

May 2025 Newsletter

President's Letter

Greetings from you President. First, some Administrative items:

* Having trouble registering a quilt for the FV show? Help is here! Plan on attending our June meeting and bring your quilt (in any stage of construction). We will have fellow quilters there to help you, from taking pictures to registration. Even if you have one block finished-just provide the finished dimensions. Let's make this show our best!

* We vote, at our May meeting, for our new officers. Look for the slate in this newsletter. What does the slate really mean — you have ONE YEAR to gear yourself up to serve on the executive board. We need you! Pair with a friend. No need to serve alone. No special skills needed.

* Our June meeting will have show and tells for: 1) on-line mystery quilt, 2) needle cases for the show 3) work you would like to showcase to the guild.

And now a personal greeting from your President.

I have been cleaning my sewing room. I know, crazy right? Better to let sleeping dogs lie. But when I can't find things I know I have....well, it's now time to call it a mess and start to bring order to the place.

In going through all that is clutter, I am going down a quilting memory lane. Sometimes that is a good trip. It is exciting to still be thrilled by a pattern and then you remember buying the fabric (the shop long out of business) and you hope you bought enough! Finding projects that are still excite me and I know I will finish, it fun. but also But then there are those projects that question your sanity and make you say, "whatever was I thinking?" Now that's a lane of a different kind. I have quite a few of those. My energy level must have been sky high at one point! Some of these patterns are complicated. Way past my attention span these days.

Look for some of these at the free table. Maybe they will spark your quilting joy!

Here's hoping your quilting energy is high. Keep on quilting!

Sincerely,
Ellyn Mansfield, FV, President

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Nominations for the Farmington Valley Quilters- Board Members 2025-2026

The Nominating Committee would appreciate your review of the following proposed slate of officers for the 2025-2026 term of office. We will be voting for these candidates at the meeting on May 21, 2025. We have one open position for a Membership Co-Chairperson. Please let Kathi Maglia know if you would like to volunteer for this role. All other positions have been filled.

Farmington Valley Quilters-

Proposed Executive Board Members 2025-2026

President	Ellyn Mansfield
Vice President	Maureen Hulsart
Treasurer	Chris Murray
Secretary	Diane Bray
Programs Co-Chair	Paula Baczyk
Programs Co-Chair	Kathy Gale
Newsletter Editor	Diane Calkin
Membership Co-Chair	Gail Burk
Membership Co-Chair	Open
Social Programs	Maria Gerard
Web Master	Kitty Vangunten
Quilt Show Co-Chairs	Jan Porri, Kathi Maglia, Pam Stenman

Non-Voting Members:

Publicity/Photography	Bridget Shanley
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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.

Chris Murray Treasurer.

Membership

There was a great turnout of 82 members and 29 guests for our April meeting featuring Guicy Guice. His presentation was fun and his inspiration for fabric design very interesting. Two new members joined that night, Pamela Gigle and Eileen Moniz, bringing the membership to 115.

Pam and Gail welcome your questions.

Pam Stenman

Gail Burk

Mystery Quilt

Hi all, in 2025 rather than having a Mystery Night, we are going to do a Mystery Quilt starting in January with the goal to have your project completed and ready to show at the June Meeting. We will post clues on the website every week under the Members Section Mystery Quilt Block. This will leave you with plenty of time to complete the project in time for the June Meeting and to enter your finished quilt in the quilt show!

Check out the Website for the Fabric Requirements and the first step to get started! If you have any questions, please reach out to either of us. Remember that fabrics should be distinctly different coordinating colors of the same shade or different coordinating colors!

Pam Stenman & Rose Day

Retreats

The fall retreat will be October 29 - November 2, 2025 at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton Connecticut. The retreat is an excellent opportunity to get to know your fellow guild members, sew to your hearts content and enjoy somebody else's cooking. If you haven't been on a retreat I encourage you to try it out, each person has their own room with a twin size bed (unless you want to share a room) and a 6' table in the sewing room. Meal service begins with dinner Thursday.

Cost for the retreat is:

Wednesday-Sunday, \$390

Thursday-Sunday, \$340

Sign ups are in progress and a few spots remain, your non-refundable \$100 deposit holds your spot. Please make checks payable to FVQI. If you would like to sign up but won't be at the meeting please let me know, I can put you on the list and you can mail a check to: Farmington Valley Quilters, PO Box 172, Weatogue CT 06089 Your spot is not held until your check is received.

