

January 2021 Newsletter

President's Letter

Happy New Year! We turned the corner into 2021 and hopefully things will return to normal?

The Good News is that people are starting to receive their Vaccine shots and we are starting Virtual meetings!

Thank you for sending in your dues and updating your membership information.

As we move forward to our first Virtual Guild meeting on January 20th and presenting our lineup of exciting Virtual meetings for the first half of the year!

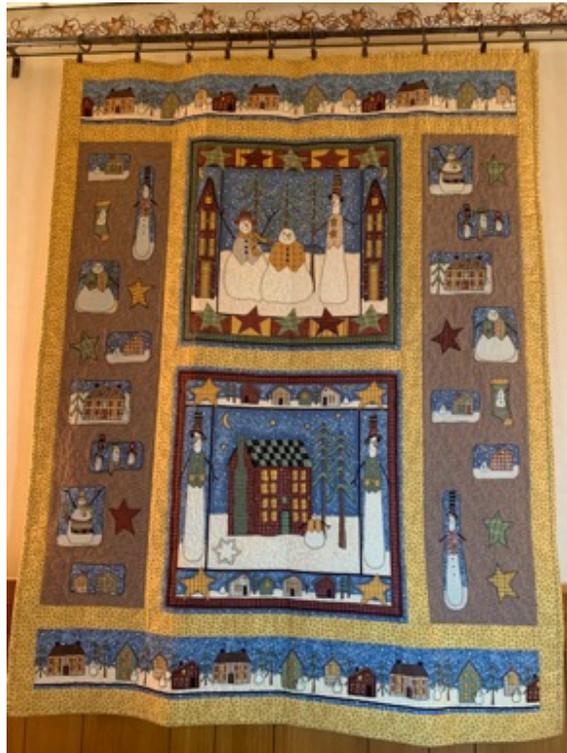
It seems that many speakers have created Virtual Zoom presentations of their Programs. We hope to enjoy a different way of communicating.

Our meetings for January and February will be Business followed by a PowerPoint presentation of Show and Tell. I hope many of you will send in your photos, with a brief description so everyone can see what you have been making.

My quilt picture for this month is a winter quilt I made a few years ago. I had fabric coordinates that included a panel and allover print. Adding some textured print fabrics to create the appliqué side borders I created this fun wall-hanging quilt.

I look forward to seeing you on Zoom as we move ahead through the year.

Best Wishes
Karen Kebinger.
President.



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Treasurer's Update

Work continues with the IRS to reinstate our "not for profit" status. We were able to compile all of the materials requested in the IRS Inquiry and successfully delivered the package to the IRS on time, just before the holidays. I will keep the Guild updated on progress in the coming weeks...perhaps months.

Work continues to document all of the financial processes for the guild. This month, I have turned my attention to understanding all of the tax filings required and the timing of each so that we don't have any future issues (this process will be documented as well)!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding guild finances, please don't hesitate to reach out directly.

Caroline Berman, Treasurer

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Phone: 860-944-9566 (cell)

Guild January Meeting

Guild Meeting Show and Tell!

by **Maureen Hulsart**

The Board is happy to announce that we are now able to present a "live" Show-and-Tell presentation during our January Guild ZOOM meeting. With the correct software and a little tutoring, the process was previewed with our Board of Directors at our December Board Meeting and unanimously agreed to roll-it-out at our January Guild ZOOM meeting.

If you would like to share your quilt/s at our January 20th 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

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

Guild January Meeting, continued

I know some of our members are completing almost a quilt a week (I don't know how you do it.!) 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 Sunday 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. First come, first serve!



I am excited about this new approach and we all look forward to seeing the beautiful quilts you have created in the past 8 months.

