

April 2022 Newsletter

President's Letter

Happy Spring to my Quilting Friends,

April is upon us when everything is budding and blooming, and major holiday celebrations abound. Hope you are all enjoying the reawakening going on around us. The Guild Board has been busy with the planning of several upcoming events and hope that everyone will find something of interest to participate in. This newsletter includes information about those events and there will be a calendar of events for the coming year available at the admission table at our April meeting. Speaking of which, our guest speaker will be Barb Vedder with her presentation "Quilts, The Story of My Life". Barb has just finished a months long exhibit of her quilts at the New England Quilt Museum. You can see more about Barb at <https://funwithbarbandmary.blogspot.com/>. Her quilts have been exhibited throughout the country and she has won several awards.

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work building a new slate of volunteers to fill Board positions and committee slots. They have a great group of volunteers lined up but need one more office filled; that of Vice-President. As we have mentioned several times, this position is crucial for the continuing success of the Guild and filling it guarantees the future of the Guild and allows for smooth transition of the Guild leadership.

Our April meeting will be at Eno Memorial Hall and will start at 7:00. Masks are at your discretion. There will be a business meeting, which I promise will be shorter and more succinct than the March meeting. That will be followed by Show-And-Tell during which I hope there will be a special presentation. Hope to see you all there.

Anne Dodge
President

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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

Guild Library

From Your Guild Librarians:

Below is a list of books available in the Guild Library that feature **Landscape Quilting**. If you see anything of interest let the Guild Librarian know and we will bring them to the Monthly meeting. Thanks, Anne Dodge, annedodge71@gmail.com

Inspired by the National Parks: Their Landscapes and Wildlife in Fabric Perspectives, by Donna Marcinkowski DeSoto, Schiffer, 2016

Micky Lawler's SkyDyes: A Visual Guide to Fabric Painting, by Mickey Lawler, C&T Publishing, 1999

Mickey Lawler's SkyQuilts: 12 Painting Techniques: Create Dynamic Landscape Quilts, by Mickey Lawler, C&T Publishing, 2011

Pictorial Quilting, by Maggi McCormick Gordon, Watson-Guptill, 2000

Radiant Landscapes: Transform Tiled Colors & Textures into Dramatic Quilts, by Gloria Lougham, C&T Pub., 2013

Travelin' America in Applique: 100 Patterns Depicting Life in the USA, by Ursula Michael, Leisure Arts, 2006

Quilt Show



Quilt Show Committee Report

By Maureen Hulsart

The Quilt Show Committee continues to work toward a successful show in September. We have already met our first benchmark....Registrations to enter quilts in the show started April 1st. See article below. It's been 4 years since our last show, so we should have a lovely selection of quilts at our show.

We are investigating an electronic sign-up format to allow people to volunteer to cover different functions in the show. We will keep you posted regarding how to volunteer your time to help up set-up on Friday and during the show.

I am going to include a Calendar in my monthly newsletter article to give everyone a prompt for deadlines. You can always contact me directly for questions – musiconthestreet@comcast.net

April 1st	Quilt Registration is open on the Guild Website	
May 18th	Raffle Tickets to be distributed to all Guild members to either buy or sell	
June	Yard signs available at Guild Meeting and at Maureen's House for pick-up	
July 15th	Registration to enter Quilts in our September Show closes.	
August	Put Yard Signs in area.	
August	Raffle Basket Wrapping Day (date to be determined)	
August 22- Sept 3rd	Sew Inspired accepting Quilts for the Show	
Sept 1- 10th	Drop off Quilts at Susan Elliott's House – call ahead	
Sept 12th	Raffle Ticket monies and stubs should be returned to Deb Jacoby	
Sept 16th	Quilt Show Set-up starts at 5:00	
Sept 17th	Quilt Show Opens 10:00 a.m. – 5:00	
Sept 18th	Quilt Show last day 10:00 – 4:00	

Quilt Show (continued)

Baskets

Our wonderful “basketees” need your help! If you have any items that would help them fill their baskets, please bring them to our guild meeting. This year the themes are: Nature, Seasons, Sew Iron On (done), Art, Sew Seeds, Learning to Sew, Sew Blue, Sew Cute Canine (done), Sew Cute Cats, Kids 8-11, Red/White/Blue, Spa Day and Knit-alicious. Basket people, be sure to check the table for great additions.

