



November 2021 Newsletter

President's Letter

Hi to All Fellow Quilters,

I have just returned from a wonderfully relaxing quilting retreat at the Incarnation Center. It is an experience that I strongly recommend. It is filled with comradery, inspiration, and plenty of time to work on quilt projects without "life" getting in the way. Special thanks to Jean Williams for coordinating the event. She did a great job!!

Our next Guild meeting is November 17th, at the **Avon Congregational Church**. Our speaker is Jane Davila who will present "Elements of Design."

- The meeting will **start at 7:00 p.m.**
- **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.
- We are still in need of a Guild photographer who can document the Show and Tell and upload the photographs to Flickr. It is important to be able to show the world what wonderful work we do!!
- The town of Avon still has a mask mandate so for our meeting masks **required**.

Please read the newsletter for more information on our speaker and her Thursday workshop. Also make sure to look over the information about membership renewal which starts this month and goes through the end of December. Looking forward to seeing many friendly faces at the meeting on Wednesday, November 17th.

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 UofH 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

At the **November** meeting Jane Davila will present Elements of Design with a workshop on Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Room is available for more participants at the workshop and payment can be made at the meeting. A copy of the supply list will be available if you contact Gail.

In **January** our program will be Members Teaching Members. This is a fun night to get to know the members better and to learn something new. There have been some volunteers but if there is something you'd like to demonstrate please let Connie or I know.

Connie and I have been quite busy preparing the 2022-23 speakers roster. Any suggestions for speakers or for quilting techniques and processes will be welcomed. We also would greatly appreciate another member joining the Program Committee.

Gail Burk, Connie Beilstein

Socials

We have a grand Show and Tell lined up and a fun game planned for our December 15th meeting. Your quilt(s) can be categorized as ones you have sewn during the pandemic, baby quilts, seasonal or holiday themes, and wearable art. We look forward to seeing your creativity! Feel free to share more than one.

We will also be participating in a Holiday Swap Game. Members are asked to bring in a small QUILT RELATED item that is \$10 or less. It could be handmade or purchased, if you're short on time. Ideas could be sewn coasters, pot holders, door hanger, mug rug, pin cushion or an ornament, etc. Place the item in a BROWN PAPER BAG. Be ready for some fun!

Food sharing will not be a part of the Dec. meeting due to COVID, but we will have some little treats wrapped up ready to be distributed.

Sue Underwood

June Challenge

The challenge for June is to quilt inspired by your birth month. We will be using the color of your birth stone and the color(s) in the flower for your month. To help you, there is a list of birth stones and flowers on our website.

ABC Quilts

Thanks to everyone who took kits to make ABC blocks for this year's quilts. We will collect the remaining blocks at the November 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 this month. 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 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

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
phyl@phyllissmall.com
860-803-5907

Retreats

The Fall 2021 Retreat at Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT, was fabulous. The weather was great, but a bit cool. Being able to be back together at retreat after 18 months was wonderful. Our last retreat was in March, 2020, just before shutdown.

As part of the retreats, we usually have a sewing machine service person attend. Anthony Ferranti joined us on Saturday and serviced 11 of our machines. Anthony also does house calls servicing MA, CT and RI. He can be reached at anthonyferranti1@yahoo.com or (401) 529-5488.

Next Retreat: March 3-6, 2022

Signups will start Jan 2, 2022. Details will be in the December newsletter.

Jean Williams

Neonatal Quilts

Our guild is fortunate to have generous and dedicated quilters whose year-round efforts enable us to support the UCONN NICU as well as CT Children's Hospital Snowflake Shop. In that regard, a special thank you goes out to Maureen Egan for her efforts in providing several quilts last month.

Please bring your holiday bags, scent cloths and washed quilts to our next meeting. Please! Please!! Visit our table for batting and fabric. There are "tons" of fabric combo packets from which to choose. Also, please feel free to ask us any questions you may have regarding fabric selection.

We hope everyone has a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving.

Alberta - 860-490-4512

Phyllis - 860-803-5907

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

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



For Sale: Grace EZ3 FABRI-FAST Quilting Frame

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

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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 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

Contemporary Quilts

October 25-December 23, 2021

Menino Art Center 26 Central Ave Hyde Park MA 02136

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

SALLEY MAVOR: Bedtime Stitches Exhibition

Sept. 15 - Dec. 31, 2021

New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell, MA

<https://weefolkstudio.com/>

Concord Piecemakers FYN (Fiber, Yarn and Notions) Sale

November 6, 2021

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

<http://concordpiecemakers.org/>

Thimble Pleasures 2022 Quilt Show

March 12 – 13, 2022

Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School, 65 Pleasant Street, Upton, MA 01568

<http://thimblepleasuresquiltguild.blogspot.com>

Connecticut Piecemakers Spring Shower of Quilts Show

April 2-3, 2022

St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT

<https://ctpiecemakers.org/>

22nd Annual Franklin County Quilt Show

April 2 – 3, 2022

St. Albans City Hall, 100 North Main Street, St Albans , VT 05478

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

Membership

It is time to begin paying dues for 2022. We will be collecting dues at the November meeting, but if you'd like to avoid gathering around the membership table to pay, you can mail your \$25.00 check to FVQI, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089. Make it payable to FVQI.

I'd like to welcome all of our new members who joined since this summer. Ready to go were Candice Chirgotis, Avon; Jennifer Herbek, Simsbury; Linda Huppelsberg, Canton; Ellyn Mansfield, Simsbury; and Eileen Murphy, West Simsbury. In September we welcomed Julie Hyde, Southwick (MA); and Jean Nealon, Canton. October gave us Diane Bray, New Hartford; Linda Henriques, Hartford; and Kathleen Tenney, Branford.

We now have 104 members. It is nice to be back over 100.

Kitty,
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

Next Due December 10th.

2021-2022 Board Members

President	Anne Dodge
Vice President	Pam Stenman
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

Website: Fvquilters.org
Facebook: Farmington Valley Quilters
Instagram: @farmvalquilters