



March 2020 Newsletter

MARCH MEETING IS CANCELLED

COVID-19 (coronavirus) Update

It is with great sadness that I am canceling our Guild Meeting this Wednesday night, March 18, 2020.

I put off the decision as long as I could while monitoring the state and town recommendations. We all want to keep the health and safety of our members and speaker a priority.

Now, however, our decision has been made for us. I just got a call from the Senior Center at Eno Hall that they are canceling our meeting room (and almost all other activities) for use as a food distribution center.

Bev has let Ed Johnetta know of the cancelation, and she understood and, in fact was quite relieved. We are talking about rescheduling her.

I will miss seeing you all and hope we will have our April meeting as scheduled. We should all have plenty for show and tell at the next meeting (self-quarantine, home alone with a big fabric stash, a quilters dream).

President's Message

Sew Much Fun at the Retreat! We got lots of projects started and finished. I can't wait to see the Show and Tell this month.

My "Making Tracks" quilt (last month's Show and Tell) was juried into the SAQA Local Color 4 show, opening at the Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic Street, Windsor CT, Saturday, March 21, 5-7. I hope you all will join me there. I would not be in this show if it were not for tonight's speaker, Ed Johnetta Miller. She is one of my most influential mentors, and encouraged me to join SAQA (the Studio Arts Quilters Association) years ago. The innovation and enthusiasm I get from that group spills over to this group from time to time, if you have not already noticed. I still love the traditional, but have most fun with the art quilts.

Phyllis Small



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Quilt Show

By Maureen
Hulsart
Show Chair



Show Dates:
Sept 26th and 27th

The Show Committee continues to plan for our September Show. I'm working on the last block for a quilt I hope to enter in the show and now that I will be home for a while.....I may get another quilt done!

Please consider what you might be able to contribute to any of our raffle baskets if you happen to be tidying up your sewing room over the next few weeks. We have a nice variety basket ideas and we are always looking for contributions.

My goal was to distribute our raffle quilt tickets at our guild meeting this month. The Show Committee and I will discuss options to get those raffle tickets distributed to you soon. The quilt raffle is a significant source of income for us, so I hope everyone will do their parts and sell their book of tickets and/or purchase it themselves.

Quilt registration will open up in April to register your quilt to be in the show. Quilt registration will continue until August 1st. As always, registrations are free to guild members and there is a fee if someone wishes to display a quilt but they are not guild members. The registration form has been modified for you to indicate if you would like your quilt to be considered in the New England Quilt Museum display contest. As a reminder, the guild has the option of displaying one quilt during the summer of 2021 at the New England Quilt Museum. There are specific criteria to be eligible, so please read the information regarding New England Quilt Museum contest and then when you register your quilt, indicate if you would like your quilt entered in the contest for the museum display. During the show, Quilt Guild Board Members and Quilt Show Committee members will have a separate ballot sheet beyond our "Viewer's Choice" ballot, and they will vote for a quilt of among those identified as eligible for the New England Museum display. This is a new and an exciting opportunity for our Guild, so I hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Connecticut Hang-A-Quilt Day

Connecticut Hang-A-Quilt Day -- June 20. Showcase the art and beauty of quilting with this open air quilt show sponsored by our Guild. Hang a quilt outside your house - on your garage, clothesline, fence, tree, or chair. Post a picture on social media with #CTHangAQuiltDay. We will be looking for guild members to help distribute 5,000 rack cards. We will have a list of shops to visit so if you could take a pile or two, we will provide you with the shop's name and address. Look for our slide show display at the next meeting.

Raffle Baskets

Here are the themes and volunteer teams for our twelve wonderful Raffle Baskets for 2020. I invite you to continue thinking about what items you might offer that could fit these creative themes. If we can be of help in forwarding your contributions, please do not hesitate to let us know. Of course, you can make contact with the basket teams directly, too.

Thanks in advance to all!

A Beautiful You - Linda Lee Boucher and Jan Porri

Art - Susan Elliott

Beautiful Baby - Cindy Holden

Kids 8-11 - Michelle and Mariah Palmer

Learning to Sew (a basket for kids) - Donna Gosselin and Peggy Thomsen

Nature - Anne Dodge and Lois Palmer

Pinkalicious - Debbie D'Angelo and Claudia Goodman

Seasons - Kathi Maglia

Sew Blue - Alberta Culley, Donna Dellacamera, Debbie Jacoby, and Margaret Omartian

Sew Cute Canine - Darcy Gray and Kitty Vangunten

Sew Iron On - Bev Hughes

Sew Seeds - Diane Francini, Judy Prohaska, Robin Schofield, and Phyllis Small

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL THE BASKET TEAMS: At each Guild meeting, please visit the Raffle Basket table and take the items for your basket home with you. You are welcome to "shop" ALL the donations not reserved for a particular basket. As they say in sales flyers, "Everything must go!"

