



Village Quilters

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April, 2014

Sit 'N Sew

Election of Officers Curved Piecing Cookies . . .



April Meeting

After we elect the new Board and approve the budget at the April meeting, the fun begins. Ellen Granda will demonstrate a quick overview of curved piecing. We will be having a Sit 'N Sew session. This is a great opportunity to see our members's projects, get new ideas, and visit. Your Iron Quilter group may want to use this time to connect and review next steps on your project. Don't forget to bring a project with you. We will be having refreshments – cookies and beverages. If you would like to bring your favorite cookies to share, they would be most appreciated.

Programs

Check Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/VillageQuilters>) for comprehensive listing of workshops (still waiting on info from selected teachers – sorry for the hold up). If you want to sign up, download the registration form from the website and mail your form and check to Ellen Granda. Email Ellen with questions.

Amy Dryfoos and Ellen Granda

Start the New Year

Village Quilters' New Year begins May 1, and the membership renewal form is attached. Please bring it to the April meeting, or mail to Kate Mayer Tekampe. The membership fee has increased to \$50.

Nancy's News

Hello Village Quilters!

I hope you all enjoyed the Brown Bag Hustle as much as I did. I got some great books and fabric. Many thanks to Donna Fitzgerald and Carol Swartz and their team of helpers for their effort and the fun evening. The proceeds are amazing. All that money for stuff people wanted to get rid of! I got a suggestion from Erika Eddy that I plan to employ. She said that after the last Brown Bag sale, she started collecting things she knew she wouldn't use in her quilting. She put them in a special bin and was ready for the sale when the Brown Bag Hustle was announced. One person's trash is someone else's treasure. Thank you for sharing that idea Erika.

Our April meeting will include the election of officers and approval of our budget. Instead of the spring dinner that we've had in previous years, we will be doing a Sit and Sew. Don't we all have a few UFOs that are on hold because we don't know how to finish them? How about the border project that Kate Klein is leading? Do you need help? This will be a perfect time to ask for advice. Bring your sewing machines, supplies, etc., and enjoy an evening of conversation and sharing as we make progress on our projects.

The past two years have been an interesting learning experience for me. I want to thank all of you for your support during my term of office. You are a wonderful group and I'm proud to call you my friends. I know we will be in good hands with the new board. I am looking forward to their leadership. Please support them and encourage them as you have me.

Happily stitching,

Nancy Salmela, President

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report the period ended March 25, 2014:

Beginning balance as of February 25	\$14,125.95
Income	1739.00
Expenses	100.00
Ending balance as of March 25	\$15,764.95

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Potts

October 2-3, 2015

This is the date for our next quilt show. Although it may seem far away, it is not too early to think about the quilts you will want to contribute to the show.

[Brown Bag Auction](#)

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU ARE ALL WINNERS!

What a fun and profitable evening we had at the March Brown Bag Hustle. I woke up the morning after worried about whether Leslie needed throat lozenges or an award for the best cheer leader in the group. Your response in donations and as buyers was overwhelming. I can't wait to hear how you plan to use your purchases especially Sylvia Bath's idea of wallpapering the basement walls in fabric so they can keep track of flying ping pong balls. Can anyone top that one? Special thanks to the wonderful committee; Carol Swartz, Tara McBlaine, Judi Young, Sylvia Bath and cashiers Jo Bailey and Kathy Sorkin. They even made the "Take" come out to an even \$700. Can't wait till next year. Start saving!!!!!!

*Donna Fitzgerald
Ways & Means*

[New Guild Officers](#)

VQ Board Elections 2014-2015

The following slate of candidates has been proposed to the guild for elections in April.

Please note we are still looking for a volunteer to help co-chair Advance Programs.

President – Linda Spring
VP Membership – Ginny Flock and Kate Mayer Tekampe
VP Programs – Ellen Granda and Amy Dryfoos
Advance Programs – Bonnie Meyer and Position Open
Secretary – Judy Hillebrand
Treasurer – Nancy Smith
Asst Treasurer – Kimberly Zurco
Newsletter – Barbara Schober
Member at Large – Nancy Salmela
2015 Quilt Show Chair – Ellen Granda

If you are interested in volunteering for the open position, please contact Enid Mattimiro.

[Iron Quilter Challenge](#)

The challenge got off to a good and exciting start. At last count we have 20 participants. There is still time for those who did not receive a bag for the challenge. We hope that you are enjoying the challenge. Remember the big day is May.

As usual, there are **NO RULES! And WE do not want any fabric back.**

We are certain that the results will be interesting, fun and not too challenging. So, put on your creative hat and become creative and competitive. We plan to have representatives from both organizations present at the May meeting to present them with the quilts.

Thanks very much for your participation! If you did not fill out a form, please see Patricia Warren.

