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The Village Quilters will be meeting February 10, 2023 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church at 260 Wade Rd. West, Loudon, TN. Social time is 9:15, general meeting starts at 9:30.

Words from your President – Terri Rose

February is often recognized for Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, Black History Month and American Heart month. Did you know it's also National Embroidery Month? National Embroidery Month recognizes the talented stitchers using both hand and machine techniques to decorate material. The Village Quilters is fortunate to have a Stitch Art Embroidery Bee. If you have an interest in machine embroidery, this might be the Bee for you.

While February is a short month, we have lots of activities this month. For example, Andrew Lee is teaching the first ever two-part workshop. In addition, there are 12 Bees which meet at various times throughout the month. The website calendar provides a description of each Bee as well as the meeting details. Finally, there are many ways to contribute to Community Service or Quilts of Valor. Please consider taking either a kit, a quilt top, or a finished top needing binding from the Community Service table. Quilts of Valor meets the fourth Monday of each month. In the spirit of what is often called the Love month, I hope you spend your sewing time doing something you love!

Programs

February 10: Lynn Sykes- My Quilting Journey

Lynn Sykes has been quilting for over 25 years. She began as a hand quilter, moved quickly into machine piecing and quilting. Her program will take you through her journey from beginner to her jobs in the quilting industry.

March 10: Tone Haugen-Cogburn - Discovering Transfer Paint for Fabric

Tone is well known in the quilting community. Her quilts have been exhibited in countries including Norway, Denmark, England, France and Japan as well as in national shows like AQS in Paducah, Knoxville and Nashville, and International Quilt Festival in Houston. After several years of finding new and interesting ways to apply color to fabric - transfer paint has become one of Tone's favorite surface design techniques. Many hours of trial and error, but mostly fun, has resulted in many quilts with botanical elements as a focal point. There is no limit to how many colors or leaf shapes can play together in her pieces. This will be a trunk show to inspire everyone to use color and shapes in a new way.

April 14: Cam Kilman – Creative Grids Trunk Show

Cam will be talking about and showing quilts that used many of the different Creative Grid rulers. She was the former 'Creative Grids Project Manager' for 10 years. Wearing many hats, her duties involved marketing, overseeing educational project videos, creating companion patterns, writing ruler instructions and creating storyboards. A wonderful "perk" of the job she loved was to network with top industry designers to create innovative ruler designs for Creative Grids. She will have a supply of a few rulers for sale at the end of the presentation. If anyone has a specific ruler they would like to purchase, sign up at the program table and she will bring it with her or email Nancy Hutchins at vqbooking@villagequilter.com.

Classes

February 9: Let's Go Out Walking with Lynn Sykes \$25 (9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

The February class "Machine Quilting with a Walking Foot" is full. If you missed the walking foot class, let Dana Elliott or myself know. There may be an opportunity in August for a half day class. Remember you must have a walking foot attachment or a dual foot on your machine.

March 8 and 9: Transfer – Paint on Fabric with Tone Haugen-Cogburn \$40 + \$30 Supply Cost (March 8 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., March 9 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

The March class is a wonderful opportunity to learn about transfer printing and to try fabric dyeing and transfer printing. Tone Haugen-Cogburn from Maryville will be

teaching this **day and half class**. Tone is well known in the quilting community. Her quilts have been exhibited in countries including Norway, Denmark, England, France and Japan as well as in national shows like AQS in Paducah, Knoxville and Nashville, and International Quilt Festival in Houston. You will be dyeing your fabric on **Wednesday afternoon**, (thank you again Wannabees for letting us use the afternoon) and then will do the transfer printing on **Thursday, all day**. So many quilters are dyeing their own fabric, to get unique colors, this will be a great chance to learn about dyes without having to go to the expense of buying all the supplies. Tone will walk you through each step. Make sure and sign up or let me know by Friday. If the class is not filled we may offer the members of the Art Guild a chance to take the class.

If you are taking the Transfer Printing class in March and would like to buy the weaver cloth fabric Tone mentions in the supply list, she will bring it to the class. Please let Nancy know at the February guild meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet at the program's table or you can email Nancy Hutchins at vqbooking@villagequilter.com

April 14: Jiffy Jelly Roll Quilt with Cam Kilman \$25 (1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Workshops

Workshops will be held at the Chota Recreation Center, 145 Awohili Dr., Loudon, TN. All workshops are from 9:30 to 4:00. The supply list for all workshops is available on the website. Some workshops require homework to be done PRIOR to class. If you are unsure about any directions, please contact the teacher.

February 16: Mystery Quilt with Andrew Lee – Part 1

Join Andrew Lee in this TWO-PART workshop. There will be Accuquilt machines there to cut your fabric for a beautiful quilt. This is your chance to have most of the cutting done for you and to see how an Accuquilt works. You will begin sewing the blocks.

February 23: Mystery Quilt with Andrew Lee – Part 2

This is where the mystery comes in! You will use the blocks you've sewn to create your quilt.

March 16: Intro to English Paper Piecing with Sandra Douglas

If you've never tried English Paper Piecing, this is your chance. **No sewing machine is used.** The supplies are minimal, which makes it the perfect take-along when you are away from your machine. There are many projects, from full quilts to small samplers or bags, that you can "graduate" to.

April 20 and April 27: Judy Niemeyer Paper Piecing with Pat Bilski

Learn the Judy Niemeyer method of paper piecing. In this two part workshop, you will cut out the fabric and paper- piece the very beautiful Seasonal Table Runner. The papers for piecing are included in the class.

