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November 2015

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## From the President

Dear Friends,

Perfect quilting weather is here! Fewer daylight hours limits outdoor projects and calls us indoors to quilt. I have been busy making baby quilts for babies that won't be considered babies, but toddlers if I don't hurry up and finish them. I'm going with the saying, "Better late than never." I have many quilting projects in the wings waiting for my attention, the photo quilt for my dad, one for his wife, a quilt for sister number 2, a winter table runner, and flannel quilts for 2 beds in the house. I'd like to give up more of the cooking and cleaning to have more time to quilt. With the holidays around the corner, I know that is not possible. As you work on many of your own projects, I hope you'll find some time to participate in many of the guild sponsored activities, the ABC block, neonatal quilts, and block of the month. Check out those projects at our next meeting.

Just a reminder about a few business items. The first one is dues, please double check on the sign-in sheet to see that your dues are up to date. Peggy has tried to make it easy for us to be current with our membership dues. It is so easy to forget whether or not we paid them. Secondly, our holiday party will be Dec. 8, a Tuesday night in the youth room at Eno. Please plan on attending as we have planned a fun and stress-free evening. A great opportunity to make new friends and catch up with old ones. The more the merrier. Dinner will be served first, with dessert and coffee and tea towards the end of the evening. We will begin a little earlier than usual with dinner at 6:30. Please sign up to attend and pay your \$5 at the November meeting so we can get an accurate count. Look forward to seeing you at the meeting and hearing our speaker talk about New England quilts and quilters.

Quiltfully,  
Barb

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### Snippets

- ♦ Meetings begins at 7pm.
- ♦ FVQI Board meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month and are open to all members

## This Month's Meeting

**November 18th** - Lynne Bassett will be presenting a lecture entitled "New England's Early Quilts and Quilters".

Lynne Zacek Bassett is an independent scholar specializing in New England's historic costume and textiles. From 1995–2000 she was the curator of textiles and fine arts at Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Since going independent, Lynne has undertaken a number of large projects, including curating an exhibition and catalogue for the Mark Twain House & Museum in Hartford: "Modesty Died When Clothes Were Born: Costume in the Life and Literature of Mark Twain," for which she won the Costume Society of America's Richard Martin Award for Excellence in 2005. Since 2007, Lynne has been the guest curator of costumes and textiles for the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, also in Hartford. Her authority in the field of historic costume and textiles has been recognized by such prestigious institutions as the American Antiquarian Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society, Historic New England, and the International Quilt Study Center, which have all elected her to membership in their honorary or advisory societies.

<http://www.whyquiltsmatter.org/welcome/quilt-stories/why-quilts-matter-question-and-answer-with-lynn-bassett/>

## Future Programs

**December 8** - Holiday Party

**January 2016** – We would like to have a Member Teaching Member program for the January 2016 meeting. If you have a technique that you would like to demo or share a method of how to make something, we would love to hear from you. Please contact either Elaine Reimer ([reimereg@gmail.com](mailto:reimereg@gmail.com)) or Linda Walter ([LMW810@aol.com](mailto:LMW810@aol.com)) to let them know what you would have to offer.

## Upcoming Workshops



# We the Quilters...

2016 Quilt Show

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

at the University of Hartford

## Raffle Baskets

Our show baskets will be based on the months of the year, January – December. Please sign up to fill a basket either as an individual or a group. If you have a contribution for a raffle basket, please bring it to the monthly guild meeting. If you need help filling your basket, let us know! Contact Michelle Palmer [michpalmer1@gmail.com](mailto:michpalmer1@gmail.com)

## Volunteer

We still need to fill some positions for the quilt show planning committee. Please consider helping out.

**Publicity Chairperson** – Oversee the publicity efforts of the show.

**Guild/Show Correspondence** - Send flyers/bookmarks/news to shops and guilds.

**Bookmark/Poster Design** -Design & Print promotional bookmarks/postcards/posters for show

**Social Media** - Create/maintain internet-based publicity. Coordinate with guild webmaster.

**Quilt Intake** - Receive, store & deliver show quilts. Pet & smoke free house required.

**Invitationals** - Identify and organize potential guest exhibitors, speakers and/or instructors for show.

**Volunteer Coordination** – Identify & document volunteers required for show weekend.

## Get Quilting!

What quilt (or quilts) will you exhibit in our next show? All levels of experience are encouraged to enter a quilt. You don't have to be an expert. If you haven't finished a quilt in a while, let the show be your motivation. We all want to join in celebrating your hard work.