Alice Hutchinson (chair), Yolande Sherrod, and Patricia Warren, Committee Members

Raffle Quilt

Curved Piecing Workshop for Raffle Quilt:

- (1) We will have a quick overview of curved piecing during the April Annual Meeting Sew In.
- (2) On the Wednesday following the meeting (April 16), we will be at the Lake Forest Bank & Trust to teach curved piecing freehand, with pins and with the Curve Master. We will start the class at 9 am and sew until we are tired. Bring dark and light fabric for practicing. Shapes can be cut out using the Accuquilt Go provided. Pre-cut 10" squares to speed up cutting blocks. We might also have extra fabric for creating charity quilts with our practice blocks. Come whether you want to help with the Raffle Quilt or not. Let's have some fun. Confirm attendance at the Wednesday Sew In by emailing Ellen (ecgranda@comcast.net). If you have a Sew Ezi table, please consider bringing it so we can accommodate as many sewists as possible!

We have had three folks bring in 10" blocks of selected batiks for the raffle quilt. Thank you Leslie Bennett, Diane Carney and one unnamed soul (very sorry for not writing your name down!) for bringing in your squares. Your fabric contribution will permit us significant savings and more money in the coffers. Any unused fabric will be used for charity quilts and Scrapalooza so it will all be for the good of the guild. Please see the March Newsletter for the specifics of regarding fabric needs.

Scrapalooza:

Brings scraps of all sizes and shapes! Many thanks for helping the cause.

Ellen Granda

Quilting is Good For You!

We all know it, but now it has been confirmed by a study conducted by the University of Glasgow, and published in the "Journal of Public Health". Below are excerpts from an article which appeared in the UK's Daily Mail. Follow this link to read the entire article.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-2002862/Why-quilting-uniquely-good-us.html#ixzz2y87UKNky>

As devotees of a quiet and contemplative pastime, they would be the last to make a fuss about it. But quilters, it seems, have every right to celebrate their craft after researchers found that it is 'uniquely' good for you.

A study found quilting improved well-being in ways that physical and outdoor activities could not, and offered a creativity that had been 'stifed' in the modern world.

The use of bright colours was 'uplifting', the activity distracted from the stress of work, and quilting offered challenges such as maths and geometry. It also increased confidence and had an important social side.

Happy Birthday!

Peggy Williams	April 5	Emmy Moore	May 1
Erica Jarrett	April 6	Laree Bobo	May 6
Barbara Davis	April 9	Patricia S. Warren	May 7
Judy Camarato	April 12	Donna Derstadt	May 10
Pam Schoessow	April 14	Linda Panozzo	May 12
Dorothy Lind	April 20	Joan Lagedrost	May 13
Margaret Martin	April 21	Patricia Olmstead	May 13
Jinni Swab	April 27	Mary Ley	May 16
Edythe Hirasawa	April 28	Eloise Williams	May 16
Mary Ellin Innes	April 30	Claire Machinist	May 19
Enid Mattimiro	April 30	Celia Stratman	May 19
		Marilyn Gould	May 20
		Carol Miller	May 20
		Penny Petitclair	May 20
		Donna Lechowicz	May 22
		Helen Zallie	May 24
		Linda Wiemerslage	May 30

The Book Nook

Thanks to a huge donation we have added 16 new books to our collection. We really had to "winnow" so the duplicates and the oldies will be for sale. Here are some of our "new" books: McCaffery, Murrah, Nadelstern, Beyer, Montano, Browning, and more.

I was very intrigued by Ellen's announcement that the next Quilt show raffle quilt will be made with curved piecing! Especially since I tackled curves 2 years ago when making my daughter and son-in-law's double wedding ring quilt for their big day. Ellen said we will be learning more about curved piecing and the a special foot to help with the process. Several years ago I was given a huge quilting stash that included many notions. Wouldn't you know it? This special foot was included in the loot! I so wish I had used it to make that queen sized quilt.

If you are interested in learning more about circle shapes and piecing in quilting, check out these books in our library:

"Blendable Curves" by Peggy Barkle
"Piping Hot Curves" by Susan Cleveland
"Easy Bias Covered Curves" by Wendy Hill
"Adventures in Circles" by Leigh McDonald
"Piece-lique Curves the New Way" by Sharon Schamber
"Curves Unlimited" by Joyce Schlotzhauer
"Circles Made Simple" by Kaye Wood.

Happy reading and quilting,
Your Librarians,

Christine Tindell and Eleanor McMurrin



Border Quilt Challenge – Border Number 4

Village Quilters, Are you ready to add your largest border. It is two, four or eight inches and could take some time, especially on the larger quilt. You all have two months to complete this border. We will show off the large borders at the June meeting. (The 1", 2", 4" border is due in April. My mistake in the last set of instructions.) Call with questions.

