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### Snippets

- ♦ Meetings begins at 6:45pm.
- ♦ FVQI Board meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month and are open to all members

## This Month's Meeting

**July 15** - Willow Bascom from Plymouth, Vermont will be doing a presentation on "World Textile Designs". Willow will be talking about textiles, patterns and color palettes from around the world. She has lived in Saudi Arabia and Panama and has collected textiles and art from the many cultures she has visited. She is also an award winning children's author and illustration and has published a book called "Paisley Pig and Friends: A Multicultural ABC".

<http://www.willowdraws.com/quilters/>

## Future Programs

**August 19** – Service Meeting and Sandy Morawski will be giving a demo on Electric Quilt 7, which will consist of an overview of one of the industry's most popular quilt design software. With this software, you can design your own quilts and block patterns; audition your own personal fabric stash, embroidery designs and quilting designs on your quilt before you make it; print patterns for foundation piecing, templates and rotary cutting charts. It does the math for you; and prints your fabric yardage too.

## Upcoming Workshops



# We the Quilters...

2016 Quilt Show  
Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
at the University of Hartford

## 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.

**Themed Basket Raffle** - Organize & display raffle baskets.

**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 [psthomsen@yahoo.com](mailto:psthomsen@yahoo.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, Peggy Thomsen

## Membership News

### From Our 1st Vice President:

We have had a number of new members join us since our quilt show. Our total membership stands at 132 members. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself to somebody new at the meeting.

Part of my responsibility is to chair the nominating committee for board positions for the next year. I will be looking for 2 people from the general membership to serve with me. This should be fairly easy this year as we have many returning board members. As this is a volunteer organization, please consider how you might share your talents and time with the guild. On this same note, we do not have a Social Committee which is in charge of organizing the holiday party in December and the June social. We would love to have someone or a few someones step into this role for the remainder of the year and possibly into next year. Please see me at the meeting or contact me at 860-658-0393 if interested.

**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

Save the date for the 2016 Spring Retreat....March 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

## Fall Retreat

We were able to secure the Incarnation Center for a Fall Retreat this year. We were very lucky as they had a cancelation and offered the space to us. I was also looking into the Mercy Center but unfortunately they only had 6 rooms available.

So mark your calendars for **November 11 - 15, 2016**. We need at least 25 people to fulfill our commitment. 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)

To give all guild members an equal opportunity to register for the Fall Retreat, registration will open, via email, on **May 1st** on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please 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.

## 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. Each student is also sponsored by a local family. Farmington Valley Quilters began presenting incoming freshmen with a quilt beginning in 1997.

Blocks were distributed at the February meeting. If you picked up a block (or 2) then, please return the finished block(s) to us at this month's meeting. Our plan is to assemble and quilt the quilt to be ready to hand stitching the binding at the July meeting.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday.

*Donna Dellacamera and Debbie Jacoby*

## 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 Aurelle Locke, [alocke6164@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alocke6164@sbcglobal.net).

The **Wednesday Night Stitchers** meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month, rotating homes. This group is redefining themselves and the meetings could be at a location other than a home - library, meeting room, Starbucks, etc. Group projects, challenges, or any other kind of idea is welcome. The contact person is Susan Elliott, [shsellott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shsellott@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 Susan Elliott, [shsellott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shsellott@sbcglobal.net).

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

## Neo Natal

Dear Farmington Valley Quilters,

Thank you for the beautiful quilts for our babies and their families. I am sure they will become treasured keepsakes.

We had four mothers deliver new babies over Mother's Day weekend, and each was so happy to receive one of the quilts.

Many of the new mothers don't have the chance to experience receiving gifts at a baby shower since their baby was born early so they are thrilled to receive a colorful quilt.

For some mothers this is the first gift for their infant they have received.

When the quilts are placed at the bedside they brighten up the whole room and make each bedside unique and special for that baby.

The nurses love to select a special quilt for each of their patients, and the quilts are brought home when the baby is discharged.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and sharing your talents with us!

With thanks and appreciation from the parents, staff, and the March of Dimes staff.

Sincerely,

Shari Galvin, RN

March of Dimes NICU Family Support Specialist

Connecticut Children's NICU at UConn Health



## 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 [shselliot@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shselliot@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.

### For Sale

I would like to sell my Huskylock 936, 5 thread **overlock** serger including all tools, cables, video of instructions, and 2 serger books. The machine is in perfect working order and has only been used a few times. I have it listed on EBAY for 899.00 but will sell to you for \$700, or best offer.

Barbara Steele [860-242-9516](tel:860-242-9516)

### For Sale

Dritz Quilter's floor frame for \$65

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# FRIENDSHIP BLOCKS

2014- 2015

The patterns for the blocks are available  
at the meetings or on the website [www.fvquilter.org](http://www.fvquilter.org) .