Hang-A-Quilt Day

Reminder that Connecticut and Hang-Quilt Day is being featured in Quiltfolk Magazine January 1st Issue. For the magazine check at Barnes and Noble or to subscribe go to quiltfolk.com

Preview of January Issue 17



Hang-a-Quilt Day

In June of 2019, the Farmington Valley Quilt Guild (FVQG) put on a quilt show — outside. A loosely organized event, the guild spread the word and encouraged anyone who wished to participate to hang a quilt for the first-ever “Hang-a-Quilt Day.” The show was a huge success and brought smiles to faces across the Hartford area. The FVQG couldn’t have known that their outdoor quilt parade would end up being the perfect kind of quilt show for 2020 since the pandemic has affected so many indoor events. This sweet story might inspire your guild to host a similar event.

HST Strip Exchange

HST SWAP Participants

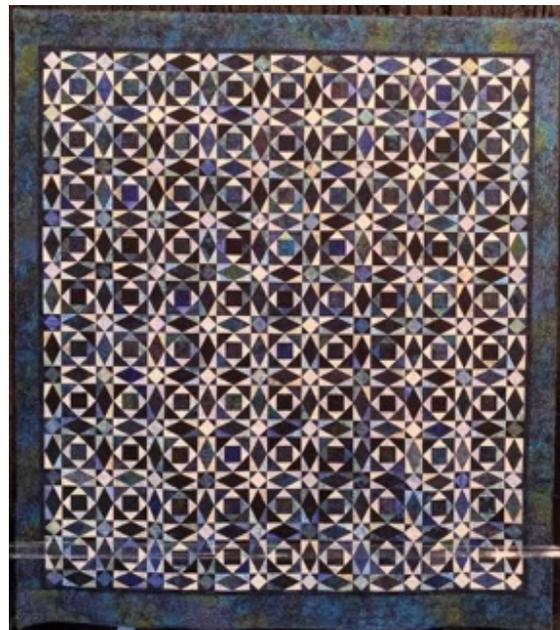
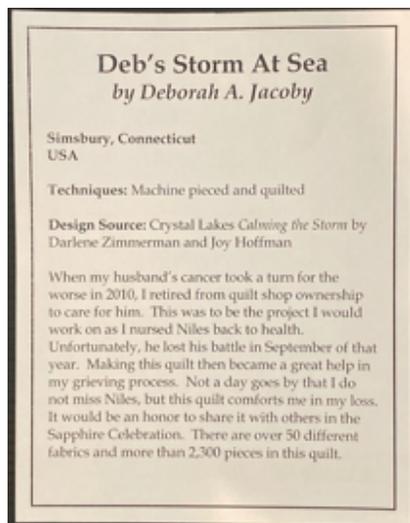
Now is the perfect time to be working on our HST quilts. So, by the time we meet again and look forward to our next SHOW, we'll have a collective to display. Can't wait to see everyone's ingenuity, so get to work!!

Diane and Judy

Congratulations

Connie Beilstein noticed Deb Jacobys quilt that was selected to be in 'The Quilt Show' blog

<https://thequiltsow.com/daily-blog>



Quilt Show



Quilt Show Committee Report By Maureen Hulsart

The Quilt Show Committee is waiting to see what happens with the Covid 19 virus in the coming year before we commence with any planning.

In the meantime, we are still interested in alternative show locations; school gyms, large meeting rooms (school or commercial), cafeterias, etc. Please email me at musiconthestreet@comcast.net with any site suggestions you might have for potential show sites.

Thank you for your support....keep on stitching!

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 March 3-7

As of today, we are still on for the Spring Retreat. Please understand that this can change at any time depending on Covid-19.

I have a call with Peter on Monday to go over how seating for sewing, eating and sleeping accommodations will have to be during this crazy time.

Thank you, Christine

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.

Questions? See Diane Calkin, dlcalkin@gmail.com

Neonatal Quilts

Happy New Year Quilters! Things are quiet on the neonatal front. We hope you included us in your New Year's Resolutions to support our quilt and scent cloths' project.

Mary Naumec from Child and Family Support Services has told us how overwhelmed the parents were at the holiday Snowflake Shop with our bags. We absolutely made a difference. Mary assured us we would be receiving some pictures soon. Stay tuned! Please contact Alberta @ 860-490-4512 or Phyllis @ 860-803-5907 for project materials - batting, flannel, fabric packets, or backing . We will make arrangements to get them to you.

