

Vienna Quilters Unlimited—November 2021 Newsletter

“The Peaceful Times”

President’s Message

Hi VQU members,

I don’t know about you all, but for me time is absolutely flying by. It seems impossible that Fall is well underway and it is already time to plan and prep for holiday celebrations, parties, meals, presents, visits, etc., etc. But I have faith that we will all get everything done in time in the most perfect way, and if not, oh well, there is always another chance to strive for perfection next year.

Speaking of next year, in January we will start assembling our slate for 2022-2023 officer elections and Chair positions. If you haven’t served on the Board previously (or it’s been awhile), now is the time to volunteer. After 3 wonderfully fulfilling years, I will be stepping away from the President position. Sunshine and Retreat Chair positions are also opening up. The December newsletter will include a list of all positions so you (or you and a friend as co-chairs) can find the perfect one. Contact the current officer or Chair person to get more info on what’s involved in each position.

Planning for our Quilting Future ☺,

Vicky Watts
VQU President

Upcoming VQU Meetings/Events

- 11 Nov (Th)/7pm:** TOM Connect, Zoom
- 16 Nov (Tu)/7pm:** Guild Meeting, “Leap and the Net will Appear,” Lisa Walton, In-Person (Thoreau Middle School) & Zoom
- 24 Nov (We)/7pm:** TOM Connect, Zoom
- 4 Dec (Sa)/30m:** Zoom “Sit N’ Sew,” Zoom
- 9 Dec (Th)/7pm:** TOM Connect, Zoom
- 14 Dec (Tu)/7pm:** Guild Meeting, Holiday Dinner, In Person (Thoreau Middle School) & Zoom
- 23 Dec (Th)/7pm:** TOM Connect, Zoom

Zoom meeting details will be sent to VQU members a few days prior to scheduled events. For more info, email vqupresident@quiltersunlimited.org.

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Blogs/Websites to Explore

- <https://hookstitchsew.com/2021/09/06/fabric-christmas-tree-decorations/> Tree Ornament
- <https://www.polkadotchair.com/fabric-autumn-leaf-garland-sewing-tutorial/> Fabric Leaf Garland
- <https://sewsweetness.com/2011/10/12-days-of-christmas-sampler-quilt.html> 12 Xmas Blocks
- <https://www.patchworkposse.com/christmas-gift-wrap-ideas/> Gift Wrap Ideas

2021-2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

We are thrilled to have [Lisa Walton](#) present at our November meeting. She will take us on her creative journey and we'll see how her work has developed over the years and the milestones and 'leaps'. Check out her fantastic quilts on her website.

Date	Event	Presenter	Website
11/16/2021	Guild Meeting: Leap and the Net will Appear	Lisa Walton	www.lisawaltonartist.com
12/14/2021	Guild Meeting: Holiday Dinner with Mystery Speaker	Dennise Davis	
1/18/2022	Guild Meeting: Japan's Quilt History and The Next Generation	Teresa Duryea Wong	https://thirdfloorquilts.com
2/5/2022 2/19/2022 3/5/2022	Workshop: Simple Strings (3 sessions)	Sue Heisler	
2/15/2022	Guild Meeting: Quilts of Illusion lecture trunk show	Karen Combs	https://www.karencombs.com
3/9-13/2022	Spring Workshop at Rhodes Grove	Diane Kirkhart	
3/15/2022	Guild Meeting: The alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts	Patricia Belyea of Okan Arts	https://okanarts.com/
4/19/2022	Guild Meeting: Make A Quilt Night	Darlene Howke	
5/17/2022	Guild Meeting: Now You See It, Now You Don't - The Magic of Disappearing Blocks & Annual Meeting	Brita Nelson	https://questioningquilter.com NOTE- meeting will be in ROOM B114
6/21/2022	Guild Meeting: June Dinner-- Mystery Speaker	Dennise Davis	

Zoom links for events will be emailed to the VQU membership approximately 48 hours prior to events.