Your Raffle Basket Team,

Lynn Veith lakesidequilting@gmail.com

Maureen Egan maureenegan@comcast.net

New Member Get Togethers

New Member Happy Hour Wednesday, April 8 7 PM -- All new members or those who would like to get to know members better are invited to Susan Elliott's house (21 Lincoln La, Weatogue) for a get together. Over a little wine and cheese (or any other beverage you prefer), we will talk about how we got into quilting, what kind of quilting we enjoy most, and maybe an unknown fact or two about ourselves. Please RSVP to shsellott@sbcglobal.net if you plan on attending.

New Member Coffee Monday, April 6 2 PM--All new members or those who would like to get to know members better and would prefer a daytime get together, are invited to Susan Elliott's (21 Lincoln La, Weatogue). Just like to Happy Hour we will talk about our quilting journey, things we love about quilting, and anything else that goes with a warm cup of tea or coffee and a few cookies. Please RSVP to shsellott@sbcglobal.net if you plan on attending.

Programs and Workshops

March 18, 2020 – EdJohnetta Miller TO BE RESCHEDULED

Lecture: Trunk Show - One of Hartford's most beloved treasures, EdJohnetta Miller, will bring examples of her vibrant quilts that have been exhibited across this country and in many foreign countries.

April 17 & 18, 2020 Elizabeth Sylvan

Lecture: Trunk Show - Elizabeth's love of the outdoors has given her inspiration for her quilts. She uses a collage technique to produce quilts that reflect her love of nature's universal symbols.

Workshop: Flower Collage

May 20 & 21, 2020 Timna Tarr

Lecture: Trunk Show and talk on her quilt journey

Workshop: Stitched Mosaics – Timna will teach us the technique that she uses for her animal quilts. Workshop will meet at Avon Congregational Church.

Socials

June Social - Wednesday, June 17th, 2020

Summer Sew-ins

The July and August guild meeting dates for this year's summer sew-in days will take place on **Wednesday, July 15th** and **Wednesday, August 19th**. These dates coincide with our regularly scheduled monthly dates for our guild meetings. Mark your calendars accordingly.

Both sew-in days will be held from **9 AM to 5 PM**. There will be **NO evening hours**.

They will be held at the **Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main Street, Avon – at the intersection of Rtes. 10 & 202 at Rte. 44**. There is ample parking in the back of the church. (*Parking lot is adjacent to the First & Last Tavern parking lot.*)

Susan Elliott, who oversees the Quilts of Valor group that meets at the church, has offered the use of the irons, ironing boards, cutting tools and mats stored there. There are plenty of chairs, tables and electrical outlets, although you might want to bring an extension cord for your machine. There is excellent lighting above and windows on both sides of the room.

We will need a hostess for each of these sew-in meetings. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer. The day can be split into two shifts as a possibility for those available only in the morning or afternoon.

ABC Quilts

Many hands most certainly make light work! Thanks to everyone who participated during the February Service Meeting to complete the binding on the two quilts. We now have 4 quilts ready to present, awaiting word from the ABC House as to how many incoming Freshmen they will have for the 2020-2021 school year. Offers are going out to prospective students in April so it may be a few months before we know how many will be presented in August. Once we know how many quilts we will present this year, we will make a decision on what we will need to make for the following school year. Thanks to all for your continued support for the ABC quilt program, Peggy & Kathie

Neonatal Quilts

Kudos to our dedicated quilters who so willingly support our continuing commitment to the UCONN Neonatal Unit. Last month 18 quilts and 19 scent cloths were contributed. Shari Glavin, our UCONN Neonatal liaison, recently shared her excitement seeing scent cloths with trucks and tools on the flannel scent cloths. "Oh, boy! The dads will love these." She also stated that scent cloths made from flannel **only** can be used. Scent cloths made of fleece are too warm and bulky. Shari mentioned that they just do not work well under the "little faces." Therefore, the staff does not use them with the "tiny babes." The scent cloths that are being created are a great size – 6" X 6" or 6" X 8". We just need to be cognizant of using only flannel. We greatly appreciate your thoughtful and caring contributions.

Alberta Culley
Debbie Lovejoy



NEQM SHOW OPPORTUNITY 2021

As supporting members of the New England Quilt Museum (NEQM) in Lowell, MA, the Farmington Valley Quilt Guild is entitled to select one quilt to display in the Museum's Biennial Summer Celebration exhibit 2021. Our Quilt Show Committee voted to support this exhibit as a way to promote our guild and the quilting skills of our members. Our Guild Board and our Quilt Show Committee together will choose one quilt to be exhibited at the NEQM and one runner-up from our Sew Beautiful Quilt Show 2020. There will be a box to check on our registration form if you wish your quilt to be considered for this competition. Please note that the quilt must be available from May, 2021, through September, 2021.

