

## December 2020 Newsletter

### President's Letter

Hello Quilters!

Here we are in December on the down hill run to Holiday Season. Hopefully you are all keeping well and busy.

As President I have been tasked with forming a Committee to study and amend our Guild Bylaws. Due to changes at the bank, the Bylaws need to reflect the new process when checks are paid. I am looking for 2 members who would be willing to help me with this task. Please contact me if you are interested.

At our recent board meeting Maureen Hulstart put together a powerpoint presentation demonstration for a show and tell Zoom meeting. It went well and we hope to begin conducting Zoom meetings in January. Watch for an email with information on how you can participate.

It was decided by the board to start collecting membership dues in January. Although it seems that the guild has not been active during the pandemic period there are still expenses in running our web site and keeping in touch. Next year we hope to begin to hold Zoom meetings and participate in Virtual programs.

Drawstring bags and Neonatal quilts were collected recently for donation to the Hospital. A big thank you goes out to Alberta Culley and Phillis Small for organizing this event.

As mentioned in the November Newsletter, watch out for the January issue of Quiltfolk magazine.

It features Connecticut and our Hang a Quilt event! Hopefully we can get a copy for the Library so that members could borrow it in the future.

Diane Calkin has created a Quilt Challenge for the New Year, the challenge is to create a quilt featuring your favorite star, the piece can be any size or shape. Please have fun with this as we look forward and hope that we can meet again this coming year.

My photo quilt is a Gingerbread quilt I designed many years ago. I have passion for Gingerbread and have decorations in my kitchen with this theme! Most of us think of Gingerbread in the winter for the Holidays but it can be all year long!

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

Karen Kebinger.



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## Treasurer's Update

Happy to report that the FY 2019-2020 Audit has been completed. A huge thanks to Paul Lettieri and Aurelle Locke for their efforts to bring it to a close at the end of last month. With the changes made to our accounting practices, both Paul and Aurelle anticipate a much smoother audit in the future.

At our December Board Meeting, the proposed budget for 2020-2021 was accepted and will be posted shortly.

I continue to work on getting our "not for profit" status re-established with the IRS; more on this in the coming months.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding guild finances, please don't hesitate to reach out directly.

Caroline Berman, Treasurer

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## Guild January Meeting

# Guild Meeting Show and Tell!

**by Maureen Hulsart**

The Board is happy to announce that we are now able to present a "live" Show-and-Tell presentation during our January Guild ZOOM meeting. With the correct software and a little tutoring, the process was previewed with our Board of Directors at our December Board Meeting and unanimously agreed to roll-it-out at our January Guild ZOOM meeting.

If you would like to share your quilt/s at our January 20th ZOOM Guild Meeting, please review the guidelines below:

- 1) Take a photo of the quilt/s you would like to share
- 2) For each quilt you would like to share, complete the following information

- Name of the Quilt Pattern
  - The name of the quilt if not the same as above. (if this is a quilt you designed, please give it a name)
  - Size of the Quilt
  - Quilt Destination (wedding gift, baby shower, quilt show, etc.)
  - Your full name (as you want it to appear on the screen)
- 3) Send the photo as an attachment in an email and the basic information listed above to Maureen Hulsart at [musiconthestreet@comcast.net](mailto:musiconthestreet@comcast.net)

Please submit individual emails (photo and quilt description) for each quilt so that I will know exactly what quilt description goes with which quilt. **Continued on next page**

## Guild January Meeting, continued

I know some of our members are completing almost a quilt a week (I don't know how you do it.!) To allocate time fairly, we will allow a member up to three quilt entries each month.

The quilts will be displayed as shown in the example below. Your name will be on the bottom left corner of the quilt. I will tell members prior to show that if people have individual questions about a quilt: i.e. -pattern information, fabric, etc., to please contact that quilt maker directly off-line for more details.

At the appointed time during the guild meeting, the show and tell process will commence. Quilts submitted will be displayed and I will read the description submitted with each quilt.

To make this an efficient process and in the interest of time, we will not be displaying neonatal quilts for the foreseeable future.

The deadline for submitting a photo and description to our Member Show-And-Tell is the Sunday prior to our Guild Meeting to allow enough time to format the photos and information for the presentation during our Guild Zoom Meeting.

In the event I receive an abundant number of entries in a particular month, I will contact you and let you know if I have to hold your quilt entry for the following month. First come, first serve!



**Barbara Aubin**

I am excited about this new approach and we all look forward to seeing the beautiful quilts you have created in the past 8 months.



