



## November 2020 Newsletter

From the President ,

Hello Quilters

After the turmoil at the beginning of November we have experienced some days of Wonderful weather! I hope you have been able to go out and enjoy it while it lasts.

If you are participating in the guilds current service project, making draw- string bags for donation. Please respond to the recent email that went out. Sue Trimble asks that you let her know how many bags you are making. Her email is [suetrimble@gmail.com](mailto:suetrimble@gmail.com).

I have had a few inquires about having Guild virtual meetings, this is something we are giving a lot of thought to. We plan on having some kind of Show and Tell powerpoint. Watch for more information to follow. The Board has decided to open a Zoom account, this will allow us to have easier meetings and will enable up to 100 people to participate.

This months quilt picture is a recent make. I wanted a quilt that transitioned from Fall to Winter. It is a panel that I enjoyed free motion quilting.

I want to take this time to wish you and your Families a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving! Holidays this year are going to be very different, we need to be creative in how we celebrate each season, remembering the important things.....

Peace and Love  
Karen Kebinger.  
President.



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## Hang-A-Quilt Day

### Hang-A-Quilt Day -- We have big and exciting news.

As you know the guild has sponsored Connecticut Hang-a-Quilt Day for the last two years. It was an idea I had to share the art and craft of quilting. On the third Saturday of June, we asked that everyone hang a quilt outside, on a porch, clothesline, chair, garage or fence for the day. We also encourage you to find any other outdoor space to proudly hang a quilt. We spread the word through emails to quilt shops and guilds and through rack cards the stores could hand out. It has been a great success.

Over the last couple of years I have heard from a few people that they wanted to do this in other states. We recently I heard from Mary Fons (daughter of the famous Marianne Fons of Fons and Porter TV quilting series). Mary has had her own TV series and magazine called "Quilty", but now has a new magazine called "Quiltfolks". The magazine is publish 4 times a year, has no advertising, and has beautiful pictures and articles.

The magazine features a state an issue and Connecticut is going to be the January issue. As she research quilting in Connecticut, she came across "Hang-A-Quilt Day" and asked if I would be willing to work with her (from London) and her staff. I asked Connie Beilstein to join as she has been my right hand lady. We met via zoom and Mary Fons was extremely excited about the activity. She sent a photographer and stylist to Simsbury and we reproduced Hang-A-Quilt Day. I chose 5 locations so we will have to wait and see which photos get published. Just a sneak peak, when we photographed at Flamig Farm, the chickens came out to pose in front of my "chicken" quilt! Connie got a

The magazine is pricy and I believe you can buy it online (single issues or subscription) and at Barnes and Noble. So now the "cat is out of the bag" and our little Connecticut Hang-A-Quilt Day may be going national!!! Who knew. Thank you to the guild for supporting our mission and this outdoor quilt display.

## Zoom Quilt Bee

I thought it might be fun to try a zoom bee. On December 9th at 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. I will host it. Please email me if you would like to be included. Bring a Show and Tell, ask advise, or just come for a little social time with your hand work.

I don't have a paid for zoom account so we will get cut off after about a half hour. We can all just log back in and go for another. How zoom works is you must have a camera and a microphone on your laptop, desktop, or ipad. Phones don't work as well, but you can try. Once you receive the email from me, you just click on the link, allow audio, and then turn on your video (an icon with a video camera).

My email is [shsellott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shsellott@sbcglobal.net). Hope you will join.

## Volunteers Needed

Our Web Master, Lisa, cannot also maintain the Facebook and Instagram Pages. Please contact her if you can help out.  
Email Lisa Salvatore at [lisa.b.Salvatore@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.b.Salvatore@gmail.com)

## Quilt Show



### **Quilt Show Committee Report** **By Maureen Hulsart**

Well, like most people and organizations, the Quilt Show Committee is in a holding pattern to see what happens with the Covid 19 virus. Many other Guilds have already cancelled or postponed their shows for 2021.

I did visit a location I thought might be a nice venue for us to consider and I was told that they are not booking anything for next year. The site was lovely but they would not rent for 2 ½ days, so that wouldn't have worked for us.

As we do not have a show scheduled, we can spend this time scouting different locations until we feel we are ready to commit to a show date. Robin Schofield estimates we had 7000 square feet of space we rented at the University of Hartford location; so we would need something with at least that much square footage available plus plenty of parking and available to rent for multiple days. If anyone has any ideas regarding a location they believe might be a good alternate site for us to rent for a future show, please contact me with your suggestion/s.

Thanks for your ideas and keep on quilting....we will need quilts whenever we host a show.