Registration will open to non-guild members June 1, 2025.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Katha

Programs and Workshops

Spring 2025

A PDF printout of programs is available on our website: FVQuilter.org

Please contact Joanne Farrell or Calli at calli@fvquilter.org with questions about these programs or suggestions for future speakers. Fall programs are being finalized and will be shared in the May Newsletter!

Program Description	About the Presenter
<p>Jill Staubitz: Weaver Trunk Show Wednesday Evening, May 21st</p> <p>Jill fell in love with weaving about twelve years ago, when she retired from my career as a graphic designer. She became a weaving artisan for the Hartford Artisans Weaving Center and began teaching as well as weaving her own creations. In her professional life as a weaver, her work has appeared in Long Thread Media's Handweavers and Little Looms magazines. She has taught workshops around the US and has been a presenter at HGA's Spinning and Weaving Week, as well as designing weaving patterns for WEBS.</p> <p>In recent years, she has discovered that the parallels between quilting and weaving strongly appeal to her as a designer. She is passionate about the endless array of beautiful colors and patterning in quilting, as she is about creating patterns through weaving. Jill is always excited about the potential for artistic expression and love combining beautiful fabrics into what she thinks of as collaging with cloth.</p> <p>NOTE: There will not be a workshop.</p>	 <p>Home FINAL Modern Weaver</p>

Socials

From the Socials Chair:

- ❖ For both the **May** and **June** meetings, in preparation for the Quilt Show, we will be offering help photographing your quilt entries and submitting them through the online program. Several folks have asked for help, and we have heard you. Bring your finished quilts and/or finished tops that you plan on entering and we will help you in any way we can. **Come early** – we will be set up to help from **6:15-7:00**

We are in the midst of planning the grand finale for the Guild's year of meetings...**The June Social!** There are some fun activities planned SO mark your calendars.

- ❖ There will be FOOD. So, when the sign-up sheet comes around during the May meeting be sure to sign-up to bring either an appetizer or dessert.
- ❖ **Remember** that the Mystery Quilts will be revealed and the June Challenges will be displayed. Don't forget to participate!
- ❖ Lastly, we will offer an opportunity for you to explore your creative what, why, how and when through quilting. What gives you joy? Why do you make quilts? How does it make you feel? How does it support your mental wellbeing? When you finish a project you love, what makes it feel meaningful?

Guild Library

From the Guild Librarians:

Each month, we feature special items from the Guild Library to pique interest. The list of items available in the Guild Library is on the members portion of the FVQ website. If you find something interesting let Anne Dodge (annedodge71@gmail.com) know and it will be waiting for you at the next Guild meeting.

This month there are three books that showcase fantastic traditional, modern and art quilts from a wide array of quilters worldwide. These books don't have a whole lot of text but are just a beautiful feast for the eyes and may very well spur on your own creativity. Also, one of these books includes quilts made by one of our own Guild members. Your challenge is to figure out who it is.

500 Art Quilts: An Inspiring Collection of Contemporary Work, edited by Ray Hemachandra, Lark Books, 2010.

1000 Quilt Inspirations: Colorful and Creative Designs for Traditional Modern and Art Quilts, by Sandra Sider, Quarry Books, 2015.

Masters: Art Quilts, Major Works by Leading Artists, by Martha Sielman, Lark Books, 2008.

June Challenge

At our last quilt show needle cases were a big seller. So the challenge is to make needle cases for the Boutique table. There will be a sweet treat for each needle case made. Check on line for You Tube instructions and pinterst for lots of ideas.

Diane Calkin. dcalcalkin@gmail.com

ABC Quilts

ABC Quilt report

Binding was sewn on the ABC quilts at the February Meeting.

Kathie Fallon, Lynda Cook and 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 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

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. If you've ever wondered about this museum, check them out on YouTube where you'll find informative videos on current happenings.

Fabric to Fabulous!

FARMINGTON VALLEY QUILTERS

2025 QUILT SHOW

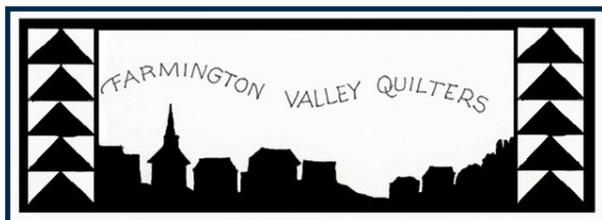


2025 Raffle Quilt

*Quilt submissions open to members
and non-members.*

Visit our website to register:

fvquilter.org



Saturday, September 20

10-5

Sunday, September 21

10-4

- ♦ 200+ Quilts
- ♦ Raffle Quilt
- ♦ Basket Raffles
 - ♦ Vendors
- ♦ Free Parking

Kingswood Oxford School

Hoffman Field House

832 Trout Brook Dr

West Hartford CT



**KINGSWOOD
OXFORD**

\$15 admission

12 & under free

Special display of

"The Farmington

River Quilt"

Quilt Show: Fabric to Fabulous!

