



November 2022 Newsletter

President's Letter

Hi all, we had a great October meeting and saw some beautiful quilts by our speaker, Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill. Shortly after the meeting, a number of us participated in the fall retreat. It was a wonderful time spending several days working on our various projects, seeing the beautiful projects others were making and visiting with the other participants! I hope if you haven't participated in the past, you will consider participating in our spring retreat opportunity in March! Now that it is colder, I hope all of you are enjoying more time with your sewing machines creating beautiful projects that you will share at our show & tell! Happy Quilting!

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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 Anne Dodge, Treasurer.

Quilt Show

Quilt Show Committee Report

By Maureen Hulsart



The Quilt Show Committee had a wrap-up dinner meeting in October. We reviewed what worked well during our show and shared recommendations and ideas for the next Show. Consequently, the books are closed on the 2022 show.

Early next year, we will be looking to someone in our guild to assume the role of Show Chair for the 2024 show. That gives the 2024 Quilt Show Committee plenty of time to plan and work toward our next show; typically we actively start about a year ahead of our next show. There is a lot of good news for the next Show Committee Chair.... first, you have plenty of time to plan and get things done....not the 8 months we had to plan our September Show.

Secondly, we have a wonderful site who is interested in having us; so the location is set. That is HUGE. Thirdly, many members of the 2022 show indicated that they would be willing to continue in the roles they had for this past show....so you will have ready, experienced members! And for better or worse, I am willing to continue as a member of the committee filling a vacancy on the Committee. If you have questions about Show Chair responsibilities, please feel free to call me or approach me at a Guild Meeting.

I realize it's difficult to think about what you will be doing in 2 years, but please consider stepping up and volunteering for the Show Chair position. You can't work with a better group of ladies and you will be supporting the future of our Guild.

June Challenge

Due at the June 2023 Meeting

Make a quilted item using 3 colors. 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).

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

Socials

Thank you to all who had signed up to bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert for the December 21st Social, but we have made a change of plans based on the current flu and Covid season. Instead we will have holiday goodie bags ready for you to take home that night. The evening will hold a fine Show and Tell, a fun Yankee Swap game, and Boutique Tables with items for sale from the Quilt Show, graciously coordinated by two of our members, Diane F. and Judy. To prepare for the Show and Tell, please fill out the online form found on the Members Only page at your convenience prior to the meeting. Feel free to share several quilts!

If you wish to participate in the Yankee Swap game next month, members are asked to bring a small quilt related item, either handmade or purchased, with a value of \$15-20 and wrap it in holiday gift wrap. Ideas could be sewn coasters, pot holders, mug rugs, ornaments, a door hanging, etc. This game was lots of fun last year, and we hope to spread the joy and laughter again this year!

Thanks,
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 Fall Lineup:

November 16

Lady Blue Quilt Studio- Susan Deshensky - [Home | mysite \(ladybluequilts.com\)](http://Home|mysite(ladybluequilts.com))

Susan is the only Judy Niemeyer Quiltworx Certified Instructor in the CT/NY/NJ/PA Metropolitan area. She teaches at quilt shops (like Quilted Ewe, Sew Inspired, and Cotton Candy Fabrics), quilt guilds and retreats. She has a strong following in our local area. Susan is also a pattern designer. Several of her designs have been published in magazines such as Quiltmaker and McCall's Quilting to name a few. Her quilts have won several awards, including 3rd place at Paducah and 1st place at MQX New England.

Where Color and Design Meet Amazing! Sue will present her Quiltworx journey and showcase over twenty quilts.

Programs and Workshops (cont'd)

January 18

Members Learning from Members-

Whether you are new to quilting or have been quilting for years, you will not want to miss January's program. Based on speed dating, (don't know what that is? now you have to attend!) we will be learning and sharing strategies, vocabulary and knowledge as it relates to quilting. Come and see what Farmington Valley quilters have to offer each other. See you there.

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.

