



September 2022 Newsletter

President's Letter

I hope you all have had a great summer! This past weekend was very busy with our Sew Beautiful Quilt and I hope you all had a chance to enjoy it! The Show Committee has worked hard and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire committee for their hard work, especially their fearless leader, Maureen Hulsart, who has worked non-stop to pull a show together this year in less than 7 months when it normally takes at least 12! They have done a fabulous job so please join me in thanking the committee members when you see them. I look forward to also kicking off our meeting schedule with our next meeting on 9/21 at Eno Hall in Simsbury where Tina Craig will be our featured speaker presenting English Paper Piecing vs Foundation Paper Piecing. Tina is also leading a 3 hour workshop on 9/22 called Improvisational English Paper Piecing and there are still openings, please consider signing up for this workshop.

In other Guild business, as I noted in the August newsletter, we were looking for a new Webmaster to replace Lisa Salvatore. Kitty Vangunten has volunteered to replace Lisa and the board voted her in as Lisa's replacement. Thank you Lisa for your years of service in this position in support of our Guild! I would also like to share that the Guild is now on Quilt Folk's new Guild Locator! This is a way for people to find Guilds if they are new to an area so check it out on quiltfolk.com and thank you to Caroline Berman for responding to Quilt Folk's request for participants and testing out this new resource! As a reminder, if you have any guild questions and need to reach me, please use the new guild president email - fvqpresident@gmail.com. I look forward to our meeting season and hope to see all of you at our regular meetings! Happy Quilting!

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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 Farmington Valley's 2022 show is in the books and by all accounts it was a very successful show. Visitors loved the location; it was very well lit, spacious and easy access from the highway. We are still tallying the numbers and will provide a report at Wednesday night's meeting.

I would personally like to thank the hard work the Quilt Show Committee did over these past 8 months. We had a lot of challenges and incorporated a lot of new features in this show that I believe enhanced our show. Also many thanks to all our volunteers. Needless to say, the quilts were stunning.

If you are not already aware, here are our ribbon winners...

Viewer's Choice #1 – Covid Coral Reef by Lynda Cook

#2 – Coral Reef by Claudia Goodman

#3 – Family Portrait Quilt by Ivy Strauss

Vendor's Choice

Beyond the Bolt - Covid Coral Reef by Lynda Cook

Udderly Simple Designs - My Love of Purple by Betsy Henebry

Fiber Fabric - Family Portrait Quilt by Ivy Strauss

Wood Turning by Cynthia - Cow Abstractions Quilt by Barbara Aubin

Guild President's Choice – Borrowed Roses by Betsy Henebry

Show Chair's Choice – Forever Spring by Judy Prohaska

Congratulations to you all!

Socials

We held two successful Sew-In events this summer and hope to reserve the same venue again next year. Hope everyone who participated enjoyed their shared sewing time!

For now, we're on pause until plans are made for the December social. In the meantime, enjoy the fall season and browsing the fabulous autumn fabrics out there!

Sue Underwood

Notes on Programs and Workshops

Don't Miss Out on the Paper Piecing Workshop on 9/22/22- Registration Deadline: 9/20/22

Guild members asked to learn about English Paper Piecing, and we answered! Help make this a success; everyone is encouraged to sign up for Tina Craig's English Paper Piecing Workshop on September 22nd from 10:00-1:00 in Eno Hall. The guild charge for this workshop is \$25. So far ten people have signed up, so we still have room.

This three-hour Improvisational English Paper Piecing workshop was a big hit during the Global Quilt Connection All Star Sampler Platter. Instruction will include designing your own block using straight lines or curves, basting options, invisible hand stitching and finishing. The workshop is technique-based, so students leave with knowledge that translates to many future projects.

A kit with supplies can be purchased for \$26 from Tina or purchased separately on your own from the supply list. No need to pack your sewing machine as this will be mainly hand sewing.

Please email Kathi Maglia, Co-Program Committee Chair to sign up for the workshop at: kmmaglia@comcast.net

She will collect checks at the event and send you the supply list ahead of time.

November Presenter Replaced:

Please note, due to personal obligations that have arisen, **Sue Reich's Christmas Quilts presentation has been rescheduled from November 2022 to November of 2023.**

We have been able to replace her with a very popular quilter, **Susan Deshensky** from Lady Blue Quilt Studio. 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

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:

September 21 & 22

Tina Craig-

English Paper Piecing vs. Foundation Paper Piecing: The Showdown

Tina specializes in precision piecing (foundation paper piecing and English Paper Piecing) and domestic machine quilting. She will discuss the differences between foundation paper piecing and English Paper Piecing and show examples. Her quilts have won award in local and regional shows, including three local Best in Show winners.

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October 19

Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill- www.wholecirclestudio.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://Home | mysite (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.

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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 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.

Neonatal Quilts

Thirty seven beautiful quilts were completed during the summer and recently delivered to Shari Galvin, our NICU liaison. Shari related that the NICU has been busy since the arrival of eight sets of twins. Also, she was very excited to note that all of the new young nurses staffing the unit love our quilts and the comfort they provide to the stressed families.

A special thank you goes out to a small group of quilters from the Manchester area for recently donating four lovely quilts. These ladies have done this in the past after embracing our mission which they discovered at our last quilt show. Thanks again to them and to all of you, our members, for your continued support. And don't forget --- keep quilting!!

Alberta and Phyllis



ABC Quilts

On August 28th, we were guests at the ABC Welcome Picnic where we presented Emmanuel with his quilt from the guild. This brings the number of residents in the ABC House this year to six young men, all of whom have received quilts from the guild when they arrived. Currently, we have two completed quilts ready to present next year. Never wanting to be caught short, we are planning to create two new quilts this year and are going to try something new. At the September meeting, we will have a piece of background fabric and instructions for our "Choose Your Own Adventure" theme. Members who would like to participate are asked to add their own blues and green fabrics to make any 12 1/2" 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.

