



## May 2021 Newsletter

### President's Letter

Hello Quilters.

The Weather is heating up and Summer is almost here!

The vaccination program seems to be working, hopefully we will not have to wear our masks too much longer.

Things are looking good that we might be able to resume in person meetings by September!

Here is the list of nominees for the 2021- 2022 board of officers.

We only have 1 person in each category, at the May Guild meeting we will hold a vote to accept them to the board.

Missing is a nominee for the role of Vice President, if anyone would like to nominate themselves for this position, please contact Anne Dodge.

Anne Dodge, President.

Bridget Shanley, Secretary.

Sue Trimble, Treasurer.

Kitty Vangunten, Membership.

Gail Burk, Programs.

Sue Underwood, Socials.

Diane Calkin, Newsletter.

Maureen Hulsart, Quilt Show Chair.

Lisa Salvatore, Webmaster.

At the May meeting we will also be voted to accept the recent changes to the By-laws.

My quilt this month is recently finished. It is the Fractured pattern by Kathy Doughty of Material Obsession. I call it Tessellating Teal and Tangerine!



Looking forward to seeing you all on Zoom at the meeting.

Be kind!

Karen Kebinger

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## Treasurer's Update

Beyond my normal monthly reporting, I presented and reviewed the proposed budget for our next fiscal year with the Board and they have unanimously approved it. The budget will be available to all members to review via our "Members-only" website page following our membership meeting this month.

All accounts are current, balanced and in good standing.  
If you have any questions or concerns regarding guild finances, please don't hesitate to reach out directly.

Caroline Berman, Treasurer  
Email: [chbermanct@comcast.net](mailto:chbermanct@comcast.net)  
Phone: 860-944-9566 (cell)

## Guild Meeting Show and Tell

### **New submission deadline**

The Guild is now offering Show and Tell during our monthly Zoom Guild Meetings.

If you would like to share your quilt/s at our next ZOOM Guild Meeting, please review the guidelines below:

1) Take a photo of the quilt/s you would like to share

2) For each quilt you would like to share, complete the following information •Name of the Quilt Pattern •The name of the quilt if not the same as above. (if this is a quilt you designed, please give it a name) •Size of the Quilt •Quilt Destination (wedding gift, baby shower, quilt show, etc.) •Your full name (as you want it to appear on the screen)

3) Send the photo as an attachment in an email and the basic information listed above to Maureen Hulsart at [musiconthestreet@comcast.net](mailto:musiconthestreet@comcast.net)

Please submit individual emails (photo and quilt description) for each quilt so that I will know exactly what quilt description goes with which quilt.

To allocate time fairly, we will allow a member up to three quilt entries each month. The quilts will be displayed as shown in the example below. Your name will be on the bottom left corner of the quilt. I will tell members prior to show that if people have individual questions about a quilt: i.e. -pattern information, fabric, etc., to please contact that quilt maker directly off-line for more details.

At the appointed time during the guild meeting, the show and tell process will commence. Quilts submitted will be displayed and I will read the description submitted with each quilt. To make this an efficient process and in the interest of time, we will not be displaying neonatal quilts for the foreseeable future. The deadline for submitting a photo and description to our Member Show-And-Tell is the **TUESDAY** prior to our Guild Meeting to allow enough time to format the photos and information for the presentation during our Guild Zoom Meeting. In the event I receive an abundant number of entries in a particular month, I will contact you and let you know if I have to hold your quilt entry for the following month.

## Quilt Show

### Quilt Show Committee Report By Maureen Hulsart



Quilt Show options for our next show will be revisited in the Fall of 2021.

## ABC Quilts

Greetings from the ABC Committee! It's been a minute since our last update (well, maybe more than a minute). We received some great news that there are three confirmed students joining the house in the fall, which works out perfectly because we have three completed quilts in our inventory. BUT, there is always a "but", there is the potential for a fourth student so we need to pull together another quilt pronto! We have a [pattern selected](#) and kits have been cut. If you are interested in completing a block or two, please email Peggy ([psthomsenquilter@gmail.com](mailto:psthomsenquilter@gmail.com)) or Kathie ([weavewoman@comcast.net](mailto:weavewoman@comcast.net)). Blocks need to be completed and returned by June 30th to allow enough time to assemble the top, get it quilted, bound and labeled in time to present at the end of August, if the fourth student joins the program. If not, that quilt will be added to our inventory to replenish the stock.

