



February 2022 Newsletter

President's Letter

Happy February to my Quilting Friends,

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our February meeting on Wednesday 16th at 7:00. We will work on our service projects; there will be ABC Quilts that need bindings sewn and neonatal quilts that need labels sewn. We will also have two "Member-Teaching-Members" presentations – Peggy Thomsen will show us an easy method for making multiple flying geese and Pam Stenman will demonstrate methods she used on her Clown Quilt shown at the November meeting.

I have a few requests for all of you:

- **Renew** your membership if you have not done so
- **Volunteer** for the Quilt Show committee
- **Consider** what Board position or Committee you want serve on for the next year
- **Make** a quilt that makes you happy!
- **Remember** our Guild is only as good as its members want it to be.

I hope to see you and, in the meantime, Happy Valentine's Day and think SPRING!

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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

Friendship Blocks

Friendship Blocks from January will be handed in at the February meeting.

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

Kingswood Oxford is in the process of preparing the contract for our Quilt Show in September. We have elected to reserve the third weekend of September. Please mark your calendars to save the dates of Friday, Sept 16th through Sunday the 18th as our show dates. In the interest of time, the Guild's Board voted and approve that weekend for our show to secure those dates as soon as possible.

The Quilt Show Committee will start Zoom meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month to address some of the details related to the show. In the meantime, I still have the following vacancies on the Show Committee:

- 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, (based on Row and number that the layout group has determined) 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) 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.
- 5) Layout - this person (or group) collect the registration forms provided by the quilt registration volunteer and decide where quilts will be display in our exhibit. They decide which row and curtain drape best displays the quilts. etc. and oversees the Friday evening set-up

Please volunteer for one of these positions to help make this show successful.

Programs and Workshops

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. 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.

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Socials

Mark your calendar for 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. In the meantime, happy quilting!

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

ABC Quilts

Bring your needles, thread snips, thimbles and whatever other notions you like to use when sewing on bindings to the February guild meeting to help us finish the three ABC quilts. If you have a spool of navy blue or hunter green thread handy, it would be great if you could bring that as well. Many hands make light work and we appreciate everyone's support of the ABC quilt service project. Thanks, Peggy & Kathie

Neonatal Quilts

All's quiet on the Neonatal front! Hope you've all been keeping warm and furiously quilting. We've received gracious thank you notes from both the UCONN NICU and the Hartford Hospital Snowflake Shop. Both acknowledge their gratitude for your continuing generosity. Both will be read at Wednesday's meeting. We look forward to viewing your creations on Wednesday. See you then!

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 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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Retreats

LAST CALL!!! Only a couple of spots remain for our Spring 2022 retreat! Last day to sign up is Wednesday, February 16. At this time, full amount will be required (which includes a \$100 non-refundable amount if you cancel). If you are planning to sign up, please send me an email (see below) ASAP. *Always a great time of sharing ideas, socializing and quilting!*

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
- 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.**
- Meals:
 - 3 night option: Thursday night dinner through Sunday lunch;
 - 2 night option: Friday night dinner through Sunday lunch.

Send balance or full amount and required information to:

- Jean Williams, 25 Gracewell Rd, Wethersfield, CT 06109.
- **Check made out to FVQI.**
- Look for an email from quiltinjean@gmail.com confirming receipt.

Questions? Email Jean Williams: quiltinjean@gmail.com

Looking forward to meeting socially again! Happy quilting!

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

Sign Language Interpreters

By Maureen Hulsart

A few years ago, the Guild was kind enough to allow interpreting students/interns to join our meeting to practice their skills. Guild meetings are a safe/comfortable environment for individuals seeking to learn or improve their skills plus, they are learning an entire quilting vocabulary that doesn't exist in books! The Board recently discussed a request an individual made to attend a few of our meetings for exposure and feedback and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

ZoeAnn Kaminski, our volunteer interpreter, has proctored many interpreting students through the years and her skills and feedback is invaluable. ZoeAnn has many years of interpreting to her credit in a variety of settings: medical; educational; social and yes, on TV.

Consequently, we may, from time to time, have visiting students attend our meetings to interpret for our hearing impaired members allowing them to improve their skills, get exposure to quilting signs and gain invaluable feedback. Due to Covid concerns, we will not have a class attend at this time but individual students and they will follow all Covid protocols that apply to members.

If anyone has any questions, I would be happy to address them. Please call or email me at your convenience.

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

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

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 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

Phone – 860-561-2878

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:

winchestercentercongregation.org

Quilting Events in the Area, continued

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>

Quinobequin Quilters Quilt Show

March 25 & 26, 2022

Needham Masonic Lodge 1101 Highland Ave Needham MA 02492

<https://www.quinobequin.org/quilt-show>

Burlington Quilters' Guild Auction

April 14, 2022

The Burlington Senior Center 29 Center Street Burlington MA 01803

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

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>

Membership

If you haven't paid your dues, it is time. The new membership year started January 1, 2022. 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 to inquire. Thanks to the 59 who have renewed or joined.

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

Newsletter Submissions

Due the Friday before the Wednesday Guild Meeting. Submit to dlcalkin@gmail.com

Next Due March 11th.

2021-2022 Board Members

President	Anne Dodge
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Webmaster	Lisa Salvatore
Quilt Show Chair	Maureen Hulsart

Website: 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	Volunteer Needed
Retreats	Jean Williams
CT Hang-a-Quilt-Day	Susan Elliott
	Connie Beilstein