Fabric to Fabulous Quilt Show Update

Our Subcommittees are hard at work lining up all the behind-the-scenes work that needs to be done. Now we need your help to make the Show successful with the following:

- 1) **Quilt Registration is our most important priority right now.** It looks very sparse. Please register your quilts so we can get a count of how many quilts we have to display. There is no fee and no limit to the number of quilts members can enter.

The link to register is on the FVQuilters home page. <https://www.fvquilter.org/>

Click on the Quilt Show Registration tab and the form will pop up and ask you for information and a picture. Please complete a separate form for EACH quilt you are submitting. Although there is no limit to the number of quilts you can enter, please understand that due to space limitations, you may be asked to prioritize your submissions. You must enter a picture of your quilt at the same time you register it. You will receive an email with a copy of this completed form after you submit it.

Please note: we are providing extra assistance for registration at our May 21st and June 18th meetings. Bring your quilt and information about it and we will help you register them **in person** from 6:15-7:00 before our meeting starts.

Quilts by non-members are limited to three entries with a fee of \$25 per quilt.

If you have any problems completing the form, please email Rose at Rosemarie.J.Day@gmail.com with your questions.

Don't wait until the last minute to register! QUILTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 6PM on July 15, 2025.

- 2) Quilting Books and recent quilting magazines may be dropped off at Maureen Hulsart's house (or covered porch). She is at 16 Milburn Drive in Bloomfield.
- 3) Keep making items for the Boutique and turn them into Diane and Paula at the meetings.
- 4) Post the flyers on your Social Media pages and in local establishments.
- 5) Continue selling Raffle Tickets. Monies are due on or before the September meeting. THANKS!

Raffle Baskets

We are still collecting goodies for the baskets for the Quilt Show. Bring things you think might work for the gift baskets to the May meeting. Basket people, please check the table for things to fill out your baskets. Please hold books and magazines for the June meeting.

Donna Gosselin & Kathie Fallon

Quilt Show: Fabric to Fabulous! (cont'd)

Be a Volunteer!

Hi All, time is flying and the Fabric to Fabulous Quilt Show will be here before we know it and we are now open for Quilt Registration and Volunteer Sign Up! We need all of your help to fill the show with your beautiful creations as well as to sign up for helping to staff various show positions. Quilt Registration will take you to a Google Form where you answer the questions, attach a file of a picture of your quilt and submit. A new form is needed for each quilt and you will receive a confirmation email from Google Forms (forms-receipts-noreply@google.com). Check your Spam or Junk folder for the confirmation if you don't receive it within a couple of minutes after your submission as it may have gone there.

Please use the links below to start registering your Quilts and to select your Volunteer role(s) and time slots. Volunteer roles are setup in various time slots from Friday evening for setup to manning tables during the show on Saturday and Sunday and finally Take Down and Quilt Returns on Sunday. Time slots are 2 or 2.5 hours per slot and we need to fill all the slots in order to run the show so we need every member that is able to volunteer for one or more of the slots. The volunteer positions fall into the below categories:

Transport Quilts to the Venue on Setup Day
Setup
Layout
Take Down
Quilt Returns
Staffing Various Guild Tables During the show such as:
Admissions
Info Booth
Boutique
Raffle Baskets
Raffle Quilt
Books
White Glove

Links for Registration and Volunteer Sign Up:

[Quilt Show Registration](#)

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Neonatal Quilts

Committee: Linda Johnson, Kitty Vangunten, Maureen Hulsart

We continue to have a good selection of fabric for our neonatal quilts. Caroline donated some beautiful fabric for you to use. Please stop by and pick up some fabric, batting and a label. Fifteen quilts were donated at our last meeting. If you have questions, please contact anyone on the Neonatal Committee. Thank you for your continued support.

Friendship Blocks

Share your sewing with your guild friends.
Instructions are on the website and also the link below

Free Play Triangles - Due at May Meeting

<http://tinyurl.com/2024FVQfriendshipblock>

Questions-email Linnea (neaya@aol.com)

Sew Thankful Quilters

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 June 2, 10:00 – 2:30 Sew Inspired Quilt Shop, 8 Wilcox St. Simsbury

Tuesday June 3, 9:00 – 3:00 St Andrews Church Hall, 128 Norwich Ave, Colchester

If you can, please bring your machine, rotary cutter, scissors

PLEASE let us know if you can attend this sew day...for an hour or two, or for the day...It helps greatly in planning when we know who is coming!

