5 **Everybody's Quilt Guild** Bingo at St. John's Portico, 43 Monroe St., Westminster 21157. For tickets call Luray Rill at 410-596-5369

April BOM

THE WINDS OF SPRING

We thought this "Windmill" block would be an appropriate block while the late winter/early spring winds are blowing. We chose lavenders and purples for this block. You could also use white in place of the very light lavender. This block can also be called "double pinwheel". Try it! It is much easier than it looks.

To make a finished 12 in. block cut:

A - 1 very light lavender or white $7\frac{1}{4}$ in. square

B - 1 deeper lavender $7\frac{1}{4}$ in. square

C - 2 dark purple $6\frac{7}{8}$ in. square

C - Mark and cut the 2 dark purple $6\frac{7}{8}$ in. square at a diagonal.

A and B - Put right sides together and mark and cut a large X in square. Sew together according to diagram.

HINT: With the LIGHT COLOR ON TOP, going around X to the right, pin the seams together. This makes it easier when taking cut squares to the sewing machine. You can sew these squares incorrectly. Ask me how I know!!

Lay out block using the picture below as a reference. Hint: When placing the A and B half triangle onto the block, light side always goes to the outside. Enjoy the purple!

REMINDER: Do not trim block.

