



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting – March 16, 2017

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I love learning new things. I think that is why I have been enthralled with quilting for so long. Well, that and the fabric, I have always been enamored with fabric. My first quilt was made pre-rotary cutter using templates to mark our pieces and scissors to cut out the patches. A pair of Ginghers was worth its weight in gold in those days. Although rotary cutters are now quilting staples, fabric die cutting machines and laser cut patches are available to quilters who don't like to or can no longer cut fabric in the usual way. Seek out new things and take full advantage of the tools being developed to make your quilting easier.

Piecing and applique techniques are constantly evolving too. I sucked at needle-turn applique when I attempted that method. I gave up on the A word for a long time. I learned to love applique when I took a class from our Mimi and found freezer paper applique. Finally success! The point here is if one technique doesn't work for you, try another. Take a class; take lots of classes. Not every one will be a home run, but even the classes I didn't enjoy - I learned what doesn't work for me. Move out of your comfort zone and stretch yourself. Learn something new!

Several people have asked me where I got the snowmen faces for the Christmas centerpieces. I purchased those from an Etsy shop. The website is at www.vinylgiftsandmore.com. See you in March.

Debra

PROGRAMS

In March we will be hosting Debbie Wendt for both our Thursday lecture and for a Friday workshop. Debbie teaches and vends at AQS shows around the country. Debbie is an accomplished teacher, pattern designer and longarm quilter. She is currently from Massachusetts but has lived in several parts of the US and in Egypt where she started a quilting group called "Quilters in deNile". At our Thursday meeting she will be bringing us her program called "Egyptian Tentmaker Applique". Debbie's website is wendtquilting.com.

WORKSHOPS



Debbie Wendt is coming in March and will be teaching her “Twirl-A-Tool” workshop on Friday, March 17. This will be held at Spring Water Designs in Columbia from 10-4 (doors will open at 9:30 for setup). COST: \$30, check payable to Village Quilters at sign-up; \$16 for tool and pattern, payable to Debbie Wendt at the workshop. The supply list and a few pre-workshop cutting instructions will be provided when you sign up. There are still a few openings.

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

See Patty Wheeler to sign up to help with Bingo. Quilts, consolation prizes and door prizes can be turned in at any VQ meeting. Please put a label and a hanging sleeve (if appropriate) on your bingo quilts. Also, if you have a cat or a dog, please go over your quilt with a sticky lint roller before turning in your quilt. Patty has animal allergies!

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

MEMBERSHIP

Please add a new street address for Pat Wyatt: 2300 Woodland Crossing Drive The city, state and zip stay the same.

Linda Newsom

RAFFLE BASKETS

Keep on bringing in the sewing/quilting related goodies for the raffle baskets. The February raffle baskets contributed \$69 for the guild treasury. The 3 winners were Chris Fittro, Janet Elton and Joan Hammersla.

Thank you for continuing to remember to bring sewing/ quilt items for each months raffle baskets. It's a win/win situation, you have the opportunity to down size your sewing room space as well as bless your guild sisters with new treasures.

Janet Ruehl

SUNSHINE



Shirley Watkins has been ill over the weeks prior to our February meeting and it would be such a blessing for you to send your friend a card of well wishes.

I was also notified that Jackie Formica has had bronchitis and that a card would be nice for her as well.

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

**Thank you,
Janet Ruehl**

PROJECT LINUS UPDATE

Every year I look forward to the February meeting when we shop and work on charity quilts. We had a good, old-fashioned quilting bee while we stitched, chatted and enjoyed ourselves. It was good to hear so much laughter in the Lodge. We seem to get more accomplished while we are with our having fun with our friends. I brought 43 quilts that needed the binding finished and they were all handed out at the meeting. We also collected 10 completed quilts, sewed 9 quilt tops, tied 8 quilts, and collected fabric donations to make more quilt kits.

Please remember to bring your finished quilts to the March meeting. Thanks again for making our Community Service Day so successful...it takes a Village to make our donation quilts!