Thanks,  
Peggy & Kathie

## June Challenge

For this year pick your favorite Star Block. Then use that to create a quilted item. As always it must be quilted and finished but can be any size or shape.

We plan to have a special portion of the June Show & Tell for the June challenge so get your quilts done and ready to submit to Maureen.

Questions? See Diane Calkin, [dlcalkin@gmail.com](mailto:dalcalkin@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:kbakerl@att.net)

# Retreats

## FALL 2021 RETREAT

Registration for our Fall 2021 retreat is now open with a 3 or 2 night option. We are taking reservations and deposits!

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
- Deposit: \$100 non-refundable deposit by June 10, 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.

Send all deposits and required information to:

- Jean Williams, 25 Gracewell Rd, Wethersfield, CT 06109.
- Look for an email from [quiltinjean@gmail.com](mailto:quiltinjean@gmail.com) confirming receipt.

Questions? Email Jean Williams: [quiltinjean@gmail.com](mailto: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

## CT Hang-a-Quilt Day

I hope you are as happy as I am to again be sponsoring Connecticut Hang-A-Quilt Day on June 19th. Thanks to many of you, we have distributed our rack cards to most shops in Connecticut. They are our best source to spread the word, but you can help too. Make sure you post something on social media, send an email to your friends & family, and tell everyone you know. The image of the rack card is on our website.

If you are new to us, all you need to do is hang a quilt outside on June 19th. It can be from a clothes line, a railing, from your garage, or over a chair. If you would like to make a simple sign (directions are on our website) or purchase one from Barb Aubin for \$10 that would be perfect. You can use the same sign every year.

We will also hang quilts on the iron fence along the cemetery in the center of town and along the fence at the Historical Society. If you would like a quilt hung at either place, please contact either Susan Elliott at [shsellott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shsellott@sbcglobal.net) or Connie Beilstein at [conniebct53@gmail.com](mailto:conniebct53@gmail.com). Find a place to hang a quilt. Each year I've hung some at my church and at Flamig Farm. Be creative it is the best kind of quilt show.

Susan Elliott



## **NEW NEW NEW** **Hang-A-Quilt Day Locations!!!**

By Maureen Hulsart

Would you like to drive around and see a display of quilts our members have elected to share on Hang A Quilt Day?

The Guild is offering to post the locations of quilts members are displaying on Hang-A-Quilt Day. Any member willing to voluntarily share the address/addresses of where they are hanging a quilt will have the addresses posted on a listing on our guild Web Page. No names will be listed, just the # and street name listed under the town. This allows people to drive by and share in this outdoor quilt show. The listing will be updated weekly with the final update posted on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>. To participate, just send in the address/s to Maureen Hulsart at the following email address:

[musiconthestreet@comcast.net](mailto:musiconthestreet@comcast.net)

[Deadline for submitting addresses is Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> at noon.](#)

So, print out our final listing; call a friend; grab your GPS and enjoy this outdoor quilt show.

## Neonatal Quilts

With no regularly scheduled meetings at which quilts and scent cloths could be collected, we have been conducting periodic “drop-off days” throughout the year. Our next collection day (the last until the fall) will take place on Wednesday, June 23rd. More detailed information on time and location will be forthcoming soon.

If you need labels, batting or theme kits please contact either:

Alberta – 860-490-4512 or Phyllis – 860-803-5907

[acull113@comcast.net](mailto:acull113@comcast.net)

[phyllis@phyllissmall.com](mailto:phyllis@phyllissmall.com)

Your efforts and wonderful work are great appreciated.

Thank you.

Alberta and Phyllis

## Socials

At this time, there are still no in-person social programs.

