



October 2022 Newsletter

President's Letter

It was great to see all of you at the September meeting along with a number of new members we welcomed! Since our last meeting, fall has arrived and with the cooler weather, I hope all of us have more time to spend working on our quilting projects. I am also looking forward to our November Guild Retreat, this will be my 3rd time attending and I found that it is a great way to get to know other guild members and to make a lot of progress on projects that I need to get done! I believe there is still room to attend if you haven't signed up so please reach out to Jean Williams if you would like to attend and didn't sign up. At this month's meeting Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill will be presenting Content, Concepts and Quilts: Approaching Quilting as a Graphic Designer. I am looking forward to her presentation and look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting for this presentation. It is always an inspiration to see and hear about the quilting journey of others, especially those with artistic backgrounds! The program committee is working on programs for 2023-2024 so if you have any areas of interest you would like them to consider, please share them with our committee co-chairs, Kathy Maglia and Ellyn Mansfield. A note for those attending the meeting this month, I received a notice that the Hopmeadow street entrance to Eno is closed for repairs temporarily so please use the back entrances. As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions for the guild, please share them with me or one of the other board members.

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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 is close to closing the books on the 2022 show. We are still awaiting a major invoice from the pole and drape company and paying reimbursements to Committee members who purchases items or applied for raffle permits, etc. That said, it is my hope that Caroline will have final numbers for the membership at our next Guild Meeting.

Those of us on the Committee are busy storing items for the next show, writing up what we did so that it might be passed along to the 2024 Show Committee and generally closing the books.

It's now roughly a month after the show and I have "relaxed" back into my life. I have also given thought to all those who made this show successful. Yes, the Quilt Show Committee worked very hard and the Board was very supportive, but behind the scenes, many of you may not know of the "unsung heroes" that contributed. The husbands that help sort, box and transport books; the children that came and stayed with a dad so their mom could help set-up; the many spouses that volunteered or were "volunteered" to come to our Friday night set-up and hang quilts, carry in boxes and pull wagons; to brothers and sister-in-law's who came to help lay-out the pole placement and helped take-down and clean-up; friends who dog-sat so we could be on-site for two days; and the children who helped pack vehicles for transport on Friday. While they may not be recognized members of our Guild, their contributions allowed us to do our jobs and for that I am profoundly grateful. That group is not on our newsletter distribution list, but if you would forward this to them and/or share my gratitude, I would very much appreciate it. It certainly takes a Village to get successful Quilt Show off the ground.

I suspect that early next year leadership will start talking about our 2024 show. We will need a lot of quilts to fill the room....so everyone should start planning and working on their 2024 quilts now.

Socials

Our Guild Social will be held on Wed. Dec. 21st. Plan on a grand Show and Tell! Please fill out the online Show and Tell form found on the Members Only page at your convenience prior to the meeting. Feel free to share more than one quilted item.

We are also planning to have a refreshment table with hors d'oeuvres and dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next couple meetings, if you are interested in bringing something.

Last, we will be holding a Yankee Swap game. Members are asked to bring a small quilt related item that is worth \$15-20. It could be handmade or purchased, if you are short on time. Ideas could be sewn coasters, pot holders, mug rugs, ornaments, etc. Place gift in a brown paper bag. Be ready for some fun!

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:

October 19

Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill- www.wholecircleshadow.com

Content, Concepts and Quilts: Approaching Quilting as a Graphic Designer

Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill is a designer, quilt pattern publisher, award-winning quilter, educator and creative entrepreneur. Our own life experiences can play a big role in our work as quilters. In this presentation and trunk show, Sheri will share how she applies her graphic design training and practices to design quilts while showing a selection of her award-winning quilts. Come hear, see and be inspired as Sheri describes her creative journey and process.

November 16

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

Member to Member Tag Sale- while the details are still to be worked out, start getting your quilting things together to sell to each other to benefit our Guild.

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 oof 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.

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.

Neonatal Quilts

Kudos to our creative quilters who graciously contribute to the Guild's neonatal project. Thanks to you, we were able to donate 179 quilts and 111 scent cloths during the period from September 2021 to June 2022. In addition, the Connecticut Children's Hospital received 170 holiday bags. Thank you! Thank You!!

The need for quilts and scent cloths continues since, according to liaison Shari Galvin, the UCONN NICU has been receiving an unpreceded number of babies. As a reminder, quilts should be no smaller than 36" x 36" and no larger than 40" x 40." Scent cloths should be no smaller than 6" x 6" and no larger than 8" x 8." The scent cloths are made by sewing two pieces of flannel right sides together and then turning them inside out. Please remember that **all quilts and scent cloths should be washed.** Also, remember that labels, flannel, batting and fabric combo packets are available at the neonatal table. Please visit us at our next meeting.

