



July 2021 Newsletter

President's Letter

Hello Fellow FVQ members,

This is my first article for the newsletter, and I am going to turn it into a "help-wanted ad".

The Guild is an especially important part of my life and I hope yours too. To make sure that we are active and have successful programming and activities takes everyone stepping up and participating. The Guild is only as good as the total of its parts – **YOU.**

Most important, we are still in need to someone to step up and serve as Vice-President. I realize that this is a two-year commitment but filling this Board Position is crucial for the smooth continuation of the Guild. Without consistency within the Board leadership the Guild might as well fold-up and cease to-be.

The other vacant Board positions are Publicity and one more member of the Programming Committee. The Publicity person is responsible to make sure our activities are publicized, and the Face Book page is active. The Programming person will work with Gail Burk and Connie Beilstein to plan the Guild programs for the coming years and help the monthly speakers feel comfortable and welcome.

The Guild also needs members to step forward to fill a few Committee positions. For many years Sue Gauvain has served as the Guild Photographer. She is stepping aside, and we need someone with a good camera and some computer skills to step forward. The Photographer takes pictures of the show-and-tell quilts, and if permissible, of the speaker's quilts and then uploads the pictures to the Guild Website via Flickr. The Guild is also in need of members to take on the Mystery Night program and the Fabric Swap Box.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members who are continuing in their jobs. Alberta Culley and Phyllis Small are continuing with coordinating the Neonatal Quilts project. Peggy Thomsen and Kathie Fallon are continuing with the ABC Project. Linnea Amodio will continue with the Friendship Blocks, Diane Calkin with the Challenge Quilts, Kathy Lettieri with Sunshine, and Donna Gosselin and Marie Knapps as the Hospitality Committee." And, finally, the Library Committee, Lois Palmer and Kitty Vangunten, will continue. THANKS so much to all of you.

We will be starting up with in-person meetings at Eno Memorial Hall in September and I really look forward to seeing all of you. Have a great summer!

Anne Dodge

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Treasurer's Update

The knowledge transfer process between Sue Trimble and myself continues with an expectation that we will be completed by the end of August, early September. We will continue to operate as "One Treasurer" during the months of July and August to allow for learning and proper closure to the current fiscal reporting year.

All accounts are current, balanced and in good standing. All State of CT and IRS Filings are current.

The budget, as well as the monthly Treasurer's Reports, are available to all members to review via our "Members-only" website page following our membership meeting this month.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding guild finances, please don't hesitate to reach out directly.

Caroline Berman, Out-Going Treasurer and Sue Trimble, New Treasurer for 2021-2022

Email: chbermanct@comcast.net

Phone: 860-944-9566 (cell)

President's Quilt Top

Karen Kebinger was presented with her President's Quilt top on Saturday July 3rd. A big Thank You to Karen for leading the Guild through a tough year. Also, a special thanks to all the Guild members who contributed a block and to Katha Kerr for all her help shopping, cutting and sewing.



Quilt Show

Quilt Show Committee Report

By Maureen Hulsart



The Quilt Show Committee is already working to host our 2022 show. I think we are all looking forward to attending some quilt shows and getting things “back to normal”.

A small sub-committee is investigating alternate locations to host our show and recently toured a location which would give us more square footage in a lovely, convenient location. It is an exciting option and we are in discussions with that site regarding rental fees and contract provisions. I’ll keep you posted.

In the meantime, several of the 2018 Show Committee members can no longer serve due to family considerations; they have moved or health reasons. Therefore, there are several vacancies I will be looking to fill. Many hands make light work and it takes many hands to pull-off a successful show. Our planning meetings will primarily be Zoom meetings, so you can attend in your pajamas if you so choose. I’m looking for your ideas, enthusiasm and help in rolling-out a fun and successful show. At this time, I need several people to step-up, so please consider volunteering for one of the following vacancies:

- Volunteer Scheduling
- Program Book
- Publicity
- Decorations
- Quilt Intake
- Treasurer
- Quilt Registration
- Raffle Baskets – I need two volunteer

If you should have any questions about any of the above-named volunteer spots please feel free to contact me. My email is musiconthestreet@comcast.net. We have written outlines regarding how each task is performed to assist you and people with past experience that can also guide you.

