



February 2020 Newsletter

Hello Quilters,

I don't know about you, but right about now I am hoping for a little warmer weather and, as always, inspiration for my quilting. Last June I showed you my portrait quilt of Yayoi Kusama at Show and Tell. I love her polka dots, and I love making polka dot quilts.



This month I was lucky to see a wonderful exhibit of hers, LOVE IS CALLING, an immersive and kaleidoscopic Infinity Mirror Room, at the ICA (Institute of Contemporary Art) in Boston. That's me in the middle.

Besides me, Kusama has inspired many other fiber artists, and some of their work is shown with hers as well. I hope you get a chance to see this unusual piece of art. It will be at the ICA for another year. In any case find your own inspiration wherever it may be.

I am looking forward to seeing you at this month's service meeting. We have bindings to sew on two ABC quilts and we will have Show and Tell. There will be a short presentation by a guest from Artists for World Peace, and Connie Beilstein will present a slide show of last year's Hang a Quilt Day. Also, John and Barbara from New England Sewing will be here to sharpen our scissors. This is a great opportunity to get those dull scissors sharpened while we are having our meeting. The price is \$5/pair.

When you come to this month's meeting, you may want to bring your hand sewing kit, your Show and Tell items, a neonatal donation, and your scissors to be sharpened.

I hope I have inspired you to keep on quilting (work on your June Challenge and your Quilt Show submissions).

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Quilt Show

Quilt Show Report



Show Dates:
Sept 26th and 27th

Well, during these gray days of January and February, I am busy trying to finish a quilt to put in the show. I hope you all are doing the same. As you know, we need 200+ quilts and what makes a show interesting to me is diversity. Quilts displayed from many members would enhance the show; showing diversity, different tastes, different styles, different interest, etc. I hope that everyone will have a quilt in the show to exhibit our collective styles and skills.

We are in the process of distributing books marks to area quilt shops to get the word out about our show. In addition, our Raffle Quilt application has been submitted to the West Hartford Police Department and as soon as we receive approval, we will get raffle tickets printed.

I'm excited about our up-coming show and anticipate, with your help, we will have a successful show. Keep on Stitching _____ !

Raffle Baskets

Our members have generously volunteered to assume responsibility for TEN RAFFLE BASKETS for the quilt show! We can even use a few more for this popular fundraiser, if you are interested in volunteering.

Here are the baskets themes that members have already snatched-up:

Nature	For Kids Learning to Sew
Seasons	Pinkalicious
Sew Iron On	A Beautiful you
Art	Sew Baby
Sew Seeds	Basket 11 (theme TBD)
Sew Cute Cannine	

In addition, we have couple of ideas for additional Basket themes - Sew Italian; Cats; Sew Square, Kid (age 8-11). Of course, we always welcome you to choose a theme of your own.

If you would like to create a basket, please contact maureenegan@comcast.net. It's fun to work with another person or even two or three, too!

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!"

Thank you!

Your Raffle Basket Team Coordinators,

Lynn Veith lakesidequilting@gmail.com

Maureen Egan maureenegan@comcast.net

Programs and Workshops

February 19, 2020 – Service meeting plus Scissor Sharpening– We will be helping to bind ABC quilts. And...



SCISSOR SHARPENING



As part of the Programming this February, we have arranged for John from New England Sewing to attend our Guild meeting and sharpen scissors. The cost of sharpening scissors is \$5.00 each. So bring your sewing/quilting scissors to the meeting and you will leave with a fine-tuned pair of scissors!

March 18, 2020 – EdJohnetta Miller

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 out of doors 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.

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

The two ABC quilts will be at the February Service meeting ready for binding. Please join us and bring along your hand sewing supplies (needles, black thread and thread snips) to help us finish them off. Thanks for your continued support for the ABC quilt program, Peggy & Kathie

Neonatal Quilts

Your wonderful neonatal quilt and scent cloth contributions are always welcomed and inspiring. FVQ's commitment to the UCONN Neonatal Unit is an extremely rewarding as an ongoing service. What a way to convey love, comfort and concern to the families receiving our special gifts and lend support to the neonatal staff.

Please, please visit our table for batting and fabric. By creating scent cloths measuring 6" X 6" or 6" X 8" and quilts measuring no smaller than 36" X 36" or larger than 40" X 40" supports our noble mission. There are "tons" of fabric combo packets, thanks to Sally Sargent Markey, just waiting to be adopted. If you are looking for something specific please ask us.

Happy quilting,
Alberta Culley
Debbe Lovejoy

Guild Library News

The Guild Library has recently added these new books to the collection. They will be available for your pleasure at the January and February Guild meetings. Enjoy!

Quilts of Valor: A 50 State Salute, by Quilts Of Valor Foundation, Schiffer, 2018. (Loren Lett (nee Elliot) has a quilt in this book)

Kaffe Fassett's Brilliant Little Patchworks, by Kaffe Fassett, Taunton, 2015.

Create Your Own Improv Quilts, by Rayna Gillman, C&T Pub., 2017.

Inspiring Improv, by Nicholas Ball, Lucky Spool, 2019

Improv Patchwork: Dynamic Quilts Made With Line & Shape, by Maria Shell, StashBooks, 2017

Painted Applique: A New Approach, by Linda Poole, AQS, 2013

Japanese Quilting: Sashiko, by Hiromitsu Takano, Batsford, 2015

Sashiko: 20 Projects Using Traditional Japanese Stitching, by Jill Clay, GMC Pub., 2019.

