



January 2023 Newsletter

President's Letter

Happy Winter Everyone! Since our last newsletter, winter has officially arrived and the Holiday season is behind us. With things calmed down a little, I have been able to start on a new project and I hope many of you have had time to work on a project without a holiday gift deadline looming over you! With the new year, it is time to renew your membership in the guild so if you haven't done so already, please send in your renewal so that you can continue to receive the newsletter and participate in guild meetings and activities! I am looking forward to our January meeting as our program committee has a fun activity that will be run similar to Speed Dating with a Quilting theme. It sounds like a fun way to meet and learn more about fellow guild members and maybe some quilting facts that you didn't know! It may seem early to ask, but we need to start on the 2024 Quilt Show and need some volunteers, please read the below information from Maureen on what is needed. The Quilt Show income allows us to continue to provide wonderful speakers and programs to all of you so please consider volunteering to assist with this effort! Happy Quilting!

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Treasurer's Update

All accounts are current, balanced, and in good standing.

The Board has been working to revise the way the Treasurer reports to the Board and the Guild. The newly revised Treasurer's report is posted on the "Member's Only" section of the Guild Website. You will notice that it allows for comparison of current expenses, as of the end of December 2022, with what we budgeted for. Reporting this way gives us a good idea of how we are progressing through the year and keeps the Board up to date on expenses. If you have any questions or concerns regarding guild financials please reach out to Anne Dodge, Treasurer.

Quilt Show

Quilt Show 2024 Volunteers Needed

By Maureen Hulsart



Now that we have turned the calendar to 2023, we need to start planning for our next Quilt Show in 2024. Initially we need a person or group to volunteer to make our next raffle quilt and get that started. We typically like to have that completed a year before the show to allow for ticket printing and sales.

We also need a volunteer to be our Quilt Show Chair. Many of the same Committee members who served on the 2022 show have agreed to continue in their roles for the 2024 show. I can share from personal experience that they are a wonderful group of ladies to work with and will give you all the support you need. I will continue on as well in some role and can be a resource.

Please consider taking on one of these roles. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email me and I will be happy to address any concerns. I think we will have a great 2024 show but we need to start laying the groundwork now.

June Challenge

Due at the June 2023 Meeting

Make a quilted item using 3 colors. The colors must be chosen by finding 3 paint chips where the first letters of the paint names match your initials. For example my initials are DLC and I wanted to make a quilt with purple, teal and green; I found **D**usty Violet, **L**agoon and **C**alabash. The fabric can be a print but should primarily be the colors on the paint chips. As usual, the item can be a quilt, clothing, placemat etc., but must be finished (quilted). Bring your item in June along with the paint chips.

Contact Diane Calkin: dlcalkin@gmail.com with any questions.

Guild Library

News from the Guild Librarians

The Guild Library has a variety of books that feature quilts and quilting techniques from around the world. Below is a list of a few of them.

[Quilts Around The World: The Story of Quilting From Alabama to Zimbabwe](#), by Spike Gillespie

[Japanese Quilting: Sashiko](#), by Hiromitsu Takano

[Quilting in the Morning Calm: Floral Delights From Ancient Korea](#), by Shirley MacGregor and Sheila Steers

[Perfect Points: Contemporary Hawaiian Applique](#), by Maggie Davies

[Patience to Raise the Sun: Art Quilts from Haiti & Their Power to Change Women's Lives](#), by Stephen Perkins

[Quiltmakers of Australia: Celebrating the Traditions](#), by Karen Fail

There is a full list of items available in the Guild Library on the “Members Only” section of the Guild website. Happy browsing!

ABC Quilts

Thank you to everyone who contributed a block to this year's ABC quilts. Quilt #1 is on the longarm frame to be quilted and #2 is not far behind. We should have both quilts ready for binding at the February service meeting. When we planned the sampler style quilt this year, we weren't really sure what to expect. Everyone's creativity exceeded our wildest expectations as they both look AMAZING! We can't wait for everyone to see them! For anyone who contributed a block for the first time and hasn't received a pin for their name badge, please stop by the ABC table to pick one up. Thanks – Peggy and Kathie

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

We have sent a sympathy card to Peggy Thomsen from the Guild. Her mother passed away on December 18, 2022.

Socials

Thanks to all who helped make the December Social a fun and successful event, including those who helped set up and take down, our volunteers who ran the Boutique tables, and all who participated in the Show and Tell, and gift swap!

Though it is still months away, save the date of June 21 for our next Guild Social. Also on the horizon are the summer Sew-In events, which are being tentatively set for July 19 and August 16. More details will be announced once we have confirmation.

Have a happy and healthy new year!

