



October 2021 Newsletter

President's Letter

We are in the midst of my favorite time of year. Something about the Fall, maybe the crisp weather and beautiful colors, makes me feel more alive!

Continuing our nomadic trends, our October 20, 2021 Guild meeting will be in the **Fellowship Room at the Avon Congregational Church**. The Church is at the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 in the center of Avon. Parking is available adjacent to the Church behind the small businesses along Route 44. You can enter through the road to First and Last Tavern and take the first, immediate right turn. There is additional parking in a lot across the street from the church on Route 10. More detailed directions are available at <https://avon-church.org/directions-parking/>

Some important information about our **October 20th** meeting.

- The meeting will **start at 7:00**.
- **There will be Show-and-Tell** this month, but we ask that each members bring just one item. This will give us time to have a business meeting and plenty of time for our speakers.
- **MASKS ARE REQUIRED!**
- **If you bring give-away items and no one takes them, PLEASE take them home with you!**

The speakers this month are Nancy Sullivan and Lynn Thibault who will present "The Quilt Clinic", a take on ways to resurrect "UFOs." I suspect we all have plenty that need help.

As a reminder, both the Guild Board and the Quilt Show Committee need volunteers to fill positions. It is important for members to step forward and help build a strong, vibrant Guild.

Thanks to everyone and hope to see you at our October meeting.

Anne Dodge

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Treasurer's Update

All accounts are current, balanced and in good standing.

The Treasurer's Report is available to all members via our "Members Only" website page.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding guild financials please reach out to Sue Trimble, Treasurer
email SusanQTrimble@gmail.com

Name Tags

To encourage people to wear name tags, there will be a treat for everyone with a name tag at our meeting.

If you need to make one, nothing fancy is required. Just a fabric rectangle with your name printed clearly on it. Originally flying geese were on the edge just done in permanent marker. Any size is fine. Mine is about 3" x 5". I used a few flying geese and one of my favorite blocks: saw-toothed star. I left room for my FVQ pin and other pins from events and quilt shows. You can sew a jewelry pin to the back or use a safety pin. I made a lanyard from felted wool and plastic beads.



Quilt Show

Quilt Show Committee Report

By Maureen Hulsart



We are continuing to look for a site for a potential 2022 show. The U of H is not opening up their facility for outside bookings at this time. I have submitted another facility rental request at another school about possible use of their gym and am awaiting a response to my request.

I'm cautiously optimistic that in early 2022 these facility might review their rental policy and open them up to the public. Time will tell.

As always, I'm open to ideas for a show location. Please email me if you have any suggestions.

Programs and Workshops

.October 20:

Nancy Sullivan and Lynn Thibault will present "The Quilt Clinic." This lecture will provide a clinical approach to reviving our UFO's (unfinished fabric objects). Nancy and Lynn will help us find a way to finish a quilt that we may have thought had insurmountable issues. Their trunk show will feature some of their success stories and why they took on the challenge.

HANDS ON HELP

Nancy and Lynn are offering help to members who bring questions about rulers, patterns, including the actual item, etc to the meeting.

November 17-18:

The artist Jane Davila will present "Elements of Design." Jane will follow up her lecture the next day with a workshop titled "Surface Design Sampler." In this workshop, you will play with a large variety of material and supplies on fabric - paintstiks, inks, paints, mediums, metallic foil, inkstense pencils, water-soluble pastels and more. Let the creativity begin! The signup sheet will be available. NOTE The workshop fee is due at the October meeting or no later than November 1, please.

Gail Burk, Connie Beilstein

NEQM Guest Passes

The guild's membership to the NEQM has been renewed and we have received 4 complimentary tickets for anyone interested in visiting there in the next year.

Gail Burk

Socials

We are still monitoring the status of the pandemic before making further plans for upcoming social events. Thanks for your patience!

Sue Underwood

June Challenge

To be announced at the meeting.

Sunshine

As a caring Guild, we want to send a cheer card or sympathy card to any member that might need one. In order for us to do this, Kathy Lettieri should be informed if you know of anyone who could use a card from us. If you do, please contact Kathy Lettieri (860-651-8330) or any board member. Kathy's e-mail is kbakerl@att.net

ABC Quilts

Thanks to everyone who took kits to make ABC blocks for this year's quilts. We will collect any finished blocks at the October meeting. Please place the finished blocks in a baggie with a slip of paper with your name or pin your name to the block so we can keep track of who has turned them in. (It gets a little chaotic at drop off trying to keep track, so it would really help us if they are tagged with your name). Ideally, we'd love to have all the blocks back by the November meeting. However, we know sometimes life gets in the way. The instructions and photo of the finished block are below. Thanks to everyone for supporting the ABC quilt project. – Kathie & Peggy

Instructions

ABC Quilt 2021

Click [here](#) for a link to the video tutorial.

