



June 2026 Newsletter

President's Letter

June Meeting is a Raffle!

During our June meeting we will be having a raffle. All proceeds support the Guild's operating budget .

There will be 22 separate flowered bags FILLED with — quilting fabric, quilting items, rulers, patterns and tote bags!

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 15 for \$10.00. You may use cash, check or credit cards.

You will put your ticket in a numbered plain bag matching the numbered flowered raffle item. A winning ticket will be chosen. Depending upon how many tickets — you could walk away with some great items for \$1.00!

Please help support your Guild by taking part in this sure to be fun activity.

Many thanks to Brenda Woodrell, Julie Ludko and Donna Killoran, for assistance in making this event happen. Ellyn Mansfield.

Dear FV quilters,

Well, here it is, my last letter to you as your President. And to admit, I will miss standing before you and “talking” to you through the newsletter; but first some administrative items:

* Raffle month is here! The June meeting will be a raffle sale.

Ticket prices explained and what you can win explained under “Raffle Sale” in the newsletter.

All proceeds will go directly to the FV operating budget.

* 250 years of being the USA! Get your patriotic small quilts and wall hangings ready for FV's participation in the Avon Congressional Church's quilt show, to be held October 2026. See Maureen Hultsart or Ellyn Mansfield for information. See Susan Elliott for information on participating in the church's quilt show.

* No meetings during July and August. See you in September when one of FV members presents a trunk show. Check out Programs in this newsletter for more information.

It has been a fun two years serving as your President. I have enjoyed writing and hearing your reactions to my quilting stories. I have enjoyed running our meetings and was very appreciative of your support when I mispronounced, forgot a message or otherwise showed my human side.

I was totally blown away by how many of you read this newsletter! Yeah! Good for you! Good for FV!

We are a Guild in a world of transition. Many of our members remember when the newsletter was mailed out. And now we read the newsletter on our own FV website! And through all of the changes, one thing has remained static: our love of quilts and quilting.

So, as I pass the President's pin to Maureen Hultsart save me a seat, as I join the best quilters in the Farmington Valley!

Best Regards,
Ellyn Mansfield, President
Farmington Valley Quilt Guild

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Treasurer's Update

The guild financial accounts are balanced in good order. A financial statement has been updated on our website. Quilt Show results are available on our web site under the members' only section.

Chris Murray Treasurer.

Membership

Our membership numbers continue to grow and we welcome 2 new members at every meeting on average.

The June meeting's raffle may be the incentive needed for your next project. We hope to see you there.

Susan Elliott

Gail Burk



Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary

By Susan Elliott

Avon Congregational Church is celebrating America's 250th Anniversary by hosting a Quilt Show and Craft Fair on October 17th and 18th. Farmington Valley Quilters is participating in this event by displaying patriotic quilts and wall hangings. A large room has been designated for our Guild to display these quilts and wall hangings along with information regarding guild membership. This is a great opportunity to display the talents and creativity of our guild members. Maureen Hulsart is heading up this effort. You may contact her at 860-808-9655 or musiconthestreet@comcast.net

Along with FVQI, the Mountain Laurel Applique group, the Central Connecticut Modern Quilt Group, the second half of the Farmington River Quilt, and our own Brenda Day will also have rooms displaying their work. The sanctuary and main hallway will be displaying traditional, modern, antique, and every other style of quilts. Quilts will not need a sleeve or a pillowcase and there is no charge. Drop off for all quilts will be Thursday, October 15th 10 AM – 7 PM or by appointment. Since most of the quilts will be displayed in the sanctuary, generous lap quilts and larger are encouraged. In addition, we will have a craft fair and café' with luncheon fare. I will send an email to the guild members with both the link for the patriotic quilt registration and the Avon Congregational Church registration. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Elliott at 860-748-1775 or shsellcott@sbcglobal.net

Fabric Swap Table

Please note that the Fabric Swap table will not be operating at the June meeting. Have a great summer and see you in the fall!