Stephanie Sanidas

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN - MARCH

Morning Helpers: Sheri Thompson

Lunchtime Helpers: Lois Wilson, Elaine Laughlin, Cindy McIntyre, Sue Grandizio

Clean-Up Helpers: Lynn Hastmann, Pat Lieske

Drinks: Elaine Laughlin (1 diet clear)
Cindy McIntyre (1 liter "real" cola)
Sue Grandizio (1 caffeine free)
Lynn Hastmann (1 diet cola)
Carolyn Jenkins (1 regular cola)
Betty Sterner (1 caffeine free)

Tablecloths: Carolyn Jenkins, Betty Sterner

Janet Elton

MARCH 2017 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Good day to ya, Village Quilters. Spring is still over a month away, but we can start thinking about climbing the Green Castle Walls right now.

This March block may cause you to pause as you line up the points, making sure there is a 1/4 inch left so they aren't snipped off when the quilt goes together. Give a try! It's only fabric after all. (Did I just say that?) Remember not to trim your block. I always tell myself "do your best and learn something new".

Who knows, maybe you'll be building yourself a lovely Green Castle Wall quilt.

Paulette and Dorie

5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE

It's time for the "sharin'" o' the green. We will exchange 2 sets of 8 green fabrics this month. Happy St. Patrick's Day, and The Luck of the Irish to all.

Kathy Appleton

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Please drop off your Empty Printer Cartridges in the bag at the membership table. February newsletter printing charges were less than \$4.00 because of the ink credit we received. Thanks to all who remember to help us out.

MAQ

Mid-Appalachian Quilters will be holding classes July 14-16 at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md. Class registration begins March 4th. For more info <http://maqonline.org/index.html>

FOR SALE

A friend, Sue Canfield, has a white Featherweight to sell. Details follow. Please contact her directly at sbcanfield@verizon.net or 410-507-2866 for questions or if you are interested.
Penny Clifton

Based on what I've seen listed/sold online over the past year, I'm asking \$450. My machine is a circa 1962 ivory Singer Featherweight 221K, serial number EV935268. It was a high school graduation gift from my parents, and I still have the original Singer sales literature. The machine is in very good condition and runs well. The case shows some wear and tear but I still have the original key! The accessories include: zipper foot, binder foot, seam guide, bobbins, screw drivers, needles, spare light bulb and owners manual. Basically it's like the machine described at http://www.patented-antiques.com/sewing_machines_fw.htm.

SNOW POLICY

We will not have a meeting if Baltimore County Schools are closed for inclement weather. If Baltimore County Schools are 2 hours late we will meet. Use your own judgement if the weather is worse in your neighborhood.



MARCH 2017 BOM

GREEN CASTLE WALLS

Colors- Medium green, light green, black and cream

Cutting:

1. From the medium green fabric cut four (4) 4 ½ inch squares.
2. From the light green fabric cut four (4) 2 ½ inch squares.
3. From the black fabric cut four (4) 2 ½ inch squares.
4. From the cream fabric cut sixteen (16) 2 ½ inch squares.
5. And from the cream fabric cut one (1) 4 ½ inch square

Assembly:

6. To make the pointed medium green units (Unit A):
 - a.) Draw a diagonal line on the back of eight (8) cream 2 ½ inch squares.
 - b.) Align a cream square with the top right corner of the medium 4 ½ inch square. Stitch the squares together along the line.
 - c.) Trim the excess fabric ¼ inch away from the sewn seam.
 - d.) Press open.
 - e.) Make a total of four (4) units. (Unit A)
7. Sew black 2 ½ inch square to cream 2 ½ inch square. Sew a light green 2 ½ inch square to cream 2 ½ inch square.
8. Sew these units together to make a four block square. (Unit B)
9. Make three more of Unit B.
10. Assemble the full block according to the diagram with the black squares at each corner and the light green squares pointing to the center.