1. Your kit contains 2 cream square and 2 dark squares. Using any method, make 16 HST of cream and dark. Square to 4 1/2"
2. Press seams to the dark
3. Assemble as shown.



NEQM SHOW OPPORTUNITY 2021

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY 2022

As supporting members of the New England Quilt Museum, participating guilds are offered the opportunity to exhibit one quilt from a guild member to be displayed at the Museum during their 2022 Summer Celebration exhibit.

Because we will not have a quilt show in 2021 from which to choose a quilt, we decided to let the guild vote on our best quilt at a Show and Tell in early 2022.

So please continue making your fabulous quilts. Be prepared for a live show and tell or with a good photo of your submission. More information will be provided when we get it from the Museum.

If you have any questions, please give me a call or email me.

Phyllis Small

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Retreats

FALL 2021 RETREAT

Registration for our Fall 2021 retreat is now open with a 3 or 2 night option. We still have some openings. I plan on attending the October 20 meeting and will be accepting balance checks or full payment for last minute signups.

Here are the particulars:

- Dates:
 - Nov 4 – 7 (3 nights, Thurs - Sun) or
 - Nov 5 – 7 (2 nights, Fri - Sun)
- Place: Incarnation Center, Ivoryton, CT in "The Lodge"
- Cost: 3 nights \$310; 2 nights \$225 (There is no difference in price if you share a room with someone or you have a single room.)
- Required info: name, phone, email, any preferences you'd like us to know (room location, seating buddies, food allergies, etc.), whether you're coming for 3 or 2 nights.
- Balance due: October 15. **Make checks payable to FVQI.**
- Meals:
 - 3 night option: Thursday night dinner through Sunday lunch;
 - 2 night option: Friday night dinner through Sunday lunch.
- Rooms (bathrooms are down the hall and shared):
 - Most rooms are single bed rooms
 - 2 rooms have 2 single beds
 - 2 rooms have 3 single beds
- Show & Tell Saturday evening
- Possible sewing machine servicing on Saturday (awaiting confirmation)

Send all deposits and required information to:

- Jean Williams, 25 Gracewell Rd, Wethersfield, CT 06109.
- Look for an email from quiltinjean@gmail.com confirming receipt.

Questions? Email Jean Williams: quiltinjean@gmail.com

Note: We will work with Incarnation Center to assess the COVID situation over the next few months. **Masks are required when in the dining room (buffet line) except when eating.**

Looking forward to meeting socially again! Happy quilting!

Spring Retreat: March 3-6, 2022

Neonatal Quilts

A quick update, some guidance on scent clothes and a couple of stories.

We're off to a flying start with 49 scent cloths and 30 quilts having been provided at our last meeting. They are now safely in the hands of Shari Galvin, our NICU liaison, who continues to marvel at our efforts.

Please remember the following concerning scent cloths:

- They should be no smaller than 6" x 6" and no larger than 6" x 8".
- Use two pieces of flannel sewn together.
- Do not use batting.
- CAUTION: Due to their delicate and thin skin, the babies' little faces will not tolerate contact with stitching thread.
- THEREFORE: Scent clothes should not be quilted and any stitching should be confined closely to the outer edge.

REMINDER: Please wash all scent cloths and quilts before submitting them.

STORIES from Shari: One particular baby named Sunshine had been in the NICU for some time. Her tiny coverlet was draped with a quilt prominently featuring a large sun. Every morning staff would greet her with, "Good morning, Sunshine!" Happily, Sunshine recently went home in the company of her delighted parents. Staff have now been known to wonder, "Where's Sunshine?"

Shari was recently asked to provide a visual backdrop for use in a read-a-thon the unit was planning. She found two quilts which featured ABC's. They were hung for the duration of the event and received rave reviews.

Please be sure to visit our table for batting, fabric, and labels. Also, thanks to Sally Sargent Markey, we have lots of fabric combo packets just waiting for your talented attention. Please keep working on the fabric bags for the Snowflake Shop and bring any finished bags you have to our next meeting. And, as always, thank you for your support of this noble effort.

Happy fall,
Alberta and Phyliss



Quilters Needed

Quilts2Heal provides comfort and healing through quilts created for those who have suffered a loss, illness, or challenge in their lives.

For more information contact Paula DeSilva, Founder; quilts2heal@comcast.net 860-306-7000 or Lynda Cook, blcook66@gmail.com or visit our website <https://www.quilts2heal.org>

Advertisements

If you would like to advertise a service or are looking to sell or buy something related to quilting/sewing, advertise it here. Your advertisement will be in the Newsletter for six months; after which it will be removed.

Please consider sharing your stash with new quilters!

Middle School & Library Looking for Quilting Fabrics

If you have any quilting fabrics you would like to part with, both Henry James Middle School and the Simsbury Library can use them. They both teach quilting classes to students. Please bring them to any guild meeting and Lisa Salvatore will make sure they end up in appreciative hands. Thanks so much!!

