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## From the President

This month at our meeting we will be able to sign up for the Spring Retreat which will be in March at The Incarnation Center in Ivoryton CT. Also don't forget the Fall Retreat coming up on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

REMEMBER the November Guild meeting is November 14<sup>th</sup> – moved up a week because of Thanksgiving. The workshop will be on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

I have had a busy couple of weeks. My new granddaughter was born October 6<sup>th</sup> (two weeks early) so that threw my schedule off – in a good way. She is perfectly adorable and I can now get on with the grandmotherly spoiling. She has her first quilt from me and I am sure more to come.

Everyone is doing so well with their UFO projects, I am inspired to start working on mine. I enjoy seeing them all at show and tell. I also have in mind to make my husband a quilt for Christmas. I think that will be my project at the fall retreat.

Happy Quilting,

Diane

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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.
- ◆ Show and Tell
- ◆ Neonatal quilts
- ◆ Library items
- ◆ Friendship Blocks Drawing
- ◆ Challenge Quilts!

## This Month's Meeting

**Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 6:45 pm**

Eno Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury

PJ Anderson - Trunk Show [www.silverthimbleonline.com](http://www.silverthimbleonline.com)

Fabric designer, teacher, and author of *Sweet & Sassy Templates—Diamond Quilts*, Phyllis Anderson is the inventor of a plastic template for making a variety of diamond shapes. PJ lectures and gives workshops all over the US and Canada. (All photos reproduced with permission)



Quilts by PJ Anderson.

## Future Programs

**November 14, 2012** — Mary Bajcz - Lecture

Michigan quilt artist Mary Bajcz says she found her artistic voice when she discovered “free cut piecing” a method of drawing with a rotary cutter. Besides quilts she enjoys creating handbags and colorful hooked rugs. She will speak on “What’s In Your Stash? Taking a Fresh Look at Our Raw Materials”.

<https://sites.google.com/site/scrapphappymaryb/home>

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Mary Bajcz, Dresden Remix



Mary Bajcz, Quilt

Mary Bajcz, Silk Jacket



**December 19, 2012** — Holiday Social

**January 16, 2013** — Susan Vassallo Lecture

Susan Vassallo identifies herself as “Artist by design, teacher by trade”. A lifelong artist, she turned to quilting as a creative outlet and has not looked back. Her work includes painted wholecloth, abstracts, and works that express her own unique journey. [www.susanvassallo.com/index.html](http://www.susanvassallo.com/index.html)

## Upcoming Workshops

**October 18** – PJ Anderson Maddie Bea’s Quilt Workshop at Sew Inspired - 10am-4pm

Workshop participants will learn how to use the three-piece template set designed by PJ Anderson to make a *Maddie Bea’s Quilt*. PJ notes, “Included is a mini as a bi-project of the quilt. Here is a great class to learn how to use templates and color selection. Your project will not be completed in class.”



**November 15** — Mary Bajcz Free Cut Piecing Workshop at Sew Inspired

Mary Bajcz will teach her method of “free cut piecing” in this full-day workshop. Mary describes her class: “Think of this as drawing with our rotary cutter, but you don’t have to know how to draw. To learn the techniques, we’ll sew circular blocks, make leaves into a wall hanging and explore other units/blocks. It’s liberating!”

To register: sign up at the October meeting. Fee: \$35. Supplies list provided at registration.

## Spring Retreat

**Mark your calendars for March 7 – 10, 2013 at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT.**

We will be returning to The Incarnation Center ([www.incarnationcenter.org](http://www.incarnationcenter.org)) again for our 2013 FVQ Spring Retreat. For those of you considering the retreat and are not familiar with The Incarnation Center, it is a year-round retreat facility for all kinds of groups and they have hosted quilting groups for over five years. We will be located in The Lodge again; a private and peaceful location. With a large central sewing room with a huge stone fireplace, two wings of mostly single rooms with shared bathrooms (all are recently remodeled!) and a Dining Room that serves superb, farm fresh and nutritional meals buffet style – we can eat, sleep and sew without ever leaving the building! The Incarnation Center is situated on 700 acres of pristine woodlands and offers miles of walking trails for those who would like a breath of fresh air.

There are a few changes to the program for 2013...

- The cost structure is per person and includes accommodations, 9 meals (Thursday Dinner through Sunday Lunch) and use of the facility:
  - ◊ There will only be a 3-night option – the cost of this all-inclusive retreat is \$250.
  - ◊ A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required by November 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - ◊ The final payment of \$150 is required by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - ◊ Checks are made payable to FVQ and should be sent directly to Caroline at the address below.
- Arrival on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> will be 1:00PM and check out on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> will be at 2:00PM – *no exceptions!*
- Space will be limited to 25 attendees.
- To give all guild members an equal opportunity to register for the Retreat, registration will open, via email, on October 22<sup>nd</sup> on a “first come, first serve” basis. This means you need to email Caroline with your intention to attend at [chbermanct@comcast.net](mailto:chbermanct@comcast.net) with the following information:
  - ◊ Name, address, phone number (home and cell), and email address
  - ◊ Any special requirements, i.e. diet, mobility, etc.