This show will also include a **Wall of Valor**. These quilts will be donated to veterans after the show as part of the Quilts of Valor efforts. These quilts can be made by one or more guild members. We need to follow the guidelines of the QOV organization. The quilts will not be judged. You can also submit a quilt which has already been donated to a veteran. You can find details on quilt guidelines on the website

[www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org)

## Treasurer's Report

If at anytime, a member has a question regarding the guild's finances, please see me during a monthly meeting or send me an e-mail to address your inquiry. I can be reached at [susanqtrimble@gail.com](mailto:susanqtrimble@gail.com). During one or our upcoming meetings when we do not have a speaker, I can also provide an update to the guild on our finances.

Respectfully, Sue Trimble

## Membership News

### From Our 1st Vice President:

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2015-2016. If you have not yet renewed your membership for the year, your name will be highlighted in yellow on the sign in sheet at the November guild meeting. The amount due \$30, which includes the \$5 late fee.

If you will not be at the November meeting, you can send your check to payable to "FVQI" to Farmington Valley Quilters, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089.

I will send all of the active members a copy of the membership list following the November meeting to make sure that it includes everyone who renews as of the November meeting. The list of member names and e-mail addresses are also available on the guild's website in the password protected "Members" section.

**Raffle Gifts:** Gifts for the monthly raffle basket can be donated at any regular meeting at the sign-in table.

### Member Show & Tell

Pictures can be seen in the Photo Gallery on the Guild web site, [www.fvquilter.org](http://www.fvquilter.org).

## Guest Policy

There will be a \$10.00 **Guest Fee** at Guild Meetings with fee speakers and potluck dinners. Guest who join the guild that evening do not have to pay the guest fee.



## Sunshine

If anyone needs a cheer card or a sympathy card. You can contact Anne Baldis - [annieb1953@aol.com](mailto:annieb1953@aol.com) or Sue Trimble - [susanqtrimble@gmail.com](mailto:susanqtrimble@gmail.com) or any board member.

## Guild Library News

We want to remind everyone that if you have borrowed books from the Guild Library, **please remember to return them** at the next Guild Meeting. Also, we would like to expand the collection to include tools, rulers, or other gadgets. If you have some of these that you bought for a project, but don't expect to use them again, please consider contributing them to the Guild Library so that other members could try them out.

## Spring Retreat 2016

**March 9/10 - 13, 2016**

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

If you've been thinking about attending this retreat, here are some options to consider...

- The cost structure is per person and includes accommodations, 9 meals (Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch) and use of the entire facility:

There will be two options:

**3-night option (Thur, Fri, Sat)** – the cost of this all-inclusive retreat is \$280

**Add-a-Night (Wed)** – join the retreat a day early for an additional \$40 (no meals included)

- Space will be limited to 25 attendees
- To give all guild members an equal opportunity to register for the Spring Retreat, **registration will open, via email, on November 1.** Advance registrations will not be accepted. This means you need to email Christine with your intention to attend at [czepp28@gmail.com](mailto:czepp28@gmail.com) with the following information:  
Name, address, phone number (home and cell), email address, and any special requirements, i.e. diet, mobility, etc.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Christine

[Czepp28@gmail.com](mailto:czepp28@gmail.com)

Home: 860-408-9222

Cell: 860-930-2841

## Fall Retreat 2015

Thank you to everyone who attended the Fall Retreat this past weekend. I hope everyone had a wonderful time....I know I did.

## ABC Quilts

The ABC, A Better Chance, program is a national, non-profit organization that gives promising minority students an opportunity to receive their high school education at an excellent suburban school. It is a residential program with the students living together in a house in Simsbury and attending Simsbury High School. Each student is sponsored by a local host family. Farmington Valley Quilters began presenting quilts to incoming freshmen beginning in 1997. At the August ABC picnic, four incoming students were presented with their quilts which were made this past year by the guild.

