



January 2020 Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The holiday season has been very busy for me, but I am looking forward to settling in for some creating and quilting in the new year. This month's meeting, Members Teaching Members, should be fun and informative. We will have 4 stations through which we will rotate every 15 minutes. Our teachers are Karen Kebinger - Big Stitch Quilting, Diane Calkin - Easy Method for Flying Geese, Margaret O'Martian - Luggage Tags, and Susan Elliott - Sewing Pedal Pad. We are lucky to have so many talented members who are willing to share their knowledge with us, and I hope you all will be able to attend. Don't forget to bring your friendship blocks (those adorable teacups), your half square triangles for the swap, your neonatal contributions, and your quilts for show and tell.



It is time to start thinking about the June Challenge. Pick your inspiration from nature and start your quilt. And don't forget we are hoping for everyone's participation in our Sew Beautiful Quilt Show, 2020. Please think of what you have made since the last show that you can enter, or make a new one (there's still plenty of time). We have seen some beautiful quilts during Show and Tell, so I know we will have a wonderful show.

Quilt in the works:

Next month we will pick a nominating committee for next year's officers. Being on the board is a great opportunity for meeting other members and making new friends. It is a lot of fun working together for a good cause, so I encourage you to volunteer for a position, especially our new members. You won't be sorry. If you don't want to be on the board, think about volunteering for the nominating committee. Obviously, that will guarantee you will not get asked to fill a board position.



Remember, without your help we won't have a guild, with all our informative speakers and workshops and showing and sharing opportunities.

Quilting is the best therapy. Keep sewing,

Wyllis Small

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Quilt Show

Quilt Show Report



Show Dates:
Sept 26th and 27th

The 2020 Show Committee continues to meet to plan a successful show.

Show bookmarks have been printed and made available at the last two guild meetings. Please be sure to take a few, share with your friends and family and encourage them to save that date and attend the show.

We are now in the process of distributing bookmarks to area quilt stores. Some members have signed-up to deliver bookmarks to some shops; some shops are still unassigned. If you think you can help us get the word out, please check the sign-up sheet at the main table and help us get bookmarks into quilt shops. Our target date is March 1st.

We will have raffle tickets available in March for our lovely quilt raffle (see above). Each member will be given an envelope with tickets to sell and/or purchase. Please help us out and do your part.

At this point in the planning, I still have two functions that need to be covered. The first is signage on campus. On Saturday morning, I need a volunteer to come to the campus early and post yard signs to direct regular parking, handicapped parking areas and direct walkers to the correct building. When the show is over, that person would be responsible to collect the signs for future shows. If you can help us out with that function, please see Maureen Hulsart.

I also need one or two people to sign-up for decorations. As you know, we order and purchase mums for decorations. They serve two purposes, it makes a nicely decorated exhibit, but they also serve a purpose....to prevent visitors (and members) from tripping on the bases that hold the rods and curtains. Members purchase the mums and they are distributed when the quilt show wraps-up. This is also an important function. Your task would be to order the mums, take orders from the membership regarding how many they wish to purchase, collect the money and arrange delivery of the mums on Friday night. If you can help with this, please talk with Maureen Hulsart. Your help would be appreciated.

Raffle Baskets

Hello Everyone:

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
Seasons
Sew Iron On
Art
Sew Seeds
For Kids Learning to Sew
Pinkalicious
A Beautiful You
Sew Baby
Sew Cute Canine
Basket Ten (theme TBA)

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

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

January 2020 – Tea Cup
March 2020 – Oh Susannah!
May 2020 – Chicken
See Website for details and directions or contact Linnea Amodio.

Programs and Workshops

January 15, 2020 – Members teaching members – four of our members will show us a technique that they have used successfully in the past. The membership will rotate around tables so that everyone present will have a chance to work with each presenter.

February 19, 2020 – Service meeting plus Scissor Sharpening– We will be helping to bind ABC quilts. Also scissor sharpening will be available. Details will be given at the January meeting.

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

Save the Dates – Wednesday, July 15th & Wednesday, August 19th, 2020

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

Work is underway to put together all the wonderful blocks for two ABC quilts. One top is with Lynn Veith to do her magic on the longarm. The second top is still being constructed but the plan is to have that finished and quilted in time to bring both to the February guild meeting to hand sew the binding. Once complete, we will have four finished quilts ready to present. Thanks to all for your continued support for the ABC quilt program, Peggy & Kathie

Neonatal Quilts

Happy New Year to all you talented and caring quilters! 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 you 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

The Spring Retreat is once again at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton CT

Sign-up will start on January 1, 2020.

