



February 2023 Newsletter

President's Letter

Hi all, I hope to see many of you at our service project meeting this month to assist with some of our guild service projects. We also have a few things coming up that I hope many of you will support. 1st is our March retreat, we still had some open spots last I knew and I am not sure where we stand now but if you are interested in joining us at the last minute, check with Katha Kerr to see if there are still spots available. This will be my 4th retreat and each time has been productive getting projects completed as well as fun getting to know other participants better! Also, on March 16th our March meeting speaker, Elizabeth Sylvan will be running a workshop called Recycled Garden/Flower Quilt and on April 14th we will be holding a Mystery Night organized by Rose Day so please sign up to support these guild sponsored activities! Don't forget to bring your completed projects for Show and Tell, it's always wonderful to see all the beautiful creations produced by our very talented members!

Happy Quilting

Pam

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Treasurer's Update

All accounts are current, balanced, and in good standing.

The Board has been working to revise the way the Treasurer reports to the Board and the Guild. The newly revised Treasurer's report is posted on the "Member's Only" section of the Guild Website. You will notice that it allows for comparison of current expenses, as of the end of December 2022, with what we budgeted for. Reporting this way gives us a good idea of how we are progressing through the year and keeps the Board up to date on expenses. If you have any questions or concerns regarding guild financials please reach out to Anne Dodge, Treasurer.

Quilt Show

Quilt Show 2024 Volunteers Needed

By Maureen Hulsart



I am happy to announce that Gail Burk and Anne Dodge have volunteered to take on the role of making our 2024 Raffle Quilt. I'm sure you will hear more from them when they have selected a pattern. Please offer your support to these ladies during the coming months and assist them in making our Show Raffle Quilt.

We are still looking for someone to chair the 2024 Quilt Show. As you know, our show proceeds are what fund our speakers and activities and is essential to sustain the future of our Guild. Please consider assuming the Show Chair tasks. Call or email me with any questions you might have regarding Show Chair responsibilities.

June Challenge

Due at the June 2023 Meeting

Make a quilted item using 3 colors only. The colors must be chosen by finding 3 paint chips where the first letters of the paint names match your initials. For example my initials are DLC and I wanted to make a quilt with purple, teal and green; I found **D**usty Violet, **L**agoon and **C**alabash. The fabric can be a print but should primarily be the colors on the paint chips. As usual, the item can be a quilt, clothing, placemat etc., but must be finished (quilted). Bring your item in June along with the paint chips.

Contact Diane Calkin: dalcalkin@gmail.com with any questions.

Guild Library

News from the Guild Librarians

The Guild Library has a variety of books that feature quilts and quilting techniques from around the world. Below is a list of a few of them.

[Quilts Around The World: The Story of Quilting From Alabama to Zimbabwe](#), by Spike Gillespie

[Japanese Quilting: Sashiko](#), by Hiromitsu Takano

[Quilting in the Morning Calm: Floral Delights From Ancient Korea](#), by Shirley MacGregor and Sheila Steers

[Perfect Points: Contemporary Hawaiian Applique](#), by Maggie Davies

[Patience to Raise the Sun: Art Quilts from Haiti & Their Power to Change Women's Lives](#), by Stephen Perkins

[Quiltmakers of Australia: Celebrating the Traditions](#), by Karen Fail

There is a full list of items available in the Guild Library on the "Members Only" section of the Guild website. Happy browsing!

Mystery Night

Event: Mystery Night 2023

Date and Time: April 14th from 4 PM to 9 PM

Location: Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St., Avon, Ct. 06001.

Cost: \$10 (the cost will cover cost of room)

Description: We are meeting up for Mystery Night in April. We have 16 slots at the church to set up machines. We will have a sign up sheet at the next two guild meetings (February and March) along with preparation instructions and what to bring to the event. Members planning to come will need to cut their pieces in advance and then the night of you will be piecing it step by step to reveal the design at the end. If you have any issues or questions with the instructions when you pick them up please feel free to reach out and let me know: Rosemarie.J.Day@gmail.com. It is recommended to either bring food to eat/drinks or look at one of the surrounding restaurants to order from as we will be quilting during the dinner hour. Look forward to seeing you there!

Socials

Our June Social is still months away, but save the date of June 21st, the first day of summer. More details will be announced soon.

We have also scheduled the Summer Sew-In dates of July 19 and August 16 at the First Church of Christ, located at 689 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury. This FREE event is open to all guild members to enjoy sewing on whatever you like for the day, pack a brown bag lunch for yourself, and spend time quilting together. It will be held in (air conditioned) Palmer Hall from 9-3pm. You may attend one or both dates. The more, the merrier.