Feel free to contact Karen Andress or Darcy Gray at a meeting or by email/text.

Email Karen at andreska61@gmail.com or text (no voice) to 860-983-1209.

Email Darcy at graystarkel@gmail.com or text (no voice) to 860-930-3299.

Guild Library

From the Guild Librarians:

Time to return those books that you have been meaning to get back to the Guild Library!!

Also, if you are thinking about summer projects, remember to take a gander at the Library Collection listing on the Guild Members portion of the Website. There are lists arranged by subject, title, and author. If you see items that intrigue you, please email Anne Dodge (annedodge71@gmail.com) and it will be waiting for you at the next Guild meeting. The collection has books, many issues of Quiltfolk magazine, DVDs, and an array of quilting tools you might want to try out.

Enjoy your summer of quilting!

Neonatal Quilts

Committee: Linda Johnson, Kitty Vangunten

In May we had 19 quilts turned in at the meeting. We had five on hand so we now have 24 quilts. We will have ample batting at the meeting for you to take for the summer months.

Our website page, fvquilter.org, has the requirements for neonatal quilts. On the home page, click on Service Projects. Quilt donations may be made to the committee at our meetings. If you have questions, please contact anyone on the Neonatal Committee. Thank you for your continued support.

ABC Quilts

ABC Update:

Because of the efforts of the members who helped with the ABC quilts (making blocks and / or sewing on binding). we have three finished quilts waiting for the arrival of incoming Freshman in August. Thanks everyone.

Your ABC team

Kathie Fallon, Lynda Cook, Diane Bray

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 one. If you do, please contact Kathy Lettieri (860-651-8330) or any Board member. Kathy's e-mail is kbakerl@att.net

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FALL PROGRAMS

JUNE 2026



We are excited to share a preview of the wonderful programs planned for this fall. Mark your calendars because we have a fantastic lineup of talented quilters, inspiring trunk shows, and creative workshops ahead! We can't wait to see you on the third Wednesday of each month this fall!

At the June meeting, we will also draw one lucky member's name to join us for dinner with the speaker alongside Diane. Don't forget to enter!

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 WEDNESDAY

We are delighted to welcome our very own **Diane Francini** for a special trunk show featuring many of her beautiful creations. Diane's quilting reflects both creativity and craftsmanship, and we are looking forward to an evening filled with inspiration, color, and community.



Programs and Workshops (con't)

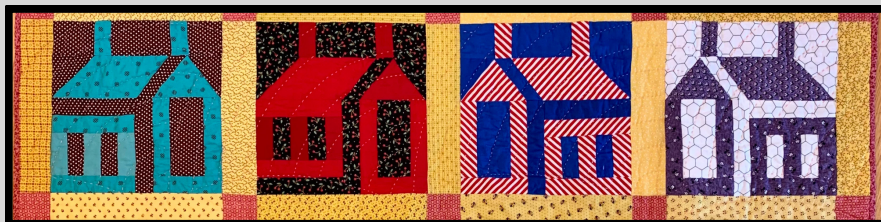
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OCTOBER 21, 2026 WEDNESDAY