- The cost structure is per person and includes accommodations, 9 meals (Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch) and use of the entire facility:
 - o There will be two options:
 - **3-night option (Thur, Fri, Sat)** – the cost of this all-inclusive retreat is \$310
 - **Add-a-Night (Wed)** – join the retreat a day early for an additional \$50 (no meals incl) \$360
 - o Payment of \$100 due by January 15th to hold your space; after this date the retreat will be opened to non-guild members. Checks should be made out to FVQ and mailed to me at 235 Stratton Brook Road, West Simsbury, CT 06092
 - o Final payment due March 1, 2020.
 - Space will be limited to 25 attendees
 - Please email me at czepp28@gmail.com after January 1, 2020 with the following information: Name, cell number, email address, and any special requirements, i.e. diet, mobility, etc.
- Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Christine

Czepp28@gmail.com

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

235 Stratton Brook Road West Simsbury, CT 06092

Fall Retreat 2020: scheduled for Wed, Nov 4 - Sun, Nov 8. A 4 night/3 night option available.

Show and Tell for December

December 2019

Diane Calkin- Good things come in small packages.

Debbie Crosset- Purple Snowman- Penguins.

Lynn Emery- Gnome Christmas.

Karen Kebinger- Father Christmas.

Jill Quast- Christmas! - Free motion quilting.

Phillis Small- Polka Dots baby Quilt.

Pam Stenman- Tawa's Quilt – Tree skirt for Jessica and Jesse.

Peggy Thompson- Wonder the Sea.

Pat VanInwagen- Spring table square- Fall table square- Full size Quilt Main Memories.

Lynn Veith- Serindipity.

There were 6 neo natal quilts and 21 scent cloths donated.

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.

Bernina 930, offered for sale by Debbie Lovejoy delovleo@gmail.com 413-848-2047. All metal parts. In good running order. The Bernina 930 model has a great reputation (perhaps especially among garment sewers). This machine has been regularly maintained. Comes with power cord, foot pedal, knee presser-foot lifter, slide-on table, bobbin case, manual, hard-sided carrying case and all ten original presser feet: all-purpose/zigzag/"green" stitches, zipper, blind stitch, embroidery, jeans, darning, tailor tacking, buttonhole, overlock, "red" stitches. Plus accessories: small darning hoop(?), a seam guide, bobbins, seam ripper, screwdriver for needle clamp, a small regular screwdriver, cleaning brush, heavy washer and a wing bolt (I have no inkling what for). Feet & accessories store in a box. For all this, I would ask \$500.

Five additional genuine Bernina 930 presser feet plus a walking foot, \$90, specifically: two 1/4" patchwork feet, one with, the other without a flange, quilting foot, open-toed embroidery foot used for machine appliqué, shank adapter used for "rulerwork" quilting (not the shank adapter that allows the use of clip-on feet, though such a one is available on the market), and a Bernina walking foot.

For \$25, a Bernina 930 table inset that drops into a tabletop cutout 11-1/4" front to back, 12" side to side. Or together with the very basic but perfectly nice white sewing table for \$75.
ad 12/19

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

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, shseliott@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 the fall are: Fri. 10/18, Tues. 10/29, Tues. 11/13, Tues. 11/26, Tues. 12/3 and Tues. 12/17 all 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

NEXT MEETINGS:

February 19th

March 18th

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 Bees

Wednesday Morning Bee meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month, at St. Alban's Church on Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Bring your own hand project. Occasionally a group project or a challenge is done. Contact Meg Lines at malines7@comcast.net for more information.

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.

Salley Mavor: Once Upon a Stitch

Cape Cod Museum of Art

Dennis, MA

December 12, 2019 – January 26, 2020

Retrospective exhibition of Salley Mavor's original hand-stitched artwork that is reproduced in children's books.

February Fabric Blow Out Sale

Nashua NH

Feb. 6-7-8th 2020

Every year a group of shop owners get together, rent a ballroom, and fill it to the brim with fabrics, books, patterns, notions, threads and anything and everything you might find in a quilt shop and throw a huge sale. Wholesale level pricing to the public for 3 days.

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

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

Membership

As of January 2020 we have 117 members of the Farmington Valley Quilt Guild. Our members will showcase their talents at our upcoming meeting "Members Teaching Members". At the next meeting don't hesitate to talk with some of our new members or re-introduce yourself to others who have been attending for years. It is wonderful to see that we have members from beginners to experts and everyone can learn something new. Wishing everyone the best in the new year!

If anyone would like to invite their friends to become members, they can send their Membership dues (\$25) 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
Vice President	Karen Kebinger
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	Tina Davies
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	Judy Lackey
	Gail Burk
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Quilt Show Chair	Maureen Hulsart

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Instagram: @farmvalquilters

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
Beekeeper	Susan Elliott
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	Tina Davies
Retreat – Fall	Jean Williams
	Christine Zepp
Retreat – Spring	Susan Elliott
CT Hang-a-Quilt-Day	Connie Beilstein