The response to the retreat last year was fantastic! We will be taking names on a waiting list. So, don't wait to register and don't assume you won't get a spot...you never know what changes may occur that enable you to attend!

It will be a wonderful weekend filled with fellowship and laughter...and a few fun surprises!

Questions...contact Caroline!

Caroline Berman

24 Massaco Street, Simsbury, CT 06070

860-658-9204 [chbermanct@comcast.net](mailto:chbermanct@comcast.net)

## Fall Retreat

The FVQ fall retreat will be on Saturday, November 3 at the Simsbury Library on Route 10 in Simsbury from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. Sign-ups will begin at the September 19 membership meeting. There will be a \$10.00 charge to cover snacks and door prizes. Quilters can bring lunch or take advantage of one of the many local restaurants. More details will be available on the 19. If there are questions please contact Meg Lines at

860 242-1850 or [maline7@comcast.net](mailto:maline7@comcast.net)

## Membership News

### From Our 1st Vice President:

Each year the Guild finds it a challenge to have members renew their membership before the end of the summer. This poses a problem from a bookkeeping stand point, as well as trying to assemble a complete membership list and distribute it in a timely manner to the Guild. In order to encourage members to renew their membership by the end of August, the board voted to impose a \$5 penalty fee to any renewing member that has not paid their dues by September 1st. This means that as of September 1, 2012, a renewing member will be charged \$30. In addition, renewing members that have not paid and renewed their membership before January 1st, will no be eligible for a prorated membership fee.

Members can renew at Guild meetings, May through August 2012 for \$25. For those members unable to attend these meetings, the membership form will be posted on our website and can be electronically or manually filled out, and a check for the dues can be sent to our PO Box. We hope this does not inconvenience anyone, but rather strengthen our membership and eliminate members who fall through the cracks.

### Birthday's:



#### **October**

10/04 - Debra Mastrianni  
 10/05 - Cynthia Butts  
 10/13 - Sue Gauvain  
 10/15 - ZanaTauro  
 10/18 - Dorothy Witter  
 10/19 - Lisa Oliver  
 10/21 - Judy Ross  
 10/24 - Chris Gundaker  
 10/24 - Pauline Shaw

#### **November**

11/01 - Michelle Palmer  
 11/03 - Carrie Bacewicz  
 11/08 - Michelle Spaulding  
 11/09 - Cheryl Plourde  
 11/18 - Chris Carmon  
 11/20 - Margaret Looney  
 11/21 - Susan Michaels  
 11/23 - Jennifer Schroeder  
 11/25 - Laura St. Onge  
 11/26 - Kathy Lettieri  
 11/29 - Margaret Dooley

## 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. Farmington Valley Quilters goal is to provide each boy who enters the program with a new handmade quilt. We started the ABC Quilt Project in 1997.

Sue Trimble, Donna Dellacamera and Deb Jacoby presented this year's quilts to the two incoming freshman at the ABC House on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. The young men were appreciative of the quilts. We met the mother and aunt of one of the young men and they were also very appreciative of the special gift.

Blocks for the next quilt will be available at Wednesday night's meeting. Please consider taking one (or more) to make. Each block takes less than an hour to make and will guarantee a feel good sensation! Our thanks to everyone who participates.

We look forward to seeing everyone this month.

*Donna Dellacamera and Debbie Jacoby*

## UFO Project

Please let us know at each guild meeting if you have completed a step on any of your UFO's. We have a chart and would like to track your progress. Happy sewing!



## Community Service

Nothing new to report.

## Quilt Challenge

## Friendship Block

2012 - 2013

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 change 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. Fill out one ticket for each block you have 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 one yard of coordinating fabric.
2. If you bring in a least three (3) blocks, you will gat an extra change to win.