Recycled Garden/Flower Quilt Workshop: March 16-

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

Vivian Lazich

Trends, Joys, Issues and Experiences of Quilt Shop Ownership

Viv, from the local Sew Inspired shop will share her insights and experience with owning and operating a quilt shop. Get a behind the scenes look at what is involved.

May 17 & 18

Kathie Beltz- www.KathieBeltz.com

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!

Rangely Star Wall Quilt Workshop – May 18- 6 hour class

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. The wall quilt features 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. Size: 32" x 42"

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

Neonatal Quilts

Snowflake Bag Information

Early indications suggest a very positive response to the Children’s Hospital’s request (admittedly late in arriving) for holiday bags to be used in their Snowflake Shop. We would like to keep a tally of bags either finished or in progress between now and our December 12th delivery date. Bag makers are asked to text or phone Alberta (860-490-4512) with the number of bags they will be contributing. Our goal of 150 bags will accommodate the hospital’s needs. An on-going tally will help us in determining whether we will meet that goal.

Bag construction directions were sent to all members last week. Those with questions should feel free to contact Alberta (860-490-4512) or Phyllis (860-803-5907).

As always, thank you for your assistance and keep those sewing machines humming holiday tunes.

Alberta and Phyllis



ABC Quilts

Gooble, Gooble! Just a short reminder. If your ABC squares are complete, please bring them to the November meeting. If you have not picked up a “kit” and want to do a square, we will have some available at the meeting. Peggy & Kathie

Retreats

Winter 2023 Retreat: March 1 - 5

Registration for the March Retreat will begin on December 1, 2022.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due with registration with the balance due February 15, 2023 (at the guild meeting).

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

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

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.

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>

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

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.

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.

Need Help

I am looking for this fabric to finish a project. If anyone has any amount I would be willing to purchase it from you. Please text or call me at 860-748-1775. Susan Elliott



(Oct 22)

For Sale... **Grace Q'nique 21..** on a 12' Continuum frame. Comes with idler bar, ruler base, and rear handles. Frame is 5 yrs old, excellent condition, machine is barely used. I am upgrading to the newest model. Great budget friendly system. Asking \$6,000. For more info.. please call Jan Porri - [860-680-1290](tel:860-680-1290) ...will have to be disassembled, you'll need a large vehicle to move.

(Oct 22)

I live in Granby and have a **Pfaff Passport (lightweight portable) sewing machine** with a Tutto rolling carrying case that I want to sell. Only used a few times. In perfect condition.
Maribeth McKinney mbcmckin@gmail.com 602-821-4723

(Aug 22)

Granbees Quilt Guild Looking for Members

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

When: Third Tuesdays September to June 9:30 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

Contact: Ellyn Mansfield

Email: elhmansfield@gmail.com

Phone – 860-561-2878

Quilting Events in the Area

Please be sure to check for cancellations

11th Annual Yuletide Quilt Show

December 3, 2022

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

<https://haddamchurch.org/>

Quilts and Fibers, Challenging the Boundaries

November 16 - January 13, 2023

Menino Arts Center

26 Hyde Park Avenue, Hyde Park (Boston) MA 02136

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

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/>

Membership

We will begin collecting 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.

At the November and December meetings, we will be taking payments by cash, check and charge. We have a receipt book and will give a receipt for cash payments. We'll just ask you to sign a list if you pay by check (that will make it easier at the end of the night to be sure we have all the checks; that one didn't get swept up in some other paperwork, etc.).

Please welcome Joanne Duval, Tolland, MA; Barbara Goelz-Tamsin, New Hartford; Daria Hart, New Hartford; and Keri Livingston, Simsbury, who joined at the October meeting. We have 124 members.

Kitty Vangunten
kittyv@comcast.net

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

November Submissions due: December 16th.

2021-2022 Board Members

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2021-2022 Committee Members

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	Kathie Fallon
Fabric Swap Box	Margaret Dooley-Duncan
Friendship Blocks	Linnea Amodio
	Katha Kerr
Hospitality	Donna Gosselin
	Marie Knapps
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

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