



## June 2021 Newsletter

### President's Letter

Hello Quilter's.

Summer has arrived! A little late for the Holiday weekend though!

So here we are at my last message and Guild meeting as President. It has been an interesting and challenging year to say the least.

The pandemic has tested us all in ways we never imagined possible.

Thank you to the current board members for your Support and Friendship during this difficult time. A special shout out to Caroline Berman who stepped into the role of Treasurer. She went above and beyond to deal with many challenges in the financial paperwork of the guild.



I ask that you support Anne Dodge as she becomes Guild President. Anne is a long-standing member of the guild. She brings great experience with the guild having recently held the position of Secretary for a few years. Please give serious thought to becoming Vice President, yes it does usually lead to becoming President. Anne would give you great guidance throughout the year.

In September we are on track to resume in person meetings at the Eno building, and will be offering great speakers and classes.

Thank you and wishing you all a great Summer.

Karen Kebinger.

President.

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## Treasurer's Update

Beyond my normal monthly reporting, we have started the knowledge transfer process between the Guild's new Treasurer, Sue Trimble, and myself. We will operate as "One Treasurer" during the months of July and August to allow for learning and proper closure to the current fiscal reporting year.

All accounts are current, balanced and in good standing. All State of CT and IRS Filings are current.

The budget, as well as the monthly Treasurer's Reports, are available to all members to review via our "Members-only" website page following our membership meeting this month.

I

would like to take this opportunity, as my last official update as your Guild Treasurer, to thank Karen and the Board of Directors, Aurelle Locke and Paul Lettieri for their support, guidance and mutual desire to improve our financial processes over the past 8 months. I believe we are a stronger Guild and well-positioned for the future as the result of our collaborative efforts.

I

f 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)

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## Guild Meeting Show and Tell

### Show and Tell - June 2021- LAST CHANCE!

This will be our last Zoom Show and Tell and as we have no speaker, it will be the larger agenda item in our June meeting. Send me your entries for Show and Tell and the 2020 and 2021 Challenges to share with your fellow members.

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.

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. 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.

## Programs and Workshops

After a difficult year of virtual lectures, things are looking up for the fall. As of now, we expect to hold in-person meetings and workshops beginning in September. Hurray! We've got the following lineup this fall:

### **September:**

Jan Doyle will present "Quilts and the Underground Railroad: Fact or Fiction?" This unique and attention-grabbing lecture will provide stories of secret codes, hidden messages, and forbidden talk. It will be up to each of us to evaluate the evidence Jan provides and draw our own conclusions.

### **October:**

Nancy Sullivan and Lynn Thibault will present "The Quilt Clinic." This lecture will provide a clinical approach to reviving our UFO's (unfinished fabric objects). Nancy and Lynn will help us find a way to finish a quilt that we may have thought had insurmountable issues. Their trunk show will feature some of their success stories and why they took on the challenge.

### **November:**

The artist Jane Davila will present "Elements of Design." Jane will follow up her lecture the next day with a workshop titled "Surface Design Sampler." In this workshop, you will play with a large variety of material and supplies on fabric - paintstiks, inks, paints, mediums, metallic foil, inktense pencils, water-soluble pastels and more. Let the creativity begin!

## Socials

June is here, but no in-person meeting for a social this year. See you on Zoom! There are also no July and August all-day sew-in programs this year. With any luck, we will be meeting in person in September, with various Covid rules and regulations no doubt. I have enjoyed my 3-years as your FVQ Social Programs Director. Susan Underwood will be taking my place. When she asks for volunteers to help with a function, like set-up or clean-up, please continue to volunteer. Someone mentioned to me that they will miss my snowflakes at the December social. Have no fear – I will still put snowflakes on the placemats!

Bernice Hovencamp – ex-Director

## 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! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to complete blocks for our "last minute" ABC quilt. All the kits have been distributed and we are awaiting their **return by June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please email Kathie ([weavewoman@comcast.net](mailto:weavewoman@comcast.net)) or Peggy ([psthomsenquilter@gmail.com](mailto:psthomsenquilter@gmail.com)) to arrange delivery of your completed blocks. Over the summer, we will be making plans and preparing kits for distribution at the September and October guild meetings to help replenish our inventory of quilts for future presentations. We are looking forward to having enough kits ready to allow everyone who wants to participate the opportunity to make a block or two.

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:dlcalkin@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 August 15, 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 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

Please plan to participate by putting out a quilt or two at your home. You can display it any creative way you can think of. It is a fun event and this year we will be listing addresses on our website by town so you can take a ride and see quilts on display. If you are displaying a quilt please send Maureen Hulsart your address at [musiconthestree@comcast.net](mailto:musiconthestree@comcast.net).

Don't forget to post your pictures on social media using the #cthangaquiltday

Susan Elliott



By Maureen Hulsart



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

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

Good news for neonatal quilters!!!! The UCONN NIC Unit has eased some of the requirements for our donations. This is just in time for the next collection day which will be Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will not be another collection until the fall. **The only request for the quilts and scent cloths is that they be washed.** We would appreciate if they were labeled as well.

### **Collection Plan**

**Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** is collection day.

The following options are being offered:

1. Drop them off at Phyllis Small's house at 40 Whetten Rd, West Hartford (860-803-5907) anytime between 10:00 and 2:00.
2. Alberta will meet you at the inside entryway of Sew Inspired in Simsbury between 10:00 – 2:00. Please call or text her at 860-490-4512 to let her know if you *will be dropping by*,
3. Items may be dropped off at Maureen Hulsart's house at 16 Millburn Dr. in Bloomfield(860-808-9655) anytime from June 19<sup>th</sup> thru June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If the above options **do not work for you** please call or text Alberta at 860-490-4512 so we can work out an alternate plan that works for you. No worries!

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).

We appreciate your commitment and creativity in making our neonatal quilts and scent cloths. Your continued support during the pandemic has been wonderful. Your quilting matters.

Have a safe and beautiful summer.

Alberta Culley

Phyllis Small

## Quilters Needed

### **QUILTS2HEAL Sew days**

**Monday, JUNE 28 (10:30-4:00) St. Ann Church Hall, Avon**

**Tuesday, JUNE 29 (10:00-4:00) St Andrew Church Hall, Colchester**

**Sew, Sandwich, Learn to inner stitch, learn to tie.** Come for an hour or the day! Quilts2Heal has been asked to create quilts for families of house fire in Enfield.

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## 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>

## HST Swap

### HST Swap Participants

Thinking ahead to the next Quilt Show, we would love to have a display of HST quilts. As we don't have any details yet about The Show, specifics will have to wait.

Just keep it in mind - we'd love to see those finished quilts!!

Diane and Judy

## 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)

### **Granbees Quilt Guild Looking for Members**

ARE YOU A QUILTER? If you don't like to drive at night, but want to belong to a quilt group come to THE GRANBEES. We meet at the EAST GRANBY Recreational Center near East Granby Center. The 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM. We plan to continue to meet during the summer. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Contact Diane Calkin if you have questions.

## 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>

#### **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/>

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## Membership

The Board has changed 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)

Next Due September 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 2020-2021 Board Members

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