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From the President

Dear Friends,

I have continued my journey this month with Gretchen Rubin and her "Happiness Project". Now that I have added to my collections (mostly fabric), I need to work on what she describes as "Toss, organize, and restore". Doing this before I added to my collection would have made it easier, but late is never as the saying goes. I found that I have lots of fabric that either no longer suits me for one reason or the other, or I purchased for a project so many years ago I no longer remember what it was. Having that "Yankee" mentality, I couldn't just throw it away. With a little bit of research and attendance at the Sew Inspired anniversary celebration I was able to find many worthwhile organizations that can put our unwanted fabric to good use. Some of these organizations also provide easy directions to make simple projects. I will provide a list of these organizations at the close of this letter.

There has been some confusion on the start time of our monthly guild meetings. According to our welcome package information that is handed to new members, the sign-in time is 6:45 with the meeting starting promptly at 7:00. These are the times we will follow.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting on September 16th.

Quiltfully yours,

Barbara

1. VNA, Old Mill Lane 860-651-3539; www.farmingtonvalleyvna.org
Fabric needed to me carry-all for walkers; Attn: Sandy Fleet
2. Quilts2Heal, Inc. quilts2heal@comcast.net
Quilts made for families who have suffered a loss or illness
3. Ryan's Case for Smiles www.caseforsmiles.org
Makes pillowcases for hospitalized children
4. Bethlehem House www.bethlehemhousewma.org
Fabric scraps used to make bibs, taggies, and quilts for newborns
5. Quilts Beyond Borders 860-658-0670; kmatheson@comcast.net
Mats, diapers, and maternity shifts

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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

September 16th

Michelle Banton will be giving a presentation entitled: **"From Camera to Cotton – Photo Transfers"**.

The lecture will be about various techniques to use for photo transferring to fabric. Michelle will have samples to show and will be describing various techniques that can be used.

Future Programs

October 21 – Pat Harrison will be presenting a lecture entitled "Quilt As Desired". Pat learned to sew in 7th Grade Home Economics after all of our family's worldly goods went up in a warehouse fire after returning from diplomatic duty in London. She received her first sewing machine that Christmas and has been sewing clothing, home dec, and quilts ever since. She discovered how wonderfully extensive the world of quilting was in 1993 and began joining guilds and taking quilting classes. Her husband suggested that she needed a summer job when their older daughter entered college, so she became Rhode Island's first longarm quilter, developing her longarming skills in the evening while continuing to work as an elementary school librarian during the day. She then became interested in quilt judging. In 2008, she became an NQA Certified Quilt Judge, and in 2011, she became an NQA Certified *Master* Quilt Judge.

Pat's husband, Bob, will also have a vendor table set up where he sells, services and repairs Featherweights as well as old Singer mechanical machines. Also included at Bob's table will be parts for Featherweights, hand turned seam rippers, stilettos, and pens, quilt patterns, and Pat's Favorite Things for Quilting – a selection of sewing notions including irons, pressing boards and rulers.

<http://oceanwavesqc.com/index.html>

November 18 – 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-lynne-bassett/>

Upcoming Workshops

September 17 – Michelle Banton will be conducting a 6-hour workshop on: **Photo Transfer**. You will be creating a small wall hanging or other project. The workshop will be held at Sew Inspired's Quilt Studio in Simsbury from 10am to 4pm. Cost for members is \$35.00. There will also be \$15.00 kit fee that will be payable to the instructor on the day of the workshop.



We the Quilters...

2016 Quilt Show

Saturday, October 22nd

Sunday, October 23rd

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.

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

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. During one of 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. To anyone who has not done so yet, your payment will need to include the \$5 late fee. Please bring your payment to the September meeting or send a check for \$30 payable to "FVQI" to Farmington Valley Quilters, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089.

The updated membership list will be added to the member section of the website. It currently includes both those members that have paid their membership as well as those that are still outstanding. I will ask for an updated version to be put on the website the beginning of October to allow for late payments through the end of September before removing anyone from the list.

If there are any questions, please contact me by e-mail at psthomsen@yahoo.com.

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.

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 or Sue Trimble - 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 9th – 13th

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. 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 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 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. Quilt block kits will be available at the October 21st meeting, to be sewn at home and returned by the November 18th meeting. Opportunities for assembling, quilting and binding will be presented after blocks are returned.

Please call or email us with any questions.

Marilyn Webber, 860-658-2422, mwebber09@gmail.com

Mary Gridley, 860-651-0805, 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.

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.

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

Please feel free to contact Susan Elliott, 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

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

Dritz Quilter's floor frame for \$65

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

Free

Scrap Box: I have a large bag of fiber fill free for the taking. Please email Susan Elliott, shseliott@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!

Every 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 or 860-673-5343 & help her get all the fabric out of her house!

FRIENDSHIP BLOCKS

2015 - 2016

The patterns for the blocks are available
at the meetings or on the website 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

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.

August 13-15, 2015

The World Quilt Show

New England XIII

The Radisson Center of New Hampshire
Manchester, New Hampshire
Featuring the Premier of the
2015 World Quilt Competition XIX

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

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 for entry forms.

September 19-20, 2015

Bennington Quilt Festival

September 26, 2015

10am—4pm

New England Quilt Museum

Join Holice Turnbow for a day of learning and
fun to benefit the New England Quilt Museum.
\$40 per person

Register with Visitor Services, 978-452-4207 x16

September 21-27, 2015

New England Air Museum

2015—2016 FVQI Board Members

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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 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 & Donna

Hospitality Anne Dodge

June Challenge Debbie D'Angelo & Laurie Rio

Library Anne Dodge - Lois Palmer — Sharon Lizak

Mystery Night

Neo Natal Quilts Karen Hines & Sally Sargent Markey

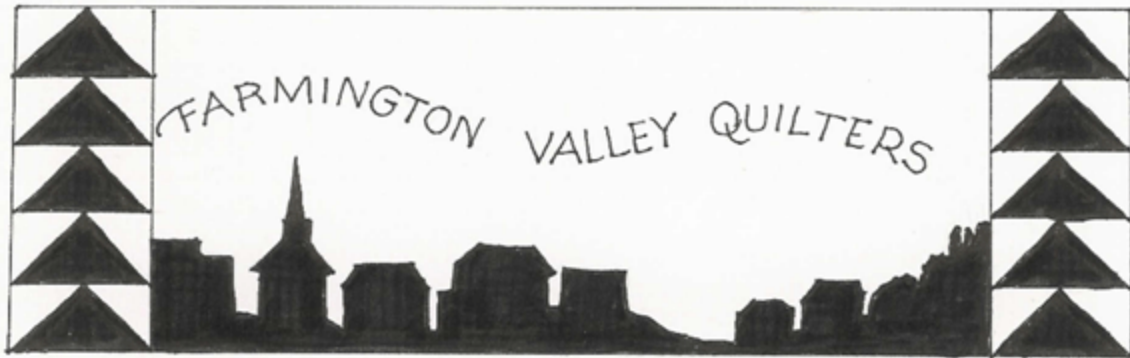
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