SHOUT OUTS

- Most special birthday wishes to Julia Byrne who is celebrating on 22 November.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY



Join us on December 14th at Thoreau Middle School for our Holiday Party. It will be an evening of gathering and celebrating the season. Catering will be provided and a cookie exchange will help jump start your sweet tooth for the holidays. To join in the cookie exchange all you need to do is make a batch of your favorite holiday cookies. Put three cookies in four separate bags to exchange.....including the recipe for your cookies would be a bonus, for sure. You will go home with four bags of someone's favorite cookies to sample. Win/win for sure. Hope to see you there.

Dennise Davis
December and June Dinners Chair

NEWS FROM BIG QU

As emailed to the VQU membership on 16 Oct, sadly the In-Person QU Show scheduled for May 2022 has been cancelled. However, there will be a QU online show similar to the 2021 online show. Details on deadlines, quilt photography, etc. will be provided as they become available from the QU Show Committee. So keep stitching 'cause people want to see your amazing work!!

Vicky Watts
VQU President

TECHNIQUE OF THE MONTH (TOM)

The November technique focuses on creative cutting and off-set piecing. It is the relatively easy "Chopstick" block which is quick to assemble and is just fun to do. In December, we tackle dealing with bulky centers with our "Twisting Star" block. A little more complex sewing, but the technique is a staple that really should be part of any quilter's arsenal.



Participation in TOM does not require any sign up, just check your email for the monthly TOM instructions which are distributed by the 1st of each month ☺.

Michiyo Vangellow/Vicky Watts
TOM Chairs



SUNSHINE

Do you know someone who could use a little sunshine?

Send me an email at gloria-thompson@cox.net. Thanks!!

Gloria Thompson
Sunshine Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members Caroline Barton, Betsy Mignani, Deb Flood, and Cornelia Newbold. We're happy you've joined the VQU family and look forward to getting to know you (and your quilts)!

Membership currently stands at 58 members. Remember we are all VQU ambassadors; if you know or meet someone who has an interest in quilting; let them know about VQU and offer bring them to a meeting, even if it is a virtual meeting. We are always looking to share our passion of quilting with others and to bring new members into the chapter.

Miriam Esterrich
Membership Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Keep making those quilts!! Thank you so much for working so hard making blankets! I have new kits and fabrics for you to quilt with! I'll even deliver if you prefer! Thanks again!

Polly Dombroski
Community Service Chair

SPRING RETREAT MARCH 2022

For those of you needing to make your second (or final installment if you choose) payment for the retreat, I will be collection payments at the Nov meeting. We are full and I will make a waiting list if there is someone else wishing to participate.

If you are making the quilt Cathedral Stars, which measures 70"x70", fabric requirements follow:

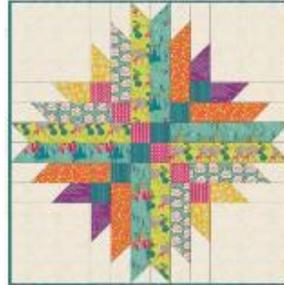
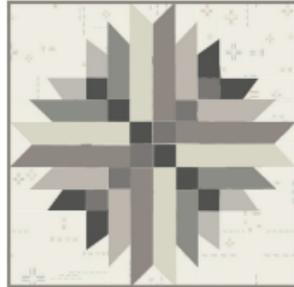
Background 3 ¾ yards
Medium for star points - 1 ¼ yards
Dark accent – 3/8 yard
Sashing – 1 yard

Cornerstones – 1/8 yard
Outside border – 1 yard
Binding – 3/4 yard
Backing – 4 ¼ yards



These are the fabric requirements as written in the pattern. If you recall the quilt I held up at the Oct meeting and was included in the previous newsletter, was a bit larger as I added two additional borders and used blocks in the corner.

If you are making the Astradelic wall hanging, which measures 42"x42," the fabric requirements follow:



Fabric A - 1/8 yd.
Fabric B - 1/4 yd.
Fabric C - 1/4 yd.
Fabric D - 1/8 yd.

Fabric E - 1/8 yd.
Fabric F - 1/4 yd.
Fabric G - 1/4 yd.
Fabric H - 3/8 yd.