## ABC Quilts

There will be no activity for the ABC Quilt committee for the upcoming year. We currently have three completed quilts in our inventory waiting for students. If there are any changes, we will keep you all updated in a future newsletter. Be well, Peggy & Kathie

## Retreats

### **Spring Retreat 2021**

The dates for the Spring Retreat are March 3-7, 2021. Options are 3 nights \$310, 4 nights \$360.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

Thank you,

Christine Zepp

## Neonatal Quilts

Rather than raking endless leaves, hopefully, you've all been busy supporting the guild's mission – by making holiday bags, quilts or scent cloths. These creative items provide much needed support and comfort to stress challenged parents. They also provide a warming and uplifting pastime for our quilters. We will just never know the depth and impact on the lives of others these neonatal projects provide.

Recently, Alberta visited Sew Inspired and received quite a surprise. A lady had anonymously left a small bag of fabric scraps to be donated for our projects. Included in the bag was the following note: *"Thank you so much for what you are doing. My brother was born at 26 weeks and less than 2 lbs. (He just turned 35 and is 6' tall.) It was a scary and stressful time for our family. Thanks again for your kindness. Hope these pieces can be used in your projects!"* That heartfelt compliment should inspire us to keep up our great work!!

This month we are particularly busy making holiday bags, neonatal quilts and scent cloths. As of November 11<sup>th</sup> we have pledges for 74 holiday bags. They are quick and easy to make. Keep them coming!! Please contact Sue Trimble at 860-707-3436 by November 21<sup>st</sup> if you have made or intend to make any bags. A collection date for all holiday bags, scent cloths and quilts is planned for December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will send out specific details for the collection at the end of this month.

Due to COVID -19 we were requested to take a few extra steps with the quilt and scent delivery. Obviously, safety is a priority. All quilts and scent cloths need to be washed in the warmest water recommended for the fabric. After they are washed and dried please place the scent cloths in a baggie and seal. Quilts should be directly placed in a small trash bag and sealed. There is no need to individually bag each quilt. Seal tightly using the draw string on the bag if it has one, or using either a twist tie or masking tape. Please place a small piece of masking tape on the outside of the bag and write the number of quilts inside and also write either labeled or no label.

If you need labels contact Alberta by text or calling at 860-490-4512.

She will gladly send some to you. Thank you once again for your understanding and extra efforts. COVID-19 has altered our lives but not our hearts. Your quilting matters.

Many thanks,

**Alberta Culley**

**Phyllis Small**



## 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)

We have sent a card this month to Bernice Hovencamp. She has not been well and will be going in for surgery next month. If you wish to send your own card also, I'm sure Bernice would appreciate hearing from you.

## 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 2021 Summer Celebration exhibit. We were planning on asking the Board to vote for an eligible quilt at our Fall show but with no show, there was no selection.

We just received word that the New England Quilt Museum is not hosting their Guild exhibit next summer due to Covid restrictions and the need to plan months in advance. They will be postponing it one year to August, 2022. We will post updates to this event as they become available.

Meanwhile continue making your fabulous quilts, and if you have any questions, please give me a call or email me.

Phyllis Small  
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## 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).

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## Programs and Workshops

The October and November programs have been rescheduled for October and November, 2021.

**October** - Nancy Sullivan and Lynn Tibault will give a Quilt Clinic on solving common quilt problems. This has been rescheduled to October 2021.

**November** - Jane Davilia will talk on the Elements of Design. That talk will be followed the next day with a workshop in which we will learn a sample of materials and techniques for surface design.

## Socials

None scheduled at this time.

Bernice Hovencamp – Social Programs Chair

## 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)

### **COMING SOON**

I am helping a gentleman clear his late wife's three rooms of quilting equipment and supplies. I've only begun to scratch the surface but thought if there is anything you might have an interest in, I can put it on the top of my list. There are five machines, all-in well-maintained condition. I am looking for the paperwork and all accessories.

HandiQuilter Sweet 16 with full table and bobbin winder

BabyLock Ellegante Symphony with extended table and embroidery and quilting upgrades

Baby Lock Imagine

BabyLock Spirit – embroidery machine

Accuquilt Go cutting machine

There is also a tall cutting table with drawers (think Sew Inspired classroom,) a large ironing board and approximately 500 quilts books and magazines. I saw kits and stencils. And I haven't even started to open drawers. Looking to get a fair price for him but am more than willing to work with you.

