



March 2022 Newsletter

President's Letter

Hello to my Fellow Quilter friends,

I have just come home from the FVQ Quilt Retreat rejuvenated and ready to continue my quilting adventure. The Guild retreat is a great way to share friendships and a passion for quilting.

The Guild has several events planned in the next several months, many of which you can read about in this newsletter.

- On April 22, there will be a Mystery Night at Avon Congregational Church. Pam Stenman and Peggy Thomsen are planning a great mystery project and the result will be a neo-natal size quilt.
- On May 19th, Timna Tarr will have a workshop, also at the Avon Congregational Church, that will feature "Stitched Mosaics" where she will show you how to create photorealistic quilts one block at a time.
- June 18th "Hang-A-Quilt Day". Get ready to display your quilts for all the world to see.
- We also have two summer "Sew-In Days" planned for **July 20th and August 17th**. They will be at the Simsbury Congregational Church
- September 17-18 will be our Quilt Show 2022 "Sew Beautiful". It will be at Kingswood Oxford School and needs "all hands on deck" so plan on volunteering!!

Our next Guild meeting is this coming Wednesday, March 16th and the speaker will be Ed Johnetta Miller, a prominent Hartford Art Quilter. The meeting will start at 7:00 and masks are at your discretion. Look forward to seeing you then.

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

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

We have a contract with Kingswood Oxford for a show on September 17th and 18th! With the date and location set, we have a lot of other things to focus on. The Quilt Show Committee had their first Zoom meeting in February and we voted and approved the following:

Name of the show – Sew Beautiful

Times – Saturday 10:00-5:00

Sunday 10:00-4:00

Admission - \$10.00

Publicity – 5000 rack cards to be ordered for publicity

Banner spot to be reserved for that week on the West Hartford Green

4000 Raffle tickets to be printed (\$1.00 per ticket)

Quilt Raffle Tickets will be distributed to each member to sell to friends and family, or if you choose, purchase them yourself as a way to support the guild.

The Quilt Show Committee is busy laying the foundation for a successful show organizing publicity, raffle permits and tickets, banking, etc. We need all members to do their part. I still have vacancies on the Quilt Show Committee and I need people to step forward to help. Please look over the following list and volunteer to manage one of these functions.....you can do it with a buddy if you like.

- 1) Set-up - This person will come with me to look at our new venue. We will measure out the new room and then decide how many rows we can accommodate and where we will put vendors (although that's already decided, they will be on the perimeter of the room). Then this person will prepare a floor plan and give it to the Lay-out Group. On Friday, you will direct Demmers where to put the weights and poles. We will be there to help also.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Layout - this person (or group) will 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 lay-out process.

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

Programs and Workshops

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.

GB CB

Socials

We are planning our June Social on Wed. June 15th. There will be a sign-up sheet to name an hors d'oeuvre or dessert you would like to bring. Also save the dates of July 20 and August 17 for our Summer Sewing Days to be held at the First Church of Christ, Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury.

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

Thank you to everyone who participated during the February Service Meeting to sew the binding on the quilts for the incoming ABC students. Things will be quiet for the next few months as we await the notification from our ABC contact with the number of students joining the house and their names to complete the labels. We are already thinking about the pattern for the fall and will be preparing the kits over the summer. Thanks for your continued support of the ABC Service Project – Kathie & Peggy

Neonatal Quilts

Over the past few months we've noticed a drop-off in neonatal quilt and scent cloth numbers. Hopefully, longer days and warmer temps will help our quilters *spring* into action. The need remains as does the gratitude of all those involved in our mission.

Please remember that our quilts should be no smaller than 36" x 36" or larger than 40" x 40". Scent cloths should be no smaller than 6" x 6" or larger than 8" x 8".

Please visit our table for inspiration packets, flannel and batting. We look forward to seeing your new creations.

Thank you,
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 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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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

We have recently sent cards to Adele Mazzie on the loss of her husband, Henry, and Aurelle Locke on the loss of her husband, Arthur. Both Adele and Aurelle are long-time members of our Quilt Guild.

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:

- o November 2 – 6 (4 nights, Wed – Sun; no meals until Thurs dinner) or
- o November – 3 - 6 (3 nights, Thurs – Sun; meals: Thurs dinner – Sun lunch) or
- o 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

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

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

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>

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/>

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

We've had a good response to Anne's email about renewing and it looks like we'll have over 90 members by the next meeting. That's a good improvement and much nearer our pre-COVID numbers. You can still pay your dues and we'll add you back. 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 for the great response.

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 April 15th.

2021-2022 Board Members

President	Anne Dodge
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Membership	Kitty Vangunten
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	Connie Beilstein
	3rd Person Needed
Newsletter Editor	Diane Calkin
Publicity	Volunteer Needed
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Webmaster	Lisa Salvatore
Quilt Show Chair	Maureen Hulsart

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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