



April 2020 Newsletter

APRIL, MAY, JUNE MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED

We must be willing to let go of the life we have planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.

E. M. Forster, novelist - submitted by Tina Davies

From the President

Due to the Covid19 Pandemic and ongoing Shelter at Home Policy our April, May, and June meetings are now cancelled. We won't be meeting at Eno Hall until September. We will wait and see if we can have our summer sew-ins at the Congregational Church in Simsbury.

I am trying to keep in touch with all members by email, newsletter, and on our website. Hopefully more of us will participate in Quarantine Show & Tell. We enjoy seeing what you are doing, and it is a fun way to keep in touch without physical meetings.

Meanwhile I am so proud of our guild members who are busy making and contributing masks to our first responders and health care workers. You are angels. Keep up the good work.

I am cheering up myself and my neighbors by having a revolving quilt show in front of my home during the quarantine. I display a different quilt every day (and started posting on our Show & Tell page). Will quarantine end before I run out of quilts?

I will see you all in cyberspace,

Your President,

Wyllis Small



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Quilt Show

By Maureen
Hulsart
Show Chair



Show Dates:
Sept 26th and 27th

The Show Committee did not meet last month and given our social distancing requirements, it may be some time before we meet. At this point, I am trying to be optimistic that our show will go off as planned – but time will tell.

Originally we had planned to distribute raffle tickets to all members during the month of March and start quilt registration in April. Those activities are both on hold for the time being. When we see how the course of this virus goes and what the experts predict for the fall, the Show Committee will weigh all factors and vote on whether we will host our September show. Committee members will have a lot to consider when we make this decision and we thank you for your support.

Raffle Baskets

Hello, Everyone,

Here are the themes and volunteer teams for our twelve wonderful Raffle Baskets for 2020. I invite you to continue thinking about what items you might offer that could fit these creative themes. If we can be of help in forwarding your contributions, please do not hesitate to let us know. Of course, you can make contact with the basket teams directly, too.

Thanks in advance to all!

A Beautiful You - Linda Lee Boucher and Jan Porri

Art - Susan Elliott

Beautiful Baby - Cindy Holden

Kids 8-11 - Michelle and Mariah Palmer

Learning to Sew (a basket for kids) - Donna Gosselin and Peggy Thomsen

Nature - Anne Dodge and Lois Palmer

Pinkalicious - Debbie D'Angelo and Claudia Goodman

Seasons - Kathi Maglia

Sew Blue - Alberta Culley, Donna Dellacamera, Debbie Jacoby, and Margaret Omartian

Sew Cute Canine - Darcy Gray and Kitty Vangunten

Sew Iron On - Bev Hughes

Sew Seeds - Diane Francini, Judy Prohaska, Robin Schofield, and Phyllis Small

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!"

Your Raffle Basket Team,

Lynn Veith lakesidequilting@gmail.com

Maureen Egan maureenegan@comcast.net

Connecticut Hang-A-Quilt Day

Connecticut Hang-A-Quilt Day We are planning to continue with this fun activity even if we only hang them outside our own homes. Please be thinking where and how you may share a quilt or two of your own. We have printed 5,000 rack cards (done before all this happened) and have decided not to mail them to quilt shops and guilds as yet. We are corresponding with them electronically and hope they include this event in their newsletters, emails, and social media. You can help too. Attached to the newsletter email, is an electronic copy of the rack card. Please circulate this to your email list, through your social media, and any other way you think might be helpful. We can only make this happen if we each to just a little bit!

New Member Get Togethers

To be Rescheduled.

Half Square Triangle Swap

Detailed instructions, rules and pictures are on the website.

Diane Francini , popinct@comcast.net,
Judy Prohaska, jpro4@prodigy.net

Retreats

Fall Retreat 2020 – Dates are November 4/5 – 8. Hoping the Coronavirus doesn't cancel our weekend. Will let you know as soon as I hear.

Friendship Block

March 2020 – Oh Susannah!
May 2020 – Chicken

See Website for details and directions or contact Linnea Amodio.

Connecticut Hang-A-Quilt Day

*Sponsored by
Farmington Valley Quilters, Inc.*



June 20, 2020

(rain date June 21)

*Showcase the art & beauty of quilting
with this open air quilt show!*

- Hang a quilt outside your house – on your garage, clothesline, fence, tree or chair
- Ask a local business if you can display a quilt for the day
- Post a picture on social media with **#CTHangAQuiltDay**

No cost or registration required.

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Programs and Workshops

The programs for March, April and May have been cancelled. For those interested, Timna Tarr's workshop is going to be offered online. The cost of it is \$35. The Link is : www.CourseCraft.net/u/timnatarr.

Our programs for next year are all set if all the speakers still want to come. We will not be having another workshop until November of this year. The speakers for the fall are the following:

September 16, 2020 - Jan Doyle talking about quilts and the underground railroad.

October 21, 2020 - Nancy Sullivan and Lynn Tibault will give a Quilt Clinic on solving common quilt problems.

November 18, 2020 - 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

Due to the current Corona Covid19 crisis, I am sorry to report that the Wednesday, June 17th Social has been cancelled by Eno Memorial. The next scheduled meeting of the Guild at Eno Memorial is on Wednesday, September 16th. Still up in the air are the two all-day sew-in events of July 15th and August 19th at the Avon Congregational Church. Stay tuned for future developments.