Your quilting matters,

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 the Guild. If you do, please contact Kathy Lettieri (860-651-8330) or any Board member. Kathy's e-mail is kbakerl@att.net

This month Lynn Veith has been ill and is now recovering. A card has been sent from the Guild. If anyone wants to send a card on their own, I'm sure it would be welcome and cheer her during her recovery.

Meetings

Next Meeting Date: January 20 – Virtual Meeting!!

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
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
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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>

Programs and Workshops

For Programs:

Farmington Valley Quilters is going virtual! It's time to reconnect with our fellow quilters, ladies! Karen will be sending a Zoom meeting link to all members a couple days prior to our meetings. Click on that link with your device of choice and let's all give it a go!

January

Maureen Hulsart will host our first virtual Show and Tell. Let's enjoy the creativity of our fellow guild members in pandemic times. Thanks to everyone participating and especially to Maureen for organizing this!

February

TBD

March

Fabric artist, Christina Blais, will join our Zoom guild meeting to present "Transitioning from Traditional to Art Quilts." Christina is a collage quilter specializing in collage quilts and art quilts. She plans to photograph and show us every quilt she owns, as she shares her journey to becoming the artist she is today.

April

Betsy Habich will present "Thread Painting: It's All About the Details!" She will show us the pieced and appliqued pictorial quilts she has made using her thread painting technique, and how this technique is achieved.

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.

Socials

None scheduled at this time.

Bernice Hovencamp – Social Programs Chair

CT Piecemakers Quilt Guild Invitation to Programs

Dear Farmington Valley Quilters,

My name is Kathy Nutley and I'm writing to you as the President of CT Piecemakers Quilt Guild in Trumbull, CT. I'm sure we've faced the same challenges this past year in keeping members connected and engaged with our craft.

Our guild has been busy arranging virtual classes for our members for the spring of 2021. Though challenging at times, we've realized the opportunity it presents in providing classes by both domestic and international teachers that may otherwise have been more expensive and travel intensive. Virtual classes also offer participation by quilters all throughout the state with no need to travel or pack essentials.

We'd like to offer your members the opportunity to peruse our upcoming classes and to register and participate. Please send the attached flyer to your members with our good wishes for a healthy and sew-filled year.

I'd be happy to offer any of your virtual classes to CPQG members on your behalf as well. You can reach me at knutley1223@gmail.com or 203-556-3685.

Stay warm and well,
Kathy Nutley
President
CT Piecemakers Quilt Guild

A New Year...A New You!

Opportunities are all around us! The Connecticut Piecemakers Quilt Guild (ctpiecemakers.org) has opened their classes to non-members. The ability to provide classes virtually allows us to contract with domestic and international teachers for whom travel would otherwise be difficult. Let's begin the year learning new techniques together! All classes are \$60 for a full day class. Brenda Smith's class is two half-day classes due to the time difference.



Cindy Grisdela will be teaching a workshop entitled, "Art Quilt" on **January 11th**. She says "I create my abstract art quilts improvisationally, without a preconceived pattern, a little bit like jazz music." Only 5 openings...act fast!

On **February 9th** Wendy Friden will introduce the techniques used for Seminole Patchwork. These designs appear more intricate and difficult but are much simpler than they look. Bands can be created with narrow pieces to create accent strips or scaled larger to fill a quilt border or even an entire quilt. Wendy will teach 3 Seminole patchwork patterns.



On **March 9th**, Diane Harris of Scrappy Quilts will be presenting a workshop focusing on **color, value and pattern choices** in putting together a scrappy quilt entitled, "Tango".

This quilt works for beginners through advanced quilters. Check her out at "Stash Bandit" on the web.

Have you ever wanted to free motion quilt your own piece? Kathy Nutley will be teaching **Free Motion Quilting with Confidence** on **April 13th**. She's broken down quilting designs into 6 basic shapes to be combined to form an infinite number of designs. She'll take you through the steps to gain confidence in your skill, help you begin to gather and decipher enticing designs and guide you in choosing which to use where.