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 Lineup:

January 18 - Members Learning from Members-

Our program for Wednesday will be a "getting to know you experience" for everyone! Here is a bit of the run-down of the scheduled fun --All members will be at tables, sitting across from one another. There will be question cards in front of one of you and then the real fun begins with hearing the answers. Then a bell will ring and you move down a seat or two, so you will get a chance to interact with all members. This is the speed dating part of the evening. Questions will range from: Who taught you to quilt? to - Do you know what's in a Jelly Roll? What do you want to improve about your quilting skill set? and so on -- we don't want to give it all away! There will be a few minutes for you both to answer. Then we'll end with a speed round of identifying common quilt patterns. Trust us - this will not be a boring evening!

February 15- Service month.

We will be sewing binding on ABC quilts and putting labels on NICU quilts. A great time to practice your hand needle skills.

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.

March 16- Recycled Garden/Flower Quilt Workshop:

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 of 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.

Retreats

Winter 2023 Retreat: March 1 - 5

Registration for the March Retreat will begin on December 1, 2022.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due with registration with the balance due February 15, 2023 (at the guild meeting).

Checks should be made out to FVQI

Checks can be mailed to: Katha Kerr, 92 Barbourtown Rd, Canton, CT 06019

Please note whether you are going for the 4 night or 3 night option:

March 1 - 5 (4 nights, Wed - Sun, no meals until Thursday dinner) Cost \$370

March 2 - 5 (3 nights, Thurs - Sun, meals Thurs dinner thru Sunday lunch) Cost \$320

The retreat will again be at the Incarnation Center, Ivoryton CT.

The price includes single room accommodations unless otherwise requested, and meals Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch.

NEW OFFERING at the March retreat will be chair massages. These will be offered Saturday however we need a minimum of 8 people to commit in order for the massage therapist to come.

Also, please let me know if you are interested in having your machine serviced and I will schedule that as well.

Questions? contact Katha Kerr, kkerr8994@yahoo.com or (860) 970-1570

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.

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>

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.

Neonatal Quilts

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We did it again!!!!!!

We recently received the following acknowledgement from the staff at the Children’s Hospital Snowflake Shop:

“Thank you for the beautiful holiday bags for our Snowflake Shop again this year. You bring comfort and joy to our patients and families. The greatness of a community is reflected by the compassionate actions of its members.”

We were advised that the parents genuinely appreciated the variety of themes depicted on the 212 bags we donated. Please enjoy the accompanying photos showing the delivery and the Snowflake Shop in full swing.

A special thank you goes out to Anne Baldis and Sue Trimble for their generous bag donations. We also thank Sew Inspired for acting as our final holiday bag drop off location.

On the neonatal front, UCONN NICU liaison, Shari Galvin accepted 31 quilts and 10 scent cloths on December 9th. We were also able to provide 25 holiday bags for their own Snowflake Shop. At that time the NICU was extremely busy with 30 babies in the unit. Included in that number were 7 sets of twins and one set of triplets. Clearly, the need continues to exist so we must keep quilting!!

Thank you.
Alberta and Phyllis



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.

For Sale... **Grace Q'nique 21**.. on a 12' Continuum 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](tel:860-680-1290) ...will have to be disassembled, you'll need a large vehicle to move.

Quilting Events in the Area

Please be sure to check for cancellations

Farmington Library has an **Ed Johnetta Miller Exhibit** until January 28., in the Community Room. The reception on January 22 will be attended by Ms. Miller. Check website for times and details.

Impressions in Fiber: Art Redefined

Jan. 5 – Feb. 14, 2023

Topsfield Town Library, 1 South Common St., Topsfield MA 01983

<https://topsfieldlibrary.org/>

Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild "A Community of Quilters"

March 18-19, 2023

Blue Hills Regional Technical High School. 800 Randolph St., Canton MA

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

Franklin County Quilt Show

April 1-2, 2023

100 North Main Street, St. Albans VT 05478

<http://franklincountyquilters.org/>

Quinobequin Quilters Auction

April 11, 2023

Congregational Church of Needham

1154 Great Plain Ave (at the corner of Linden St.), Needham MA 02492

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

Hands All Around 18 Quilt Show

April 22 - 23, 2023

Robert Crowne Gymnasium

Hampshire College, 893 West St-Route 116, Amherst, MA

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

2023 Festival of Quilts — Maple Leaf Quilters 30th Show

April 22 & 23, 2023

Mount St. Joseph Academy

127 Convent Avenue, Rutland Vermont 05701

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

Membership

Renewals continue. If you haven't renewed, it is time. To pay by mail, send your \$25.00 check to FVQI, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089. Make it payable to FVQI. We can take cash, checks or credit cards at the meeting. Nine people renewed at the December meeting; 55 people have renewed for 2023.

Kitty Vangunten
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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 dlcalkin@gmail.com

Submissions for next newsletter due: February 10th.

2022-2023 Board Members

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2022-2023 Committee Members

ABC Quilts	Peggy Thomsen
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June Challenge	Diane Calkin
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	Kitty Vangunten
Mystery Night	Rose Day
Neonatal Quilts	Alberta Culley
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Sunshine	Kathy Lettieri
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