On the following pages you will find the directions to the following Blocks\*:

Friendship Block 1	Friendship Quilt Square	Due: September 2012 (Completed)
Friendship Block 2	Trading Patches	Due: November 2012
Friendship Block 3	Gwen Marston's Jacks	Due: February 2013
Friendship Block 4	Butterflies	Due: May 2013

Questions? Contact: Diane Popko  
[popinct@comcast.net](mailto:popinct@comcast.net)  
860-223-7084 (home)

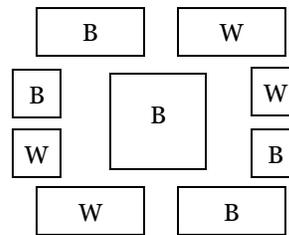
## Friendship Block

Block 1—Friendship Quilt Square - Due September 2012 - **Completed**

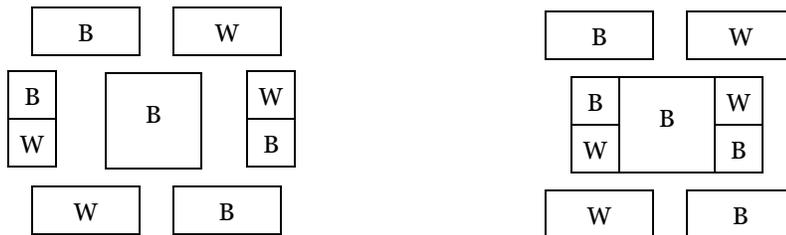
**Fabric Selection:** Select quilt sop quality 100% cotton fabrics. They make the best quilts. You will need Black & White (B) (primarily black), White & Black (W) (primarily white), and Black (BB) (or black on black) for the center. Prewash your fabrics.

Cut both the Black & white (B) and White & black (W) fabrics so that you have two squares that are 2" X 2", and two rectangles that are 2" X 3 1/2" for each fabric. Cut a 3 1/2" X 3 1/2" square from the Black (BB) fabric. (Don't stop at just one square - this is too easy and too dramatic to not submit a bunch of these.)

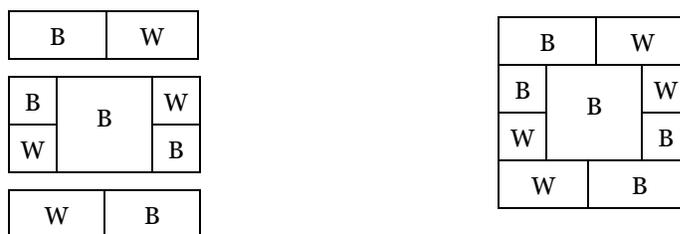
Lay out the cut fabric so that it looks like the image to the right.



Using a scanty 1/4" seam allowance, sew one B to one W square, repeat for the other side. Press seams towards the dark fabric. Sew one set of sewn together squares to one side of the BB center square. Sew the other set of sewn together squares to the opposite side of the BB center square. (Note that the W square should on the top of the right side of the BB square and on the bottom of the left side of the BB square.) Press seams towards center.



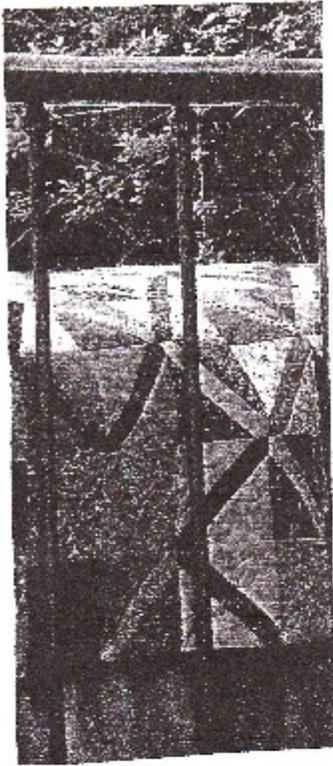
Sew one B rectangle to one W rectangle, repeat for the other side. Press seams towards darker fabric. Sew one set of rectangles to the BB square and sew the last set of rectangles to the opposite side of the BB square. Press seams away from the BB square. Your finished square should measure 6 1/2" X 6 1/2".



You have completed your Friendship Quilt Square - don't stop there - Quick make another!!!  
The more squares you submit - the more chances you have at winning them all!!! Thanks for participating.

# Friendship Block

Block 2—Trading Patches - Due November 2012



## TRADING PATCHES

Patchwork Scrap Quilt from McCall's Quilting Magazine - August 2007!

Finished Block size - 4 1/2" Square

Fabric Required -

1- 6" scrap (Batik)

1- 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" strip (Batik)

This square is small and simple to make!  
You may find you can't make only one!

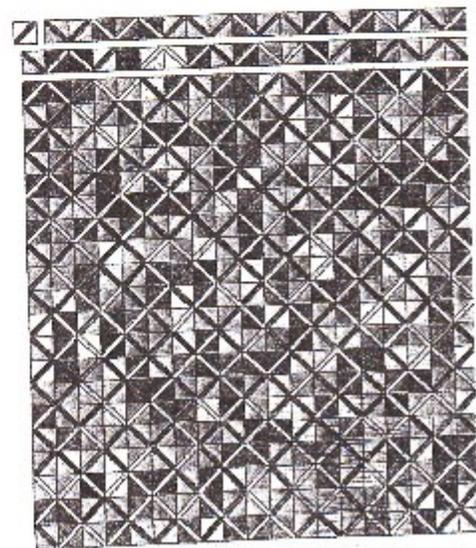
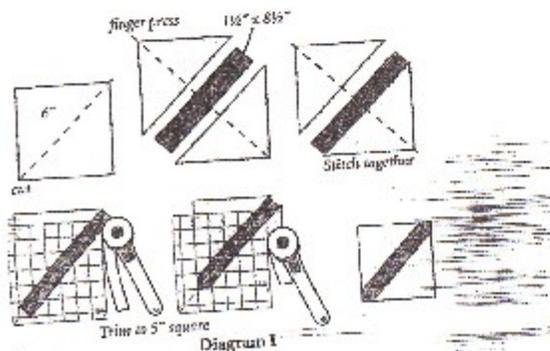
Quilt Top Assembly,  
Quilting, and Finishing