Please contact me with your holiday wish list –

Kathie Fallon [weavewoman@comcast.net](mailto:weavewoman@comcast.net) or 860-658-4110

## Advertisements, cont'd

### SELLING\*\*\*(moving)

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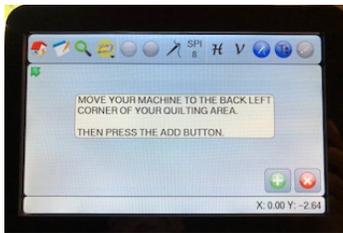
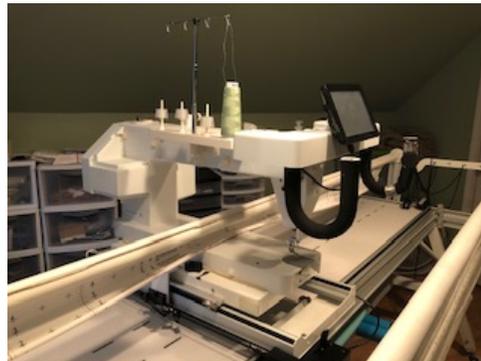
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Deb Morrissey

[debmorrissey@comcast.net](mailto:debmorrissey@comcast.net). (10/20)



**For Sale:** 17" Nolting FunQuilter. This longarm machine comes with all the following: Grace Frame (up to 11 ft), Stitch Regulator, Circle Lord Stylus, Laser Stylus, Canvas Leaders, Leader Grips, Ruler Mate and 3 User manuals. The price for this longarm machine is \$5,000.00. This machine is a great introduction to longarm quilting. Please contact Chris at 860-666-6898 or at [j-cclegg@juno.com](mailto:j-cclegg@juno.com). 6/20



### Working Treadle Machine

We received an offer via our website for a working treadle machine. Donated to the Guild for members teaching members or displays at quilt shows, etc. Anyone interested can contact the owner, Rowena York, at 860-658-2153 [york333@comcast.net](mailto:york333@comcast.net). 6/20

### Thread for free

Hi, I am not a quilter, but my Mother was. She belonged to a quilting circle in Ohio, and moved to Belden Forest in Simsbury in her 80s. I just came across a large box with assorted threads, some of them from the 40s and 50s. Would anyone in the guild be interested in this cache? Also, she had a tin filled with embroidery threads that I would be happy to donate also. Mom spent many satisfying hours quilting and it would be great if her thread collection found a new home! Thanks, Karyn d'AVIGNON [kldavy10@gmail.com](mailto:kldavy10@gmail.com) 8/20

## Treasurer's Update

Hello members! Lots of activity happening over the last month to take over the Treasurer's role from Katha Kerr. A big thank you to Katha (out-going Guild Treasurer) and Bobbi Morehouse (out-going Quilt Show Treasurer) for their hard work making sure our accounts are in good standing.

We are in the final stages of bringing the 2019-2020 Audit to a close; a few details remain but I expect this to be complete before the end of the year.

As I jump into my new role, I am actively working with the BOD to establish a budget for 2020-2021 (we're a bit late on this activity due to the Covid-19 disruptions) and update several of our accounting practices (working with our Auditors) to allow for easier day-to-day oversight but also to ensure a much easier audit next year.

As part of our work on the Audit, we have found it necessary to update the **Checks & Cash Deposit Request Form** and **Expense Reimbursement Request Form** – the new forms can be found on our website for download. All income (dues, payments for programs, etc.) must be accompanied by a Checks & Cash Request Form. All payments/reimbursements must be accompanied by an Expense Reimbursement Request Form and supporting receipts/documentation. Both forms must be submitted to the Treasurer either in person or by mail to FVQI, Attention: Treasurer, P.O. Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089.

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)

## Meetings

Meeting is cancelled.

### Guest Fee

There is a \$10.00 Guest Fee at Guild Meetings with paid speakers or dinners. Any guest who joins the guild that night will not have to pay the guest fee.

### Show and Tell

Get a jump on completing the Show and Tell form. Look for the Form on the Website under Members only.

### Treasurer's Report

If you are interested in the monthly treasurer's report, visit the guild website.

## 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>

## 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>

#### Salley Mavor: Bedtime Stitches

**September 11 – December 22, 2020**

Cahoon Museum of American Art  
4676 Falmouth Road (Route 28)  
Cotuit MA 02635

<https://cahoonmuseum.org/>

Admission: \$10; \$8 seniors and students. Museum members and NARM members free

## Quilters Needed

**The Sew Thankful Quilters who make Quilts of Valor** at the Avon Congregational Church would love to have you join us either regularly or whenever you can. Quilts of Valor is an opportunity to provide a quilt to the men and women who have served our country and have been touched by war. It is a tangible thank you for their service, sacrifice and valor. We have the supplies, we just need your time and talents. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month from **9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at 6 West Main St., Avon**. Please call or email me if you have questions, Susan Elliott, 860-658-0863, shsellott@sbcglobal.net.

**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/](https://www.quilts2heal.org/)

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## Membership

**Membership** We will postpone collecting renewal membership dues. Our membership year will continue to run July 1 - June 30 each year. We are only postponing the payments.

Candy Casciano

FVQI  
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## 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](mailto:dalcalkin@gmail.com)

Dec 11, 2020

## 2020-2021 Board Members

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