More information will be coming in the next few newsletters. Remember to mark your calendar!

Sue Underwood

Programs and Workshops

A PDF Printout of programs is available on our Website: FVQuilter.org

Please contact Program Co-Chairs Kathi Maglia (kmmaglia@comcast.net) or Ellyn Mansfield (elhmansfield@gmail.com) with any questions or suggestions for speakers.

Programs Lineup:

February 15, 2023 – Service Month.

Finish the binding on ABC quilts. And find out what A.B.C. is all about. Also work will be done on UConn Neo Natal quilts. Come join in with others as we finish up on our service projects.

March 15 & 16 - Elizabeth Sylvan- www.sylvanquilts.com

Trunk Show: Exploring Nature and Light through Quilting:

Elizabeth will showcase small to medium size art quilts inspired by her travels and love of the wilderness. This talk chronicles her history as a quilter and gives a summary of her design techniques.

There will be a 6 hour workshop, Thursday, March 16 from 10AM – 4PM--**Recycled Garden: Flowers**. Create a scrappy, collage back-ground with raw edge applique flowers on top. Patterns provided (Iris-difficult) (Wake Robin –easy) (Lady's Slipper Orchid-intermediate) or Elizabeth will help you design a pattern for the flower of your choice. Suitable for intermediate quilters; your machine must be able to drop the feed dogs. Some free motion quilting experience is helpful. Fee for the workshop is \$35.00; with the workshop running from 10Am until 4Pm. Supply list provided. Please bring your own lunch or cash for local purchase. The workshop will be held at the Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St., Avon, Ct. 06001.

There will be a sign up sheet for this workshop at the February meeting. Or call Ellyn Mansfield (860-561-2878)

March 16- Recycled Garden/Flower Quilt Workshop:

Create a scrappy collage background with raw edge applique flowers on top. Iris pattern provided or Elizabeth will help you design a pattern for the flower of your choice.

April 19, 2023

Lecture: - Trends, Joys, Issues and Experiences of Quilt Shop Ownership with Vivian Lazich. From the store in Simsbury, Viv will share her insights and experience with owning and operating Sew Inspired Quilt Shop & Studio. Get a behind the scenes look at what is involved.

May 17 & 18 - Kathie Beltz- www.KathieBeltz.com

Trunk show and lecture: Easy Color for Quilters Confused by the color wheel? Do you know how to use the color wheel to choose colors for your quilts? This lecture breaks down all the technical color terms into easy, everyday English so that any quilter can understand them. Then those terms are related directly to quilts during the trunk show. Once you understand the basics, you can apply them to your quilts and watch them sparkle!

Workshop: Rangely Star Wall Quilt –

On Thursday, May 18 from 10AM – 4PM, there will be a six hour workshop. This project received its name because the streamlined construction of the star points was conceived while Deb Tucker was working at a quilt retreat in Rangeley, Maine. (In 2013 Kathie became a Certified Instructor for Studio 180 Design, Deb Tucker's Tool and Technique Company.)

You will create a wall quilt featuring a pieced 17" central star block surrounded by a cluster of 14 smaller stars in the borders. Using Deb's techniques and tools, it becomes a simple design to construct, but it looks so much more difficult. Finished size: 32" x 42"

The Tucker Trimmer 1 and Quilter's Magic Wand are required for this workshop. These tools are available from the instructor during class or are available at your local quilt shop.

Fee for the workshop is \$45.00; please bring your own lunch or cash for local purchase. The workshop will be held at the Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St., Avon, Ct. 06001.

Retreats

Winter 2023 Retreat: March 1 - 5

Registration for the March Retreat is now closed.

All outstanding balances are due February 15, 2023, if you are bringing your check to the meeting please give it to Anne Dodge.

Checks should be made out to FVQI

Checks can be mailed to: Katha Kerr, 92 Barbourtown Rd, Canton, CT 06019

Please note whether you are going for the 4 night or 3 night option:

March 1 - 5 (4 nights, Wed - Sun, no meals until Thursday dinner) Cost \$370

March 2 - 5 (3 nights, Thurs - Sun, meals Thurs dinner thru Sunday lunch) Cost \$320

The retreat will again be at the Incarnation Center, Ivoryton CT.

The price includes single room accommodations unless otherwise requested, and meals Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch.

NEW OFFERING at the March retreat will be chair massages.

Questions? contact Katha Kerr, kkerr8994@yahoo.com or (860) 970-1570

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

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. If you've ever wondered about this museum, check them out on YouTube where you'll find informative videos on current happenings.

Sew Thankful Quilters

Please join **Sew Thankful Quilters** at the Avon Congregational Church for sewing your charity quilts on the second Thursday of the month from 9:30 to noon. We will be sewing Quilts of Valor, but would welcome anyone who would like to sew charity quilts.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Elliott at 860-748-1775.