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

Granbees Quilt Guild

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

Free Westalee rulers, most likely the starter package plus a couple of other rulers. 1/25
Please email me at: ssschrader@comcast.net if interested. Sandi

For sale: Extension table originally for Baby Lock Quest (23.5 x 19.75 inches) \$20 Contact Gail Burk for 2/25
details on how this might fit your machine. gajburk@aol.com

For Sale: I have a Tiara Baby Lock sit down longarm machine complete with table, stitch regulator, 5/25
bobbin winder plus manual. Hardly used purchased from Close to Home. I'm looking for 1200.00 for
everything. Margaret Dooley-Duncan

Quilting Events in the Area

GHQG Quilt Show

Every Quilt Tells a Story

June 7-8, 2025,

Howell Cheney Technical High School

791 West Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06040

GHQG.org

Art Evolved: Intertwined

March 1 – August 31, 2025

Fuller Craft Museum

455 Oak Street, Brockton, MA 02301

<https://fullercraft.org/>

The Denim Project

April 4 - June 27 2025

Central Library in Copley Square

700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA

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

Quilt Frenzy 2025 Retreats

June 6-8 - July 13-15 - Nov 7-9

Lakeside CT

Mecheal D. Hamilton, Quilt Friendly Organizer, 860-463-1608

Threads of Time presented by Capital Quilters Guild

June 27 - 28, 2025

Rundlett Middle School

144 South Street, Concord, NH

<http://www.capitalquiltersguild.com/index.html>

A Vermont Quilt Sampler

June 28 – September 1, 2025

69 Old River Road, Woodstock, VT 05091

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

Maine Quilts 2025

July 23 – 26, 2025

Augusta Civic Center

76 Community Dr., Augusta, ME 04330

<https://mainequilts.org/maine-quilts-2025/>

Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod's 2025 quilt show –

"Everything Old is New Again"

July 30 – August 1, 2025

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

<https://bayberryquiltersofcapecod.com/>

Starry, Starry Night Quilt Show

Sept. 20 – 21, 2025

Benjamin Friedman Middle School

500 Norton Ave, Taunton, MA

Note: Judged Show

<https://silvercityquiltguild.wixsite.com/silvercityquilts>

Freedom Quilting Bee Legacy invites you to join us in celebrating the artistry and history of the **Gee's Bend Quilters** for the **4th Annual Airing of the Quilts Festival**, happening October 4, 2025, Boykin AL

"Quilting in the Land of Milk & Honey" Quilt Show

October 11-12, 2025

Middlebury Recreation Center

154 Creek Rd, Middlebury, VT 05753

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

Chickadee Quilters "Fall into Quilting" 44th Annual Quilt Show

October 12 - 13, 2025

Stevens Brook Elementary School

14 Frances Bell Dr, Bridgton, ME 04009

<https://sites.google.com/view/chickadeequiltshow/>

Ninigret Quilters 2025 Quilt Show: Fall Splendor

October 17-19, 2025

Westerly Armory

41 Railroad Avenue, Westerly, RI 02891

<https://ninigretquilters.blogspot.com/p/quilt-show-2025.html>

Newsletter Submissions

Due the **Thursday** before the Wednesday Guild Meeting. Submit to dlcalkin@gmail.com
Submissions for next newsletter due June 12, 2025.

2024-2025 Board Members

President	Ellyn Mansfield
Vice President	Kathi Maglia
Membership	Pam Stenman, Gail Burk
Secretary	Keri Livingston
Treasurer	Chris Murray
Programs	Joanne Farrell Caroline Berman
Newsletter Editor	Diane Calkin
Publicity	Bridget Shanley
Social Programs	Anne Dodge
Webmaster	Kitty Vangunten
Quilt Show Chairs 2025	Jan Porri, Kathi Maglia, Pam Stenman

2024-2025 Committee Members

ABC Quilts	Lynda Cook Kathie Fallon
Fabric Swap Box Friendship Blocks	Margaret Dooley-Duncan Linnea Amodio Katha Kerr
Hospitality	Donna Gosselin Marie Knapps Diane Calkin
June Challenge Library	Anne Dodge Lois Palmer Kitty Vangunten
Mystery Night Neonatal Quilts	Rose Day, Anne Dodge Maureen Hulsart Kitty Vangunten
Sunshine Photographer Retreats CT Hang-a-Quilt-Day	Linda Johnston Kathy Lettieri Bridget Shanley Katha Kerr

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