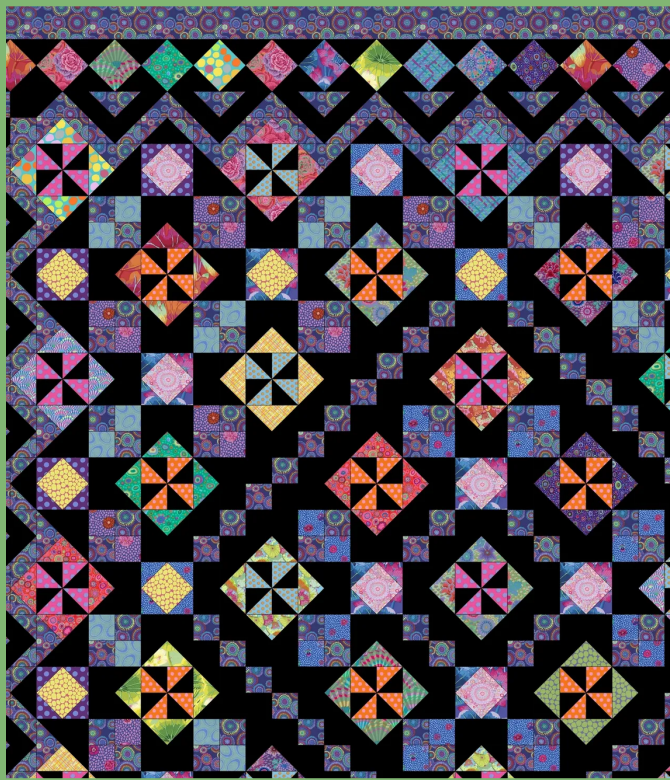
Quilter, teacher, and lecturer **Barb Vedder** will present ***Scrap Quilts and the Secret to Their Success***. Barb is known for her vibrant use of color, her love of antique quilts, and her creative approach to scrap quilting. Her presentation is sure to inspire quilters of every skill level.



On **Thursday, Oct 22, 2026**, Barb will also lead a **workshop on Liberated Houses**, a playful and imaginative style of house block piecing that is perfect for using scraps and experimenting with design. Workshop sign-ups will be available at the June meeting.



Learn more about Barb and her work here:
[Fun with Barb \(https://funwithbarbandmary.blogspot.com/\)](https://funwithbarbandmary.blogspot.com/)



NOVEMBER 18, 2026
WEDNESDAY MEETING

Susan Michaels of **Dragonfly Fiberart** will join us for a trunk show highlighting her beautiful fiber art and quilting creations. Susan is an independent quilt designer, teacher, and presenter known for approachable patterns and creative techniques.

On **Thursday, Nov 19th**, Susan will also conduct a **workshop** on the ever-popular **Disappearing Nine Patch technique**. This fast, fun, and versatile quilting style creates intricate-looking designs from simple piecing and is suitable for quilters of all experience levels.



www.dragonflyfiberart.com
DISCOVER THE ART OF QUILTING WITH
DRAGONFLY FIBERART QUILTING PATTERNS

Explore Susan's work here:
Dragonfly Fiberart
<https://dragonflyfiberart.com/>

We hope you are as excited as we are for this wonderful season of quilting inspiration, learning, and friendship!

Socials

Our June social meeting is on the 17th, a great opportunity to catch up with fellow quilters! If you don't remember if you signed up for an appetizer or dessert or if you didn't sign up you can text or email me. There will be a silent auction also so bring your cash, check or credit card!

The sign ups for the summer sew-ins are full but let me know if you want to be on the waitlist.

Maria

Retreats

The Fall Retreat is full. Please let me know if you would like to be put on the waiting list.

Katha

NEQM Guest Passes

New England Quilt Museum - Free Entry

New England Quilt Museum, founded in 1987, is located in downtown Lowell, Mass. The museum is the only institute in the Northeastern US which is solely dedicated to the art and craft of quilting. There are special and permanent exhibits, a library, a gift shop, and classrooms. Collections are strong in 19th century quilts, with a geographic focus on New England.

The FV guild contributes financially to the museum. As a benefit of that contribution we are offered four free entry visits. If you want to visit the museum, please see the FV membership committee for a Guild membership card. The card is necessary to receive the free entry.

Opportunities Outside the FVQ Guild

Farmington Historical Society is looking to collaborate with FV members to offer a program they are calling, "Going to school on the weekends."

Farmington has reached out to FV for teachers (compensated) for a quarterly program (to start September 2026) which would offer classes rooted in traditional crafts, hand quilting being one of those crafts.

An eight to ten week course (1-2 hours) offers the opportunity to complete a quilted project. You would be instrumental in developing the course, and compensation would be an attendance supported model. The historical society sees the course offerings rotating, so there is no expectation to teach every quarter.

If interested please contact the Farmington Historical Society, Ivana Rucno: ivanagrettarucnov@gmail.com.