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.*)

ABC Quilts

All is quiet on the ABC front. Our quilts are ready for the incoming Freshmen for the 2020-2021 school year, pending the end of the social distancing. In the meantime, like many of the members of the guild, we are keeping busy making masks. In fact, we donated 3 bins of fabric to the "Sewing Face Masks- Farmington Valley CT" Facebook group from the ABC stash. It was a great win-win for all involved by thinning out our supply, which we had more than we can ever use. Be well and wash your hands, Peggy & Kathie

Neonatal Quilts

Having the COVID-19 dramatically alter our lives has given us bonus time to be creative in "our sewing world!" Surely, lots of neonatal quilts and scent cloths have been made. Since these "wee ones" are continuing to be born I have reached out to Shari Galvin, our UCONN Neonatal liaison, to determine how COVID-19 is affecting the use of our quilts and scent cloths. They are indeed being used. However, they need to be washed. According to CDC washing fabric in the warmest water recommended for the fabric and dried completely is all that is needed. So – rather than have someone not familiar with washing them properly we are asking the quilters to wash them prior to donating them. **After they are washed and dried we are asking that they be placed in a small trash bag and sealed.** We appreciate you taking this extra step. Safety is a priority.



Due to the fact that we have not been able to collect the quilts and scent cloths since our February meeting we are trying to devise a drop off plan. That will be forthcoming soon. If you are in need of inspirational packets, batting or flannel please call Alberta at 860-678-0836.

Thank you once again for your understanding and efforts.

Stay safe.

Alberta Culley

Debbie Lovejoy

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.

For more information and criteria set by the NEQM and FVQI, please look on our website, fvquilter.org. 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).

June Challenge

IT IS STILL ON! We hope everyone can finish their June Challenge by the end of June and post your quilt and your inspiration onto our Google Show & Tell.

This year we will be taking our inspiration from nature. Pick your favorite nature item. 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

Nominating Committee Results

Report from the Vice President and the nominating committee.

First I want to thank Diane Francini and Robin Schofield for working with me as the nominating committee.

It has been challenging during these difficult times to fill the open positions on our Quilt Guild Board and committees.

The nominees are as follows:

Vice President - Jan Porri.
Membership - Candy Casciano.
Program Chair - Barbara Aubin
Program committee - Deb Jacoby.

The Board and Committees for 2020 - 2021

President - Karen Kebinger.
Vice President -
Membership -
Secretary- Ann Dodge.- continuing.
Treasurer - Katha Kerr- continuing.
Program Chair -
Program committee - Gail Burk. - continuing.
Newsletter - Diane Calkin. - continuing.
Publicity - Kitty Vangunten - continuing.
Social Programs - Bernice Hovencamp. - continuing.
Web Master - Lisa Salvatore. - continuing.
Quilt Show Chair - Maureen Hulstart. - continuing.

There will be information coming soon for voting in May.
Thank you Karen Kebinger
Vice President.

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

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.

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: Tuesdays 5/12, 5/26, 6/9 and Friday 6/19. All sew days are in the studio at Sew Inspired 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. 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/)

Meetings

April, May, June Meetings Cancelled
Sept 16 next meeting

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.

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>

Quilting Events in the Area

Please be sure to check for cancellations

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.

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/>

Material Girls Quilt Guild Quilt Show June 19-20, 2020

Boys & Girls Club of Fitchburg & Leominster 365 Lindell Avenue, Leominster, MA
<http://www.materialgirlsquiltguild.org>

Shining Tides Quilt Guild's Quilt Show "Old Cape Cod" June 20 and 21, 2020

VFW Hall #3260 Poirier Post, 281 Appleton St., New Bedford, MA
<http://www.shiningtidesquiltguild.com>

Vermont Quilt Festival June 24 - 27, 2020

Champlain Valley Exposition 105 Pearl St, Essex Junction VT 05452
<https://vqf.org/home/>

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 needs a cheer card or sympathy card from the Guild. If you do, please contact Kathy Lettieri (860-651-8330) or any board member. Kathy's e-mail is kbakerl@att.net.

A sympathy card was recently sent from the Guild to the daughter of our long-time member, Zana Tauro, who passed away on March 22, 2020. If anyone would like to send their own card, it should go to Ms. Donna Tauro, 5 Horseshoe Circle, Ware, MA 01082.

Membership

Membership We have 128 active members. At this time we are not planning to accept renewal membership dues until we have been cleared from COVID-19. We do not want to create more mail and have anyone responsible for picking up and processing dues checks. We will let you know when and how to submit your dues for 2020-2021.

FVQI
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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

2019-2020 Board Members

President	Phyllis Small
Vice President	Karen Kebinger
Membership	Susan Elliott
Secretary	Anne Dodge
Treasurer	Katha Kerr
Programs	Bev Hughes
	Tina Davies
	Ingrid Nelson
	Judy Lackey
	Gail Burk
Newsletter Editor	Diane Calkin
Publicity	Kitty Vangunten
Social Programs	Bernice Hovencamp
Webmaster	Lisa Salvatore
Quilt Show Chair	Maureen Hulsart

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

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