The featured teacher on **May 11 & 18**, 2021 is Brenda Gael Smith from Serendipity Patchwork & Quilting. She brings an international perspective from **Australia** in addition to a new technique entitled, "Improv Circles". Brenda tells us, "My teaching focus is on freeform piecing, effective design and the use of colour – to promote fun and encourage creative momentum."

Program Chair Laura Lugo can be reached at 203-275-5534 or Motuk123@gmail.com

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

Kathie Fallon Sewing Items

First, thank you to those who have already shopped and thank you to the charitable groups who have collected over 1500 yards for their groups. There is still plenty of quilt fabric and a large quantity of fashion fabric and some home dec along with well over 1000 fashion patterns. There are also lots of quilt books and patterns. I will be finding homes for all of these things

The following are for sale with suggested prices which are negotiable:

Accuquilt Studio cutter with 40-50 dies \$700

Babylock Ellegante with Horn "Quilters Dream" cabinet \$2600

Horn cabinet with matching caddie \$1000

Babylock Grace machine with rolling case \$150

2 metal multi-tiered tables with wheels Top is 36x28".Has a drawer 26" wide. Has a pull out platform that is 18x16". It is called 'multi-use cart, white \$100 each

Please feel free to contact me Kathie Fallon weavewoman@comcast.net or 860-658-4110.
1/21

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 8/20

Advertisements, cont'd

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6 yrs old. Paid \$16,000 asking \$5000 or BO .

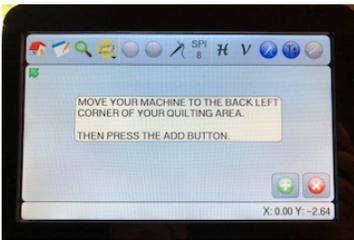
Includes all accessories ~ bobbins, 30 spools of thread.

Red Snapper mounting system, 2 sets of cloth leaders: A Quilter's Eye camera unit (\$500 value) and more.

Text or call 413-427-0998 located in Southwick

Deb Morrissey

debmorrissey@comcast.net. (10/20)



Gently used **HandiQuilter Sweet Sixteen** sit down quilter. Included with it is a stitch regulator and a free-standing bobbin winder. The stitch count is only 233,060 stitches. The table that it sits on is 36x30. Price is \$3800. If interested, please call Bev Hughes at 860-324-8029 or 860-519-1449. 1/21



Janome 6600P bought in 2015. Has dual feed. Wonderful workhorse. Moving so must sell extra sewing Machines. Includes foot control, extension table, rolling cart, full instructions, and extra bobbins. Price is \$1,200. Contact Bev Hughes at 860-324-8029 or 860-519-1449. 1/21



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>

PVQA Quilt Show - Keep Calm and Quilt On

February 22 - 28, 2021

<https://pvqa.org/pvqa-quilt-show/>

Free admission

Road to California Presents Road@Home – Online

January 20 – 23, 2021

<https://online.roadtocalifornia.com/>

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival – Online

February 24-27, 2021

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

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 860-306-7000 or Lynda Cook, blcook66@gmail.com or visit our website

<https://www.quilts2heal.org/>

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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

Earlier this year due to Covid it was decided by the Board to postpone collecting membership dues for the 2020-2021.

We are now requesting members to mail in their membership dues of \$25.00 to the guild. We will be accepting dues until the end of January and updating our current membership list as of February 1. Please include the Dues 2020 form located on the website so that we may verify our member information directory. Checks should be made payable to Farmington Valley Quilt Guild can be mailed to:

FVQI
Attention: Guild Treasurer
PO Box 172
Weatogue, CT 06089

On behalf of the entire Board, thank you for your continued support.
Candy Casciano

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

January 15, 2021

2020-2021 Board Members

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Sunshine	Susan Gauvain
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Retreats	Susan Elliott
CT Hang-a-Quilt-Day	Connie Beilstein