Please consider volunteering your time toward a successful 2022 Quilt Show.

Programs and Workshops

A heartfelt thank you to Connie Beilstein for agreeing to assist with program planning. Looking ahead to an interesting and varied fall lineup, the following presenters include:

September 15:

Jan Doyle will present "Quilts and the Underground Railroad: Fact or Fiction?" This unique and attention-grabbing lecture will provide stories of secret codes, hidden messages, and forbidden talk. It will be up to each of us to evaluate the evidence Jan provides and draw our own conclusions.

October 20:

Nancy Sullivan and Lynn Thibault will present "The Quilt Clinic." This lecture will provide a clinical approach to reviving our UFO's (unfinished fabric objects). Nancy and Lynn will help us find a way to finish a quilt that we may have thought had insurmountable issues. Their trunk show will feature some of their success stories and why they took on the challenge.

November 17-18:

The artist Jane Davila will present "Elements of Design." Jane will follow up her lecture the next day with a workshop titled "Surface Design Sampler." In this workshop, you will play with a large variety of material and supplies on fabric - paintstiks, inks, paints, mediums, metallic foil, inkstense pencils, water-soluble pastels and more. Let the creativity begin!

Gail Burk, Connie Beilstein

Socials

As you may already know, the July and August all-day sew-in programs have been cancelled due to the pandemic. Hopefully, we'll be back on track and hold our December social. I welcome your support in joining this committee to plan for the January and February Guild meetings!

Sue Underwood

ABC Quilts

We've cleared out the closet and labeled the three quilts to be presented in August to incoming freshmen at the ABC House.

The quilt top is done for the next quilt and as soon as it is quilted and bound, it will go into the closet for next year. We are in the process of kitting up blocks for two more quilts for the 2022-2023 freshmen class. That will mean three matching quilts in different color ways. Stay tuned for distribution of kits at the October meeting.

Peggy & Kathie

CT Hang-a-Quilt Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Third Annual Hang-a-Quilt Day. It is your help and enthusiasm which have made it so much fun and grown every year. This year we listed on our website homes by town where quilts were displayed. We had 20 patriotic quilts on the Simsbury Center Cemetery fence and 20 more on the fence at the Simsbury Historical Society. Both were impressive displays. I learned of other towns where displays were done as well. Several quilt shops made events out of the day. Our website has many pictures, but if you have others, please send them to Lisa Salvatore, lisa.b.salvatore@gmail.com.

Thank again.
Susan Elliott



June Challenge

A big thanks to everyone who participated in the challenges during this difficult time. Hopefully next year will be more "normal".

Challenge 2020

Paula Di Silva
Jean Williams
Phyllis Small
Gail Burk
Karen Kebinger
Pauline Shaw

Challenge 2021

Susan Elliott (2)
Karen Kebinger
Sue Underwood
Anne Baldis
Phyllis Small (2)

Gail Burk
Maureen Hulsart
Pam Stenman
Jean Williams

Diane Calkin, dlcalkin@gmail.com

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

Retreats

FALL 2021 RETREAT

Registration for our Fall 2021 retreat is now open with a 3 or 2 night option. We are taking reservations and deposits!

Here are the particulars:

- Dates:
 - Nov 4 – 7 (3 nights, Thurs - Sun) or
 - Nov 5 – 7 (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 August 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 or 2 nights.
- Balance due: October 15. **Make checks payable to FVQI.**
- Additional info: Beginning October 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: We will work with Incarnation Center to assess the COVID situation over the next few months. We are keeping the maximum attendees to 24 and minimum at 20.

Looking forward to meeting socially again! Happy quilting!

Spring Retreat: March 3-6, 2022

Neonatal Quilts

THANK YOU, THANK YOU. WE DID IT AGAIN!!

