



## January 2022 Newsletter

### President's Letter

Happy New Year!

As you may already know, the Board decided to **cancel** the January Guild meeting due to the unprecedented spread of the Omicron variant of Covid. It is better to be safe and avoid an outbreak among our group.

We are **definitely** planning on the February meeting. Our hope is that we can combine the Members-Teaching-Members program and the Service meeting. It would be a shame to not learn some exciting techniques from our two members who volunteered for the January program. February is our Service meeting and there will be ABC Quilts that need bindings sewn on and Neonatal Quilts that will need labels, so bring your needles, scissors, and thread. Busy hands make quick work.

I want to reinforce that membership dues must be paid by the end of this month. Remember, the Guild changed the membership year to be January – December. The Dues continue to be \$25.00 per year. You can mail them to the Guild mailing address – Farmington Valley Quilters, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089. So...if you have not paid your dues yet ... go get your checkbook, write a check for \$25.00 to FVQI, and put it in the mail...NOW!

Until we meet again, I hope you all stay safe and healthy. Looking forward to seeing you all in February.

Anne Dodge

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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 Sue Trimble, Treasurer  
email [SusanQTrimble@gmail.com](mailto:SusanQTrimble@gmail.com)

## Guild Library

From Your Guild Librarians:

Several books have been recently added to the Guild Library. They are:

Deeds Not Words: Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Suffrage, by Sandra Sider and Pamela Weeks, Schiffer Pub., 2020

Art Quilt Workbook: Exercises & Techniques to Ignite Your Creativity, by Jane Davila and Elin Waterston, C&T Publishing 207

Jane Davila's Surface Design Essentials: Explore Paints, Mediums, Inks & Pencils: 15 Techniques for Fabric & More, by Jane Davila, C&T Publishing 2010

Infinite Feathers: Quilting Designs, by Anita Shackelford, AQS, 2002

Collage Quilter: Essentials for Success With Collage Quilts, by Emily Taylor, Collage Quilter, 2021

**AND**, to wile away the winter days, we have just added two jigsaw puzzles that were given by Quiltfolk Magazine. One is "Hanging Around An Open Air Quilt Show" which features Susan Elliott's Quilt at Flamig Farm. The other is "Bright Star in the Nevada Desert" a beautiful colorful star quilt.

All of these, and more, will be available to borrow at the Holiday Social.

At long last, updated lists of items in the Guild Library are available on the Guild website.

# Quilt Show



## Quilt Show Committee Report

By Maureen Hulsart

I forwarded an email to Kingswood Oxford late last month indicating our continued interest in renting their Field House next fall. I have not yet received any recommended dates from them for potential rental, but I plan to contact the school representative next week by phone.

I am continuing to plan for a show in September at this point. It was clear at the December meeting that the announcement of a show generated a lot of enthusiasm, which really excited and invigorated me.

A few ladies stepped up to cover some of the Show Committee vacancies, and I appreciate their support very much. I still have some vacancies left to fill so if you would please review the list and offer to donate your time and skills to benefit our Guild, that would be so helpful.

Currently I have the following positions open:

- 1) Quilt registration (registration happens via our website but I need a volunteer to organize the registered quilt information and forward the information to layout group).
- 2) Quilt intake – someone to house the quilts for 72 hours prior to the show; organize them into the rows they will be displayed, pick-up quilts at Sew Inspired and with the assistance of Volunteers, bring the quilts to the show Friday evening. Smoke free, animal free home required.
- 3) Program Book – this person compiles the information provided with each quilt at registration and organizes it for our program book. They also contact local businesses to elicit advertising.
- 4) Decorations – this person will bring (whatever we determine we will use) to the show Friday evening and place the items on the display weights.
- 5) Volunteers – the volunteer coordinator will develop a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer their time. Then they will assign volunteers to cover admission and raffle basket tables along with white glove coverage and other areas.