## 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)

### Quilts of Valor

Join us in making Quilts of Valor for service people touched by war, Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main (Rt 44), **Jun 11 & 25, Jul 9 & 23, Aug 13 & 27, Sep 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 12 & 19, Dec 10 & 17 2015; 6 PM - 9 PM.**

Coaches, Rookies, and all in between are welcome. Come regularly or drop in when you can.

### The World Quilt Show -

New England XIII

The Radisson Center of New Hampshire  
Manchester, New Hampshire

August 13-15, 2015

Featuring the Premier of the  
2015 World Quilt Competition XIX

### Vermont Quilt Festival 2015

June 26-28

Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St, Essex  
Junction, Vermont

The countdown is on until Vermont Quilt Festival opens for its 39th year. While many classes are full, some openings are available in several great classes. Instructors this year include Kay Bergquist, Pam Damour, Nancy DiDonato, Pam Druhen, Karen Eckmeier, Kimberly Einmo, Cynthia England, Pat Ferguson, Kathy Gaul, Linda Hahn, Bonnie Hunter, Deb Karasik, Sue Nickels, Mara Novak, Pat Pauly, Sarah Ann Smith, Deb Tucker, Elin Waterston, and Karen Witt.

Classes begin on June 25 at the Vermont Technical College, Williston campus. The classrooms are air conditioned, well lighted and have excellent tables, comfortable seating and are on the ground floor. Check classes out at [www.vqf.org](http://www.vqf.org).

At the Expo, you will be treated to a panorama of more than 400 antique and new quilts on display including: contest quilts, antique quilts from the impressive Grana/Waddell collections, contemporary quilts from noted quilt artists, the popular SewBatik Challenge and more.

The shopper in you won't be disappointed as you shop over 90 vendors! Quilt appraisals and the free Textile Detectives, free gallery talks, and free vendor demos add to the excitement. See the quilts and shop while enjoying champagne or ginger ale and Vermont chocolates at the always-festive Champagne and Chocolate Preview on Thursday evening, June 25.

So plan with friends to spend a day or two visiting the show, taking in a class, shopping and volunteering a little of your time, too. For four hours of volunteering, you will earn the perk of early registration for classes in 2016.

Visit us at [www.vqf.org](http://www.vqf.org) and [www.facebook.com/VQF1977](https://www.facebook.com/VQF1977).

### 2014—2015 FVQI Board Members

<b>President</b>	Barb Heagney
<b>First Vice President</b>	Peggy Thomsen
<b>Second Vice President</b>	Elaine Reimer
	Linda Walter
<b>Secretary</b>	Donna Gosselin
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sue Trimble
<b>Publicity</b>	Betty Warner
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Christine Zepp
<b>Quilt Show Chair</b>	Lisa Salvatore

### 2014—2015 Committees

**ABC Quilts** Debbie Jacoby & Donna Dellacamera

**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, [shsellott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shsellott@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** Diane Francini

**Hospitality** Anne Dodge

**June Challenge** Debbie D'Angelo & Laurie Rio

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

**Mystery Night**

**Neo Natal Quilts** Phyllis Small & Robin Schofield

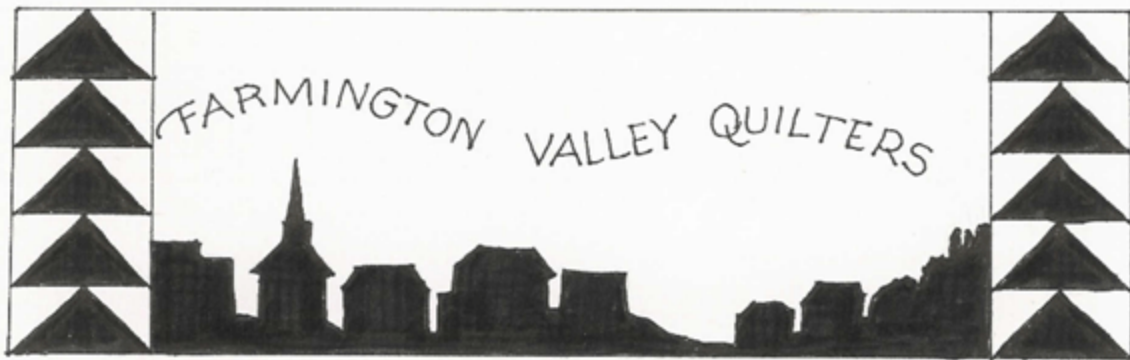
**Retreat—Fall** Christine Zepp

**Retreat—Spring** Christine Zepp

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