We plan as a guild to make three quilts for next year's students. The kits for the first quilt were distributed at last month's meeting. Thank you to all who took the kits and sewed the blocks. Please bring the sewn blocks to the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Please call or email us with any questions.

Marilyn Webber, 860-658-2422, [mwebber09@gmail.com](mailto:mwebber09@gmail.com)

Mary Gridley, 860-651-0805, [gridleymary@gmail.com](mailto:gridleymary@gmail.com)

## Guild Bees

The guild offers three smaller groups (bees) that are designed for people to get together outside the guild meetings to share ideas, learn from each other, and socialize. The groups are completely independent of each other and each decide on the structure, location, and direction that the group would like. You do not need to attend every meeting to be a member. These bees are great ways to get to know others who share your passion.

The **Wednesday Morning** group meets two Wednesday mornings a month, rotating homes. Each bring their own hand project. Occasionally a group project or a challenge is done. The contact person is Meg Lines, [malines7@comcast.net](mailto:malines7@comcast.net).

The **Wednesday Night Stitchers** meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month, rotating homes. The meetings could also be at a location such as a library, meeting room in community centers, churches, etc. The group has decided to make a quilt for charity. Anyone is welcome to join. The contact person is Susan Elliott, [shsellcott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shsellcott@sbcglobal.net).

The **Monday Afternoon Bee** meets on the second Monday afternoon of the month, rotating homes or meeting sites. This group also brings any kind of handwork (quilting, cutting, knitting). Group projects and challenges are also done. The contact person is Debbie D'Angelo, [quiltedbasket@gmail.com](mailto:quiltedbasket@gmail.com)

Please feel free to contact Susan Elliott, [shsellcott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shsellcott@sbcglobal.net) or 860-658-0863 if you want more information or would like to start a group of your own!

## Neo Natal

Do you need some suggestions for making a neo-natal quilt? They only need to be 36" x 36", (or 40" x 40" if you can make that size). That's not a huge investment of time.

Here are a few we've tried:

- Try a new pattern that you've always meant to try.
- Use a bunch of scraps. You'd be surprised how soon light and dark 4 patches amount up to a quilt size.
- Try the current friendship block in baby colors or combine with some of your orphan blocks with a neutral color.
- Make a friendship block and maybe win them all so you have already made blocks.

Have fun – most of all.

Keep those quilts coming! We have delivered a total of 25 May. One of the quilts from the last delivery on August 27 was immediately picked out by one of the thankful fathers.

Sally Markey and Karen Hines

## Mystery Night

## Help Needed

The Sew Thankful Quilters who make Quilts of Valor at the Avon Congregational Church is very prolific in producing quilts. One area where we could use some help is with Long Arm Quilting. It is a wonderful opportunity to give some time toward National Service, work on your long arm skills, and help get quilts in the hands of our many service men and women who need to know we all appreciate their service. We leave the quilt design to you, but a simple overall pattern is perfect. We supply the batting and we will also do the trimming, binding, and all the other steps necessary to get the quilt finished. Please call or email me if you can help. Susan Elliott [860-658-0863](tel:860-658-0863) (h), [860-748-1775](tel:860-748-1775) (c), or [shsellott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shsellott@sbcglobal.net)



## Member Classifieds

If you would like to advertise a service or are looking to sell or buy something related to quilting/ sewing, you can now advertise it here. Your advertisement will be kept in the Newsletter for six months; after which it will be removed unless told otherwise.

### Free

Scrap Box: I have a large bag of fiber fill free for the taking. Please email Susan Elliott, [shsellcott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shsellcott@sbcglobal.net), if you would like me to bring it to the meeting or make other arrangements for you to pick it up.

### Quilt Retreat—Berkshire Quilts is going back to Saco!

Ever since we held a weekend retreat in Saco, Maine seven years ago, we have longed to go back, and it is finally going to happen next spring!

Join us for a wonderful weekend in Saco. As always, registration free includes Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, instruction, a Mystery project, door prizes, welcome gifts, and a comfy bed.

April 22-24, 2016; \$325/double, \$425/single; Thursday evening additional \$100.

