



June 2024 Newsletter

President's Letter

Hello Quilters!

Hard to believe it's June – and the end of another wonderful year of sharing, learning, and celebrating our love of quilting is coming to a close. This month, we enjoy some wonderful social time, a few surprises, and the big reveal for our June Challenge. I'm sure many of you are putting your final stitches on your entries – I'm looking forward to seeing your creativity!

As I reflect on the past year, I want to **thank you** for your support – it has been an honor to serve as your Guild President. We have lots to be proud of this year – we asked for your feedback and, as a result, put many changes in place to improve the flow of our meetings, decrease redundancy, modernize a bit more, and look for ways to become more efficient in how we run the Guild. Lot's accomplished – lot's more to consider! I'm super excited for our year ahead and wish you all a relaxed Summer with your family and friends!

I would also like to **thank our hard-working Board of Directors and Committee Chairs** for their commitment, focus, and willingness to go above and beyond to fill the gaps this year. Without an active Board and Committees, our guild simply would not run. Please take a moment at our June Social to thank them!

A few reminders...

- **GET INVOLVED!!!** Volunteer for a Committee – every helping hand makes a difference! This is your Guild, contribute a little and the reward is HUGE! As my mother often told me, many hands make light work. So true...
- If you have **signed up for an early Fall program workshop, please bring your payment** (or mail it to our PO Box) to the June meeting. We require payment in advance of the workshop to secure your seat!
- Be sure to **review our upcoming programs** in the Fall, many exciting opportunities to learn and grow your skills.
- We are going to start **delivering our Newsletter** via the website in September 2024! More details will be provided as we get closer. If you have any questions, please email, or speak to Diane Calkin, Ellyn Mansfield, or me at the meeting.

Hope your quilting journey continues to take you to wonderful new places!

Caroline

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Membership

Hi all, we had two new members join the guild at our May meeting, Paula Baczyk and Anita Farquhar. Please welcome them when you see them! With these additions, we currently have 115 members. As always, if you have any questions about the guild, please reach out to Gail or Pam.

Gail Burk, Pam Stenman

Treasurer's Update

All the Guild accounts are balanced and in good order. The Board has approved the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year which starts on July 1st. The Budget document shows the 2023-24 budget so that you can see a comparison. Also, there is a Budget projection for 2025-26 so that you can get an idea of where we **may** be heading financially. It is available on the Members Only section of the Guild Website. Look under the tab that says "Minutes/Treasurer/Budget. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know at annedodge71@gmail.com. Anne Dodge, Treasurer.

Friendship Blocks

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

[Tinyurl.com/FVQfriend2023](https://tinyurl.com/FVQfriend2023)

Questions-email Linnea (neaya@aol.com) or Katha (kkerr8994@yahoo.com)

ABC Quilts

The ABC Committee wishes you a wonderful summer. Rest up for new quilt squares in the fall.
Peggy Thomsen & Kathie Fallon

Retreats

Sign ups for the fall retreat, October 30 - November 3 at Incarnation Center are in progress, a NONREFUNDABLE deposit of \$100 will hold your spot, please make checks payable to FVQI. The balance will be due no later than the September meeting. Cost for 4 nights is \$390 (Wednesday-Sunday), 3 nights is \$340 (Thursday - Sunday), meal service begins with Thursday dinner.

If you haven't been to the retreat, it is a great way to get to know other guild members.

If there is enough interest we can schedule chair massages, please let me know if you are interested.

I will also schedule Anthony for machine cleaning/servicing.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Katha

Guild Library

From the Guild Library:

Each month, we like to feature one special book from the Guild Library to pique interest. We are embarking on a long, lazy, warm summer and you might be thinking of projects or techniques that you might like to explore while on the road, at the beach, or just home. The Guild Library is full of books that teach techniques and skills that fit that bill. So, check out the Guild Library list 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 June meeting.

The book featured this month is made for those long summer days.

Quilting On The Go: English Paper Piecing Projects You Can Take Anywhere, by Jessica Alexandrakis. Potter Craft, 2013.

English Paper Piecing (EPP) is a method of hand piecing quilt blocks that has its roots in the 1770's and found popularity in England in the 1800's. It is a technique that lends itself beautifully to curling up on the couch, sitting on the beach, or visiting with friends. This book gives information on building a complete portable sewing kit, tools that are needed, selecting fabrics, techniques to build blocks, and plenty of suggested projects and quilts to work on. If this is a quilting technique that is enticing to you, then this is a perfect way to start!