Thank you for your continued support of the ABC quilt project, Peggy & Kathie

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.

NEQM SHOW OPPORTUNITY 2023

As a supporting member guild of the New England Quilt Museum, we are offered the opportunity to exhibit one quilt at the Museum during their 2023 Summer Celebration exhibit. More information will be provided when we get it from the Museum in February or March, 2023. A quilt was chosen at our Quilt Show: see below.

If you have any questions, please give me a call or email me. Phyllis Small phyl@phyllissmall.com
860-803-5907

New England Quilt Museum Selection

As you have read in previous Newsletters, this guild had an opportunity to select one quilt to be displayed at the New England Quilt Museum next summer. After meeting and reviewing the eligibility criteria the Museum set, the Judges took on the task of selecting three potential quilts and ranking their selections. The task was difficult for the judges given the quality and diversity of quilts in our exhibit, but Caroline Berman's Quilt Peaks and Valleys was selected to represent our guild at next year's exhibit. Congratulations Caroline!



Retreats

There are a few slots open for this retreat.

A \$100 deposit will be required ASAP. 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

BALANCE due on/by October 19 (last guild meeting prior to retreat).

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

A sympathy card was sent to Margaret Dooley-Duncan when her husband passed away in July, 2022. A cheer card was sent to Donna Dellacamera after her recent surgery. An on-line condolence was posted for the family of Christine Gundaker who was a longtime member of our Guild. She passed away in August 2022.

Thank you for keeping me informed when you know of anyone that should receive a card. I know that they are very much appreciated.

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.

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)

My novel *Quilt City Murders* is a cozy mystery that takes place in Paducah, Kentucky, home of the National Quilt Museum. The novel was published last month, is selling well, and features quilters, quilting and QuiltWeek.

Because members of your quilting guild may want to read the novel — available as an eBook and in paperback — I'm passing along the information.

Here is the Amazon link:

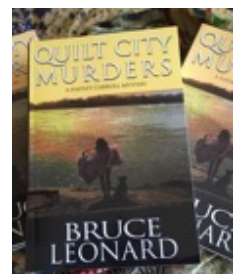
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09M68HJ3R>

CozyMysteryBookshop.com said this about the novel: *Quilt City Murders* is an absolute must-read cozy mystery, and I do not say that lightly. I give this book a 5+ star rating!

In an Amazon review, one reader wrote: "Best-ever murder mystery featuring quiltmakers. This is the first 'quilt' mystery I've read whose story could stand on its own no matter the milieu, and whose details re quilting and quilters were credible."

Bruce Leonard

bruceleonardwriter.com



(Apr 22)

Quilting Events in the Area

Please be sure to check for cancellations

**Belknap Mill Quilters' 45th Annual Quilt Show
"Harvest of Quilts"**

September 24-25, 2022

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

**Herring Run Quilters' Guild 16th Biennial Quilt
Show: With These Hands 2022**

September 24 – 25, 2022

Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield, 37 Proprietors
Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050

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

**Star Struck Quilt Show by Merrimack Valley Quilt
Guild**

September 29 - October 1, 2022.

Hope Community Church, 11 Hale St, Newburyport,
MA 01950

www.mvquilters.org

**Merrimack Valley Quilters Annual Show –
Starstruck**

September 30 & October 1, 2022

Hope Community Church 11 Hale Street,
Newburyport MA.

<https://mvquilters.org/>

The ART of the Quilt

October 1 – 2, 2022

Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, 390 Lincoln
Road, Sudbury MA 01776

<https://www.waysidequilters.org/index.html>

**Crazy Quilters of Cape Cod Open House
October 8, 2022**

Gus Cauty Community Center

790 Main Street

Falmouth MA

<https://crazyquiltersofcc.wordpress.com/events/>

**Rising Star Quilters Guild 33rd Annual Quilt Show
October 15-16, 2022**

New Location: Arlington Town Hall 730 Massachusetts
Avenue Arlington MA 02476

<http://risingstarquilters.org/show.html>

**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>

**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](#)

Membership

We have three new members: Heidi Reagan, Plainville; Kelley Slabinski, West Hartford; and Adele Kaplan, Simsbury. That makes 112 members. Welcome to all of them. Don't forget that our dues are now on a calendar year and aren't due until January 1, so we will begin collecting in a couple of months.

Kitty Vangunten
kittyv@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

October Submissions due: October 14th.

2021-2022 Board Members

President	Pam Stenman
Vice President	Caroline Berman
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Treasurer	Anne Dodge
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	Ellyn Mansfield
Newsletter Editor	Diane Calkin
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Webmaster	Kitty Vangunten
Quilt Show Chair	Maureen Hulsart

2021-2022 Committee Members

ABC Quilts	Peggy Thomsen
	Kathie Fallon
Fabric Swap Box	Margaret Dooley-Duncan
Friendship Blocks	Linnea Amodio
	Katha Kerr
Hospitality	Donna Gosselin
	Marie Knapps
June Challenge	Diane Calkin
Library	Anne Dodge
	Lois Palmer
	Kitty Vangunten
	Volunteer Needed
Mystery Night	Alberta Culley
Neonatal Quilts	Phyllis Small
	Kathy Lettieri
Sunshine	Volunteer Needed
Photographer	Jean Williams
Retreats	Susan Elliott
CT Hang-a-Quilt-Day	Connie Beilstein

Website: Fvquilters.org
Facebook: Farmington Valley Quilters
Instagram: @farmvalquilters