Contact Karen 413-822-8763 or Kate 518-312-0762 for more information.

We will be at the Bennington Quilt Festival, September 19-20...stop by or booth!!!!

### For Sale

Singer Featherweight from sometime around 1956-1958, perfect condition & in excellent working condition, used very little by current owner. Asking \$400, contact Edith Frankel at 860-321-7907 if interested.

### For Sale

Lots & Lots of beautiful fabrics from Carrie's stash. Wide assortment of fabrics & lots of multi piece collections too. Proceeds from the sales of this fabric will go to Pancreatic Cancer Research in memory of Carrie & into funds for her three children. Contact Lynn Emery to set up a time to shop at either [lemery5343@aol.com](mailto:lemery5343@aol.com) or 860-673-5343 & help her get all the fabric out of her house!



# FRIENDSHIP BLOCKS

2015 - 2016

The tradition is for guild members to participate in making friendship blocks as a way to try a new block, learn a new technique, and finally to have a chance to win the blocks.

You need to complete your block on the due date. Write your name on a piece of paper and attach it to your block(s) so the winner knows who finished the block(s). Fill out 1 ticket for each block you've completed with your name on it and drop it in the basket provided.

We're going to try some new things.

1. The winner will win the blocks and 1 yard of coordinating fabric.
2. If you bring in at least three (3) blocks, you'll get 1 extra chance to win.

Have Fun!!!

Friendship Block 1.....Quick Cross

Due: September 2015

Friendship Block 2 .....Hopscotch

Due: November 2015

Friendship Block 3.....String Quilt

Due: MARCH 2016

Friendship Block 4..... Paper Pieced Cross

Due: May 2016

Questions? Contact:

Linnea Amodio: Neaya@aol.com

Donna Flynn: dflynn@endvr.com

## QUICK CROSS

I thought it would be nice to combine Kaffe prints with Batiks; Bright and Cheery. You'll use four different strips of fabric in this block from your choice of Kaffe and Batik fabrics. The other fabric you'll need is a white-on-white print or plain white.

- Cut a 6" block out of the white fabric.
- Cut 2 strips – 2" x 6" out of two different fabrics
- Cut 2 strips – 2" x 9" out of two different fabrics (different from the first two)

Feel free to use any combination of Kaffe prints and Batik prints for each block.

Following the picture directions, sew your 2 shorter pieces on first, on opposite sides of the block. Then sew your 2 longer pieces, on opposite sides of the block. Always using a 1/4" seam.

Cut this block into four separate small blocks measuring 4-1/2" x 4-1/2".

You're done. You've just made four Friendship Blocks.

**Don't sew these four blocks together.**

We'll leave that part of the process to the winner of the blocks.

Go make more and have fun.

Thanks.

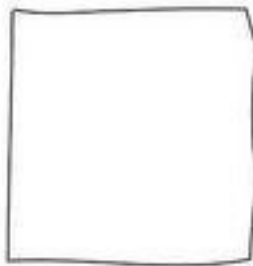
*Found on Pinterest*



# quilty cross



This is how I made my cross. Its neither groundbreaking nor original. Feel free to make it, fake it, smoke it, make it your own, sell them. Do what you want with it. Its a free little tutorial. I didnt put any measurements cos I figure you can do that yourself & Im no good with numbers. And I figure you already know about sewing the good side down and how to use your iron to neaten your seams.



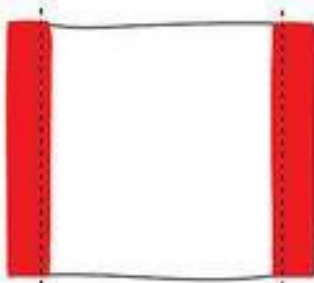
get your white square of fabric.

two long

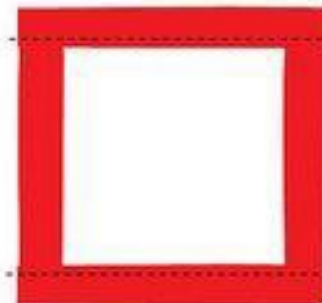


two short

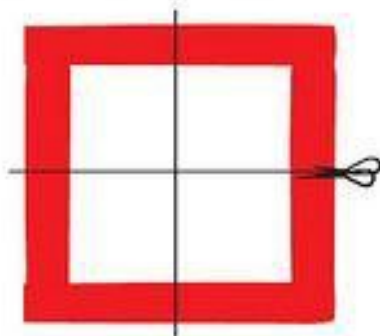
cut four strips of fabric.  
this fabric will make your cross.