**2** Referring to Assembly Diagram, sew 12 rows of 20 blocks each, rotating as shown. Sew rows together.

**3** Layer, baste, and quilt. Cheryl machine quilted a meandering leaf design on the outer rows of blocks, and filled each group of 4 blocks in the quilt center with a feather motif. Bind with brown texture.

### Piecing the Blocks

**1** Referring to Diagram 1, cut assorted 6" square in half diagonally to make 2 triangles. Finger-press triangles and an assorted 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" strip in half, and stitch triangles to sides of strip, matching folds. Finger-press strip in half lengthwise. Using 6 1/2" acrylic ruler and rotary cutter, trim unit to 5" square, aligning diagonal line on ruler with center of strip.



Assembly Diagram

## Friendship Block

### Block 3—Gwen Marston's Jacks - Due February 2013

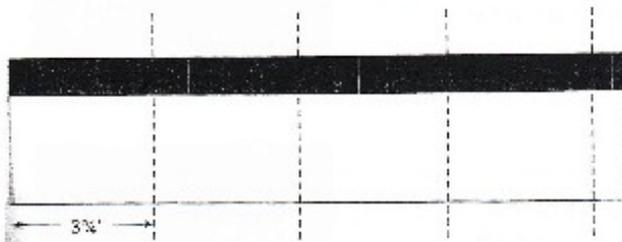
GWEN MARSTON'S JACKS BLOCK  
From her LIBERATED Quiltmaking II Book

**Fabric Selection:** Select quilt shop quality 100% cotton fabrics. They make the best quilts. We're using White on White fabrics and Red fabrics. Pre-wash your fabrics. One caution about using Red fabrics: pre-wash your White and Red fabrics – separately. Wash your Red fabric in cold water and use a SHOUT Color Catcher (most grocery stores carry them). If the Color Catcher comes out red, wash your fabric again with a new Color Catcher. If the Color Catcher comes out red again, we recommend that you select different red fabric. Repeat this process with each red fabric you purchase. It's devastating to put lots of time and money into a quilt and have it bleed red into the white fabric. Thanks for taking the time to do this.

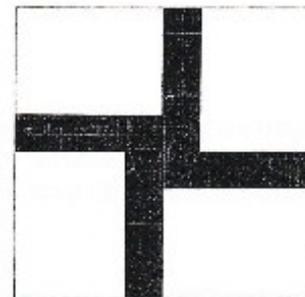
This is a simple block with big impact. The block finishes as a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Cut a 3" x 16" white strip and a 1 1/4" by 16" Red strip. Sew the strips together to make a strip-set, and press toward the white. Cut a 3" x 16" Red strip and a 1 1/4" by 16" White strip. Sew the strips together to make a strip-set, and press toward the white. These two sets will give you two separate Jacks Blocks.

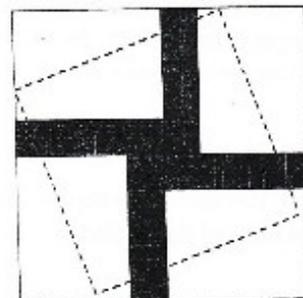
Cut the strip-set into four  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " squares. (fig. 1)



Arrange the squares in two rows of two squares each. Sew into rows; press. Sew the rows together, lining up the center seam; press. (fig. 2)



Place a square ruler at an angle on the block and recut into a 5" square. The block will finish  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square when sewn into your quilt. (fig. 3)



Fun AND Easy! Might as well just make two more.  
The more squares you submit, the more chances you have at winning them all!

# Friendship Block

Block 4—Butterflies - Due May 2013

## BUTTERFLIES

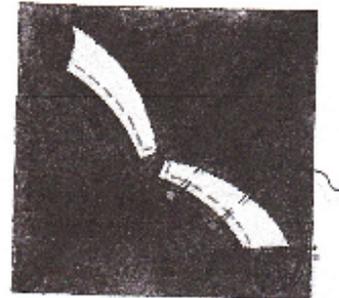
From: ART DECOBy: Jenni Dobson

**Fabric Selection:** Select quilt shop quality 100% cotton fabrics. Pre-wash your fabrics. You'll be using up scrap materials OR buy something new and exciting! You'll need a piece of Black (or Black on Black) for the background. You'll need three (3) different fabrics for the butterfly; 1 for the wings, 1 for the wing shadow; and 1 for the body.