For more information and criteria set by the NEQM and FVQI, please look on our website, fvquilter.org. If you have any questions or reservations about entering, just get in touch with

Phyllis Small (phyl@phyllissmall.com) or Maureen Hulsart (musiconthestreet@comcast.net).

Half Square Triangle Swap

Detailed instructions, rules and pictures are on the website.
Diane Francini , popinct@comcast.net,
Judy Prohaska, jpro4@prodigy.net

Retreats

Fall Retreat 2020: scheduled for Wed, Nov 4 - Sun, Nov 8.

June Challenge

This year we will be taking our inspiration from nature. Pick your favorite plant or flower. Then use that to inspire a quilted item. Since we had so much fun guessing last year, bring a picture of your inspiration and we'll all try to guess which quilt goes with it. As always it must be quilted and finished, but can be any size or shape.
Questions? See Diane Calkin, dlcalkin@gmail.com

Friendship Block

March 2020 – Oh Susannah!
May 2020 – Chicken
See Website for details and directions or contact Linnea Amodio.

Show and Tell for December

February 2020
Connie Beilstein - Pencil me in.
Terri Cook - Deer panel - Embroidered - Dancing diamonds - Flip flops - Tula Pink funky prints-Vests.
Debbie Crosset - Kitty and Me - Hole in the barn door.
Susan Elliott - Mile -a- Minute - Stool.
Lynn Porri - Memories.
Donna Gosselin - Storm at Sea.
Amy Grossberg - when you wish....
Karen Kebinger - Peace ticket to ride - Peace panel - Peace Dove - Peace Quilt.
Michelle Palmer - 2 Scrap quilts.
Jan Porri - Milestones - 3 Neo natal quilts.
Rita Rehm - Vintage Crazy hexagons quilt.
Phillis Small - Making tracks - Lines and Dots a Neo natal quilt.
Pam Stenman - Poohs paws - Pooh diaper bag.

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.

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 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH RT. 20 in East Granby Center. The 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30AM.

ALL ARE WELCOME. Ad 12/19

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

Working Treadle Machine

We received an offer via our website for a working treadle machine.

Donated to the Guild for members teaching members or displays at quilt shows, etc.

Anyone interested can contact the owner, Rowena York, at 860-658-

2153 york333@comcast.net

Closings and Cancellations

Due to Eno Memorial Hall policy, our meetings are canceled whenever Simsbury Public Schools are closed or have an early dismissal. Late openings do not affect our meetings. Please tune into TV and radio for that information. We will also try to send an email to members when possible.

Reimbursements/Deposits

As a result of the audit we underwent in the fall the process for requesting reimbursements and depositing funds have been updated. Both transactions now require a form to be submitted, both forms are available on the website. The expense reimbursement form should be accompanied by receipts and documentation. If you have any questions please let me know.

Katha Kerr, Treasurer

Quilters Needed

The Sew Thankful Quilters who make Quilts of Valor at the Avon Congregational Church would love to have you join us either regularly or whenever you can. Quilts of Valor is an opportunity to provide a quilt to the men and women who have served our country and have been touched by war. It is a tangible thank you for their service, sacrifice and valor. We have the supplies, we just need your time and talents. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from **9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at 6 West Main St., Avon.** Please call or email me if you have questions, Susan Elliott, 860-658-0863, shseliott@sbcglobal.net.

Quilts2Heal provides comfort and healing through quilts created for those who have suffered a loss, illness, or challenge in their lives. Sew days scheduled at Sew Inspired, Simsbury for: Tuesdays 3/24, 4/7, 4/21, 5/12, 5/26, 6/9 and Friday 6/19. All sew days are in the studio at Sew Inspired from 10a.m.- 4p.m. Please join us or just drop in to say hi. Bring just yourself or come with your sewing machine and supplies. ALL ARE WELCOME:

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/](https://www.quilts2heal.org/)

Meetings

March 18th - CANCELLED

April 15th

May 20th

Guest Fee

There is a \$10.00 Guest Fee at Guild Meetings with paid speakers or dinners. Any guest who joins the guild that night will not have to pay the guest fee.

Show and Tell

Get a jump on completing the Show and Tell form. Look for the Form on the Website under Members only.

Treasurer's Report

If you are interested in the monthly treasurer's report, visit the guild website.

Quilting Events in the Area

Please be sure to check for cancellations

Pieces of American History: Connecticut Quilts Oct 11,2019 to May 16, 2020
Connecticut Historical Society Exhibit with about 30 quilts ranging from last quarter of eighteenth century to present day.

