



December 2022 Newsletter

President's Letter

Happy December Everyone! As the weather gets colder and we head toward the winter months, I hope you are enjoying a bit more time indoors with your sewing projects! I know I am furiously working to finish one project that will be a gift for the holidays! Hopefully you all saw the email that our December meeting will be this Wednesday, December 14th, I apologize for the late notice but I didn't realize that last year when the meetings were booked, this date was moved up one week from our normal schedule. I hope many of you will be able to make the meeting and share your projects as well as enjoy socializing, participating in our Yankee Swap, and maybe picking up a last minute gift at our Boutique! Remember, the Yankee Swap participation requires you to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$15-\$20 (we won't be doing brown bags this year) so feel free to make your gift stand out with colorful wrapping! We also will have a couple of door prizes at the meeting and for those who wear their nametag to the meeting, you will receive an extra chance at winning a doorprize! Lastly, I want to share with you a little bonus we received due to our participation in Quiltfolk Magazine's Guild Locator, they sent an offer to our membership for 15% off your next order by using the code GUILD24 so feel free to take advantage of this, it does not appear to have an expiration date. I wish all of you a Happy, Healthy Holiday season!

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Treasurer's Update

All accounts are current, balanced and in good standing.

The Treasurer's Report is available to all members via our "Members Only" website page.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding guild financials please reach out to Anne Dodge, Treasurer.

Guild Librarian

We want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and remind you that if you have library books PLEASE remember to return them. Ever the evil Librarian, I will start official email reminders next month. Thank you!

June Challenge

Due at the June 2023 Meeting

Make a quilted item using 3 colors. The colors must be chosen by finding 3 paint chips where the first letters of the paint names match your initials. For example my initials are DLC and I wanted to make a quilt with purple, teal and green; I found **D**usty Violet, **L**agoon and **C**alabash. The fabric can be a print but should primarily be the colors on the paint chips. As usual, the item can be a quilt, clothing, placemat etc., but must be finished (quilted). Bring your item in June along with the paint chips.

Contact Diane Calkin: dlcalkin@gmail.com with any questions.

Socials

Our Guild Social will be held next Wed. Dec. 14th. We will have a fine Show and Tell, a fun Yankee Swap game, and Boutique Tables with items for sale from the Quilt Show, graciously coordinated by two of our members, Diane F. and Judy. Purchases for Boutique items should be made by cash or check only. Sorry, credit cards will not be accepted at this time. Items will be marked down for quick sale.

To prepare for the Show and Tell, please fill out the online form found on the "Members Only" page on the guild website (fvquilter.org) at your convenience prior to the meeting and bring it that night. Feel free to show off several quilts or any quilted items!

If you wish to participate in the Yankee Swap game, members are asked to bring a small quilt related item, either handmade or purchased, with a value of \$15-20. To add to the fun, wrap it in the most festive holiday gift wrap you could find! Ideas for gifts could be sewn coasters, pot holders, mug rugs, ornaments, a door or mini wall hanging, tote bag, etc. Be creative! This game was lots of fun last year, and we hope to spread the joy and laughter again this year. Also, members will be given a holiday goodie bag to take home at the end of the evening.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season!

Sue Underwood

Programs and Workshops

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

Please contact Program Co-Chairs Kathi Maglia (kmmaglia@comcast.net) or Ellyn Mansfield (elhmansfield@gmail.com) with any questions or suggestions for speakers.

Programs Lineup:

January 18 - Members Learning from Members-

January- Member learning from members- Whether you are new to quilting or have been quilting for years, you will not want to miss January's program. Using a speed dating concept, we will ask questions and find out where the answers come from. We will be learning and sharing strategies, vocabulary and knowledge as it relates to quilting. Come and see what Farmington Valley quilters have to offer each other. There is no homework! Just bring what you know.

February- Service month.

Help with finishing our ABC quilts by sewing bindings. We will also attach labels to the Neonatal creations. Come join the fun!

March 15 & 16 - Elizabeth Sylvan- www.sylvanquilts.com

Trunk Show: Exploring Nature and Light through Quilting:

Elizabeth will showcase small to medium size art quilts inspired by her travels and love of the wilderness. This talk chronicles her history as a quilter and gives a summary of her design techniques.

March 16- Recycled Garden/Flower Quilt Workshop:

Create a scrappy collage background with raw edge applique flowers on top. Iris pattern provided or Elizabeth will help you design a pattern for the flower of your choice.

April 19 - Vivian Lazich

Trends, Joys, Issues and Experiences of Quilt Shop Ownership

Viv, from the local Sew Inspired shop will share her insights and experience with owning and operating a quilt shop. Get a behind the scenes look at what is involved.

May 17 & 18 - Kathie Beltz- www.KathieBeltz.com

Easy Color for Quilters- Confused by the color wheel? Do you know how to use the color wheel to choose colors for your quilts? This lecture breaks down all the technical color terms into easy, everyday English so that any quilter can understand them. Then those terms are related directly to quilts during the trunk show. Once you understand the basics, you can apply them to your quilts and watch them sparkle!

Rangely Star Wall Quilt Workshop – May 18- 6 hour class

This project received its name because the streamlined construction of the star points was conceived while Deb Tucker was working at a quilt retreat in Rangeley, Maine. The wall quilt features a pieced 17" central star block surrounded by a cluster of 14 smaller stars in the borders. Using Deb's techniques and tools, it becomes a simple design to construct, but it looks so much more difficult. Size: 32" x 42"

The **Tucker Trimmer 1** and **Quilter's Magic Wand** are required for this pattern. These tools are available from the instructor during class or are available at your local quilt shop..