Quilt Show

Quilt show...Still looking for suggestions for the name of our show. Hope you're all busy getting those quilts done. Also, gift basket people... not too early to decide on themes for the baskets. Lots of time to collect goodies for them. Please reach out.

Thanks...
Jan Porri

June Challenge

Bring your finished project to the June meeting!

There will be a small participation award.

Each year we offer guild members a quilting challenge. This year's challenge topic is Endangered Species. You must pick an animal(s) from the World Wildlife Fund list. Then use that to inspire a quilted item. As always it must be quilted and finished, but can be any size or shape.

Questions? See Diane Calkin, dlcalkin@gmail.com

Programs and Workshops

A PDF Printout of programs is available on our Website: FVQuilter.org

Farmington Valley Quilt Guild Programs - Fall 2024 -

Please contact Joanne Farrell or Caroline Berman with any questions about these programs or suggestions for future speakers.

September 18, 2024- Satomi Hoar - Trunk Show

Satomi Hoar is a modern traditional quilt pattern designer and a Bernina Ambassador. She hails from rural northern Japan and currently resides in beautiful Northwest Connecticut with her husband and two children. Satomi began quilting about eleven years ago when her mother-in-law, an experienced quilter originally from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, offered to teach her.



[Satomi Quilts - Modern Quilt Patterns](#)

Her goal is to create quilt patterns that everyone can enjoy, sharing her passion for using a variety of colors in each quilt and bringing joy through creativity. In fact, she was selected as one of the BERNINA USA brand ambassadors in the Class of 2021. Inspired by her daily life and the world around her, Satomi designs quilts that reflect her unique perspective and creativity which she will showcase them for us during a Trunk Show.

September 21, 2024 (Saturday)- Reverse Applique Workshop- \$50, plus \$15 material fee (due at class)

Please sign up at the June meeting and bring a check for \$50.00 made out to FVQ and give it to Joanne Farrell.

The Workshop will be held at The Quilted Ewe, 37 Greenwoods Rd, New Hartford, CT from 9:30-4:00.

Reverse Applique is a great technique to showcase and make your work original. You will work with multiple templates to make the dandelion motif applique on a large piece of background fabric. You will learn how to trace the motif on the fabric, use freezer paper as an outline to make the shapes, fold the applique seam in place nicely, and baste and sew the applique. By project completion, you will be confident with the technique!



Bring your sewing machine. A materials list will be emailed to you prior to the class.

October 16, 2024 – Sue Michaels - Trunk Show

Sue Michaels is the owner and creative spirit of *Dragonfly Fiberart*. She's a former member of the Farmington Valley Quilt Guild. A life-long fiber junky, Sue started her sewing and crafting addiction at the industrious young age of four! She started seriously quilting and crafting about 30 years ago, joining the craft show circuit in the 1990's, where she exhibited a wide variety of hand sewn craft items.



Sue enjoys teaching workshops and classes, as well as developing her own unique designs and patterns which she will share with us. She's always exploring new quilting and crafting trends and techniques to keep her creative ideas fresh and innovative. Her Fast & Fabulous Pattern Card series (a low-cost alternative to traditional paper patterns) is just one example of how her products are helping quilting enthusiasts create fabulous fiber masterpieces in the least amount of time possible.

Programs and Workshops (cont'd)

A PDF Printout of programs is available on our Website: FVQuilter.org

October 17, 2024 –Workshop: The Newporter Tote Bag

Please sign up at the June or September meeting and bring a check for \$57.50 made out to FVQ and give it to Joanne Farrell.

The Workshop will be held from 9:30-4:00 at the Quilted Ewe, 37 Greenwoods Rd, New Hartford, CT.

The Newporter Tote is big and roomy with 6 pockets inside, an outside flap pocket and a sunglass/water bottle pocket. Perfect for medium to large scale prints. Patterns will be given to each attendee.

Pre-class prep sheets will be sent in advance to each attendee.



November 20, 2024 – Valarie Poitier –Presentation: Promote Your Work, Without Apologizing

Valerie encourages individuals to transform how they think about themselves as artists and the works they create--to review how they speak about their work and present themselves. No matter your level of experience or quilting style Valerie will inspire you to be fulfilled by making beautiful quilts. She urges quilters to step up their game and broaden their playing fields. After listening to her presentation, you will be able to do this and more, without apologizing!