## Hang-A-Quilt Day

Reminder that Connecticut and Hang-Quilt Day is being featured in Quiltfolk Magazine January 1<sup>st</sup> Issue. For the magazine check at Barnes and Noble or to subscribe go to [quiltfolk.com](http://quiltfolk.com)

### Preview of January Issue 17



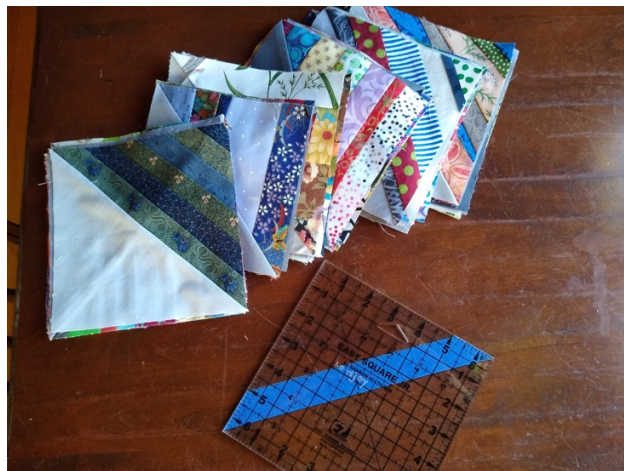
#### Hang-a-Quilt Day

In June of 2019, the Farmington Valley Quilt Guild (FVQG) put on a quilt show — outside. A loosely organized event, the guild spread the word and encouraged anyone who wished to participate to hang a quilt for the first-ever “Hang-a-Quilt Day.” The show was a huge success and brought smiles to faces across the Hartford area. The FVQG couldn’t have known that their outdoor quilt parade would end up being the perfect kind of quilt show for 2020 since the pandemic has affected so many indoor events. This sweet story might inspire your guild to host a similar event.

## HST Strip Exchange

I wanted to share a photo of my trimmed set of blocks and send my thanks as well to all those who participated. Maybe you're all way ahead of me, but also I'd like to pass on word that trimming blocks to size can be made easy if you first layer four strips of painter's tape along the 45° diagonal line of a six and a half inch ruler (also pictured). That way (like a perfectly sized Block-Loc ruler), the midline ridge on the ruler can be butted up against the block's diagonal seam line. This ruler trick made pretty quick work of trimming all my blocks down.

Debbie Lovejoy



## Quilt Show

### Quilt Show Committee Report By Maureen Hulsart



The Quilt Show Committee is waiting to see what happens with the Covid 19 virus in the coming year before we commence with any planning.

In the meantime, my request last month for possible alternative show locations resulted in two potential sites. I would like to thank those members for responding to my request for potential alternate locations and we will investigate them when the Quilt Show Committee elects to move forward with a Quilt Show. I'm still open to researching other sites. Please email me at [musiconthestreet@comcast.net](mailto:musiconthestreet@comcast.net) with any site suggestions you might have.

Thank you for your support....keep on stitching!

## ABC Quilts

There will be no activity for the ABC Quilt committee for the upcoming year. We currently have three completed quilts in our inventory waiting for students. If there are any changes, we will keep you all updated in a future newsletter. Be well, Peggy & Kathie

## Retreats

### Spring Retreat 2021

The dates for the Spring Retreat are March 3-7, 2021. Options are 3 nights \$310, 4 nights \$360.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

Thank you,  
Christine Zepp

## June Challenge

For this year pick your favorite Star Block. Then use that to create 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](mailto:dlcalkin@gmail.com)

## Neonatal Quilts

### December Neonatal

Kudos are genuinely and gratefully extended to all of our dedicated quilters who so willingly supported our December 9<sup>th</sup> collection day. Your time and efforts will certainly lift the spirits of so many challenged families. Our collection yielded 77 quilts, 47 scent cloths and 128 holiday bags. Amazing! A special thanks must go to Sue Trimble and Ann Baldis for being champion holiday bag makers by creating a total of 53 bags. Sue also collected the data for pledged bags which was most helpful. Our three drop-off locations worked well again; thank you Maureen and Phyllis for providing your homes as drop-off locations.

On December 11<sup>th</sup> we delivered our 128 beautiful holiday bags to Mary Naumec from Child and Family Support Services. She then brought them to CT Children's Hospital where a no cost gift shop, the Snowflake Room, will be stocked with donated gifts/toys available to parents of ill children. Filling our bags will make their holidays a little brighter and a lot less stressful. Thank you once again.

We wish all of you happy holidays filled with warmth and love. Stay healthy and safe **and please keep quilting!** Feel free to contact us for fabric, fabric packets or batting for your next project. We have lots to choose from thanks to Sally Sargent Markey! We also have plenty of flannel for backs and scent cloths.

Happy Holidays!

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and  
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## 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](mailto:kbakerl@att.net)

## Meetings

Next Meeting Date: TBD

### 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.

## NEQM SHOW OPPORTUNITY 2021

### NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY 2022

As supporting members of the New England Quilt Museum, participating guilds are offered the opportunity to exhibit one quilt from a guild member to be displayed at the Museum during their 2021 Summer Celebration exhibit. We were planning on asking the Board to vote for an eligible quilt at our Fall show but with no show, there was no selection.

We just received word that the New England Quilt Museum is not hosting their Guild exhibit next summer due to Covid restrictions and the need to plan months in advance. They will be postponing it one year to August, 2022. We will post updates to this event as they become available.

