



VILLAGE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

February 2018

Next Meeting – February 15

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The holidays are over and put away. We've passed through some extraordinarily frigid temperatures. The Super Bowl and Olympics are on their way. Life goes on. I'm whiling away the days perusing quilting books, magazines, catalogues and websites; placing tabs, bookmarks and stickers whenever I find an exceptionally wonderful quilt or an idea to try. With all the beautiful patterns and new fabrics, florals, bright colors and pastels, modern and traditional prints it's easy for me to become excited about new projects, overwhelmed with the choices, and somewhat chagrined about my stack of UFOs!



In the spirit of an overdue resolution or in honor of Valentine's Day (?), or just because, I have designed a Rene Original Quilt Pattern®:

1. Measure the well begun but half done
2. Cut out unnecessary time eaters
3. Sew projects with threads of enthusiasm
4. Press on to complete at least some of my projects before I buy more fabric.

Please feel free to share this pattern, modify it as needed, or disregard it... but, please keep quilting!

Rene Stiebing

PROJECT LINUS & CAMP QUILTS

Wow, January 18, 2018 was an incredible meeting! Thank you to our hearty quilters that braved the extreme cold to attend our annual community service sewing day. We were very productive again this year. We collected fabric and batting, 8 Project Linus quilt tops, 6 Camp quilt tops, 3 finished Camp quilts (all three quilted by Catherine Wooten), 8 finished Linus quilts, tied 3 Linus quilts, and we handed out 40 quilts that need the binding finished. We also donated 7 quilts to the Fairfax County Police department, a charity important to Sue Grandizio and her son-in-law. These quilts will comfort children when they are removed from a dangerous or traumatic situation.

So far we have 8 Camp quilts finished out of 20 needed by the For the Love of Children (FLOC) Outdoor Education Camp. If you are sewing a Camp quilt top, please bring it to the February meeting so we can get it finished for the March meeting. If you can volunteer to machine quilt a Camp quilt, it needs to be turned in at the March meeting. David Hartness, FLOC Camp Director, will be collecting the Camp quilts at our March 15th meeting since their programs being in April.

Stephanie Sanidas

BABY QUILTS

Thank you to the ladies who worked on baby quilt kits and cut fabric into squares at last month's Charity Sewing meeting. I will bring kits to the February meeting. Is there anyone who would like to help me quilt the tops? I have the batting and backing and can provide fabric for the binding. Let me know before the meeting.

Daria Phair ~ dbphair@gmail.com

PROGRAMS

February Program

In keeping with our tradition of having an "in-house" speaker and charity sewing for the winter months, this month you will be hearing from me (Patty Wheeler). Last year I turned my postcard demo into a lecture for another guild. This month I will be sharing it with you. Be thinking about how you can share your talents with the group next winter! It could be a lecture or several people doing demos or a group of you doing an informal trunk show. If you have an idea let your program folks know!

Another program note... Daria and I are finishing our term in June. Please come and talk to us about what is involved in planning the programs for Village Quilters. It is lots of fun to get to know our speakers. Maybe this is the job for YOU!

Patty and Daria, Program Co-Chairs

MEMBERSHIP

We have two new members this month. Please add them to your directory:

Kathy Harmon 717-566-1875
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KCKMCHARM@gmail.com

Rebecca Densmore 717-367-9213
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rdensmore@comcast.net

Linda Newsom

FALL RETREAT

Hi Ladies. This year's Fall Retreat at the West River Retreat Center is earlier in the month, November 1-4. For this year only we swapped with another quilt group. The fee this year is \$245. A deposit of \$122.50 must be paid by our June meeting in order to hold your spot. If your deposit is not made by June, I will be contacting the people on the waiting list. Please make your checks are payable to Village Quilters. Currently I have one opening. If you are interested in attending, please email me at ladybug3157@gmail.com.

Sharon Coffman

RAFFLE WINNERS

Name Badge: Door prizes made from your special donations of beautiful, bright and jewel tone fat quarters was so abundant that we had two baskets full of fabric, plus a 2018 calendar of quilts! And the winners were: Jane Stolte, Cindy Reisberg, and Paulette Chellis.

Raffle Baskets earned \$112. The winners were: Janet Elton, Kathy Appleton, and Robin Dodd.

Remember to bring your donations of sewing / quilt notions so our baskets are filled with items that others will take a chance to win as their own. Please bring your goodies to add to this basket.

Janet Ruehl

SUNSHINE

It would be a thoughtful gesture if our guild members would send a note of friendship to our dear friend, Linda Murrow. Linda's address is in the back of the directory under Alumni members.