However, Eno Memorial will be starting to reopen soon. In-person programs, events and gatherings will be phased in gradually throughout the summer. More detailed information on the reopening plans for June 1st, including COVID-related safety protocols and service changes, will be made available in the coming weeks. We hope to have our first in-person meeting in September. Stay tuned for further updates.

## Programs and Workshops

### May

Modern Quilter Kathy Graves will present “Alternative Grid in Modern Quilting.” Kathy will share how to break the traditional grid design found in many quilts, to create modern quilts.

If you would like to learn more about Kathy’s work, please check out her website: [nextgenerationquilting@gmail.com](mailto:nextgenerationquilting@gmail.com)

PLEASE NOTE: Kathy’s presentation will begin promptly at 7 pm, with the business portion and show and tell following her lecture. During Kathy’s lecture, members should mute themselves. If you have questions, however, you can go to the Chat section of your device and type in your question. Caroline Berman will be moderating Kathy’s lecture and present any questions or comments to her. It will be a virtual interaction!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:phyl@phyllissmall.com)

860-803-5907

## Show & Tell Plus

Please join our QUARANTINE SHOW & TELL

Share what you're doing in our new Google Photos Album

We are excited to see how you're channeling your creativity during this challenging time.

Use this link to access the album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/pdbw25pwJ8R2ReKH9>

# Friendship Blocks 2021

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## Questions?

**Linnea Amodio**

**neaya@aol.com**

## How will Friendship Blocks work while we are Virtual?

**Same Rules as always---1 chance for each block you make  
(3 blocks gets 4 chances)**

### **1. Make the blocks**

### **2. Notify Linnea that you have made them**

**1.\*\*\*Needs to be logged by noon the day of the meeting\*\***

**2. Notify by any of the methods below**

**a. Fill out the online form (click the link)**

**b. [tinyurl.com/2021friendblock](http://tinyurl.com/2021friendblock)**

**c. Email Linnea ([neaya@aol.com](mailto:neaya@aol.com))**

**d. Text/call her- your name and # of blocks you've made (860-967-4859)**

### **3. At the meeting we will draw the winner name**

### **4. Linnea will contact all the makers with mailing directions**

### **5. Block makers will mail their blocks directly to the winner.**

**Oh Susannah!**

Make and log by noon March 17

**Chicken Block**

Make and log by noon April 21

**Trees**

Make and log by noon May 19

# Oh Susannah! quilt block

**Blocks due:** Make and log by noon March 17

- 4 -(3 1/2 “) dark green/bright green squares
- 3 -(3 1/2 “) light green or medium grey
- 4 -(3 1/2 “) white squares
- 2 -(4 1/4 “) dark green/bright green squares
- 2 -(4 1/4 “) white squares



1. On the two (4 1/4 “) white squares, draw a diagonal line or fold in half and finger press.
2. Place each 4 1/4 “ white square right sides together with a 4 1/4 “ dark green/bright green square. Sew about 1/4” away from the line, on both sides of the drawn line.
3. Cut along the drawn line to make two half square triangles (HST).
4. Open HSTs, press seam allowance away from the white, and trim each HST to be 3 1/2 “ square.
5. Layout squares as shown.

White	Dk/Br green	Lt Green	White
Lt Green	HST	HST	Dk/Br Green
Dk/Br green	HST	HST	Lt Green
White	Lt Green	Dk/Br green	white

6. Using a 1/4” seam, sew squares into rows. Press each row. Pressing seams open is recommended.
7. Sew rows together, matching seams, and press block.  
**Block should measure 12.5” square (unfinished).**

# Chicken Block

**Blocks due:** Make and log by noon  
April 21

This block is 7x8 inches as shown and will end up 6.5x7.5 inches when sewn into a quilt. All seam allowances are 1/4".



**Step 1: Cutting.**

From your chicken body fabric, cut a rectangle 5.5x6.5 inches, and a 2x2 inch square.

From your background fabric, cut 3 squares, 2x2 inches, a strip 6.5x2 inches, and a strip 5.5x2 inches.

