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## From the President

Greeting from the Grand Canyon, my Quilty Peeps!

Well, not currently the Grand Canyon, but Phoenix to be exact. Our family is on our summer vacation and we chose Arizona. Why Arizona in August, you ask? Good question! I've been asking myself that very same question as the temperatures have been over 100 degrees every day of the trip. We've packed our trip full of fun activities, which included stops at four quilt shops to pick up their kits and license plates for the Row by Row Challenge. Thankfully, all the shops as well as the tour bus to the Grand Canyon were air conditioned.

Speaking of buses, I'm really looking forward to the guild's bus trip to World Quilt New England on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be my first time attending this show but I'm most excited to have the opportunity to go with members of the guild. I plan on bringing a big shopping bag with me so that I can load up on plenty of goodies from the vendors after checking out the 400+ quilts from around the world on display.

Before the bus trip, however, we will have our August meeting will be another Open Sew day at First Church in Simsbury on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. I hope that you will be able to come spend part or all of the day finishing up a UFO, working on a charity quilt or just socializing. I'll be there working on my Row by Row as well as some other PhD\*.

Keep calm and quilt on,

Peggy

\*PhD = Projects half Done

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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

August 15th - All day open sew at First Church in Simsbury. 9am-9pm

## Future Programs

**September 20th** - Karen Eckmeier will be presenting her "Happy Villages and Accidental Landscapes" lecture. Karen is a Connecticut quilter with a nationwide reputation and is returning to our guild by popular demand. [www.quilted-lizard.com](http://www.quilted-lizard.com)

**October 18th** - Lenore Crawford, award winning art quilter from Michigan will present a lecture entitled: "Fusing, Fabric Painting, and Stitching to Create Your Own Art Quilt" [www.lenorecrawford.com](http://www.lenorecrawford.com)

**November 15th** - Massachusetts quilter, Beth Helfter of EvaPaige Quilt Designs will give a lecture "Give it a Scrap Slap". Her motto is "inspired designs, relaxed attitude". [www.evapaigequilts.com](http://www.evapaigequilts.com)

**December 20th** - Holiday Party

**January 17th** - TBD

**February 21st** - Service project

**March 21st** - TBD

**April 18th** - Froncie Quinn designs will lecture about historic pattern and designs in quilting.  
[www.hooplapatterns.com](http://www.hooplapatterns.com)

**May 16th** - Adele Scott, a seller for Sew Steady, will lecture on "Free Motion for Today's Quilter"  
[www.adelescott.com](http://www.adelescott.com)

**June** - June Social

## Upcoming Workshops

**September 21st** - Karen Eckmeier - "Happy Villages" based on her book with the same name. Free form cutting of step and window shapes. Step by step your little village will magically come to life. A sewing machine is optional for this course. You can do the sewing at home.

**October 19th** - Lenore Crawford - "Mini Blended Fabric Art Collage" - a chance to try some of Lenore's techniques to produce a small collage.

**November 16th** - Beth Helfter - "Now YOU Give it a Scrap Slap". In this workshop we will learn how to use scraps to make the same block with very different effects. We will be opening up registration for this workshop to those outside the guild on October 1st.

**April 19th** - Froncie Quinn "A Minature Sampling of History"

**May 17th** - Adele Scott—"Westalee Sample Set Workshop"

## Quilt Show 2018

Maureen Hurlasart, Show Chair

# COLOR MY WORLD QUILT SHOW

**Save the Date: Sept 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The Quilt Show Committee has met a couple of times and we have a great group of volunteers working to make next year's show a success.

- ◊ Michelle Palmer has selected a beautiful quilt and she and her team are working hard on our raffle quilt.
- ◊ Lauren Elliott is designing a Logo for advertising and bookmarks.
- ◊ Beverly Hughes is contacting Vendors to rent space during our show.

The Gengras Student Union at the University of Hartford is undergoing major construction. We are looking forward to seeing the completed construction this October and how it might modify our show exhibit next year. I'm hopeful it will offer us some interesting opportunities.

What can you do to help our Guild Show?

- 1) Start making or complete your quilts to enter into the show.
- 2) Consider volunteering for one of the open tasks listed below. These are important functions and we need someone to assume responsibility for them. You can buddy-up with a friend and volunteer!

### HELP WANTED

**BASKETS** – Person responsible would collect donations from guild members and assist in preparing the baskets for the guild to raffle.

**SET-UP** – This Person would be responsible for designing the floor plans for our quilt exhibits and vendors.

**PUBLICITY –NEWS MEDIA** – Our Show Publicist would write articles for submission to local papers, electronic media, and radio to advertise our show.

