



September 2021 Newsletter

President's Letter

Happy September everyone! Where did the summer go!

This month the Guild will have the first in-person meeting in over 1 ½ years. It will be great to see everyone in person for the first time in such a long time.

Some important information about our **September 15, 2021**, meeting.

- We will be meeting at the **Simsbury Public Library, not at Eno Memorial**. The meeting will be in the **Friends Program Room**, which is in the lower level of the Library. The Eno Auditorium is not available this month
- The meeting will **start at 6:30 not at 7:00**. The library closes at 8:30 so we need to be finished by that time.
- **There will be no Show-and-Tell**. This will give us time to have a business meeting and plenty of time for our speaker.
- **MASKS ARE REQUIRED!**

The speaker this month is Jan Doyle, and her topic is "Quilts and the Underground Railroad: Fact or Fiction". Should be interesting and thought provoking.

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 many of you at the September meeting.

Anne Dodge

President's Letter	1
Treasurer's Update	2
Quilt Show Report	2
Programs/Workshops	3
Socials	3
June Challenge	3
Sunshine	3
ABC Quilts	4
Retreats	5
Neonatal	6
Quilters Needed	6
NEQM Show Opportunity	7
NEQM Guest Passes	7
HST Swap	7
Advertisements	8
Area Quilting Events	9-10
Membership	11
Photos to Instagram	11
Board & Committees	11

Treasurer's Update

Caroline has transferred all files and knowledge to me, Sue Trimble. This Thursday Anne Dodge, Bridget Shanley and I will become the official signatories for all guild accounts at Liberty Bank.

All accounts are current, balanced and in good standing.

The Treasurer's Report will be available to all members to review via our "Members Only" website page following our membership meeting this month.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding guild finances please reach out to Sue Trimble, Treasurer

Email: SusanQTrimble@gmail.com

Cell phone: 860 707-3436

Quilt Show



Quilt Show Committee Report

By Maureen Hulsart

I have contacted an alternate potential show site to see if there was a determination about renting to our guild next year and what the cost/s associated with a 2 1/2 day rental would be. They were to hold a meeting in August and review all the requests for rentals and get back to interested parties. I have not heard any decisions as of this date but the Quilt Show Committee is actively looking for alternate sites and will hopefully have something more definitive to report soon.

Programs and Workshops

September 15:

Jan Doyle will present "Quilts and the Underground Railroad: Fact or Fiction?" This unique and attention-grabbing lecture will provide stories of secret codes, hidden messages, and forbidden talk. It will be up to each of us to evaluate the evidence Jan provides and draw our own conclusions.

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.

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 beginning with the September meeting.

Gail Burk, Connie Beilstein

Socials

At this time, we will continue monitoring the status of COVID before making any plans for upcoming social events.

Sue Underwood

June Challenge

A new Challenge due June 2022 will be announced at an upcoming meeting (not the September Meeting).

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2020 and 2021 challenges. I will have a little prize for all of you at the September Meeting.

Challenge 2020

Paula Di Silva
Jean Williams
Phyllis Small
Gail Burk
Karen Kebinger
Pauline Shaw

Diane Calkin, dlcalkin@gmail.com

Challenge 2021

Susan Elliott (2)	Gail Burk
Karen Kebinger	Maureen Hulsart
Sue Underwood	Pam Stenman
Anne Baldis	Jean Williams
Phyllis Small (2)	

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

On August 29th, we were guests at the ABC Welcome Picnic to present quilts to the new students. Bryson, a Sophomore and two Freshman, Ethan and Nana-Poku, joined Muna and Anthony in the ABC House for the upcoming school year. The young men and their families were very appreciative for the warm welcome from the community and the beautiful quilts. (And yes, at least one mom shed a tear). Our inventory of completed ABC quilts is now down to zero so it is time to refill the closet! We will have kits available at the September meeting to distribute to members who want to participate in the construction of a block or two. The block is Brown Goose by Missouri Star Quilt Company. In an effort to "be green", written instructions are included with this newsletter and will not be printed to distribute with the kits. See Below.

Thank you for your continued support of the ABC quilt project.

Peggy & Kathie



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.



Retreats

FALL 2021 RETREAT

Registration for our Fall 2021 retreat is now open with a 3 or 2 night option. We currently have only 11 signups and a couple of maybe's???

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.)

Deposit: \$100 non-refundable deposit **by September 15th**, holds your space. **Make checks payable to FVQI.**

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.**

Additional info: Beginning October 1, if space remains, non-guild members are welcome to join the group. We just want to make sure any guild member who wishes to attend has "first dibs" on registration. A wait list will be maintained on a first-come basis for non-guild members up to that time.

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

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. We are keeping the maximum attendees to 24 and minimum at 20.

Looking forward to meeting socially again! Happy quilting!

Spring Retreat: March 3-6, 2022

Neonatal Quilts

Last year we created 304 quilts and 184 scent cloths. We are pretty sure that is an all time record. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of our dedicated quilters!!

According to Shari Galvin, our UCONN NICU liaison, neonatal parents continue to be overjoyed by the receipt of one of our handmade quilts. The gift is even more special since many parents come from non-sewing families.