Kathy Fallon

Quilt Registration

The link to register quilts is now open on the FVQuilters.com home page. A detailed email with instructions was sent to all active guild members on April 5th. The instructions also appear on the online form and will be included on the confirmation email that you will receive after you e-mail photos of your quilts to FVQuiltRegister@gmail.com. While there is no fee and no limit to the number of quilts entered for guild members, please note that we may need to limit based upon the space available as the committee works on the layout. That’s a happy problem to have, so please register those quilts and we will pare down the entries if space becomes an issue. Non-guild members are limited to 3 entries with a fee of \$25 per quilt, so if you have not renewed your membership, now is the time! Registration closes on July 15th, but don’t wait until the last minute to get those entries submitted. Peggy Thomsen will be at the April guild meeting to answer any questions you may have on the process.

Special Show and Tell

Sewing Face Masks Farmington Valley Facebook Group’s Community Quilt – During show and tell at the April Guild meeting, the Community Quilt that was made from the scraps remaining from the mask making by the Sewing Face Masks Farmington Valley Facebook group will be on display. While this was not a Guild related service project, many members did participate in the group and some have blocks incorporated in the quilt. The Guild Board has graciously offered to waive the guest fee for the April meeting so that non-guild members can see the quilt before it is delivered to St. Francis Hospital where it will find its permanent home. If you see unfamiliar faces at the April meeting, please take a moment to introduce yourself and answer any questions our guests may have about the guild. It can be a great opportunity to welcome some future new members. Special thanks to Kathie Fallon, Kathi Maglia and Caroline Berman who answered my call for help to get this pile of blocks turned into the beautiful quilt you will see at the meeting. – Peggy Thomsen

Programs and Workshops

April brings Fun With Barb, Barb Vedder, and Quilts-The Story of My Life. Barb's quilts are on display at the New England Quilt Museum through April 9. There are still 2 free tickets which admit 2 persons each to the museum.

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 signup sheet will be available and the cost is \$45. I will accept email requests followed by payment also.

GB CB

Socials

Our June Social is tentatively planned for Wed. June 15th. At the next meeting there will be a sign up sheet to name an hors d'oeuvre or dessert you would like to bring.

In addition, save the dates of July 20 and August 17 for our Summer Sew-In Days to be held at the First Church of Christ at 689 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury. Sewing hours are 9-3:30 pm. Remember to pack a brown bag lunch for yourself. Please sign up on the clipboard, if you are interested in joining one or both days!

Sue Underwood

Mystery Night

Please join us on Friday, April 22nd from 4:00-9:00PM at the Avon Congregational Church for Mystery Night. Pam Stenman and Peggy Thomsen will be hosting the evening, providing the clues to complete a quilt that is the perfect size for a neo-natal donation, table topper or wall hanging. There will be a supply list provided to everyone who signs up at the March meeting. This is a great stash-buster quilt, requiring 1 yard or less of three fabrics to complete the top. A sign-up sheet will be at the front table for up to 15 participants. The cost will be \$10 per person to cover the room rental fee. Reach out to Pam or Peggy with any questions.

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

ABC Quilts

We are awaiting confirmation from the ABC House as to how many incoming students there will be for next school year, to be presented in August. Over the summer, we will be planning and preparing kits for the next quilts. As the planning progresses, we will let you all know if kits will be available at either the September or October Guild Meeting. Thanks for your continued support – Peggy & Kathie

Neonatal Quilts

Spring has sprung!! According to Shari Galvin, our NICU liaison at UCONN, the unit is very busy with newborns. The increased numbers are requiring nurses to work additional hours. Recently Shari received thirty neonatal quilts and nineteen scent cloths. Special recognition goes out to Maureen Egan for her generous donation which made the quilt delivery possible. Shari again noted how excited the parents become when they see the quilts and choose “their own.” We are all privileged to be able to offer a ray of sunshine during this challenging time for these families. Please keep them in mind and keep creating such beautiful and meaningful quilts.