Valerie completed her first quilt in 1971 and began professional training in 1981. Her textile work, which has been exhibited across the country and internationally, includes mixed media, collages and portraits, often depicting human rights issues

As a fiber artist Valerie's tools include thread, fibers, paint, glue, dyes, looms, machines, stream of conscious drawing, the study of emerging techniques, plundering old magazines and books for the tried-and-true techniques, guts and courage. She creates from the heart and puts so much of herself and thoughts into the piece that you must look beyond the obvious to behold the full banquet.



VALARIEPOITIER.COM

December 11, 2024- Farmington Valley Quilters Holiday Social

Socials

We will be having the summer sew ins again at the First Church of Christ, Simsbury, 689 Hopmeadow St on July 17th and August 21st from 9am - 3pm. Bring your machines, projects, and lunch and spend the day sewing and socializing. There is air conditioning, but no refrigerator or microwave. Cost is FREE. We will be passing a sign up sheet around for these events too so we have an idea of how many to expect.

Katha & Patti

Celebrating Quilting

Celebrating many, many years of quilting.

An exhibit of works by FVQ members will happen this September, just after Labor Day, through the end of October 2024.

If you would like to have some of your work (it does not need to be a bed quilt, any quilted item can be shown) in the exhibit, please contact me.

The display will be in the Friends of the Simsbury Library room.

I have spoken with some of you about having your items in the exhibit. I will be sending you an email regarding picking up your item.

If you have finally decided to show an item, the possibilities are endless!!!

I can *meet you to pick up your item *you can bring it to FV's June meeting, * I plan on being at both sew-ins this summer.

Let's make this happen. Let's show the public what types of work we do as a guild and get new members!

Let's have some fun! Thank you.

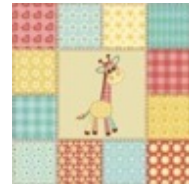
Ellyn Mansfield ELHMansfield@gmail.com 860-561-2878

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.

Neonatal Quilts

Committee: Darcy Grey Kitty Vangunten
 Linda Johnston Maureen Hulsart



Guild Membership has continued to support our Neonatal Quilt efforts with a total of 123 quilts donated to date. The St. Francis Hospital Neonatal Department is very appreciative of our donations and especially the parents who get to select a quilt to take home when they pick up their little bundle of joy at discharge.

We just want to review the requirements for Neonatal Quilts.

- ❖ Quilts should be 35 inches square to a maximum of 40 inches square
- ❖ Quilts should be quilted with good quality material and machine binding on the edge is preferred
- ❖ Please make sure your stitching is tight....a 2.0 to 2.5 stitch length to make sure little fingers don't get caught
- ❖ Quilts should be free of any loose strings

Farmington Valley Quilters' labels are available at the Neonatal table each month. If you don't remember to pick up a label, we will stitch a label on for you. Batting is also available at our table for anyone making a Neonatal quilt.

Thank you for your continued support!

Snowflake Bags



The Snowflake Shop
By Maureen Hulsart

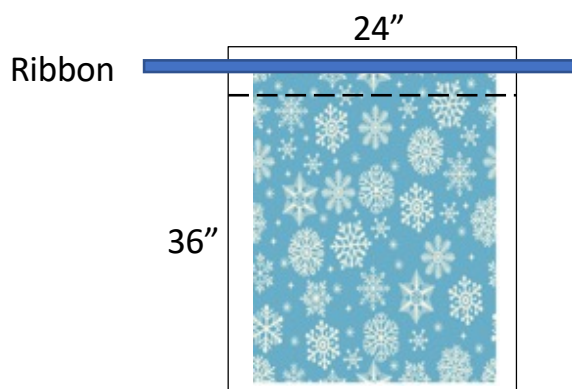
Two former members of our Quilt Guild have always held a soft spot in their hearts for the Snowflake Bag Project. I would like to share that last month, 81 Snowflake bags were delivered by our 'retired friends' toward our December donation to the Connecticut Children's Hospital. I can also share that last November, I had a huge box of Snowflake bags shipped to me from Wisconsin! They are dedicated and we are grateful for their on-going support.

That said, for the months of May and June, I will lay-out a variety of fabric for anyone to take who would like to make Snowflake Bags over the summer months.

We will also have ribbon available, cut to the appropriate size, for you to use as the drawstring. Feel free to look over the table and take what you need.

Here is specific information for making Snowflake bags.

- ❖ Sacks should be roughly 36"x 24"
- ❖ Ribbon is available on the Snowflake Table for the drawstring. Ribbon Preferred for tying.
- ❖ Holiday fabrics are appreciated but not mandatory. Children's prints or bags in solid colors... Blue, Green, Gold, etc. are welcomed.
- ❖ Bags to be collected monthly at the Snowflake Shop Table from September through November.....anticipated delivery to the Children's Hospital is early December.