Connecting quilts with parents is particularly enjoyable for Shari. For instance, she was able to find a baseball themed quilt for a father who had requested one. A few quilts featuring books or ABC's went to parents who were teachers. A mechanic received a quilt depicting various tools of his profession. Clearly, our quilts connect parents and their young ones during very challenging times.

Finally, Shari noted that birth rates are rising. So—we better keep quilting!! Please feel free to call either Alberta or Phyllis if you need inspirational packets, batting, flannel, labels, etc. Any quilts already completed and washed should be brought to our September 15th meeting.

Thank you again everyone!
Alberta (860-490-4512) and 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>

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

NEQM Guest Passes

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM GUEST PASSES

As supporting members of NEQM, we were given 4 Guest Passes (each admitting 2 people) for our members to enjoy. The Museum is now open with Covid restrictions.

Also guild members who become members of the Museum receive one \$10.00 voucher for any fabric or quilt making product purchased in the Museum Store.

So please let me know if you want one of these passes, and I will get it to you. NEQM is a wonderful place to visit (if and when we are allowed to travel again to MA).

Phyllis Small

phyl@phyllissmall.com

860-803-5907

HST Swap

HST Swap Participants

Thinking ahead to the next Quilt Show, we would love to have a display of HST quilts. As we don't have any details yet about The Show, specifics will have to wait.

Just keep it in mind - we'd love to see those finished quilts!!

Diane and Judy

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.

2/22

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

2/22

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.

2/22

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

12/21

Granbees Quilt Guild Looking for Members

ARE YOU A QUILTER? If you don't like to drive at night, but want to belong to a quilt group come to THE GRANBEES. We meet at the EAST GRANBY Recreational Center near East Granby Center. The 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM. We plan to continue to meet during the summer. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Contact Diane Calkin if you have questions.

Quilting Events in the Area

Please be sure to check for cancellations

HEARTHSIDE QUILTERS AUCTION

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 12:30-4PM Doors open at noon

BANTAM BOROUGH HALL 890 BANTAM ROAD. BANTAM, CT

MASKS MUST BE WORN INSIDE PER POLICY

TEA CUP AUCTION 12-2:00

LIVE AUCTION BEGINS AT 1:30

SILENT AUCTION CLOSING TOWARD THE END OF THE LIVE AUCTION AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED

MYSTERY BAGS FABRIC BUNDLES, FALL BASKETS, CHRISTMAS BASKETS, MORE BASKETS FOR EVERY OCCASION, STORAGE ITEMS, SCRAPS, PATTERNS, CROCHET AND KNITTING SUPPLIES, LARGE IRON PRESS, CROSS STITCH AND MORE FABRIC AND MORE SEWING NOTIONS!

[CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR PREVIEWS OF ITEMS](#)

Creative Arts at The Big E

September 17-October 3, 2021

1305 Memorial Ave. West Springfield MA 01089

<https://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/creative-arts>

Belknap Mill Quilter's 44th Annual Quilt Show "Harvest of Quilts" and "Mysterious Quilt Journey"

September 25-26, 2021

Laconia, NH

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

Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild Ruby Celebration

October 1-2, 2021

Hope Community Church. 11 Hale Street Newburyport MA

<https://mvquilters.org/>

AQS Quilt Parade – Online

September 21 - October 8

<https://www.aqsblog.com/quilt-parade>

We are throwing a free virtual Show & Tell celebrating quilters around the globe. We invite you to share your quilts made during the pandemic. This includes anything completed after January 1, 2020.

South County Museum 35th Annual Folk Art Quilt Show

September 24-26, 2021

115 Strathmore Street Narragansett RI 02882

<https://southcountymuseum.org/>

(re)location - Exhibit

Through Oct. 3, 2021

The Bristol Art Museum 10 Wardwell Street Bristol, RI 02809

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

Quilting Events in the Area. Cont'd

Please be sure to check for cancellations

Ninigret Quilters Ruby Jubilee Quilt Show

October 15-17, 2021

Westerly Armory 41 Railroad Avenue Westerly, RI 02891

<https://ninigretquilters.blogspot.com/>

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/>

The Soo Nipi Quilters Guild presents "Together Again, with Quilts"

September 11-October 13, 2021

Library Arts Center 58 N. Main St. Newport NH 03773

<https://libraryartscenter.org/>

Cocheco Quilt Guild Show

October 16-17, 2021

150 Wakefield Street Rochester NH 03867

<http://www.cochecoquilters.com/index.html>

25th Annual Quilt & Needle Arts Show

Oct. 9 - 10, 2021

499 Town St. East Haddam CT 06423

<http://firstchurcheh.org/>

Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey Quilt Show

Oct. 9 - 10, 2021

Middlebury Recreation Center 154 Creek Rd Middlebury VT 05753

<http://www.milkandhoneyquilters.com/>

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/>

Membership

The Board has changed the membership dues to a calendar year. This means that dues paid will be current through December 2021 and not due again until January 1, 2022
Anyone who would like to become a member can send a check for \$25.00 payable to FVQG along with the membership information form 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 dalcalkin@gmail.com

Next Due October 15th.

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

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