Modern Art Quilts: Design, Fuse & Quilt-As-You-Go, by Sue Bleiweiss, Stashbooks, 2018. (Gift of the author at her Guild visit last October)

Inspired by the National Parks: Their Landscapes and Wildlife in Fabric Perspectives, by Donna Marcinkowski DeSoto, Schiffer, 2016

Half Square Triangle Swap

Detailed instructions, rules and pictures are on the website.

Diane Francini , popinct@comcast.net,

Judy Prohaska, jpro4@prodigy.net

Retreats

Spring Retreat March 04/05 - 08, 2020

Please remember to send your final payment to me by March 1st.

Checks should be made out to FVQ and mailed to me at:

235 Stratton Brook Road, West Simsbury, CT 06092

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Christine

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Home: 860-408-9222 Cell: 860-930-2841

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

January 2020

Connie Beilstein - A Quilt for Daniel.

Kathy Fallon and Lynn Veith - 1946 Treasures.

Sue Gauvain - Christmas Windowpane.

Darcy Gray - Map Quilts and Hometown series.

Elizabeth Lyman - Folded blocks Quilt - Garden Mandala.

Ingrid Nelson - Boys will be boys - A free motion study - Celebrate.

Judy Prohaska - New Zealand Kiwis - Coverlets

Peggy Thompson - Blessings of Fall - Bob Nerd.

Sue Underwood -Christmas Mice wall hanging.

Jean Williams - finished Quilt from Sue Bleiweiss class.

Presentation of a Surprise quilt for Zoe Ann Kaminski.

The quilt called Hand to Hand was designed and created by Darcy Gray, Kay Carver, Krystina Carver, Maureen Hulsart and quilted by Lynn Veith. Depicting all of Zoe Ann's favorite pastimes and given in love and thanks for volunteering her time Signing at the Monthly Guild Meetings.

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.

The criteria set by the NEQM and FVQI are as follows:

1. Entries must consist of 2 layers of fabric with a middle layer of batting. It must display quilting by machine and/or hand. Quilting is defined as a running stitch that passes through top, batting and backing. Tied quilts are not permitted.
2. No entries accepted made prior to 2018. No kits please. If not an original design, source of pattern must be supplied.
3. Quilts should be no larger than 80" wide by 88" long, and no smaller than 24" wide by 24" long. Quilts will be hung as space permits.
4. NEQM reserves the right, for whatever reason, to reject any quilt submitted.
5. All quilts, regardless of size, must have a 4" hanging sleeve sewn to the upper back of the quilt.
6. Information for a special label for the back of the quilt will be given to the winners at a later date (basically title, guild name, quilt maker's name, address, & phone number).
7. The quilt must be available from end of May (for photos) until the end of September, 2021.
8. No quilt may be withdrawn prior to the close of the exhibition in September, 2021.

A second opportunity will then be available to our guild. During the 2021 Summer Celebration Show at the NEQM, visitors to the museum will vote for their favorite quilt. This Viewer's Choice Award will determine which guild will have the ability to display several quilts at the NEQM in their own show the following fall. Should your quilt win the 2021 Viewer's Choice Award, our Guild will have the chance to have our own FVQ Guild Show at the NEQM in the fall of 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity for us, and we encourage you to participate. The museum has free admission during The Summer Celebration Show, so you are encouraged to see the show, and vote for your favorite quilt.

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).

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, shsellott@sbcglobal.net.

1.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: **Tuesday 2/11, Friday 2/21, Tuesday 3/10, Tuesday 3/24, Saturday 3/28** 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.

2.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/)

3.Join us for our annual fundraiser at Flatbreads in Canton Oct. 22 from 5-9p.m. Proceeds of sales benefit Quilts2Heal along with fun auction items.

Meetings

March 18th

April 15th

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

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.

Spring Shower of Quilts XVIII

March 28-29, 2020

Wyndham Hotel, 1284 Strongtown Road, Southbury, CT 06488

North Parish Quilt Show

April 3-4, 2020

273 Vernon Street, Wakefield MA 01880

<https://northparishquilters.wordpress.com/>

Quilting Events in the Area Cont'd

Great American Road Trip

OPENING EVENT: March 14 3:30-5:30 at Mill 180 Park in Easthampton MA with fun facts tour of the states in a great indoor park which can be enjoyed by the entire family.

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>

Wayside Quilters Auction

April 6, 2020

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

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

MQX Quilt Festival

April 16-18, 2020 DoubleTree Hotel & Convention Center

700 Elm Street, Manchester NH 03101

<https://www.mqxshow.com/home/>

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/>

Quilters Connection 3rd Bi-Annual Auction

April 30, 2020

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

<https://www.quiltersconnection.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>

Chelmsford Quilters' Guild 2020 Quilt Show

May 9 - 10, 2020

Chelmsford Senior Center 75 Groton Road, North Chelmsford, MA 01863

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

Membership

As of February 2020 we have 123 members of the Farmington Valley Quilt Guild. At our next meeting don't hesitate to talk with some of our new members or re-introduce yourself to others you may not know. 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

2019-2020 Board Members

President	Phyllis Small
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Sunshine

Bring a little sunshine! Cheer card or a sympathy card, contact Kathy Lettieri at kbakerl@att.net or any board member.

Newsletter Submissions

Due the Friday before the Wednesday Guild Meeting. Submit to dlcalkin@gmail.com

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
Sunshine	Kathy Lettieri
Half Sq Triangle Swap	Diane Francini
	Judy Prohaska
Photographer	Susan Gauvain
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	Jean Williams
Retreat – Spring	Christine Zepp
CT Hang-a-Quilt-Day	Susan Elliott
	Connie Beilstein