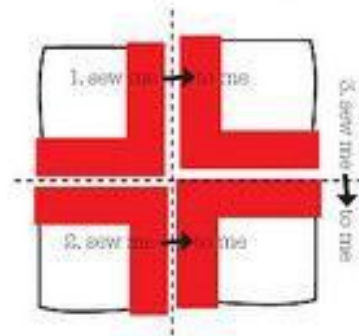
sew short strips to sides



sew long strips to top & bottom.  
You now have a framed white square, nice.



chop chop that baby into quarters



arrange those quarters into cross. 1. sew top two together  
2. then bottom two together, 3. then top to bottom, and you are done.

This tutorial used material you put together by yourself. from [www.yourquilt.com](http://www.yourquilt.com)

## Hopscotch

Terry Kramer.com



I was inspired by our June 2014 Challenge – Solid fabrics only. For this Friendship Block, please use 100% quilt quality cotton.

Stick with more quiet-soft colors along with white and cream.

The small square in the center can be a more primary color which will create a nice pop.

Cut your main piece  $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$ . Slash through this piece once – somewhere near the center (refer to the photo for ideas).

Your center strip will be made up of two different solid fabrics. Cut one piece approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$  for the longer piece and  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$  for the center piece. Cut the longer piece approximately in half and sew the smaller piece between the cut.

Now sew this new piece to the center of the two main pieces you previously cut.

**Trim this down to a  $7'' \times 7''$  block.** Your block is done.

Please make more for more chances to win the friendship blocks.

## Classic String Quilt



We're going to make a classic string quilt. Select 100% quilt quality cotton fabrics. This is a perfect block to use up more of your scraps.

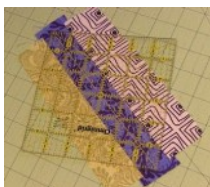
**Choose a black and white print for the center strip.**

**Then use cool colors to make up the strips. We're talking blues, greens, and purples in light, medium, and dark shades.**

Cut strips anywhere from 1 1/4" wide – 2 1/2" wide. Cut them long enough to fill the space under the 8-1/2" template, as shown below. Keep in mind you need to account for your 1/4" seam allowance. You can also use a very light interfacing as a foundation for this block.

Start with the center strip. Then add a new strip on either side of the center strip, right sides together, stitch a 1/4" seam, flip and iron. Continue building until the block is bigger than the template. The strips can be various widths.

Trim as shown below. The unfinished block size is 8-1/2". (The block size in the finished quilt will be 8".)



The photo below shows what the quilt might look like when the blocks are assembled. Make a bunch so you can enter your name in the drawing multiple times. This will be a nice quilt!



Thanks to Empire Quilt Guild Block of the Month for these direction.

Visit [Empirequilters.com](http://Empirequilters.com)

## Paper Pieced Cross



I like the colors used in this block and think they would make a great friendship block. We're going to use the same color combination as used in this sample. As always, use 100% cotton quality quilting fabrics.

Piece 1: Cut 1 – 3" x 5" Black with White print fabric

Pieces 2 & 4: Cut 2 – 3" x 3" blocks – 1 from a cool color and 1 from a warm color

Pieces 3 & 5: Cut 2 – 3" x 4" blocks – 1 from a cool color and 1 from a warm color

Pieces 6 & 7: Cut 2 – 6-1/2" x 4" blocks – each from a different White with Black print

These pieces of fabric should be large enough to make a block without too much waste. As you get better or if you're already a paper piecing pro, you may want to adjust the cut sizes of your fabrics.

