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## From the President

Happy Holidays to everyone, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you & your families a wonderful holiday season & a very Happy New Year! I'm sure all of you are busy finishing up those Christmas gifts (I know I've got several I'm trying to get finished myself) along with your holiday shopping & baking. By the time we have our Holiday Social we will only have 3 days until Christmas, so the pressure is on to get everything done! Please try to relax & have some fun during the holidays too, I know it's hard but we all deserve it!

Our meeting this month is our Winter Party, it's always such a great evening of fun & fellowship among our wonderful guild members. I hope everyone has a great time tonight socializing & getting to know some of your fellow members a little better. We will be having lots of wonderful desserts & beverages along with our Secret Santa gift exchange & a great game of Quilter's LCR so don't forget your 3 10" fabric squares so you can play.

I would like to thank Meg Lines for volunteering to take on Mystery Night for us which will be held sometime in the late spring. I would also like to thank Aurelle Locke & Judy Ross for volunteering to take on the June Challenge for us, they will try to have info for us after the New Year.

The board voted at our December meeting to have the next Quilt Show in 2014 to get back to our even year rotation, so we have a little time before you need to start that, but please consider Chairing the 2014 Show with a friend or two. If you have any questions about chairing the 2014 show, ask Karen Hines.

We will be starting to look for some new Board Officers after the first of the year too, so if you're interested in joining the guilds board please see any of the current officers for more information and to let us know. It's a lot of fun being on the board and many of the board members will be staying on for another year so you will have some experienced people to work with.

Please make sure to read through the **entire newsletter every month** as there is always lots of great information in there and you don't want to miss out on any of the great stuff the guild has to offer!

Enjoy the Winter Party tonight and very Happy Holidays to all of you, Debbie!

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### Snippets

- ◆ This meeting begins at 6:45pm
- ◆ FVQI Board meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month and are open to all members.
- ◆ Show and Tell
- ◆ Neonatal quilts
- ◆ Library items
- ◆ Friendship Blocks Drawing
- ◆ Challenge Quilts!



## This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, December 21st, 6:45 pm

Eno Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury

You're invited to our annual Winter Party!

Celebrate the season with your fellow guild members at our upcoming December Meeting.

FVQG Winter Party

Date: December 21, 2011

Time: 6:45pm

Location: Eno Memorial Hall - Simsbury, CT

Potluck deserts! Please bring a dessert or beverage item to share with the group.

If you'd like to participate in either of our fun activities, please bring the following:

- \$10 secret Santa gift item (gift wrapped, no need for a brown bag)
- 3 fabric 10" squares for LRC game - fabric of your choice, no theme or style requirements

Questions - please contact Kate Vincent or Lauren Elliott

## Future Programs

### UFO Resolution 2012

We are giving you a reason to clean out those closets and finally get those projects finished. We will have forms available at the January and February meetings to list all quilts you resolve to finish in 2012. The only stipulations are that (a) these projects must have been sitting around for at least one year (b) you only have until February to make your UFO resolutions and (c) you will have one year to complete your project. Your progress will be tracked, pins will be awarded and for each quilt completed your name will be entered for a grand prize drawing. If you have any questions, please call or email Lorna Knudsen at 860-758-7794 [ljknudsen@cox.net](mailto:ljknudsen@cox.net) or Chris Snieckus at 860-738-8922 [snieckusut@hotmail.com](mailto:snieckusut@hotmail.com).



**January 18, 2012**—"Past and Present", we are asking our members to participate in a large "show and tell." Members are asked to bring their first and most recent quilts and talk about what (if anything) has changed and influenced them. If you no longer have your first (or last) quilt, please bring the closest that you have. This is a great opportunity to get to know new and old members and the work we do.

There will be ribbons and prizes and surprises. *Please fill out the form on the following page* and bring it with you and your quilts to the January Meeting.