Bus Trip – NC Shop Hop and Quiltfest South Carolina

Sign-ups for an overnight bus trip on April 19-20 will begin at the February meeting. We will be departing Loudon the morning of April 19th and returning the evening of April 20th. We will spend the day visiting three quilt shops in the Asheville area of North Carolina on Wednesday, arriving in Greenville, South Carolina Wednesday evening. Thursday, we will spend the day at the Mancuso Quiltfest, returning to Loudon in the evening. The cost of the trip is \$190, based on double occupancy (price could go down depending on how many people attend). Price includes bus trip, hotel and show admission. Single occupancy rooms are available for an additional \$83. A \$75 deposit is required to reserve your spot with full payment due at the March meeting. We need a minimum of 35 people to make this trip a go. Contact Linda Brown at lpbrown591@gmail.com with questions.

Quilts of Valor (QOV)

Happy (almost) Valentine's Day. This month the Blockheads 9-Patch is due and if you still have your Applique Star, you can still turn that in as well. New last month was a red, white & blue Snail Trail block. Make sure you stop by to see what else they may have. The last quarter '22 quilt pictures are on the website. Don't forget - you're all the Guild's reps in the community. During your conversations and encounters, if you hear about someone being in the service, tell them about QOV. They can go to ***QOVF.org*** to make a request and reference The Village Quilters or go to our website for the request form under the heading MORE and FORMS. As always, if you have any other questions about how to get a QOV you make for your friends or family registered and official with a label and certificate, please don't hesitate to contact me. Our next workday will be Monday, February 27 at Chota Rm A, 9AM -

we hope to see you! Thanks to all for your participation. Happy quilting! Arliss Barber.

Community Service

We have a good stock of quilts in need of longarming and several for domestic quilting. Please stop by our table and consider taking one home. Come join us at our Sweatshops the first Monday of each month in Chota room A from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our next Sweatshop will be on Monday, March 6. Please bring your sewing machine and work on your current Community Service project or start a new project from one of our wide variety of pre-cut kits. If you don't want to cart your machine you can cut fabric for kits - we have a good selection of some new patterns. The camaraderie of working together for others is great.

If you are interested in doing some long-arming, quilting on your domestic machine or would like to have a ready-to-sew kit for Community Service, please contact Maggie Scott (412 478-5261) or at maggie.e.scott1@gmail.com. Your Community Service Team (Maggie, Vicki, Lori M. and Nancy, Edie, Karen S., Karen F., Cecelia)

Guild Challenge

The next Guild challenge will be an 18-inch pillow cover due no later than the June meeting. Watch/listen for details at guild meeting.

Receiving Blankets for Project Linus

The Stitch Art Embroidery Bee is making receiving blankets for Project Linus. We are in need of 1 or 1.5 yard pieces of flannel that are appropriate for infants or small children, prints and solids. Pre-washed is appreciated. Please bring your donation to Cherie Oswald at the February meeting.

Material Girls

Bring your white on white fabric for the fabric exchange. You will turn in twelve 3" width of fabric strips and receive an assortment of 12 white on white fabric strips. We selected 3" strips as many quilts use 2 7/8" of fabric to make half square triangles and you will have 2 1/2" of useable fabric for other quilts. You may bring twelve 3 inch strips of various fabrics or one fabric. If you are using one fabric, start

with 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 yards of Quilt Shop Quality Fabric. Straighten the edge before cutting your strips...fabric is never square coming off the bolt. Cut twelve - 3" width of fabric strips. Place strips in a baggie with your name on it and turn in to the Material Girls table in February or March. You will receive your assorted strips at the March meeting.

Library

The Village Quilters Library has 22 "New to US" books thanks to Lisa Fitzgerald, Harriet Lewis, Cathie Peterson, Kay Low and Andrew Lee. All of these books are recently published and are a welcome addition to our Library. Here is a link to the listing of new books which are filed with their respective categories in the library shelves [new books February 2023 \(villagequilters.com\)](https://villagequilters.com/new-books-february-2023).

The annual Library audit will be conducted in February, so please return any books you have borrowed that you no longer need by 15 February.

Please remember when you take a book from the library to check it out. Just put your name and the date (including year) on the card in the pocket envelope on the front inside cover of the book, and place the card in the brightly colored box on top of the library shelves. Please remember our books are shared resources, so do not keep books longer than you need them, and return them to the library by placing them in the "Returned Books" box on the top shelf of the library.

Bee Spotlight

Introducing the "Saturday Sewers"! Formerly known as the Paper Piecing Pals, this bee began with a group of neighbors. They do some paper piecing, and sometimes work on QOV's and baby quilts for Newborns in Need. They are now an open sew group, meeting on the 3rd Saturday at Chota A from 10 am to 1 pm. Anyone is welcome to join! Bring your own project or work on a group project. Have questions? Contact Barbara Jones at 865 408-0854.

Membership Report

Village Quilters Membership is at 249 with 39 new members joining since October.

Calendar Sales

The remaining calendar highlighting last year's quilt show are still for sale. The cost of a calendar is \$15.00 and can be paid in either cash or check payable to the Village Quilters. You will not want to miss the opportunity to each month view one of the many beautiful quilts displayed at the 2022 Quilt Show. Many thanks to Debra for all her work on the calendar.

President Quilt Blocks

Please turn in any remaining 2022 Quilt Blocks at the February meeting.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Stitches in Time Quilt Show: March 1- 4 in East Cleveland, TN. Beth Spencer has offered to take any entries down to the show and bring them back at the March meeting as it's after the show. If interested please bring your quilts to Beth at the February meeting. Beth's contact information is 419-296-5888.

Knoxville Modern Quilt Guild Quilt Show: March 3, March 6-31 Knoxville

Smoky Mountain Quilters – 42nd Quilt Show: June 23-24 in Knoxville

More details on these shows can be found on the Village Quilter's website.