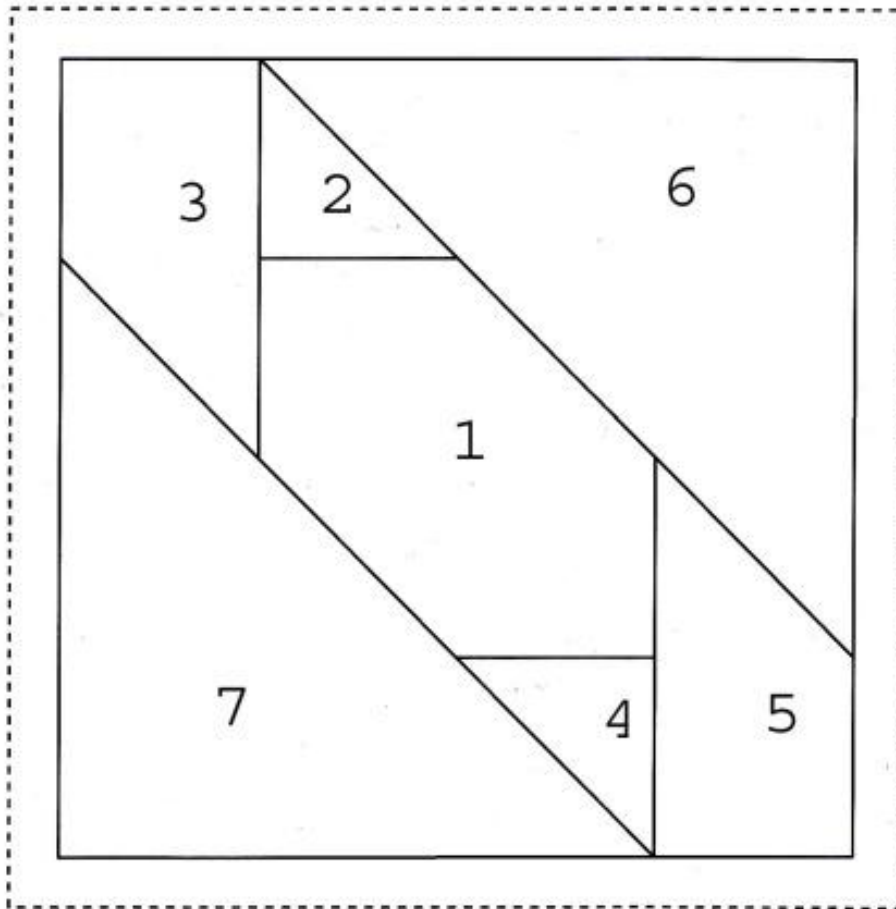
Use the paper piecing directions that follow to assemble this block. Please keep the cool color fabrics on one end (piece 2 & 3) and the warm color fabrics on the other end (piece 4 & 5).

**When you're done, trim the block to 5-3/4" x 5-3/4"**

Thanks to [WOMBATQUILTS.COM](http://WOMBATQUILTS.COM) for this great paper pieced block. This is an original design by Cathy Hall. Visit the website for other great ideas.

## Paper Pieced Cross

(continued)



I enlarged this block so the unfinished block was  $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $5\frac{3}{4}$ ".

**DOUBLE CHECK THE SIZE OF THE UNFINISHED BLOCK BEFORE SEWING.**

All printers don't print the same.



## Paper Pieced Cross

(continued)

### STEP – BY – STEP PAPER PIECING DIRECTIONS

By Carol Doak

1. Place the #1 fabric RIGHT side up on the BLANK SIDE of the paper over the area it needs to fill, pin in place.
2. On the printed side of the template, place the postcard (see below) on the seam line between #1 and #2.
3. Fold the paper back, exposing the excess #1 fabric.
4. Trim the excess #1 fabric to ¼” from the fold.
5. Place the #2 fabric RIGHT side up over the area it needs to fill and then flip it over so right sides are together with the previous fabric.
6. Sew on the line between 1 and #2 (extending the stitching on both ends about ¼”).
7. Open the just added fabric and press.
8. Place the card on the next line you will sew and fold the paper back. Trim the excess fabric to ¼” from the fold. Place the next fabric to be added, right side up, then flip it over so right sides are together with the previous piece and sew on the line. Open the just added piece and press. Continue at the top of step 8 until all pieces have been added.
9. Trim the completed block to 5-3/4” x 5-3/4”.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Fold on line with Index Card</li><li>2. Trim to ¼” seam allowance</li><li>3. Align next fabric</li><li>4. Flip fabric and sew on line</li><li>5. Press</li></ol> |
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Cut out and attach to an Index Card