Finally, a **big thank you** goes out to Sew Inspired for allowing the use of its facility to cut the batting into the appropriate size for our quilts.

Keep quilting,
Alberta and Phyllis



ABC Quilts

Thank you to all the members who signed up at the September meeting to make a block (or two) for the "Choose Your Own Adventure" ABC quilts. We still have plenty more background fabric and instructions to distribute at the October guild meeting for anyone who would still like to participate. Members are asked to add their own blues and green fabrics to make any 12 ½" block of their choice. The only requirements are that the background fabric provided is used in the block to provide consistency and using only blue and green coordinating fabrics in your design. If anyone has completed blocks to turn in, we will be happy to take them at the meeting. Blocks are due by the December guild meeting

As always, thank you for your continued support of the ABC quilt project, Peggy & Kathie

Retreats

Fall 2022 RETREAT: November 2 – 6

There are 4/6 openings left for this retreat. We have 2 maybe's holding spaces.

Full payment/balance is due Oct 19 (guild meeting). For those that have paid in full, thank you!

Checks made out to **FVQI**.

Send check to: Jean Williams, 25 Gracewell Rd, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Please note whether you are doing the 4 night, 3 night, or 2 night option.

- Dates:
 - November 2 – 6 (4 nights, Wed – Sun; no meals until Thurs dinner) or
 - November – 3 - 6 (3 nights, Thurs – Sun; meals: Thurs dinner – Sun lunch) or
 - November 4 – 6 (2 nights, Fri – Sun; meals: Fri dinner – Sun lunch)
- Place: Incarnation Center, Ivoryton, CT in "The Lodge"
- Cost: 4 nights \$360; 3 nights \$310; 2 nights \$230

Questions? Email Jean Williams: quiltinjean@gmail.com

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



For Sale... **Grace Q'nique 21..** on a 12' Continumm 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](#) ...will have to be disassembled, you'll need a large vehicle to move.

(Oct 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

Horn cutting table (retails for \$1200.00) that I would like to give to someone who could use it.

Sandi Schrader

ssschrader@comcast.net

(Aug 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)

Quilting Events in the Area

Please be sure to check for cancellations

Playing with Color

October 7 – 29, 2022

245 West Foster Street, Melrose MA 02176

<https://bit.ly/JbS-Beebe>

American Quilter's Society Worldwide Quilt

Parade - Online

October 12 - 26, 2022

<https://www.americanquilter.com/>

Quinobequin Quilters Quilt Show

Oct. 21 - 22, 2022

Needham Masonic Lodge 1101 Highland Ave,
Needham MA 02492

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

BUCC Quilt Show & Sale with Sewing Tag Sale

October 21 – 23, 2022

18 Park St. Belchertown, MA 01007

<https://buccquiltshowandsale.weebly.com/>

Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild Show

Oct. 22, 2022

Whitman United Methodist Church

503 South Ave., Whitman MA 02382

<https://thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org/index.html>

Nimble Thimblers Annual Fabric and UFO Sale

October 25, 2022

Crystal Community Club, 77 Preston St, Wakefield MA

Concord Piecemakers Quilt Show 2022

November 4 - 5, 2022

St. Matthews United Methodist Church

435 Central Street, Acton MA 01720

<https://concordpiecemakers.org/>

Cape Cod Quilters New Beginnings Quilt Show

November 12 - 13, 2022

Cultural Center of Cape Cod

307 Old Main Street, S. Yarmouth MA 02664

[Facebook Page](#)

11th Annual Yuletide Quilt Show

December 3, 2022

First Congregational Church of Haddam

905 Saybrook Road, Haddam CT 06438

<https://haddamchurch.org/>

Membership

Seven people joined at the September meeting: Maureen Duffin, Hartford; Linda Johnston, Tariffville; Laurie Kane, Monson, MA; Mary Beth LaRosa, Granby; Jan Porri, Windsor; Frances Rahilly, West Springfield, MA; Renee Taylor, Windsor. That makes 119 members.

Every month since March we have had new members join. We are looking to start a Buddy Program and are looking for longtime members to volunteer to mentor. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting or you can email me at kittvv@comcast.net to volunteer.

We will begin collecting 2023 dues at the November meeting. Further information will be in the next newsletter.

Kitty Vangunten

kittvv@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: November 11th.

2021-2022 Board Members

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2021-2022 Committee Members

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