Neonatal Quilts

Ho! Ho! Ho! Our talented and generous quilters have been busy little elves! Thirty-nine scent cloths, sixteen quilts and twenty-three holiday bags were delivered to our NICU, Shari Glavin on December 9th. She noted that the NICU had experienced four deliveries the previous day. That is uncommon! Our quilts will be going to these newest “wee ones”!

The holiday bag challenge was a rousing success. Thanks to your efforts, we will deliver over 200 bags to the Connecticut Children’s Hospital Snowflake Shop. In addition, we were able to provide 23 bags to the CONN NICU for its own Snowflake Shop. Hopefully, the holiday season will be brighter and more cheerful for these children and their parents.

To all of our dedicated quilters – Happy Holidays! Be safe, be warm, be happy and healthy. AND keep quilting!!!

Alberta Culley and Phyllis Small



ABC Quilts

Last call!! If you have not turned in your block for the ABC quilt, this weeks meeting is the final due date. Please see one of us with your treasure before the meeting

Peggy & Kathie

Retreats

Winter 2023 Retreat: March 1 - 5

Registration for the March Retreat will begin on December 1, 2022.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due with registration with the balance due February 15, 2023 (at the guild meeting).

Checks should be made out to FVQI

Checks can be mailed to: Katha Kerr, 92 Barbourtown Rd, Canton, CT 06019

Please note whether you are going for the 4 night or 3 night option:

March 1 - 5 (4 nights, Wed - Sun, no meals until Thursday dinner) Cost \$370

March 2 - 5 (3 nights, Thurs - Sun, meals Thurs dinner thru Sunday lunch) Cost \$320

The retreat will again be at the Incarnation Center, Ivoryton CT

Questions? contact Katha Kerr, kkerr8994@yahoo.com or (860) 970-1570

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.

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>

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.

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.

Need Help

I am looking for this fabric to finish a project. If anyone has any amount I would be willing to purchase it from you. Please text or call me at 860-748-1775. Susan Elliott



(Oct 22)

For Sale... **Grace Q'nique 21..** on a 12' Continuum frame. Comes with idler bar, ruler base, and rear handles. Frame is 5 yrs old, excellent condition, machine is barely used. I am upgrading to the newest model. Great budget friendly system. Asking \$6,000. For more info.. please call Jan Porri - [860-680-1290](tel:860-680-1290) ...will have to be disassembled, you'll need a large vehicle to move.

(Oct 22)

Granbees Quilt Guild Looking for Members

Interested in quilting? * The Granbees Welcome You * Beginners to Experts

When: Third Tuesdays September to June 9:30 am – Noon

Where: East Granby Farms Rte 187 – 79 North Main St

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

Quilting Events in the Area

Please be sure to check for cancellations

Quilts and Fibers, Challenging the Boundaries

November 16 - January 13, 2023

Menino Arts Center 26 Central Avenue Hyde Park (Boston), MA 02136

<http://www.hpaa-mac.org/>

Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild "A Community of Quilters"

March 18-19, 2023

Blue Hills Regional Technical High School. 800 Randolph St., Canton MA

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

Hands All Around 18 Quilt Show

April 22 - 23, 2023

Robert Crowne Gymnasium

Hampshire College, 893 West St-Route 116, Amherst, MA

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

2023 Festival of Quilts — Maple Leaf Quilters 30th Show

April 22 & 23, 2023

Mount St. Joseph Academy

127 Convent Avenue, Rutland Vermont 05701

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

Membership

We are continuing to collect 2023 dues. To pay by mail, send your \$25.00 check to FVQI, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089. Make it payable to FVQI.

We will be taking payments by cash, check and charge at the meeting. We have a receipt book and will give a receipt for cash payments. We'll just ask you to sign a list if you pay by check (that will make it easier at the end of the night to be sure we have all the checks; that one didn't get swept up in some other paperwork, etc.).

Please welcome Bette Ballentine, Simsbury; Joanne Farrell, Simsbury; Susan Hoffman, Farmington; Karen Meares, New Hartford; and Mary Porter, Simsbury; who joined at the November meeting. We are ending the year with 129 members.

Forty-two members have renewed for 2023 and there are two new members for 2023: Patricia Rhodes, Middletown; and Sarah Strickland, Middlefield.

Kitty Vangunten
kittyv@comcast.net

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

January Submissions due: January 13th.

2022-2023 Board Members

President	Pam Stenman
Vice President	Caroline Berman
Membership	Kitty Vangunten
Secretary	Bridget Shanley
Treasurer	Anne Dodge
Programs	Kathi Maglia
	Ellyn Mansfield
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Quilt Show Chair	Maureen Hulsart

Website: Fvquilters.org
Facebook: Farmington Valley Quilters
Instagram: @farmvalquilters

2022-2023 Committee Members

ABC Quilts	Peggy Thomsen
	Kathie Fallon
Fabric Swap Box	Margaret Dooley-Duncan
Friendship Blocks	Linnea Amodio
	Katha Kerr
Hospitality	Donna Gosselin
	Marie Knapps
June Challenge	Diane Calkin
Library	Anne Dodge
	Lois Palmer
	Kitty Vangunten
Mystery Night	Rose Day
Neonatal Quilts	Alberta Culley
	Phyllis Small
Sunshine	Kathy Lettieri
Photographer	Volunteer Needed
Retreats	Katha Kerr
CT Hang-a-Quilt-Day	Susan Elliott
	Connie Beilstein