Please volunteer and help us make this long-awaited show a success for our Guild!

## Programs and Workshops

**January:** The board wishes everyone to stay home, stay warm, be well, and find some time for quilting!

**February:** January and February meetings will be combined in order to include Members Teaching Members. Pam Stenman will talk about how she created the awesome clown quilt from a photo of her brother and friend. Peggy Thomsen will demonstrate how to create Flying Geese 4 at a time. The group will also work on sewing bindings on the ABC quilts and labels on the NICU quilts.

**March:** We welcome Ed Johnetta Miller speaking about "Giving Back to My Community and the World"

**April** brings Fun With Barb, Barb Vedder, and Quilts-The Story of My Life.

**May** rounds out the spring programs with Timna Tarr and her Flying Colors Trunk Show and a workshop the following day entitled Stitched Mosaics. The workshop sign up sheet will be available and the cost for the session is \$50.

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## Socials

Happy New Year! Are you looking forward to participating in some fun guild events in the warmer months ahead? Well, save these dates! The Guild Social will be held on Wed. June 15th, and the Summer Sew-in Days are tentatively being planned for July 20th and August 17th. Details will be announced in the next few months.

Stay tuned and stay well. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Sue Underwood

## June Challenge

The challenge for June is to quilt inspired by your birth month. We will be using the color of your birth stone and the color(s) in the flower for your month. To help you, there is a list of birth stones and flowers on our website.

As usual it must be a completed, quilted item. Any questions contact Diane Calkin at [dlcalkin@gmail.com](mailto:dlcalkin@gmail.com)

## ABC Quilts

We will miss seeing everyone for the January guild meeting, but are excited to report that we have three ABC quilts ready for binding at the February guild meeting. Thanks goes to Debbie Jacoby for quilting the third quilt. Let's hope that the Omicron surge dips and we can gather in February. In the meantime, we are already strategizing on quilts for the fall and have a few good options. If anyone has a New Year's resolution to destash fabric and has 5+ yards that would be suitable for backing, we would happily take it for ABC! While we still have plenty of fabric to make lots of scrappy quilt tops, we often are challenged when putting together the backs. Thanks, 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.  
Gail Burk

## 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  
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860-803-5907

# Retreats

## Spring 2022 RETREAT

Registration for our Spring 2022 retreat is now open with a 3 night or 2 night option. We are taking reservations and deposits!

Here are the particulars:

- Dates:
  - March 3 – 6 (3 nights, Thurs - Sun) or
  - March 4 – 6 (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 January 28, 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 nights or 2 nights.
- Balance due: February 16. **Make checks payable to FVQI.**
- Additional info: Beginning February 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](mailto:quiltinjean@gmail.com) confirming receipt.

Questions? Email Jean Williams: [quiltinjean@gmail.com](mailto:quiltinjean@gmail.com)

Note: Again, we will work with Incarnation Center to assess the COVID situation over the next few months. We are keeping the maximum number of attendees to 24 and minimum at 20.

Looking forward to meeting socially again! Happy quilting!

Fall Retreat: November 2-6, 2022 (4 nights, 3 nights options)

## Neonatal Quilts

Happy New Year to all! We **did** it **again!!** Our Snowflake Shop holi bags were an even bigger hit than last year. Lauren Turcotte, shop coordinator, noted an increased number of families participating this year. Between 175 – 200 families took part. The parents genuinely appreciated the variety of themes contained in our 170 bag donation. Please enjoy the accompanying photos showing the shop in full swing.

Shari Galvin, our NICU liaison, expressed her gratitude with a personal note and a \$50.00 donation for supplies. We'll use it to purchase batting. "FVQ has made so many families smile throughout 2021," wrote Shari. It is certainly heartwarming to realize how much our efforts mean to others! Please keep quilting and making scent cloths in support of these fragile babies and deserving parents.