Lisa Salvatore Lisa.B.Salvatore@gmail.com

Quilt Frames for sale.

Large Hand Quilting Frame 80" long, very sturdy, picture of base - doesn't show long pieces. For sale for \$300.

Oval Hand Quilting Frame on Stand \$15
Norma Hartley 860-674-0381



Large



Oval

For Sale: Grace EZ3 FABRI-FAST Quilting Frame

Contact Fran Kehoe gandfkehoe@gmail.com 860-658-9908.

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I have the complete Elm Creek Quilts Novel set by Jennifer Chiaverini. I'm finishing the last two and would love to pass the set along to another reader – or group of readers! Just email me if you are interested. These are part of the Marlene legacy. weavewoman@comcast.net

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I also still have lots of quilt books, magazines and patterns that need to find a new home. They are currently in a bookshelf in our garage and it won't be too long before the car will need that spot! I will bring a few to each Guild meeting but can only carry so much. I'd love to have you come browse and take lots home. Ann has already pulled several for the Guild library but there are some great things still available including lots of patterns. Just email me to set up a time to come find some great winter projects. weavewoman@comcast.net.

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Fabric & Everything Tag Sale!

I've worked in the theater designing and making costumes for 40 years and I've retired. My tag sale includes trim, lace, buttons, patterns, elastic...you name it. Plus a few sewing machines.

Sept 24, 25 & 26 9:00-3:00 Rain dates – Oct 17, 18 & 19

2 Pleasant Court, Windsor, CT

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Granbees Quilt Guild Looking for Members

Interested in quilting? * The Granbees Welcome You * Beginners to Experts

When: Third Tuesdays September to June 10:00 am – Noon

Where: East Granby Farms Rte 187 – 79 North Main St

Programs: Trunk Shows, Demonstrations, Guest Speakers, Charity Quilts, Members helping members, Retreats, Applique, Basting Day, Refreshments

No childcare available

Contact: Ellyn Mansfield

Email: elhmansfield@gmail.com

Phone – 860-561-2878

Quilting Events in the Area

Please be sure to check for cancellations

BUCC Quilt Show & Sale with Sewing Tag Sale

Oct 22-24, 2021

Belchertown United Church of Christ 18 Park St Belchertown MA 01007

<https://buccquiltshowandsale.weebly.com/>

Contemporary Quilts

October 25-December 23, 2021

Menino Art Center 26 Central Ave Hyde Park MA 02136

<http://www.hpaa-mac.org/>

Concord Piecemakers FYN (Fiber, Yarn and Notions) Sale

November 6, 2021

St Matthew's Church 435 Central St Acton, MA 01720

<http://concordpiecemakers.org/>

Quilters' Connection 3rd Bi-Annual Auction

December 2, 2021

St. James Armenian Church Keljik Hall 465 Mt. Auburn Street Watertown MA 02472

<https://quiltersconnection.org/>

10th Annual Yuletide Quilt Show

December 4, 2021

First Congregational Church of Haddam 905 Saybrook Road Haddam, CT 06438

<https://haddamchurch.org/>

Membership

We will begin collecting dues for 2022 at the November meeting. This is because of the change to a calendar year for our dues.

Anyone who would like to renew by mail can send a check for \$25.00 payable to FVQI to: FVQI, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089.

Post Photos to Instagram

FVQI is now on Instagram
Follow us: @farmvalquilters
Any photos you want posted?
Email Lisa Salvatore at:fvquilter@gmail.com

Newsletter Submissions

Due the Friday before the Wednesday Guild Meeting. Submit to dlcalkin@gmail.com

Next Due November 12th.

2021-2022 Board Members

President	Anne Dodge
Vice President	Volunteer Needed
Membership	Kitty Vangunten
Secretary	Bridget Shanley
Treasurer	Sue Trimble
Programs	Gail Burk
	Connie Beilstein
	3rd Person Needed
Newsletter Editor	Diane Calkin
Publicity	Volunteer Needed
Social Programs	Sue Underwood
Webmaster	Lisa Salvatore
Quilt Show Chair	Maureen Hulsart

2021-2022 Committee Members

ABC Quilts	Peggy Thomsen
	Kathie Fallon
	Volunteer Needed
Fabric Swap Box	Linnea Amodio
Friendship Blocks	Donna Gosselin
Hospitality	Marie Knapps
	Diane Calkin
June Challenge	Lois Palmer
Library	Kitty Vangunten
	Volunteer Needed
Mystery Night	Alberta Culley
Neonatal Quilts	Phyllis Small
	Kathy Lettieri
Sunshine	Volunteer Needed
Photographer	Jean Williams
Retreats	Susan Elliott
CT Hang-a-Quilt-Day	Connie Beilstein

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