Happy spring!
Alberta and Phyllis

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 2022

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY 2023

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 2023 Summer Celebration exhibit. We will choose a quilt to represent our guild from our 2022 Sew Beautiful Quilt Show.

So please continue making your fabulous quilts. Enter our quilt show, registration is now open. More information will be provided when we get it from the Museum in February, 2023.

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

CT Hang-a-Quilt Day

Connecticut Hang-a-Quilt Day--June 18

The guild is sponsoring Connecticut Hang-a-Quilt day. We have had the 5,000 rack cards printed and we need help distributing them to quilt shops. This is the only real job we have, so please help. I will have the rack cards at the meeting along with a sign up sheet. Please stop by and sign up to take some to distribute. We are also distributing show rack cards too so you get to help out two great guild events. If you are part of another group that would be interested, please take some cards for them.

Last year we decorated the Simsbury Center Cemetery fence and the Simsbury Historical Society fence. It was spectacular!! Both have been reserved for this year. Please commit to displaying at least one quilt to either location so we can have a grand event. The quilt could have been displayed prior so don't think it needs to be something we haven't seen before. Drop off your quilt at 9 AM and plan to pick it up about 4 PM. If you can't do it that day, but would like to participate, please call (860-658-0863) or email (shsellott@sbcglobal.net) me to make arrangements.

Barb Aubin is making yard signs available again this year. She will have some at our April and May meetings for you to purchase. They are reusable from year to year. Of course, making a hand made sign is also a fun thing to do.

Please also display a quilt at your home and post it to social media with the #CTHangaQuiltDay. We would like to have a listing on our website by town. If you would email Tina Davies at tinadavies@aol.com with your address, she will be sure it is included. Its a fun way for us to know where to go to see quilts flying.

Susan Elliott

Connecticut Hang-A-Quilt Day

*Sponsored by
Farmington Valley Quilters, Inc.*



June 18, 2022

(rain date June 19)

*Showcase the art & beauty of quilting
with this open air quilt show!*

- Hang a quilt outside your house – on your garage, clothesline, fence, tree or chair
- Ask a local business if you can display a quilt for the day
- Post a picture on social media with #CTHangAQuiltDay

No cost or registration required.

FVQUILTER.ORG

Retreats

Thank you ladies for a successful and fun Spring retreat! Pictures from the retreat are on the Farmington Valley Quilters Facebook page.

Registration for our Fall 2022 retreat will open mid-August. The dates will be November 2 – 6 with multiple overnight stay options.

Here are the particulars:

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
- March 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

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 get well card was recently sent to Debbie Jacoby to let her know we are thinking of her during her recovery from foot surgery.

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

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

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>

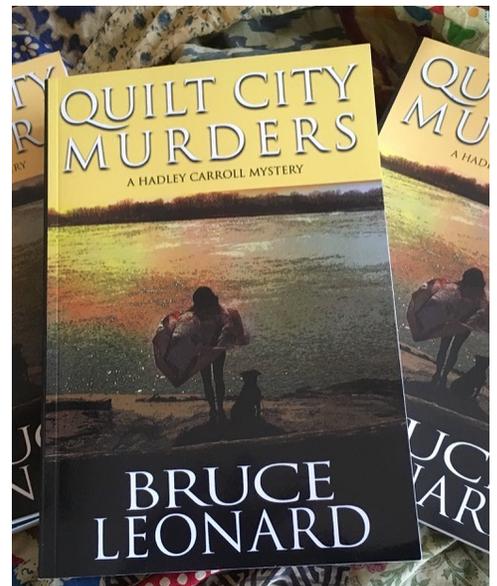
CozyMysteryBookshop.com said this about the novel: *Quilt City Murders* is an absolute must-read cozy mystery, and I do not say that lightly. I give this book a 5+ star rating!

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

Winchester Center Congregational Church will be having our 13th Annual Quilt and Needle Arts Show

Submitted by Mary Pat Leger

After 2 years of Covid restrictions we are going to have our "Annual" Quilt Show this year. I hope you are all well and have been filling your time in isolation quilting and doing other creative needle art work.