Great American Road Trip

The Great American Road Trip art quilt series will be on display the the Mill 180 Indoor Park in Easthampton MA March 14 - April 6 2020

Fiber Three Ways

Mill 180 Park Easthampton MA April 3-26

Opening Reception April 3rd 6-9 pm (part of the Easthampton Art Walk)

Fiber Three Ways showcases three artists all using fiber in very different ways to create art with non-traditional and innovative approaches to their mediums.

Dawn Allen, Laura Bundesen, and Katherine McClelland formed a professional artist group three years ago. <https://dawnallen.net/events>

Winchester Center Congregational Church Quilt and Needle Arts Show April 25 & 26, 2020

Winchester Center Congregational Church

1 West Rd, Corner of Route 263, Winchester Center, CT 06094

<http://www.winchestercentercongregation.org/>

Pieces of Time Quilt Show

Presented by Pioneer Valley Quilters Guild

Saturday, May 2nd, 2020, 10-5 Sunday, May 3rd, 2020, 10-4

Elks Lodge #61, 440 Tiffany St., Springfield, MA

www.pvquilt.org

Northern Star Quilters Guild World of Quilts May 2-3, 2020

Western CT State University West Side Campus O'Neill Center

43 Lake Avenue Ext. Danbury CT

<https://www.northernstarquilters.com>

Wayside Quilters Auction

April 6, 2020

St. Anne's in the Field 147 Concord Road, Lincoln, MA

<http://waysidequilters.org/index.html>

Quilters Connection 3rd Bi-Annual Auction

April 30, 2020

St. James Armenian Church 465 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown MA 02472

<https://www.quiltersconnection.org>

Quilting Events in the Area Cont'd

Local Color 4: Rails, Roads & Rivers.

From Saturday March 21 through April 25, 2020, the Windsor Art Center will host the art quilt exhibition, A juried show, artists in the Connecticut region of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) have submitted these quilts for display and judging. They reveal a broad range of metaphors evoked by this year's theme of human-built and nature-carved modes of movement and transportation and the people who build and/or use them. Participating artists have explored the theme's variety of meanings, images and experiences and have interpreted the theme in their own unique way. In their quilts, they employ metaphors denoting connection, journey, coming and going, liquid vs solid, trips, and travels and more.



Opening reception and Meet the Artists: Saturday, March 21, 2020, 5-7pm.

Chelmsford Quilters' Guild 2020 Quilt Show May 9 - 10, 2020

Chelmsford Senior Center 75 Groton Road, North Chelmsford, MA 01863
<http://www.chelmsfordquiltguild.com/>

Material Girls Quilt Guild Quilt Show June 19-20, 2020

Boys & Girls Club of Fitchburg & Leominster 365 Lindell Avenue, Leominster, MA
<http://www.materialgirlsquiltguild.org>

Shining Tides Quilt Guild's Quilt Show "Old Cape Cod" June 20 and 21, 2020

VFW Hall #3260 Poirier Post, 281 Appleton St., New Bedford, MA
<http://www.shiningtidesquiltguild.com>

Vermont Quilt Festival June 24 - 27, 2020

Champlain Valley Exposition 105 Pearl St, Essex Junction VT 05452
<https://vqf.org/home/>

Membership

We have a strong membership, but we want all new members to feel welcome. Please be sure to greet new members and wear your name tag so everyone will get to know each other. It is wonderful to see that we have members from beginners to experts and everyone can learn something new. Please invite your friends to become members, they can send their Membership dues (\$12.50 now that we are in the second half of the year) to:

FVQI
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 dlcalkin@gmail.com

2019-2020 Board Members

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Quilt Show Chair	Maureen Hulsart

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 needs a cheer card or sympathy card from the Guild. If you do, please contact Kathy Lettieri (860-651-8330) or any board member. Kathy's e-mail is kbakerl@att.net

2019-2020 Committee Members

ABC Quilts	Peggy Thomsen
	Kathie Fallon
Fabric Swap Box	Marilyn Webber
Friendship Blocks	Linnea Amodio
Hospitality	Donna Gosselin
	Lynn Veith
	Marie Knapps
June Challenge	Diane Calkin
Library	Lois Palmer
	Anne Dodge
	Kitty Vangunten
Mystery Night	Debbie Lovejoy
Neonatal Quilts	Alberta Culley
	Kathy Lettieri
Sunshine	Diane Francini
Half Sq Triangle Swap	Judy Prohaska
	Susan Gauvain
Photographer	Christine Zepp
Retreat – Fall	Christine Zepp
Retreat – Spring	Susan Elliott
CT Hang-a-Quilt-Day	Connie Beilstein

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