**Cutting Instructions:** I've already made you templates: A and Ar – wing shadow; B and Br – large wings; and C - body. Remember to add a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance as you cut out each piece if you're going to hand appliqué. OR you can cut on the line, add a fusible material to the wrong side of the fabric, and fuse your butterfly. From the background fabric cut a square that is  $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ .

### Sewing the Blocks: For hand appliqué:

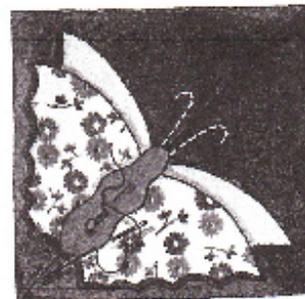
Lightly crease each background block on the diagonal to give placement lines. Position the wing shadows first, basing down the raw edges which will be covered by the wings. Turn under and applique the top and sides of the wing shadows to the background block.



Applique the wings in position, overlapping the basted edges of the wing shadows. Base down the edges which will be covered by the body.



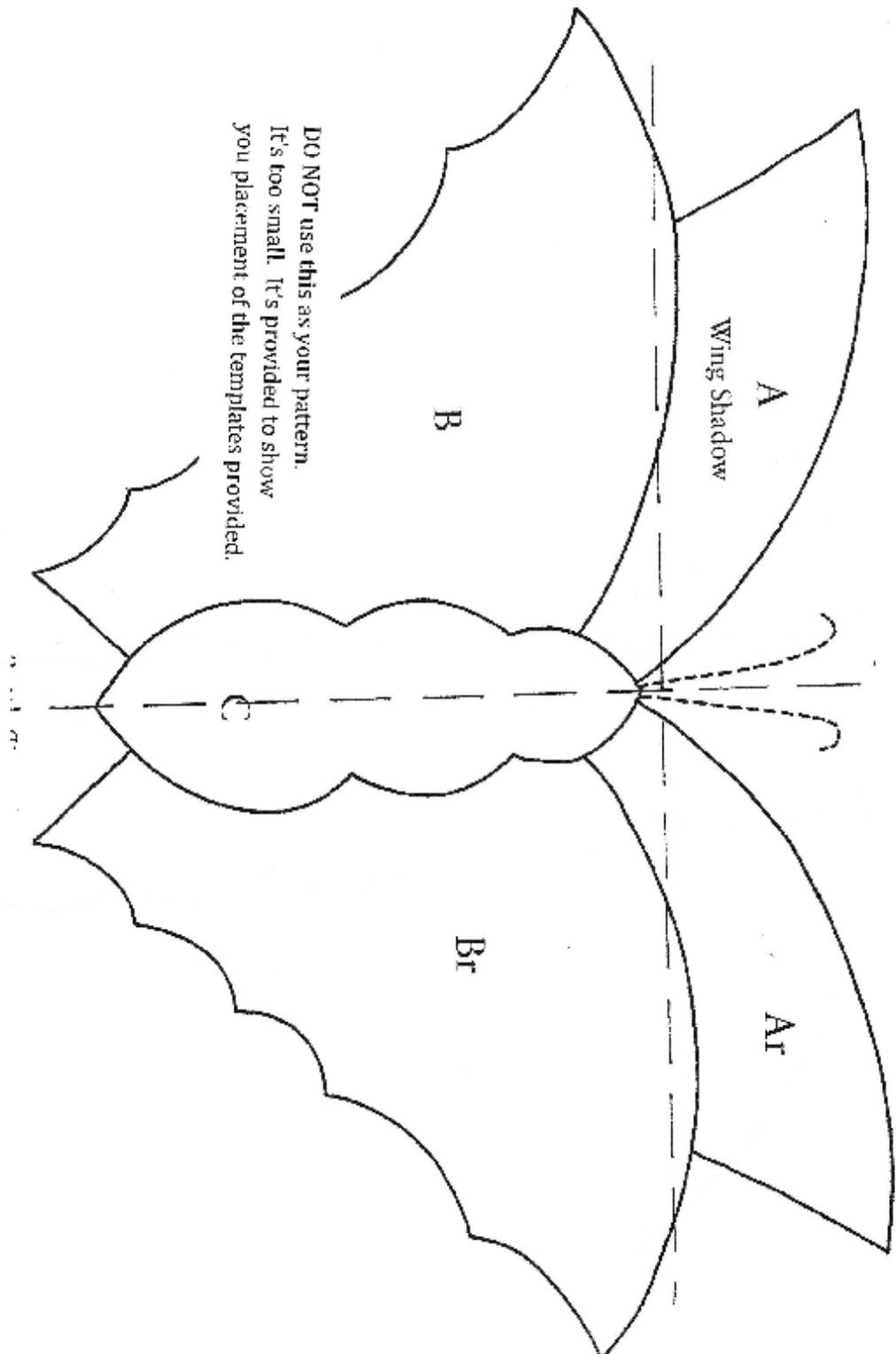
Applique the body to the background block, covering the raw edges of both wings. Finish the block by embroidering the antennae.