**February 15, 2012**—Service Projects

**March 21, 2012**--Karen Loprete, an art quilter coming from a background in graphic design and illustration, will have a trunk show of her colorful and creative art quilts. [www.karenloprete.com](http://www.karenloprete.com)

**April 18, 2012**--Gwen Marston, a professional quiltmaker, teacher and author, famous for her innovative liberated quilting technique, will talk about "abstract Quilts in Solids" or "So Old Its New" illustrated with quilts from her books. <http://gwenmarston.com>



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## Future Programs...con't

### *Past and Present Show & Tell Form*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

“First Quilt” Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started and Finished: \_\_\_\_\_

Information about the Quilt: \_\_\_\_\_

“Last Quilt” Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started and Finished: \_\_\_\_\_

Information about the Quilt: \_\_\_\_\_

Any comments about your Quilting Journey:




## Upcoming Workshops

March, 2012----Karen Loprete - Scrap Happy--- [www.karenloprete.com](http://www.karenloprete.com)

Create something new, use what you have already learned from your own work, continue experimenting, and HAVE FUN. Karen will be teaching her "Round the Bend" method of sewing 1 inch wide fabric strips sewn into a circular shape.



April, 2012----Gwen Marston - Abstract Quilts in Solids from new book "37 Sketches" <http://gwenmarston.com>



## Retreats

The 2012 Quilter's Spring - March 8-11, 2012

Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT

More information to follow next month.



## Membership News

### From Our Vice President:

We will be working on getting the very latest member information out to the entire guild after the first of the New Year, so please be sure to let any of the board members know if there are any changes to your information by filling out a membership form legibly at tonight's meeting. I know some of you have not filled out renewal & membership forms and we need that information at this month's meeting so we can get that list together for you all. We have a few new members that we have no information on: Hava Johnson, Margaret Looney, Lydia Settee & Peggie Thomsen, so ladies please make sure you fill out a form at tonight's meeting, thank you for your help!

### In other Membership News:

- ◆ Effective August 1, 2011 if you do not wear your FVQ Name Tag (the sticky nametags supplied at the meetings do not count.) you will no longer receive a door prize ticket for that meeting.



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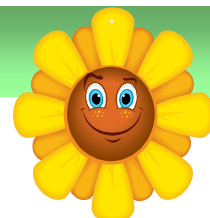
## Guest Policy



There will be a \$5.00 **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.

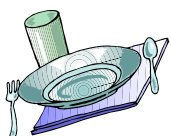
## Sunshine



Don't forget Sally always wants to know if anyone needs a cheer card or a sympathy card .

You can contact Sally Sargent Markey (653-3224) or any board member. Sally's new email is : [sallyspaints@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyspaints@yahoo.com).

## Community Service



### A Great Big Thanks!

I am proud to be a part of such a talented and giving guild. I collected ninety placemats! Thank you so much, my Christmas shopping is done....ha, ha, ha, just kidding! I dropped off all ninety last week to Meals on Wheels and the ladies gushed. They were so happy that we took the time to make these for the seniors. I know that they will be loved. Thank you again to all of you that made placemats for this project.

## Quilt Show

### HELP...HELP...HELP

We are still in need of a few people to chair our 2014 Quilt Show. Our 2011 Quilt Show committee has put together extensive information and notes for you, to make the job much easier, so please consider taking on this vital part of our guild's funding!

We are looking for some ideas for a fabulous Raffle Quilt for our 2014 Quilt Show, so please keep this in mind when you're looking through those magazines & patterns. If you find something awesome, please bring it to the boards attention. We will also need someone to take charge of this major fundraiser at our Quilt Show in 2014. If you have any questions please check with Karen Hines or one of the board members.





