



December 2021 Newsletter

President's Letter

Hi Fellow Quilters,

We are all wrapped up (in more ways than one) in the holiday season and a part of the festivities is the Guild Holiday Social. We also get to celebrate returning to **Eno Memorial Hall**. Yes, it is true, we will be having our next meeting at Eno in the Auditorium. This will be a slightly different Holiday meeting because there will not be any refreshments, but we do have a festive time planned with a Yankee Swap and theme-based Show-And-Tells. It will also be a time to socialize and give thanks for the fact that our Guild has thrived despite the obstacles.

A few things to remember:

- The meeting starts at 7:00p.m. at Eno Memorial Hall
- **Masks will be required**
- Bring your show-and-tell items. The themes are Holiday, Pandemic Creations, Wearables, Neonatal, and any thing else that excites you
- Bring a small quilt related gift wrapped in a brown paper bag. It can be something you made, or something bought, but no more than a **\$10.00 value**

Please read the full newsletter for more information concerning the Holiday Social and other informative stuff.

Hope to see you on December 15th

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

Name Tags

Correction:

The original name tags were stencilled, not made with marker. Shown is a picture from a charter member.

Please make and wear a name tag.



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



Good News!!!

We may have found a location for our 2022 Quilt Show! A small group of committee members visited the Kingswood Oxford (KO) field house this past week. It would be a great spot to host a show. It's a large room, well lit, easy access for visitors and vendors, all on one floor, near the highway for easy on/easy off access and centrally located in Ct. I'm excited about the possibilities.

We have not yet signed the contract; the school is working out their athletic games schedule to enable us to rent on a weekend when they have away games; thus reducing competition for parking. The KO represented recommended that the 2nd or 3rd weekend in September would probably be the best weekends to accommodate the athletic schedule, but they will confirm that shortly.

I will keep you all posted as this develops but in the meantime, I would like to ask you to consider volunteering for one of the many Quilt Show Committee vacancies. I will start monthly Zoom Meetings as soon as the contract is finalized and would like to start meetings with a full committee. (If you want to Zoom with us in your PJ's, that's fine, be comfortable).

I'm looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- Treasurer
- Quilt Registration
- Quilt Intake
- Baskets (2 people)
- Program Book
- Publicity
- Decorations – we will have to get creative and not do Mums. I need ideas
- Volunteers
- Signage

I can give you information about what each task involves; call or email me for details. Please consider supporting the Guild's Show with your time, skills and ideas.

Programs and Workshops

Looking forward to 2022 there are more great quilt related topics coming.

January Members Teaching Members still has openings for anyone interested in sharing your talent or a neat trick you've learned to rely on. Please email me or see me at the December meeting.

February is reserved for service projects.

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.

Gail Burk, Connie Beilstein

Socials

We have a grand Show and Tell lined up and a fun game planned for our December 15th meeting. First select the category of your quilt: PANDEMIC QUILT, BABY QUILT, HOLIDAY, and OTHER. If possible, fill out the Show and Tell form at your convenience prior to the meeting. We look forward to seeing your creativity! Feel free to share more than one.

We will also be participating in a Holiday Swap Game. Members are asked to bring in a small QUILT RELATED item that is \$10 or less. It could be handmade or purchased, if you're short on time. Ideas could be sewn coasters, potholders, door hanger, mug rug, pin cushion or an ornament, etc. Place the item in a BROWN PAPER BAG. Be ready for some fun!

Food sharing will not be a part of the Dec. meeting due to COVID, but we will have some little treats wrapped up ready to be distributed.

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

Thank you to all of you who have turned in your ABC quilt blocks. We really appreciate your timely response. We are getting ready to assemble the quilt tops so this is "last call" for those of you who have not had a chance to turn them in. We will be sewing the bindings at the February in-service meeting so you will all have a chance to see them then!

Thank you, Peggy and 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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Retreats

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 15, 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 confirming receipt.

Questions? Email Jean Williams: 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

Neonatal

Thanks to the talent and generosity of our dedicated quilters, ten scent cloths and twenty-eight neonatal quilts were recently delivered. They now await adoption by the parents of these at risk babies.

On December 2nd we delivered 175 beautiful holiday bags to Snowflake Room coordinator, Lauren Turcotte at CT Children's Hospital. Filling these bags with donated gifts/toys will brighten the holiday season for these very ill children and their parents. Special thanks to champion bag makers Sue Trimble, Ann Baldis and Lauren Fisher. They helped make the second year of this project an overwhelming success.



We wish everyone happy holidays filled with love and warmth. Stay healthy and safe *and please keep quilting*. Feel free to contact us for fabric, fabric packets or batting for your next project. We also have plenty of flannel for backings and scent cloths.

Happy Holidays!

Alberta Culley (860-490-4512) acull113@comcast.net
Phyllis Small (860-803-5907) phyl@phyllissmall.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 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

Contemporary Quilts

October 25-December 23, 2021

Menino Art Center 26 Central Ave Hyde Park MA 02136

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

The Artisanal Ladies Return!

Dec. 3-18, 2021

Beebe Estate 235 W. Foster St., Melrose MA 02176

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

SALLEY MAVOR: Bedtime Stitches Exhibition

Sept. 15 - Dec. 31, 2021

New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell, MA

<https://weefolkstudio.com/>

Boston Modern Quilt Guild at the Fiber Arts Exhibit 2021

November 6 – December 31, 2021

Morse Institute Library 14 East Central St, Natick MA 01760

<http://bostonmqg.blogspot.com/>

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/>

Membership

Thanks to everyone who paid their dues. If you'd like to pay by mail, you can mail your \$25.00 check to FVQI, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089. Make it payable to FVQI.

We no longer issue membership cards to everyone, so if you'd like one, let me know. I'll have blanks at the meeting.

We had one new member join, Rose Gay of Torrington. We now have 105 members.

Kitty,
Membership

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 January 14th.

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

Website: Fvquilters.org
Facebook: Farmington Valley Quilters
Instagram: @farmvalquilters

2021-2022 Committee Members

ABC Quilts	Peggy Thomsen
	Kathie Fallon
	Volunteer Needed
Fabric Swap Box	Linnea Amodio
Friendship Blocks	Donna Gosselin
Hospitality	Marie Knapps
	Diane Calkin
June Challenge	Lois Palmer
Library	Kitty Vangunten
	Volunteer Needed
Mystery Night	Alberta Culley
Neonatal Quilts	Phyllis Small
	Kathy Lettieri
	Volunteer Needed
Sunshine	Jean Williams
Photographer	Susan Elliott
Retreats	Connie Beilstein
CT Hang-a-Quilt-Day	