Please join **Sew Thankful Quilters** at the Avon Congregational Church for sewing your charity quilts on the second Thursday of the month from 9:30 to noon. We will be sewing Quilts of Valor, but would welcome anyone who would like to sew charity quilts.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Elliott at 860-748-1775.

Quilts 2 Heal

SEW DAYS:

Monday Jul 21, 10:00– 3:00 Cotton Candy Fabrics, 926 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, CT

Colchester Dates - TBD

CONTACT: Paula DeSilva, quilts2heal@comcast.net, 860.306.7000 OR Kathi Maglia, kmmaglia@comcast.net

Interested in quilting? * **The Granbees** Welcome You * Beginners to Experts

When: Third Tuesdays September to June 9:30 am – Noon

Where: East Granby Senior center

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

Advertisements

Longarm Quilting

Edge to edge
Gretchen Green
Phone 8178002345

For Sale:

I have a floor stand quilting frame for sale The oval top is 27"x17" I am asking \$45 for it You can contact me at weavewoman @comcast.net



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For Sale: Handi Quilter Amara machines for sale

Stationary or on 10' Studio frame; with or without Pro-Stitcher. Save thousands on like new shop demo machines. \$7,500-\$17,000 depending on set-up. Let's make a deal!
Contact Vivian at 860-651-8885 or vivlazich@sbcglobal.net

For Sale:

Set of Red Snappers for Longarm. Like new. \$100. Original cost \$150.00.
Connie Beilstein conniebct53@gmail.com

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Quilting Events in the Area

The Vermont Quilt Show @ Burlington

June 18 – 20, 2026

The Doubletree Expo Center
870 Wiliston Rd, S Burlington, VT 05403

<https://www.aquiltersdestination.com/burlington-vt>

A Vermont Quilt Sampler

June 27 – Sept. 7, 2026

Billings Farm & Museum
53 Elm Street (Visitors Center), Woodstock, VT 05091

<https://billingsfarm.org/quilt-exhibition/>

"Fiber, Fabric and Thread: On and Off the Wall" Exhibition

June 29 – August 29, 2026

Menino Arts Center, 26 Central Ave, Boston, MA 02136

<https://www.hpaa-mac.org/>

Maine Quilts 2026

July 23 – 25, 2026

Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Dr.,
Augusta, ME 04330

<https://mainequilts.org/>

Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod's 2026 Quilt Show – Garden Party

July 29 – 31, 2026

Cape Cod Regional Technical High School
351 Pleasant Lake Ave., Harwich, MA

<https://bayberryquiltersofcapecod.com/>

Out of the Blue (Quilt Exhibit)

Aug. 1 - Sept. 12, 2026

The Brush Art Gallery & Studios
256 Market Street, Lowell, MA 01852

<https://thebrush.org/>

With These Hands 2026

Sept. 19 - 20, 2026

Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield
37 Proprietors Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050

<https://herringrunquiltguild.com/events/2024-quilt-show/>

Quilts All Around the Town

Oct. 2 - 3, 2026

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
1650 CT-12, Gales Ferry, CT 06335

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

Friendship in Every Stitch – Thimbles & Friends Quilt Show

October 24, 2026

Whitman United Methodist Church
503 South Ave., Whitman, MA 02382

<https://thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org/index.html>

Newsletter Submissions

Due the **Thursday** before the Wednesday Guild Meeting. Submit to dlcalkin@gmail.com
Submissions for next newsletter **due September 10, 2026.**

2025-2026 Board Members

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Fabric Swap Table	Karen Address, Darcy Gray
Friendship Blocks	Brenda Day
Hospitality	Donna Gosselin, Marie Knapps
Library	Anne Dodge, Lois Palmer, Kitty Vangunten
Snowflake Bags	Brenda Woodrell
Neonatal Quilts	Kitty Vangunten, Linda Johnston
Sunshine	Kathy Lettieri
Photographer	Bridget Shanley
Retreats	Katha Kerr

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