

Farmington Valley Quilt Guild Programs - Spring 2024

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February 21, 2024

FVQ Service Meeting- Improve Your Hand Sewing

Join us for Show and Tell first and then stay for completing two Community Service projects. Most of us have contributed to the ABC House (A Better Chance) quilts and Kathie Fallon and Peggy Thomsen have finished the quilt tops. The two large quilts need to be bound. Additionally, Quilts2Heal has two large quilts that need to be bound as well. We will be seated at a few large tables and participate in a Sewing Bee of sorts as we complete that task of hand sewing the bindings.

March 20, 2024

The Art of Janice and David Jones

The husband-and-wife team of Janice and David Jones share a passion for creating art and enjoy presenting lectures, trunk shows and workshops.

Janice has been quilting since she was a child. From seamstress work to art quilting, this creative passion has always been part of her life.

David's passion was Indian ink and brush drawings for the six years he lived in Paris before moving to Massachusetts in 1980. The transition to oil started in 2007. David has exhibited his oil paintings and has won many awards at juried shows, including "Best in Show". His work has been published in many modern art books. He is the President of the Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley and belongs to many artists guilds.

March 21, 2024: Workshop: Seeing the Everyday in and Abstract Way- see description below:

Workshop

“Seeing the Everyday In An Abstract Way”

Presented by Janice & David Jones

Bring your scrap bag and let's create small art quilts using simple shapes. Step-by-step techniques to create landscapes and abstract work will be demonstrated.



March 21, 2024: Workshop: Seeing the Everyday in and Abstract Way

Expand your quilting repertoire, learn some new techniques, and have some fun!

Please join us for the upcoming workshop "*Seeing the Everyday in an Abstract Way*" on March 21st with Janice & David Jones. This husband-and-wife team share a passion for creating art.

The workshop will focus on recreating an inspirational picture of your choosing. You as an artist will spread fabric out on a surface, which you will review and study to see the abstract shape that will become the driving idea for the finished art quilt. Simple step-by-step techniques to create landscapes and abstract work will be demonstrated. The goal will be to compose an art quilt (8"X10") using this technique during the session and elicit peer ideas and input during the process.

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The Workshop will be held on March 21st from 9:00-4:00 at the Avon Congregational Church.

Please sign-up at the February meeting with a check made out to FVQ for \$35.00. If you can't attend the February meeting, please contact Joanne to make arrangements at jsanrafael@aol.com

April 17, 2024

Mary Derry - NQA Certified Quilt Judge

Have you ever wondered what the process is when a certified quilt judge evaluates your quilt in a juried show? Wonder no more -- Mary Derry will walk us through a few sample quilts and give us the inside view of what a judge takes into consideration when looking at each part of a quilt. She will be happy to answer your questions about the process and how she arrives at a final score.

May 15, 2024

Christa Nee - Joint Protection and Body Mechanics for the Quilter

Christa is an Occupational Therapist, Yoga Instructor and Quilter.

We've all sat at our machines for hours on end...only to ache afterwards. Protect those joints! Learn the benefits of and ways to improve posture, body mechanics, joint protection and stretching to improve your quilting experience for years to come.