For those of you new to appliqué - Congratulations, You did it. I hope you enjoyed the challenge.

# Friendship Block

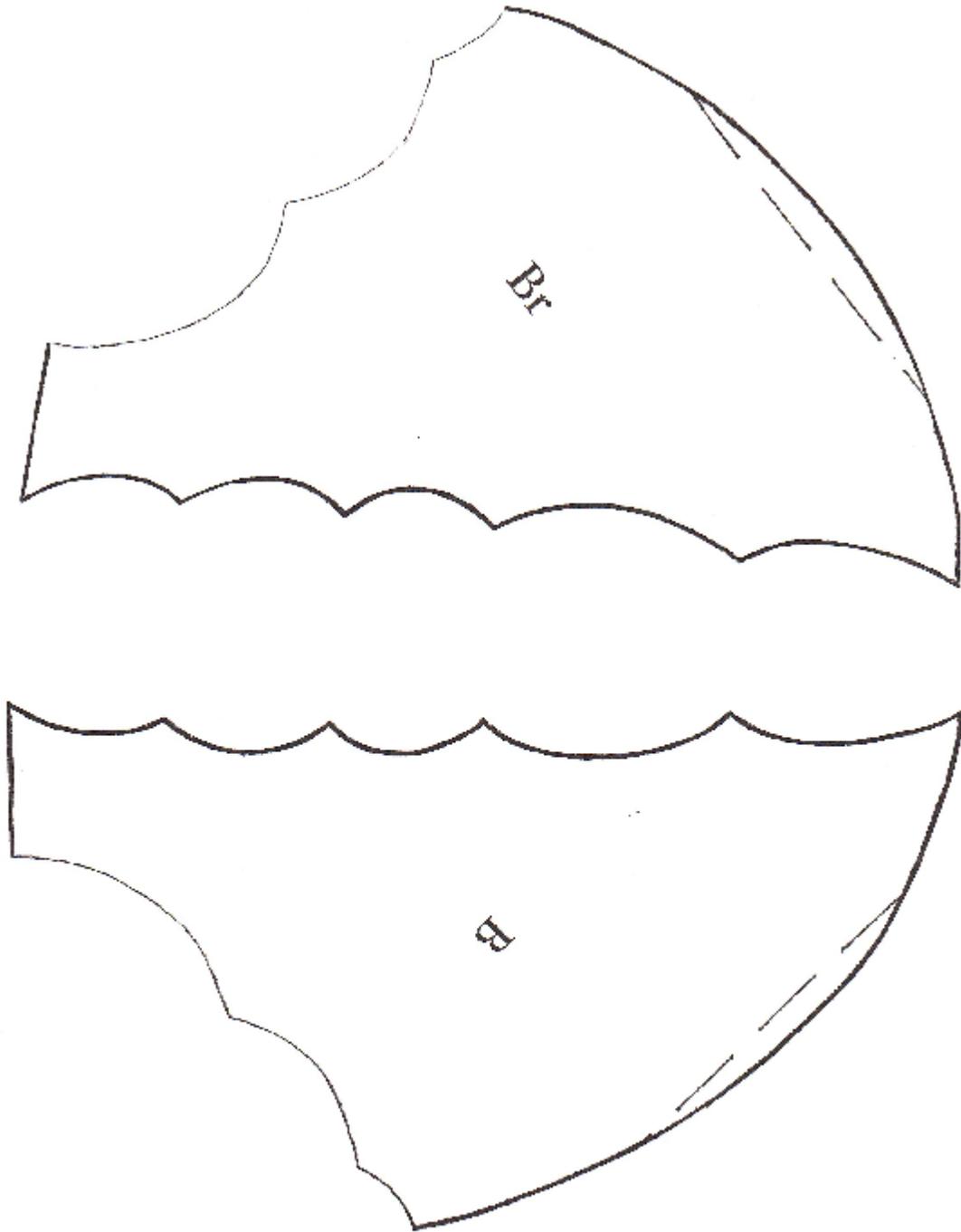
Block 4—Butterflies - Due May 2013



DO NOT use this as your pattern.  
It's too small. It's provided to show  
you placement of the templates provided.