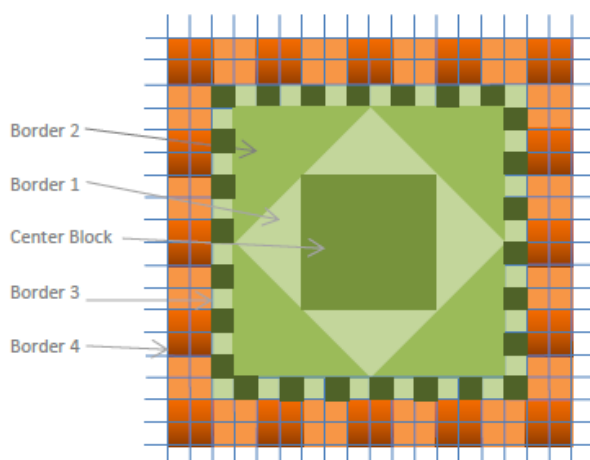
Kate Klein

Village Quilters Borders of Many Kinds 2013 (due at our June meeting)

Border 4- add a 2", 4" or 8" border, YOU HAVE TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE THIS ONE!

This is a great place to use square blocks or applique. If what you have already done is not a size that will accept square blocks, add an inside border to get to a size that will (creative rule breaking is fine).

Finished size with this border should be: Mini quilt – 18" ... wall hanging – 36" ... or bed quilt – 72"



Just like last time the grid is 1", 2" or 4" depending on the size quilt you are aiming for.

Please bring your piece to show off in June.

This is the largest border. Take your time. Have fun. Be creative. Make it any way you want.

Quilt Shows

April 23-26, AQS Quilt Show, Paducah, KY. <http://aqsshows.com/AQSPaducah/>

April 26-27, Crazy Quilters of Mukwonago, WI present their annual show at the Parkview Middle School, 930 N. Rochester, Mukwonago, WI. Sat, April 26, 9:00-5:00, Sun, April 27, 10:00-4:00.

<http://www.mukwonagocrazyquilters.com/>

June 7, Celebration of Quilts, outdoor quilt show presented by Prairie Stitches Quilt Shoppe, 72 Main St., Oswego, IL 60543. Jo Morton will be the guest speaker this year. <https://prairiestitchesquiltshop.com/>

June 19-21, International Quilt Festival at the Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont. Thurs, 10:00-7:00, Fri and Sat, 10:00-6:00. There is no Preview Night this year, but classes have been added. www.quilts.com

Shop Hops

June 6-28, Wisconsin Quilt Shop Hop. This Shop Hop offers a grand prize of a trip for two to the International Quilt Festival in Houston. They also have their own fabric line from Windham Fabrics. Start at Sew 'N Save in Racine! <http://www.wisconsinquiltsshop.com>

June-August, Northern Illinois Quilt Shop Hop. Web site is being updated as regions are being reconfigured. <http://www.northernillinoisquiltfest.com>

Have you visited these quilt shops?

After this brutal winter, your editor was compelled to go on her own personal shop hop.

- Quilt Merchant, 27W209 Geneva Rd., Winfield, IL 60190, Ph: 630-480-3000. This shop is much larger than it looks from the outside. Great selection of repro fabrics, Kaffe Fassett and batiks. Valerie, the owner, is delightful. She has owned the store for a year. Valerie is from France, and carries Quiltmania magazine. She also has a small selection of beautiful chintz fabric from England, and may be the only shop in the area that offered the fabric for the Di Ford Mystery quilt. She has Di Ford's "Primarily Quilts" book, and Sue Daley's English Paper Piecing patterns and templates. <http://www.thequiltmerchant.com/>
- Sew Generously, 3341 West Main St., St. Charles, IL 60175, Ph: 630-444-1504. I haven't done any "modern" quilts, but this shop could make me a convert. Gorgeous fabric, very helpful staff, and they are a Bernina dealer. They have two events, which may be of interest. On April 26, at 2:00 pm, meet Lynn Schmitt, of A Different Box of Crayons. Lynn will do a trunk show and discuss her unique designs and eclectic mix of fabrics, colors, textures and wool applique. Call to reserve a seat. Fee is \$5.00. On Saturday, May 10, they are offering "A Day With Frieda Anderson", trunk show, lunch and half-day class. The fee is \$60. Check their web site for further information. <http://sewgenerously.net/>
- Prairie Shop Quilts, 1911 West Wilson St., Batavia, IL 60510, Ph: 630-406-0237. Not a new shop, but certainly worth the trip. I slipped in here between busloads of quilters on a shop hop. Had plenty of time to check out their great selection of fabric, books, and wall of patterns. Very friendly staff who cut fat quarters, and offered 10 fat quarters for the price of 8. Music to my ears. Also picked up a few Lucy Boston blocks kits. Once you have seen these beautiful paper pieced blocks, you will be hooked. <http://www.prairieshopquilts.com/>



VILLAGE QUILTERS
Membership Form
May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015

Please print

Returning Member _____

New Member _____

Name _____ **Birthday** _____

Month & Day

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ **Work or Cell ()** _____

E-mail address _____

Yearly Dues _____ **\$50.00**

How did you hear about the Guild?

Please return this form along with the membership fee listed above to:
Kate Mayer Tekampe

If you have questions call: Kate Mayer Tekampe, VP Membership

Do not write below line

Check #: _____

Cash: _____

Date: _____

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Checklist for April meeting:

- ✓ **Sit and Sew Project**
- ✓ **Border Challenge Quilt in progress**
- ✓ **Scrapapalooza**
- ✓ **Wear your Name Tag**