## Quilt Shows & Events

For a national and international calendar of quilt events go to the Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. website: [www.saga.com](http://www.saga.com)

### "Fibers and Findings"

Pop-up studio Studio 2A at the Farmington Valley Art Center, Avon. A gallery of contemporary fiber, mixed media and jewelry artists. Holiday season hours: Nov. 1 - Dec. 31: Thursday, Friday 12-4, Saturday, 10-4. Candlelight Opening: Friday, November 20, 5-9pm.

### October 24 & 25, 2015

#### Harvest Quilt Show

Avon Congregational Church  
6 West Main Street, Avon, CT  
October 24, 10am-5pm  
October 25, 12noo-5pm  
New and Antique Quilts displayed, vendors, café and raffle baskets and quilts.  
Quilts wanted for display, please visit [www.harvestquiltshow.org](http://www.harvestquiltshow.org) for entry forms.

### New England Air Museum

Our Guild is supporting the New England Museum and one of the benefits that we receive are "Guild Guest Passes". If you are planning a trip to the Museum and would like to use one of the Guest Passes, please contact Elaine Reimer via email at [reimereg@gmail.com](mailto:reimereg@gmail.com) or by phone at 860-874-2070.

### August 20 - October 31, 2015

#### Caryl Bryer Fallert - A Retrospective

New England Quilt Museum  
Curator's Reception & Gallery Talk with  
Caryl Bryer Fallert on Saturday August 29, 11am

### 2015—2016 FVQI Board Members

<b>President</b>	Barb Heagney
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### 2015—2016 Committees

**ABC Quilts** Marilyn Webber & Mary Gridley

**Bee Keeper** Susan Elliott

The Beekeeper is here to answer any questions you may have about our bees and help you join one if you wish. AM Bee meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 9:30 AM at various homes. The Wednesday Night Stitchers meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at various homes. Contact Susan Elliott by email, [shseliott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shseliott@sbcglobal.net) or [860-658-0863](tel:860-658-0863) if you want to join one.

**Fabric Swap Box** Susan Elliott

This box is a way to share your quilting fabric, books, patterns, and notions you no longer want with guild members. The items are free to take by any member.

**Friendship Blocks** Linnea Bronson Amodio & Donna Flynn

**Hospitality** Anne Dodge

**June Challenge** Sue Trimble & Ann Baldis

**Library** Anne Dodge - Lois Palmer - Sharon Lizak

**Mystery Night**

**Neo Natal Quilts** Karen Hines & Sally Sargent Markey

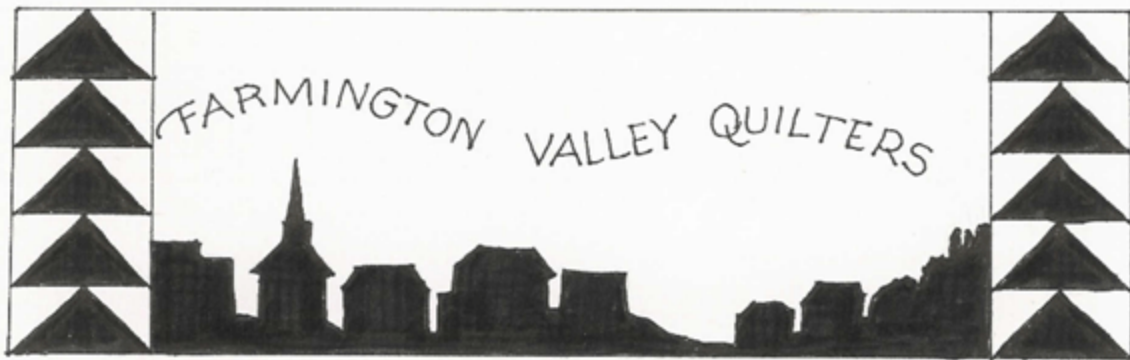
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