Our June collection day generated 61 quilts and 37 scent cloths. A very grateful Shari Galvin noted that UCONN NICU has been experiencing a baby boom. The facility usually averages 6 to 8 babies in the unit. Recent averages have soared to 26 including 8 sets of twins! She then told a heartwarming story. A quilt containing Celtic fabric was chosen by a dad who migrated here from Ireland three years ago. He was so happy that he took several pictures for transmission to his folks back home. Our quilts continue to make wonderful connections! Thank you to all of our quilters for your patience and support. Thank you also to Phyllis and Maureen for providing drop off locations. In this difficult year we broke all records with 304 quilts and 184 scent cloths collected – BRAVO. Have a safe summer but keep quilting. Apparently the babies will keep coming.

Alberta and Phyllis



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>

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

phyl@phyllissmall.com

860-803-5907

NEQM Guest Passes

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM GUEST PASSES

As supporting members of NEQM, we were given 4 Guest Passes (each admitting 2 people) for our members to enjoy. The Museum is now open with Covid restrictions.

Also guild members who become members of the Museum receive one \$10.00 voucher for any fabric or quilt making product purchased in the Museum Store.

So please let me know if you want one of these passes, and I will get it to you. NEQM is a wonderful place to visit (if and when we are allowed to travel again to MA).

Phyllis Small

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HST Swap

HST Swap Participants

Thinking ahead to the next Quilt Show, we would love to have a display of HST quilts. As we don't have any details yet about The Show, specifics will have to wait.

Just keep it in mind - we'd love to see those finished quilts!!

Diane and Judy

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

ARE YOU A QUILTER? If you don't like to drive at night, but want to belong to a quilt group come to THE GRANBEES. We meet at the EAST GRANBY Recreational Center near East Granby Center. The 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM. We plan to continue to meet during the summer. ALL ARE WELCOME.
Contact Diane Calkin if you have questions.

Quilting Events in the Area

Please be sure to check for cancellations

Fibrous

July 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021

Winchester Public Library. 80 Washington Street. Winchester MA 01890

<https://www.denisekonicekart.com/>

Billings Farm & Museum 35th Annual Quilt Exhibition

July 17-August 22, 2021

Billings Farm & Museum 69 Old River Road Woodstock VT 05091

<https://billingsfarm.org/>

World Quilt Show – Online

August 11 – 14, 2021

<https://www.onlinequiltfestival.com/>

Free admission

Marathon Quilters 2021 Quilt Show

September 11 – 12, 2021

Hopkinton Center for the Arts. 98 Hayden Rowe St. Hopkinton MA 01748

<http://marathonquilters.com/>

Quilting Events in the Area, cont'd

Creative Arts at The Big E

September 17-October 3, 2021

1305 Memorial Ave. West Springfield MA 01089

<https://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/creative-arts>

Belknap Mill Quilter's 44th Annual Quilt Show "Harvest of Quilts" and "Mysterious Quilt Journey"

September 25-26, 2021

Laconia, NH

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

Creative Arts at The Big E

September 17-October 3, 2021

1305 Memorial Ave. West Springfield MA 01089

<https://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/creative-arts>

Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild Ruby Celebration

October 1-2, 2021

Hope Community Church. 11 Hale Street Newburyport MA

<https://mvquilters.org/>

Rising Star Quilters Guild 33rd Annual Quilt Show

October 1-2, 2021

St. Brigid Church 1995 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington MA

<http://www.risingstarquilters.org/show.html>

Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey Quilt Show

Oct. 9 – 10, 2021

Middlebury Recreation Center 154 Creek Rd Middlebury VT 05753

<http://www.milkandhoneyquilters.com/>

BUCC Quilt Show & Sale with Sewing Tag Sale

Oct 22-24, 2021

Belchertown United Church of Christ 18 Park St Belchertown MA 01007

<https://buccquiltshowandsale.weebly.com/>

Membership

The Board has changed the membership dues to a calendar year. This means that dues paid will be current through December 2021 and not due again until January 1, 2022
Anyone who would like to become a member can send a check for \$25.00 payable to FVQG along with the membership information form to:

FVQI
Attn: Treasurer
PO Box 172
Weatogue CT 06089

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 September 10th.

2021-2022 Board Members

President	Anne Dodge
Vice President	Volunteer Needed
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
	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
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