Meanwhile continue making your fabulous quilts, and if you have any questions, please give me a call or email me.

Phyllis Small  
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860-803-5907

## NEQM Guest Passes

### NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM GUEST PASSES

As supporting members of NEQM, we were given 4 Guest Passes (each admitting 2 people) for our members to enjoy. The Museum is now open with Covid restrictions.

Also guild members who become members of the Museum receive one \$10.00 voucher for any fabric or quilt making product purchased in the Museum Store.

So please let me know if you want one of these passes, and I will get it to you. NEQM is a wonderful place to visit (if and when we are allowed to travel again to MA).

Phyllis Small  
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## Show & Tell Plus

Please join our QUARANTINE SHOW & TELL

Share what you're doing in our new Google Photos Album  
We are excited to see how you're channeling your creativity during this challenging time.

Use this link to access the album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/pdbw25pwJ8R2ReKH9>

## Programs and Workshops

The October and November programs have been rescheduled for October and November, 2021.

**October** - Nancy Sullivan and Lynn Tibault will give a Quilt Clinic on solving common quilt problems. This has been rescheduled to October 2021.

**November** - Jane Davilia will talk on the Elements of Design. That talk will be followed the next day with a workshop in which we will learn a sample of materials and techniques for surface design.

## Socials

None scheduled at this time.

Bernice Hovencamp – Social Programs Chair

## 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.

### **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](mailto:Lisa.B.Salvatore@gmail.com)

### **COMING SOON**

I am helping a gentleman clear his late wife's three rooms of quilting equipment and supplies. I've only begun to scratch the surface but thought if there is anything you might have an interest in, I can put it on the top of my list. There are five machines, all-in well-maintained condition. I am looking for the paperwork and all accessories.

HandiQuilter Sweet 16 with full table and bobbin winder

BabyLock Ellegante Symphony with extended table and embroidery and quilting upgrades

Baby Lock Imagine

BabyLock Spirit – embroidery machine

Accuquilt Go cutting machine

There is also a tall cutting table with drawers (think Sew Inspired classroom,) a large ironing board and approximately 500 quilts books and magazines. I saw kits and stencils. And I haven't even started to open drawers. Looking to get a fair price for him but am more than willing to work with you.

Please contact me with your holiday wish list –

Kathie Fallon [weavewoman@comcast.net](mailto:weavewoman@comcast.net) or 860-658-4110



## Advertisements, cont'd

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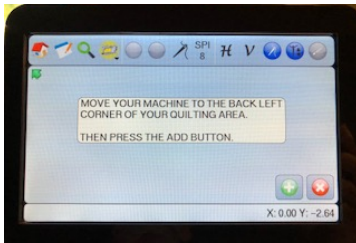
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Deb Morrissey

[debmorrissey@comcast.net](mailto:debmorrissey@comcast.net). (10/20)



### **Thread for free**

Hi, I am not a quilter, but my Mother was. She belonged to a quilting circle in Ohio, and moved to Belden Forest in Simsbury in her 80s. I just came across a large box with assorted threads, some of them from the 40s and 50s. Would anyone in the guild be interested in this cache? Also, she had a tin filled with embroidery threads that I would be happy to donate also. Mom spent many satisfying hours quilting and it would be great if her thread collection found a new home! Thanks, Karyn d'AVIGNON [kldavy10@gmail.com](mailto:kldavy10@gmail.com) 8/20

## Quilting Events in the Area

### Please be sure to check for cancellations

#### Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild

**Show & Tell Slideshows.** <https://mvquilters.org/show-and-tell/>

*Open the individual links in new tabs to keep the show & tell index*

#### Quilters' Connection

**Online Show & Tell** [See grand show & tell](#)

#### Rising Star Quilters Guild

Past Show Pictures

<http://www.risingstarquilters.org/show.html#pastshows>

#### Salley Mavor: Bedtime Stitches

**September 11 – December 22, 2020**

Cahoon Museum of American Art

4676 Falmouth Road (Route 28)

Cotuit MA 02635

<https://cahoonmuseum.org/>

Admission: \$10; \$8 seniors and students. Museum members and NARM members free

#### Road to California Presents Road@Home – Online

**January 20 – 23, 2021**

<https://online.roadtocalifornia.com/>

#### Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival – Online

**February 24-27, 2021**

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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Quilts2Heal** provides comfort and healing through quilts created for those who have suffered a loss, illness, or challenge in their lives. All sew days are in the studio at Sew Inspired postponed.

For more information contact Paula DeSilva, Founder; [quilts2heal@comcast.net](mailto:quilts2heal@comcast.net) 860-306-7000 or Lynda Cook, [blcook66@gmail.com](mailto:blcook66@gmail.com) or visit our website

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## Membership

**Membership** We will be collecting renewal membership dues in January.  
Candy Casciano

FVQI  
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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](mailto:dlcalkin@gmail.com)

January 15, 2021

## 2020-2021 Board Members

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