## Friendship Block

### Castle Wall

#### Friendship Block - Drawing in January

This block is from a fabulous site on the internet called Quilter's Cache. This has literally *hundreds* of quilt blocks and instructions. I found browsing through these very addictive and it was hard to decide on just one block. I finally settled on the castle wall, a 9 inch block, which is rated 2 pins which means more than one type of piecing. Since all of the wonderful blocks on this site are copyrighted, I can only give you the link to the web site in our newsletter. Click on the link below and it will take you right to the castle wall instructions. I am allowed to print these out to distribute at our guild meetings, so as usual I will have instructions at the meetings.



<http://www.quilterscache.com/E/EasyCastleWallBlock.html>

Click on this link for the instructions

**Questions?** Call Sue Greene (860-675-8326). Remember for help with ANY quilting project logon to our website [www.fvqi.org](http://www.fvqi.org), then click on Member's Helping Members for list of skilled members who can help you.



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## Quilt Shows

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

### ***November 15, 2011 - January 7, 2012***

The Art Quilt Gallery, NYC

Hours are 11 to 6 pm, Tuesday thru Saturday

133 West 25th Street, NYC

### **April 12 - 14, 2012**

MQX East

Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence

[www.mqxshow.com](http://www.mqxshow.com)



**2011—2012  
FVQI Board Members**

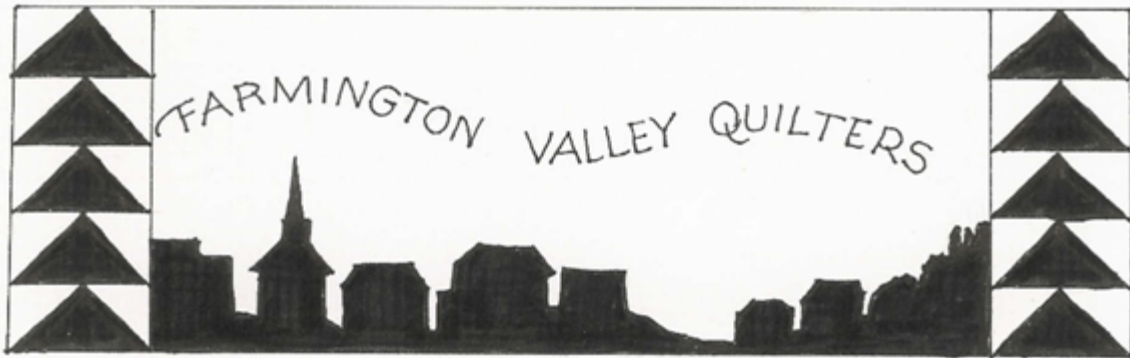
<b>President</b>	Debbie D'Angelo
<b>First Vice President</b>	Sherry Shoblom
<b>Second Vice President</b>	Phyllis Small (2nd year)
<b>Second Vice President</b>	Diane Popko (1st year)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Linda Huppelsberg
<b>Secretary</b>	Chris Snieckus
<b>Publicity &amp; Friendship Blocks</b>	Sue Greene
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Christine Zepp
<b>Socials</b>	Lauren Elliott & Kate Vincent
<b>Hospitality</b>	Laurie Rio & Caroline Berman

**2011—2012  
Committees**

<b>2011 Quilt Show Chair</b>	Karen Hines
<b>Bee Keeper</b>	Jane Hadley
<b>Library</b>	Anne Dodge Lois Palmer Lynn Emery
<b>Fabric Swap Box</b>	Sue Elliott
<b>Friendship Blocks</b>	Sue Greene
<b>ABC Quilts</b>	Sue Trimble Anne Baldis Diane Calkin Glenda Martin
<b>Mystery Night</b>	Meg Lines
<b>Fall Retreat</b>	Lauren Elliott & Katie Vincent
<b>Spring Retreat</b>	Caroline Berman
<b>Neo Natal Quilts</b>	Dot Witter & Lorna Knudsen
<b>June Challenge</b>	Aurette Locke & Judy Ross
<b>Webmaster</b>	Laurie Rio







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Meetings typically held at  
Eno Memorial Hall  
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Simsbury, CT

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