Neonatal Quilts

Hopefully, the New Year will see your resolve to continue supporting our project for quilts and scent cloths.

SERVICE NIGHT ACTIVITY:

We will be making scent cloths for the Neonatal Unit. This is a fun and easy project. **YOU WON'T NEED TO BRING ANYTHING EXCEPT YOUR ENTHUSIASM!!** We will provide flannel, cutting mats with cutting tools, sewing machines, an ironing station and instructions. We will have plenty of flannel for you to take home as well.

As a gentle reminder, quilts should be no smaller than 36" X 36" or larger than 40" X 40". Scent cloths, made with two pieces of flannel sewn together, should measure no smaller than 6" X 6" and no larger than 8" X 8". Due to the delicate skin on their faces, neonatal babies cannot tolerate contact with stitching thread. Therefore, scent cloths should not be quilted and stitching should be confined to the very outer edge. Finally, all quilts and scent cloths must be washed when completed.

Please, please visit our table for fabric, a variety of inspirational packets and batting. Labels which should be attached to every quilt are also available at our table.

Thank you all once again for your continued support and, as always, please keep quilting!

Alberta and Phyllis



ABC Quilts

Our annual charity meeting is a time for an old fashioned sewing bee. We have two ABC quilts ready for your nimble needles. Please bring your favorite needles, scissors and clips. We have thread but need your stellar sewing skills to complete these welcome gifts for new ABC students. Peggy & Kathie

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.

Quilting Events in the Area

Please be sure to check for cancellations

Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild "A Community of Quilters"

March 18-19, 2023

Blue Hills Regional Technical High School. 800 Randolph St., Canton MA

<https://www.rnqg.org/>

Franklin County Quilt Show

April 1-2, 2023

100 North Main Street, St. Albans VT 05478

<http://franklincountyquilters.org/>

Quinobequin Quilters Auction

April 11, 2023

Congregational Church of Needham

1154 Great Plain Ave (at the corner of Linden St.), Needham MA 02492

<https://www.quinobequin.org/>

14th Annual Winchester Center Quilt and Needle Arts Show

April 22 & 23, 2023

Winchester Center Congregational Church, 1 West Road (Route 263), Winchester Center, CT 06094

Please consider entering your quilts or other needle art in the show. Entries can be submitted on-line at [WCCC Quilt Show Online Entry](#). Any questions, contact MaryPat Leger at 860-379-2184.

<http://www.winchestercentercongregationchurch.org/>

Hands All Around 18 Quilt Show

April 22 - 23, 2023

Robert Crowne Gymnasium

Hampshire College, 893 West St-Route 116, Amherst, MA

<http://www.handsacrossthevalley.org/>

2023 Festival of Quilts — Maple Leaf Quilters 30th Show

April 22 & 23, 2023

Mount St. Joseph Academy

127 Convent Avenue, Rutland Vermont 05701

<https://www.mapleleafquilters.org/>

Northern Star Quilter's Guild A World of Quilts XLII May 6-7, 2023 at the Purchase College Gymnasium, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase NY. More info can be found at their website, [A World of Quilts XLII](#)

Membership

We are continuing to collect 2023 dues. To pay by mail, send your \$25.00 check to FVQI, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089. Make it payable to FVQI. As of the end of January, 73 members had joined or renewed. With this newsletter, we have changed the password for the members section of the website. The password is changed annually and sent out monthly with the newsletter email.

Five people joined at the January meeting. Please welcome Lee Aponte, Hartford; Dianne Gengantas, West Hartford; Linda Jacobson, West Hartford; Sue Weber, Granby; and Brenda Woodrell, Granby.

Thirty-eight members attended the January meeting, which is a record for a January meeting.

Kitty Vangunten
Membership

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
Submissions for next newsletter due: March 10th.

2022-2023 Board Members

President	Pam Stenman
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Quilt Show Chair 2024	Volunteer Needed

Website: Fvquilters.org
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Instagram: @farmvalquilters

2022-2023 Committee Members

ABC Quilts	Peggy Thomsen
	Kathie Fallon
Fabric Swap Box	Margaret Dooley-Duncan
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June Challenge	Diane Calkin
Library	Anne Dodge
	Lois Palmer
	Kitty Vangunten
Mystery Night	Rose Day
Neonatal Quilts	Alberta Culley
	Phyllis Small
Sunshine	Kathy Lettieri
Photographer	Volunteer Needed
Retreats	Katha Kerr
CT Hang-a-Quilt-Day	Susan Elliott
	Connie Beilstein