From your beak fabric, cut a 1 1/4 " square.

From your comb fabric, cut 2 rectangles about 2x2.5 inches.

**Step 2: Draw diagonal lines on all your squares except for one of the background fabric squares**

**Step 3: Place fabrics right sides together. Stitch on all the diagonal lines as shown in the above photo. The stitching on the tail square doesn't show up really well--it goes from the upper left corner to the bottom right corner.**



**Step 4: Trim the excess fabric along the seams you just sewed, leaving about 1/4" seam allowance.**

**Step 5: Press your seam allowances toward the darker fabric.**

Step 5A: Draw a comb shape on the right side of one of the comb fabric pieces. You can use a water soluble marker or whatever else you have on hand

Place the 2 comb fabric rectangles *wrong* sides together.

Step 6: Sew close to your comb shape drawing (you pick the comb shape), and cut out the comb shape close to your stitching. Pin the comb so that the bottom edge lines up with the bottom edge of the upper left rectangle and the right side is about 1/4" in from the right edge of that rectangle. Stitch (hand/machine) in place)

Step 7: Sew the two left pieces and the two right pieces together. Press the seam on the left side down and the seam on the right side up.

Step 8: Sew the right side and left side together, nesting the seam allowances so they match up well. Press that seam and you're done!

<http://www.sewinspiredblog.com/2010/02/chicken-quilt-block-tutorial.html>



# Trees

Make and log by noon May 19

Block-Unfinished (5 1/2" wide x 7 1/2" tall)

Choose your own tree design

White background

Tree: treeish green, funky, you choose!!

Trunk: Brown

Consider:

Flying geese trees

Free form trees

Applique trees (if using raw edge, must sew down edges)

Wonky trees

Pictures are for Inspiration



## 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](mailto:Lisa.B.Salvatore@gmail.com)

## Quilting Events in the Area

### Please be sure to check for cancellations

#### Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild

Show & Tell Slideshows. <https://mvquilters.org/show-and-tell/>

*Open the individual links in new tabs to keep the show & tell index*

#### Quilters' Connection

Online Show & Tell [See grand show & tell](#)

#### Rising Star Quilters Guild

Past Show Pictures

<http://www.risingstarquilters.org/show.html#pastshows>

#### "Edges" a SAQA MA/RI Regional Exhibit April 7 – June 5, 2021

Highfield Hall and Gardens

56 Highfield Drive Falmouth MA 02541

<https://highfieldhallandgardens.org/>

#### Vermont Quilt Festival @Home – Online

June 17 – 27, 2021

<https://www.vqf.org/home/>

Admission: \$5

#### Billings Farm & Museum 35th Annual Quilt Exhibition

July 17-August 22, 2021

Billings Farm & Museum 69 Old River Road Woodstock VT 05091

<https://billingsfarm.org/>

#### 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>

#### Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild Ruby Celebration

October 1-2, 2021

Hope Community Church. 11 Hale Street Newburyport MA

<https://mvquilters.org/>

#### 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/>

## Quilters Needed

**Quilts2Heal** provides comfort and healing through quilts created for those who have suffered a loss, illness, or challenge in their lives. All sew days are in the studio at Sew Inspired postponed.

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

# Sew Inspired

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as your community quilt shop.  
And, celebrating being chosen as a top 10 shop  
in the fall/winter 2020 *Quilt Sampler* magazine!

Thank you for inspiring us to be our best for all these years. Out of 3,000 eligible shops, we were chosen as a top ten and we wouldn't be one without you! Stay tuned as we unveil our quilt pattern. Magazines arrive in August; pre-sales now on our website.



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## Membership

The Board is changing 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 [dlcalkin@gmail.com](mailto:dlcalkin@gmail.com)

June 11, 2021 next due date

## 2020-2021 Board Members

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## 2020-2021 Committee Members

ABC Quilts	Peggy Thomsen
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Fabric Swap Box	Marilyn Webber
Friendship Blocks	Linnea Amodio
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