Please let me know of anyone in need of sunshine.

Janet Ruehl

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Check in food at 9: Norma Hong

Lunchtime Helpers: Diana Gotsch, Jan Taylor, Pat Koutz, Charlotte Huber, Robin Dodd (could one of you please switch to clean up - thanks)

Clean Up: Bette McKeldin, Cindy Reisberg

Tablecloths: Mary Brown

Sodas: Charlotte - flavored seltzer

Pat - diet clear soda

Diana - diet ginger ale

Jan - 2 diet colas (one caffeine free)

Note --- soda selection was changed based on what is already on hand.

Thanks, ladies!

Joan Costello (icostello@umbc.edu)

5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE



Hi, exchangers! We've started our journey through the rainbow with January. Now for February, we will exchange 2 sets of 8 orange squares. All are welcome to join the group at any time.

Kathy Appleton

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

We hope that you will give this old standard a try. If you are new to quilting, the Shoo Fly Block is a good way to challenge yourself. It presents a making a perfect point issue – or not! That is your decision. Pull out the best blues and bright whites from your stash and cool off your warm winter nights. Why not make a few? Blue and white quilts are always charming and welcomed. Maybe your name will be picked!

All the best – BOM Headquarters

BOM Co-Chairs: Paulette Chellis
& Dori Batavick

CHARITY GIVING

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Toys-for-Tots campaign. We provided a lot of nice toys, and it was greatly appreciated. Please continue to support our canned food donations for the food bank. We do make a difference. Happy stitching in 2018.



Kay Worley

Winter Weather Policy

We are heading toward winter! Bad weather is always a possibility. Here is our official snow policy... If Baltimore County schools are closed we are cancelled. If Baltimore County schools are 2 hours late we will meet. Now the caveat - USE YOUR JUDGEMENT IF THE WEATHER IS IFFY. If you live in Carroll County or PA you may have snow when Baltimore has a few flakes. Or, even a little ice may put you at risk for injury. Please be careful but come when you can during the winter months.



Next Meeting is February 15, 2018 at 10 am

Things to bring might include:

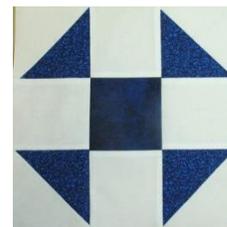
- ✓ Potluck Dish or dessert to share.
- ✓ Block of the Month
- ✓ Food (non-perishable) for Charity Giving
- ✓ Raffle Basket items for meeting
- ✓ Show and Tell items
- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Free Table items

January/February 2018 Block of the Month

Shoo Fly 12 1/2" Block in Blue and White

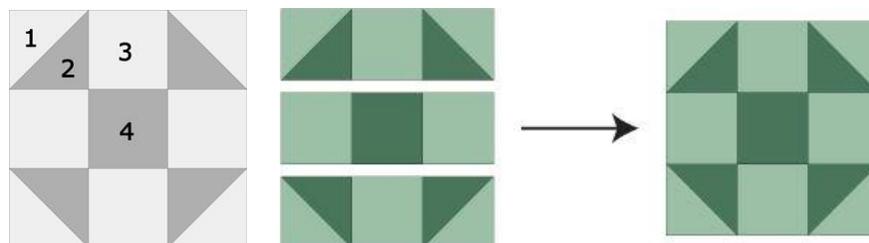
Here's a little history lesson:

With the whimsical name of Shoo Fly this block may have originated from the blooms of the clover broom plant, which the pattern is said to resemble, this simple nine-patch, composed of blocks and half-square triangles, is an excellent block for beginning quilters to master.



The block originated in the early-to-mid 1800's, and became especially popular later in the century. Like most quilt blocks, it's been around a while, and you've no doubt seen Shoo Fly in its original form as well as variations, and even under another name. Sometimes it's called Hole in the Barn Door. (This makes sense. If you've got holes in your door, you will definitely be shooing flies.)

There is a very romantic and persistent myth that the Shoo Fly block pattern was used in quilts to signal help and safe passage to slaves fleeing the South via the Underground Railroad. It's a great story, but sadly not true.



1. Cut two 4 7/8" White squares. Cut these on the diagonal to make four white triangles.
2. Cut two 4 7/8" Blue Squares. Cut these on the diagonal to make four blue triangles.
3. Cut four 4 1/2" white squares.
4. Cut one 4 1/2" blue square.
5. Sew each blue and white triangle together to form block 1-2
6. Sew four of block 1-2
7. Follow sewing instructions above to assemble the block

*Be careful not to stretch that triangle!