**PUBLICITY – PRINT MEDIA**- We are looking for someone to arrange delivery of show bookmarks to local quilt shops.

## 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@gmail.com](mailto:susanqtrimble@gmail.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:

#### Membership renewals for the 2017-2018 guild year:

Here is a new article for MEMBERSHIP: It's time for membership renewal and we want everyone to renew! Our annual dues is a bargain at \$25 so please renew at the August meeting with either a check, cash, or credit card. If you prefer, you may mail a check payable to FVQI to P O Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089. Thanks so much, Susan Elliott

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

**Fabric Swap:** I will be at the August sew-in, complete with some new fabrics. I received a donation of about a dozen African prints, pretty good sized pieces. There are still a few holiday pieces too. If you have an interest in wool or in three large embroidery hoops, I can bring those too. Just let me know. Due to being triple booked that day, I may not be there until about 11:30 and will leave about 6pm. If you can't make it but want to shop, let me know and we can work something out.  
Kathy Fallon

**BUS TRIP:** The Guild is sponsoring a bus trip to World Quilt New England Quilt Show Saturday, August 19, 2017. We will be leaving Simsbury at Ironhorse Blvd Commuter lot at 7 AM sharp, returning approximately 7 PM. The bus is equipped with a bathroom, but we will also stop once going up and once coming home for a quick stop. The ride is about 3 hours. The cost is \$15 for guild members (\$12 for your ticket and \$3 for the tip for the driver). We have about 42 people going, but there is still room for a few more. If you invite a non-guild member, the cost is \$40. The additional \$25 can either be toward the bus or toward membership dues. Please contact Susan Elliott, 860-658-0863 or [shelliott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shelliott@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in going. Hope you can join us.

## UFO's

At the September guild meeting, I will ask the membership if there are enough people interested in reviving the UFO Challenge and Mystery Night for the upcoming year. If there are enough members who want to participate and volunteers to lead those programs, we will run those this year. The UFO Challenge is a great incentive to get those projects finished for the 2018 quilt show. Mystery Night is always a good time and a lot of laughs. Please reach out to Peggy Thomsen if you are willing to head up either of those two efforts individually or with a partner.

## June Challenge

We also need a volunteer to lead the June Challenge for 2018 and would like to coordinate the theme with the upcoming quilt show. Please reach out to either Peggy Thomsen or Maureen Hulsart if you can take on this role.

## Mystery Night

Updates to follow.

## 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 Kathy Lettieri at kbakerl@att.net 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.

## 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 started making quilts for incoming freshmen beginning in 1997. At the August 2016 ABC picnic, two incoming students were presented with their quilts made by the guild. We are keeping the third one we made in reserve for next year's students.*

We have 3 quilts ready for the incoming fall students. They will be presented August 27th. Thank you to all who sewed blocks and bindings, Lynn Veith for machine quilting and Deb Jacoby for making the labels. If you sewed a block and have not received a pin for your name badge, we will have them available at the September meeting.

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

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

## Neo Natal

There is no new news on the neonatal front. Just keep making those wonderful quilts (40" square or any size that you can make) and/or flannel scent cloths (6"x6" or 6"x10").



For our guild year of 2016-2017, you made 155 !!! quilts (which is the largest number in many years if not the most) and 52 scent cloths.

There will be kits and cloth available at the September meeting.

Thanks,

Karen, Sally, and Bobbi

## 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, [shsellott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shsellott@sbcglobal.net).

The **Monday Afternoon Bee** meets on the fourth 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, [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!

## Spring Retreat 2018

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Spring Retreat - March 7-11, 2018.

## Fall Retreat 2017

November 8 - 12, 2017 - Please read carefully as there are a couple of changes regarding securing a spot for the Retreats going forward.

- We need at least 25 people to fulfill our commitment to the Incarnation Center.
- Registration will open, via email, on June 1st. I will need a \$100 deposit to guarantee your spot. This deposit is non-refundable, unless I can find someone to fill your spot.
- Cost for attending, which includes 9 meals (Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch).
  - 3-night option (Thur, Fri, Sat) - \$290
  - 4-night option (Wed -Sat) - \$330
- Please make sure you email me your option, any special requirements and cell number.

Home address: 235 Stratton Brook Road, West Simsbury, CT 06092

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

## 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 [\(h\)](tel:860-658-0863), [\(c\)](tel:860-748-1775), or [shsellott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shsellott@sbcglobal.net)

**Imagine what it would be like not to have feminine hygiene products when we need them!!!**

Many girls and women live where they must miss as much as a week of school or work wages, forced to stay home, in a shed, isolated in a field, using corn husks, old newspapers, rags..... This perpetuates the cycle of poverty and the stigma of having one's period.

DAYS FOR GIRLS International ([www.daysforgirls.org/](http://www.daysforgirls.org/)) has designed and distributes **washable, reusable** sanitary products. They reach women on all continents in need of these supplies and related health information. These products allow girls to function normally.