Thank you for your support!

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

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: Tuesday June 18 9:00 - 2:30

St. Andrew 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

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.

For Sale:

AccuQuilt Studio System in excellent condition. Includes more than 30 dies (some never used), multiple trays and covers. Asking \$300 or best offer. Contact Caroline Berman @ 860-944-9566 or chbermanct@comcast.net if interested.

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FOR SALE:

Brand new Babylock Sashiko machine. Give your items the look of hand quilting without the wear and tear on your hands. My impulse buy... NEVER USED. Asking \$2,300. Downsizing sewing room.

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Jan Porri [860-680-1290](tel:860-680-1290)

Quilting Events in the Area

Small Quilts, Big Stories

June 5 – Sept. 22, 2024

Cahoon Museum of American Art
4676 Falmouth Road Cotuit, MA 02635

<https://cahoonmuseum.org/>

Joe Cunningham: Quilts for These Times

June 19 – September 15, 2024

Cahoon Museum of American Art
4676 Falmouth Road Cotuit, MA 02635

<https://cahoonmuseum.org/>

A Vermont Quilt Sampler at Billings Farm & Museum

June 29 – Sept. 2, 2024

Billings Farm & Museum

53 Elm Street, Woodstock, VT 05091

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

Chickadee 43rd Annual Quilt Show

July 13-14, 2024

Stevens Brook Elementary School

14 Frances Bell Dr Bridgton, ME 04009

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

Art Quilts to Dye For

July 20 to Aug 31, 2024

The Brush Art Gallery & Studios

256 Market Street, Lowell, MA 01852

<https://thebrush.org/>

Maine Quilts 2024

July 25 - 27, 2024

Augusta Civic Center

76 Community Dr., Augusta, Maine

<https://mainequilts.org/>

Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod's Annual Quilt Show

July 31 – August 2, 2024

Cape Cod Technical High School

351 Pleasant Lake Ave., Harwich, MA

<https://bayberryquiltersofcapecod.com/>

SCQG: Autumn Festival of Quilts

Sept. 14 – 15, 2024

Hawthorn Brook School

64 Brookline Rd (Rt 13), Townsend MA 01469

<https://squanicookquiltguild.com/>

With These Hands 2024: Herring Run Quilters' Guild

Sept. 21 – 22, 2024

Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield

37 Proprietors Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050

<https://www.herringrunquiltguild.com>

Bennington Quiltfest

Sept. 14 - 15, 2024

747 East Road, Bennington, VT 05201

<https://quietvalleyquilters.com/>

Confetti of Color - Courthouse Quilters Guild

September 27 to September 29

Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ.

<http://www.courthousequilters.org/quilts-in-the-mill-show.html>.

Boston Modern Quilt Guild Quilt Show

Sept. 28 - 29, 2024

Needham Town Hall - Powers Hall (2nd Floor)

1471 Highland Ave, Needham MA 02492

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

Wayside Quilt Show

Sept. 28 – 29, 2024

Lincoln-Sudbury High School

300 Lincoln Rd Sudbury, MA

<https://waysidequilters.org>

28th Quilt & Needle Art Show

Oct. 12 – 13, 2024

First Church of Christ

499 Town St., East Haddam, CT 06423

<https://sewmanysows.com/event/28th-quilt-needle-art-show-east-haddam-ct/>

Concord Piecemakers Quilt Show

Oct. 18 - 19, 2024

St. Matthews United Methodist Church

435 Central Street, Acton MA 01720

<http://concordpiecemakers.org/quilt-show/>

Celebrating 25 years of Friends and Quilting

Oct. 19, 2024

Whitman United Methodist Church

503 South Ave.

Whitman, MA 02382

<https://thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org>

Cocheco Quilt Show: Waves of Color

Nov. 16 - 17, 2024

James W. Foley Memorial Community Center

150 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH

<https://www.cochecoquilters.com/index.html>

Newsletter Submissions

Due the Friday before the Wednesday Guild Meeting. Submit to dlcalkin@gmail.com
Submissions for next newsletter due September 13, 2024. There are no summer newsletters.

2023-2024 Board Members

President	Caroline Berman
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2023-2024 Committee Members

ABC Quilts	Peggy Thomsen 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 Darcy Gray Kitty Vangunten Linda Johnston
Sunshine Photographer Retreats CT Hang-a-Quilt-Day	Kathy Lettieri TBD Katha Kerr Bernice Hovencamp, Keri Livingston

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