Fabric I - 1 yd.
Backing Fabric - 1 1/2 yds.
Binding Fabric (Fabric H)
(included)

If you are making the Mat and Tool Case, the fabric requirements and cut sizes follow:



Fabrics: 1/2 yard or 3 fat quarters
Back and flap cut one 8" x 17"
Lining cut one 8" x 17"
Pocket #3 cut one 8" x 16"
Pocket #2 cut one 8" x 13"
Pocket #1 cut one 8" x 10"
Fusible batting cut one 8" x 17" (Barb Ross has generously offered to precut and deliver at retreat)
One hair tie and two buttons with a shank

Diane Kirkhart/Betty Osweiler
Spring Retreat Chairs

SHOW AND TELL - COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



Carol Strong



Carol Strong's Friend

Dennise Davis



Karen Summer



Audrey Mirsky-Ashby
Scarves for Afghan Refugees



VIENNA QUILTERS UNLIMITED

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November 3, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom Conference. Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Board Members in Attendance: Vicky Watts, Audrey Mirsky-Ashby, Izetta Claybrook, Dennise Davis, Miriam Esterrich, Karen Gerstner, Diane Kirkhart, Carol Strong, Gloria Thompson, Michiyo Vangellow and Karla Vernon.

President's Opening Comments: The QU Quilt Expo will be virtual this year. Guidance is forthcoming from QU regarding submission dates, photography, etc.

November 16th Meeting Agenda: In-person at Thoreau Middle School 7:00pm. It will also be zoomed for those not comfortable attending. Masks required.

- Welcome Comments by Vicky Watts
- Introduce new members
- Approve Board Meeting minutes for November meeting.
- Brief Chair/Committee Announcements
- Presentation by Lisa Walton, Textile Artist from Sydney, Australia
- Show and Tell
- Door Prizes

Old Business: *Disposition of VQU Guild Quilts* – This is a continued item. Board members have not finished research on possible donation sites. Once this is completed, a survey will be circulated to all members for input. Freeman House in Vienna was contacted; they are not interested.

July/August/September 2021 Board minutes were approved by all members present at the September 21st meeting – motioned by Gloria Thompson; seconded by Izetta Claybrook. October 2021 Board minutes were approved by all members present at the October 19th meeting – motioned by Karen Gerstner; seconded by Janet Tasker.

New Business: None

Chair Comments:

- Vice President (President's Quilt/Door Prizes) (Janet Tasker): No report.
- Vice President (Dec/Jun Zoom Dinners) (Dennise Davis): Our Holiday party will be catered by the Board from the Italian Gourmet Deli (sandwiches/salad). We will also have a cookie exchange. Each person to bring one dozen cookies (3 cookies each in 4 baggies). More details to follow.
- Treasurer (Izetta Claybrook): Board members present were updated on the current budget status.
- Secretary (Gloria Thompson): Minutes will be submitted by November 7th.
- Membership (Miriam Esterrich): VQU has 58 members. ***Reminder to send in your dues if you haven't already.***

- Community Service (Polly Dombroski): The Linus Project is not accepting donations in November. Fairfax Hospital was delighted with the receiving blanket-size quilts delivered and can use more.
- Hospitality (Carol Strong): No report.
- Fundraising (Vacant)
 - The Vienna Women's Club bazaar will not be held.
 - 2022 QU Quilt Show Boutique is cancelled. Keep making items for a future boutique, but HOLD OFF bringing them for the time being.
- Newsletter (Audrey Mirsky-Ashby): Send items to Audrey by November 7th.
- Webmaster (Karla Vernon): No report.
- QU Show-Overall Rep (Vacant): No report.
- Demos (Vacant): no report
- Quilt Collector (Karen Gerstner): no report
- Retreat 2021 (Diane Kirkhart, Betty Osweiler): Rhodes Grove - March 10-14, 2022. 30 people have signed up. Yardage information coming at the next meeting.
- Trash to Treasure (Prudy Traut): **Please bring items for the Trash to Treasure Table. If your donations are left at the end of the night, please take them home with you.** This will be Prudy's last year serving in this position. Looking for a volunteer.
- Photographer/Historian (Michiyo Vangellow): No report.
- Sunshine (Gloria Thompson): This will be the last year that Gloria will serve in the Sunshine position. Looking for a volunteer to fill this position.

Zoom call ended at 7:59pm.