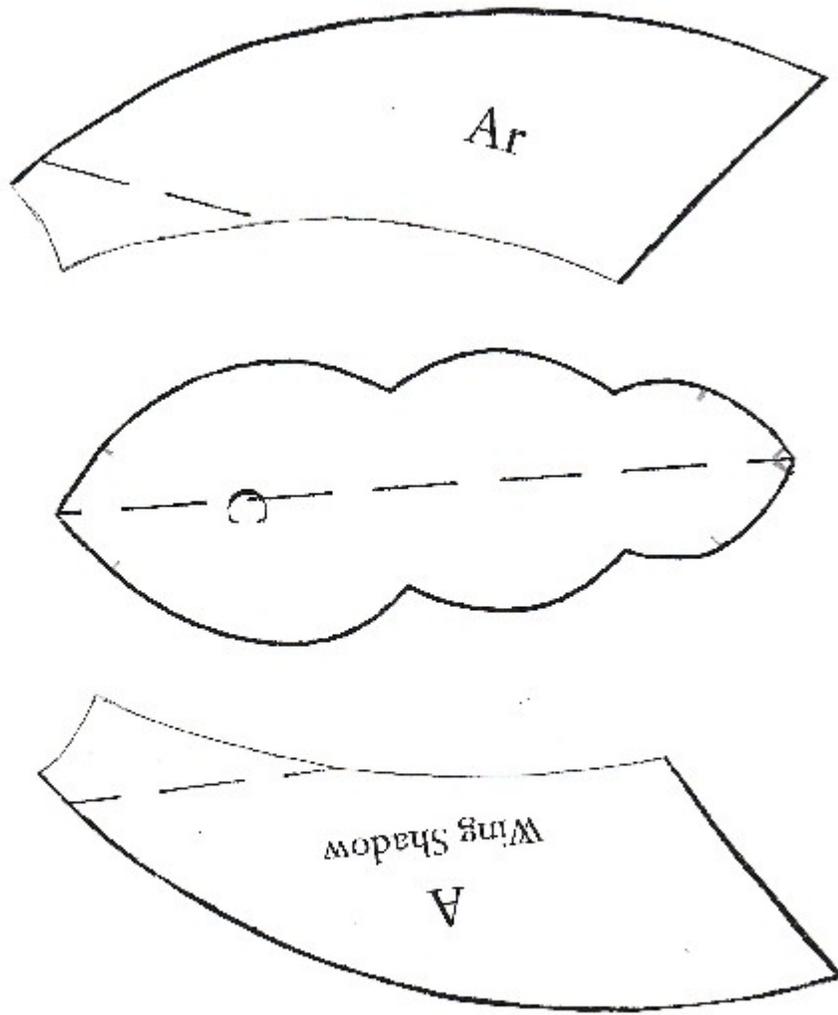
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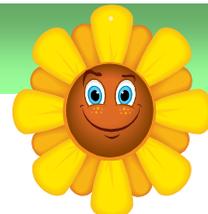


## Guest Policy



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).

## Quilt Show

The guild donated \$500 to the NE quilt Museum and \$1,500 to Quilts of Valor from the 2011 Quilt Show. These were the two charities that were selected in a vote by the guild in 2009. We know the money will be put to good use.

We are looking for one or two people to step up and agree to Chair or Co-Chair our 2014 Quilt Show. Why not do it with your best buddy from the guild, you can make it girls night out when you start your meetings. You will have extensive information to guide you from our 2011 Show & Committee Chairs who worked very hard to come up with comprehensive information for everyone involved. We will be booking the University of Hartford for our 2014 Show, so that part will be taken care of already.

Please consider doing this as this is our one & only fundraiser for the guild and it funds all our great lectures & workshops and keeps those workshop prices at \$35 for the guild, which is a steal when you look into taking classes elsewhere from these awesome teachers.

## Member Classifieds

***This is a new feature to the Newsletter.*** 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.

***Service:*** Ho, Ho, Ho, Let it snow, Christmas is just around the corner and there's still time to get those special quilts quilted before the holidays by Debbie D'Angelo & The Quilted Basket. I will take your tops up until Thanksgiving, if time allows, right now it's only about a week wait on edge to edge designs. If you will need a SewBatik Wide Back for your quilt, we need to get that ordered before November 10th to insure it's here in time to get your quilt quilted in time and back to you to bind for the holidays. Call me at 860-621-5596 or email me at [quiltedbasket@cox.net](mailto:quiltedbasket@cox.net)

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***For Sale:*** Handquilter, \$6,200 — HQ16 with studio frame, ruler base, bobbin winder, stitch regulated (no computer). Regularly serviced by Sandy at Sew Inspired. Approx 3 1/2 years old.  
Lynn Veith  
860-658-6755  
[survivorL7@yahoo.com](mailto:survivorL7@yahoo.com)

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***Wanted:*** Quilting Demo

The Simsbury Historical Society is looking for a volunteer to demo hand quilting at the "Phelps Fall Festival" on October 13th. It is a wonderful event with many artists, food vendors and a civil war encampment.