**Come join us in making these kits.** Change the lives of those less fortunate. We need people who want to make a positive difference for others: **sewers and non-sewers welcomed.**

**We also need fabric: cotton, bright colors, no animals or objects in the prints, but flowers and abstract patterns are good. Got some?**

Our first Sew-a-thon will be in January. Come join us.

Contact Josi Klein: [josiklein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:josiklein@sbcglobal.net)      860 – 653 - 5752

## 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:** Linnea Amodio-selling for a friend-Reliable brand industrial sewing machine-sews straight, zigzag,reverse Max zig zag is 9mm, bought brand new one year ago; \$500; Pick up in Quaker hill or delivery available. 4/17

**For Sale:** Singer Featherweight for sale. A 1937 model is beautifully maintained condition. Looks beautiful and sews like a charm. It comes complete with the carrying case with keys, all accessories and the original manual. Asking \$425. Kathie Fallon 860-658-4110 4/17

**For Sale:** Handiquilter Avante with Prostitcher and 12 foot Studio Frame for sale. Frame can be set up for 4,8 or 12 feet. Prostitcher has Standard Prostitcher software loaded and is comparable to be upgraded with Prostitcher Premium. Everything was purchased and maintained by Sew Inspired. Includes bobbin winder, several packages of needles (16, 18 and 20 sizes). Extras: leader grips, ruler base, converter hopping foot (to accept glide, echo and crouching feet). \$17,500.00

Thank you Lynn Veith

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## Quilt Shows & Events

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

### New England Quilt Museum

Our Guild is supporting the New England Quilt 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 Carol Martinchek.

**August 17-19,2017**

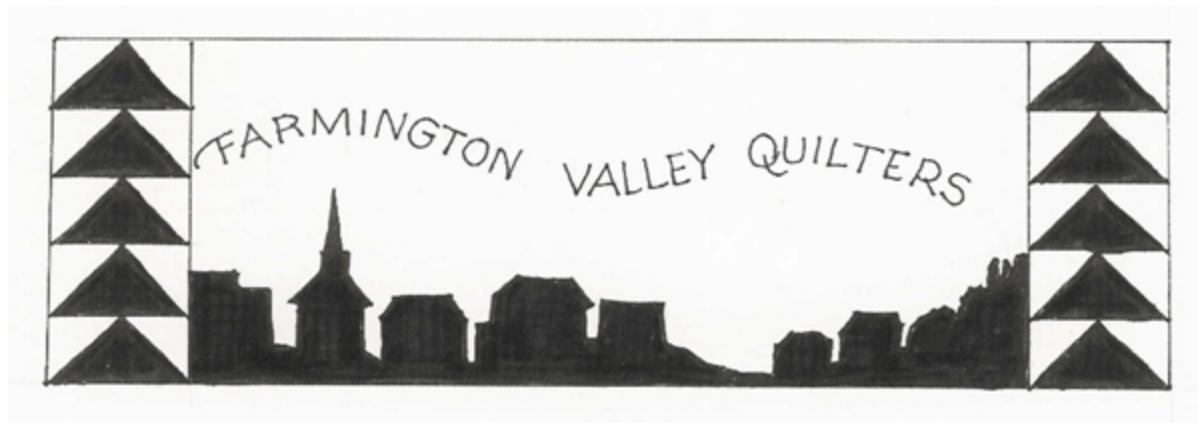
World Quilt Show - New England  
Radisson Hotel Manchester Downtown  
Manchester, NH

**2017–2018 FVQI Board Members**

<b>President</b>	Peggy Thomsen
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<b>Treasurer</b>	Lauren Elliott
<b>Publicity</b>	Maureen Hulsart
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Christine Zepp
<b>Quilt Show Chair</b>	Maureen Hulsart

**2017–2018 Committees**

<b>ABC Quilts</b>	Marilyn Webber & Mary Gridley
<b>Bee Keeper</b>	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, <a href="mailto:shselliot@sbcglobal.net">shselliot@sbcglobal.net</a> or <a href="tel:860-658-0863">860-658-0863</a> if you want to join one.	
<b>Fabric Swap Box</b>	Kathy Fallon
<b>Friendship Blocks</b>	Linnea Bronson Amodio & Donna Flynn
<b>Hospitality</b>	Donna Gosselin & Marie Knapps, Lynn Veith
<b>June Challenge</b>	Open
<b>Library</b>	Anne Dodge - Lois Palmer
<b>Mystery Night</b>	Open
<b>Neo Natal Quilts</b>	Karen Hines - Sally Sargent Markey—Bobbi Morehouse
<b>Retreat—Fall</b>	Christine Zepp
<b>Retreat—Spring</b>	Christine Zepp
<b>Official Photographer</b>	Susan Gauvain
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