Thank you all for your continued efforts in behalf of our projects.  
Alberta 860-490-4512  
Phyllis 860-803-5907



## 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](mailto:quilts2heal@comcast.net) 860-306-7000 or Lynda Cook, [blcook66@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kbakerl@att.net)

We have recently sent a card to Diane Francini. She fell down a flight of stairs just before Christmas and will be recovering for several weeks. If anyone would like to send a card of their own, I'm sure it would be appreciated and cheer her during her recovery.

## 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)

### **Quilt Frames for sale.**

Large Hand Quilting Frame 80" long, very sturdy, picture of base - doesn't show long pieces. For sale for \$300.

Oval Hand Quilting Frame on Stand \$15  
Norma Hartley 860-674-0381



### **For Sale: Grace EZ3 FABRI-FAST Quilting Frame**

Contact Fran Kehoe [gandfkehoe@gmail.com](mailto:gandfkehoe@gmail.com) 860-658-9908.

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## **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](mailto:elhmansfield@gmail.com)

Phone – 860-561-2878

## Quilting Events in the Area

### **Please be sure to check for cancellations**

#### **Thimble Pleasures 2022 Quilt Show**

**March 12 – 13, 2022**

Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School, 65 Pleasant Street, Upton, MA 01568

<http://thimblepleasuresquiltguild.blogspot.com>

#### **Connecticut Piecemakers Spring Shower of Quilts Show**

**April 2-3, 2022**

St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT

<https://ctpiecemakers.org/>

#### **22nd Annual Franklin County Quilt Show**

**April 2 – 3, 2022**

St. Albans City Hall, 100 North Main Street, St Albans , VT 05478

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

#### **Champlain Valley of Vermont Quilt Show**

**April 22 - 24, 2022**

Holy Family Parish Hall 30 Lincoln St., Essex Junction VT 05452

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

#### **Pioneer Valley Quilt Guild Pieces of Time Quilt Show**

**April 30 – May 1, 2022**

Springfield Elks Lodge #61 440 Tiffany St., Springfield MA 01108

<https://www.pvquilt.org>

#### **Chelmsford Quilters' Guild Biennial Show**

**May 6-7, 2022**

Chelmsford Elks 300 Littleton Road (Rt 110), Chelmsford MA 01864

<https://www.chelmsfordquiltguild.com/show.shtml>

## Membership

2022 dues should be paid by the end of January; we are looking to update our records, which will include changing the website password. To pay by mail, send your \$25.00 check to FVQI, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089. Make it payable to FVQI. If you have forgotten if you've paid, you can email me at [kittyv@comcast.net](mailto:kittyv@comcast.net) to inquire. Forty-five people have paid so far.

Kitty Vangunten

## Post Photos to Instagram

FVQI is now on Instagram  
Follow us: @farmvalquilters  
Any photos you want posted?  
Email Lisa Salvatore at: [fvquilter@gmail.com](mailto:fvquilter@gmail.com)

## Newsletter Submissions

Due the Friday before the Wednesday Guild Meeting. Submit to [dlcalkin@gmail.com](mailto:dlcalkin@gmail.com)

Next Due February 11th.

## 2021-2022 Board Members

President	Anne Dodge
Vice President	Pam Stenman
Membership	Kitty Vangunten
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Treasurer	Sue Trimble
Programs	Gail Burk
	Connie Beilstein
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Person Needed</b>
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Publicity	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Social Programs	Sue Underwood
Webmaster	Lisa Salvatore
Quilt Show Chair	Maureen Hulsart

Website: [Fvquilters.org](http://Fvquilters.org)  
Facebook: Farmington Valley Quilters  
Instagram: @farmvalquilters

## 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
Mystery Night	Pam Stenman
Neonatal Quilts	Alberta Culley
	Phyllis Small
Sunshine	Kathy Lettieri
Photographer	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Retreats	Jean Williams
CT Hang-a-Quilt-Day	Susan Elliott
	Connie Beilstein