If you are interested please contact: Robin Schofield at [rdmschofield@gmail.com](mailto:rdmschofield@gmail.com)

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***Wanted:*** Used Bernina

Preferably a Bernina 153 Virtuosa Quilters Edition.

Please contact Robin Schofield at [rdmschofield@gmail.com](mailto:rdmschofield@gmail.com)

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## Quilt Shows & Events

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

### 2012 Exhibitions at the New England Quilt Museum

18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA  
[www.nequiltmuseum.org](http://www.nequiltmuseum.org)

### September 11 - October 20, 2012

The ArtQuilt Gallery  
 133 W 25th St, New York, NY  
 Line & Color by Lisa Call

### October 20 & 21, 2012

The Champlain Valley Quilter's Guild  
 30th Annual Quilt Show: "Vermont Traditions"  
[www.cvqgvt.org](http://www.cvqgvt.org)

### November 3, 2012

Quilts of Valor  
 9:30am - 4pm  
 The American Legion Hall  
 43 Bradley Rd, Madison, CT  
 Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies, or help by cutting, ironing, etc.  
 Bring your lunch; goodies, coffee, ice tea and water provided.  
 RSVP as soon as possible as space is limited:  
 Marilyn Finnegan: [Marilynf@govf.org](mailto:Marilynf@govf.org) or 860-997-3023 or Jane Dougherty: [Jane@govf.org](mailto:Jane@govf.org) or 203-315-0232

### November 6 - December 15, 2012

The ArtQuilt Gallery  
 133 W 25th St, New York, NY  
 Judi Blaydon  
 Variations: pieced quilts & fabric icons

### November 10-11, 2012

Village Squares Quilters Guild  
 Presents "Quilt Celebration XII"  
 10am-4pm; Admission \$8  
 Greenville School  
 100 Glendale Road  
 Scarsdale, NY  
[www.VSQshow.org](http://www.VSQshow.org)

### May 4 & 5, 2013

Northern Star Quilters' 34th Annual Quilt Show  
 Somers, NY  
 Over 250 quilts, more than 30 vendors, and a raffle quilt.  
 Joe Cunningham will be the guest speaker.  
[www.northernstarquilters.com](http://www.northernstarquilters.com)

### August 15-18, 2013

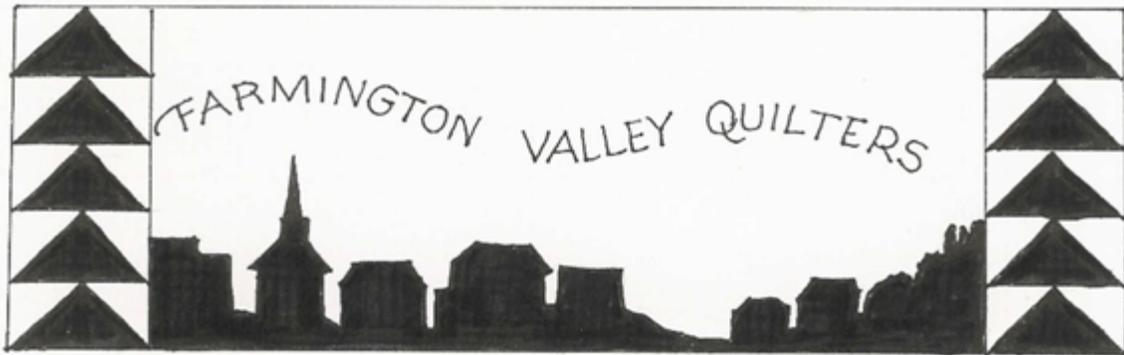
World Quilt Show - New England XI  
 Radisson Center of New Hampshire  
 Manchester, NY

**2011—2012  
FVQI Board Members**

<b>President</b>	Diane Calkin
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**2011—2012  
Committees**

<b>ABC Quilts</b>	Debbie Jacoby & Donna Dellacamera
<b>Bee Keeper</b>	Jane Hadley
<b>Fabric Swap Box</b>	Sue Elliott
<b>Friendship Blocks</b>	Diane Popko
<b>Hospitality</b>	Diane Cadrain & Donna Dellacamera
<b>June Challenge</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Library</b>	Anne Dodge
	Lois Palmer
	Lynn Emery
<b>Mystery Night</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Neo Natal Quilts</b>	Dot Witter & Phyllis Small
<b>Retreat—Fall</b>	Meg Lines & Faith Roth
<b>Retreat—Spring</b>	Caroline Berman
<b>Socials</b>	Meg Lines & Faith Roth
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