Winchester Center Congregational Church will be having our 13th Annual Quilt and Needle Arts Show on **April 23 and April 24, 2022**. The show will be from **10:00 - 5:00 on Saturday**, April 23 and **12:00 - 5:00 on Sunday** April 24.

I have two possible plans for our show this year.

The first is to have our show as usual for two days inside the church.

But, if it seems safer for all our viewers and exhibitors we will go with our backup plan of a Saturday only show outside on the Winchester Center Green across from the church. For the Outdoor Quilt show option we will have pop-up open sided tents to display quilts in. Our café will be outside and our vendors will be outside also. Show hours will be Saturday only from 10:00 to 5:00. With entry pickup at 5:30-6:30 on Saturday. The Outdoor Quilt show option may be canceled if weather conditions do not cooperate with us.

We will have drop off on Thursday, April 21, 2022 for both options

I would like to invite you to show your newest quilted creations or heirloom quilts or other needle arts creations such as crewel work, needlepoint, knit, crochet, rug hooking, cross-stitch, weaving or other needle art creations. To keep our show new each year we are looking for quilts and other items that have not been previously shown at our show. Though, your entries are not limited to quilts or needlework created in the past year and may have been previously shown at another show.

All exhibitors will receive free admission to the show. There will be a "Viewers' Choice" prize awarded on Sunday afternoon. There will also be a "Quilts of Valor" display, a raffle quilt, vendors, and a café.

All submissions are due at the church by or on **Thursday**, April 21 (9:00 am - 8:00 pm) (**THURSDAY DROP OFF DAY**) and can be picked up on Sunday, April 24 (6:00 - 6:30pm).

Quilt show staff will be staying overnight at the church to assure the safety of your quilts.

All entries will be submitted with the on-line entry form found on the Church's website at:

winchestercenterconchurch.org

Quilting Events in the Area, continued

Please be sure to check for cancellations

New London County Quilts and Bed Covers, 1750–1825

February 12 – May 1, 2022

Florence Griswold Museum. 96 Lyme Street, Old Lyme CT 06371

<https://florencegriswoldmuseum.org>

Southford Falls Quilt Guild Auction

April 23, 2022

Immanuel Lutheran Church 25 Great Hill Rd. Oxford CT

<https://www.facebook.com/Southfordfallsquilters>

Amoskeag Quilters Guild Presents: Tomorrow's Heirlooms Quilt Show

April 23 – 24, 2022

Manchester Memorial High School 1 Crusader Way Manchester NH 03103

<https://www.amoskeaggg.org/tomorrows-heirlooms-quilt-show>

Champlain Valley of Vermont Quilt Show

April 22 - 24, 2022

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

<http://www.cvqgvt.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>

Quilters Connection Quilt Show

May 6-7, 2022

St. James Apostolic Armenian Church 465 Mt. Auburn St Watertown MA 02472

<https://www.quiltersconnection.org>

Haddam Neck Congregational Church Quilt Show

May 7 - 8, 2022

Haddam Neck Congregational Church 408 Quarry Hill Road Haddam Neck CT 06424

<https://haddamneckcongregationalchurch.org/>

Membership

Three members joined at the March meeting and one more person has renewed, bringing us to 100 members. Please welcome new members Linda Brown, Simsbury; Charlie MacDonald, Berlin; and Lois Stanley, Simsbury. Only 13 people didn't renew, and some of those moved away.

If you want a membership card, please contact me and I'll make one for you. I believe all the new members got a membership folder. If you didn't get one or want another one, please contact me.

To pay dues by mail, send your \$25.00 check to FVQI, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089. Make it payable to FVQI.

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 dalcalkin@gmail.com

Next Due May 13th.

2021-2022 Board Members

President	Anne Dodge
Vice President	Pam Stenman
Membership	Kitty Vangunten
Secretary	Bridget Shanley
Treasurer	Sue Trimble
Programs	Gail Burk
	Connie Beilstein
	3rd Person Needed
Newsletter Editor	Diane Calkin
Publicity	Volunteer Needed
Social Programs	Sue Underwood
Webmaster	Lisa Salvatore
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
Mystery Night	Pam Stenman
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