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From the President

A big HELLO to everyone from Texas!

I'm down in Texas visiting my son before he goes to Thailand to teach for a year. It seems that colder than usual weather just follows us around - it was hot and in the 80's at the beginning of this week. And now it's in the 60's, overcast and rainy! At least it isn't snow!

I'm still finishing up projects that I didn't get done at the retreat. I love that feeling - when a UFO that has been hanging around for a year (or more!) finally gets put together. I figure that means I can start another new project!

I'm looking forward to our speaker this month. I'm actually taking her workshop, and I understand she's an "artsy" quilter. This is certainly outside my comfort zone, but I will learn something new and fun I bet.

Well I look forward to seeing you at our meeting this week.

Quiltfully yours,

Sue



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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

April 15 and 16— Sue Bleiweiss, Lecture/Trunk Show - Sue will talk about her art quilting journey and will be bringing lots of quilts to show. She will also talk about her materials, techniques and processes and how she found and developed her unique style. You can see some of her work at: <http://www.suebleiweiss.com/home.htm> Sue Bleiweiss is a full time artist living in Massachusetts. Working primarily with her own hand dyed cotton, she creates vibrant colorful art quilts intended to delight the eye of the viewer and draw them in for a closer look. Her latest book "Colorful Fabric Collage" will be available Spring 2015.

Future Programs

May 20 - Jessica Leger will be giving us a lecture entitled "How to be a Selvage Queen". The format for Jessica's presentation will be done as a fashion show complete with a red carpet. Jessica plans to bring over 60 garments along with some quilts that she has made. And, of course, she will also have items made with selvage edges. To go along with the fashion show theme, we would like to have some volunteers for the modeling of garments. This would be a great opportunity to get an up close view of the garments, and it should also make for a fun experience to walk the red carpet. Please let either Elaine Reimer or Linda Walter know if you would like to volunteer as a model at the May meeting.

<http://selvedgequeen.blogspot.com/>

Upcoming Workshops

April 16 - Workshop with Sue Bleiweiss entitled: "Coloring Book Fabric Collage: Designing, Fusing, Quilting" Create this fused 8" x 10" three little wonky houses art quilt in just a day. Using SueBleiweiss' pattern or create your own and she will take you through her entire art quilt making process from start to finish. You'll learn her methods for working withMistifyfuse fusible web and her quilt as you go method. Suitable for all levels.

June Social

Our June social is always a fun event with the unveiling of all the quilt challenge projects on display, fun food to try, and a chance to catch up with friends and members that we otherwise only have minutes to chat with on regular meeting nights. This year we would like to add another event to the evening, an auction. We are asking members to look through their sewing room to find new or gently used items that they no longer use or want. These could include notions, sewing implements, fabric, patterns, etc. Items should be something you feel you would want if offered. If we gather enough goods we, will raffle them off for a fun time and all proceeds will go back to the guild. Please bring your raffle donations to our April and May meetings, where there will be a raffle box set up to collect all goods. We will pass out a sign up list for food at each meeting. We are looking forward to our June social. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call Chris Snieckus, Christine Zepp, or Leslie Perry.



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.

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

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. 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.

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. 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 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

June 17, 2015 Challenge

SOLIDS!!

Your challenge for this year is to work your "magic" with solids. Clarification on this after a few questions: All fabrics used in your challenge piece must be solids, no tone on tones, mottled or "Grunge's", etc, etc. There are so many solid fabrics available now like AMB, Bella by Moda, Kona by Kaufman & many more.

If you want the look of a stripe, you have to make the stripes yourself using solids. I hope this makes the challenge clearer, but if you have any further questions please let us know.

Your guidelines are that it must not have been a finished project before October 15, 2014 (no cheating). It can be any quilted item in any style quilting you want be it modern, traditional, paper pieced, waves, scrappy, you name it!

It can be either an Odd or Even.

Odd being anything that is non-traditional, three dimensional, multi cornered or anything else you can dream up, mainly made from fabrics.

Even being anything people would recognize as a quilt.

It must be finished by June 17, 2015 for display at our June Social.

If you have any questions you can make up your own answer or contact Debbie D'Angelo at quiltedbasket@gmail.com or Laurie Rio at laurierio@hotmail.com & we may make up an answer for you! Just have fun with it & remember the more members that participate the more inspiration we all get.

Neo Natal

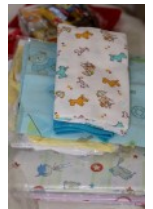
Please keep those neonatal quilts coming!

We delivered 45 neonatal quilts and 3 knit hats for the newborns at the UConn Neonatal Intensive Care unit in late November. The quilts were very much appreciated. Please remember these quilts go to families that have just given birth to a child that is in critical care until the child can be discharged. The gorgeous colorful handmade creations you donate add some cheer to the unit and are greatly appreciated.

Please bring the neonatal quilts to the monthly guild meetings and deliver them to Robin or Phyllis or leave them on the neonatal table. The nurses prefer quilts that are approximately 36 x 36 ", but all quilts will be accepted. There is free fabric and batting available to you at the neonatal table for making your donation as well.

Thank you for all you do for the guild and the charities that we support.

Robin Schofield and Phyllis Small



Mystery Night

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.

Wanted Clothing Label

Could you please save clothing labels for me ? I am creating an art project with them. Any and all labels will help me. They are the tags at the neckline of shirts, jackets and at the back of pants.

Thank you

Robin Schofield

For Sale

I would like to sell my Huskylock 936 5 thread serger including all tools, cables, video of instructions, and 30+ spools of woolylock and serger threads. 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.

Barbara Steele 860-242-9516

For Sale

Dritz Quilter's floor frame for \$65

Barbara Steele 860-242-9516



FRIENDSHIP BLOCKS

2014- 2015

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 chance 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 1 ticket for each block you've completed with your name on it and drop it in the basket provided.

We're going to try some new things.

The winner will win the blocks and 1 yard of coordinating fabric.

If you bring in at least three (3) blocks, you'll get 1 extra chance to win.

Have Fun!!!

Friendship Block 2Quick Nine Patch

Due: January 2014

Friendship Block 3..... Plaid & Solid Block

Due: MARCH 2015

Friendship Block 4..... Garden Path Block

Due: May 2015

Questions?

Contact: Diane (Popko) Francini

popinct@comcast.net

(860) 223-7084 Hm s

**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

The Granbees bus trip to Keepsake Quilting, Meredith New Hampshire is May 19, 2015. The cost is \$40 which includes the driver's tip. Lunch will be at Hart Turkey Farm, where we'll be able to order off the menu at your own expense. At Keepsake we will get a 10 per cent discount. We will be leaving the parking lot of the shopping center at the intersection of route 20 & 187, East Granby at 7:30 am!! The trip should take about 1 1/2 - 2 hr. at Keepsake we will be approximately 1 1/2 , home approximately 5:30 - 6. All times are guestimations. Send checks made out to Granbees, after 2/18 to Judy Prohaska, 16 Highwood rd. Canton, CT 06019 .

MQX Quilt Festival New England

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New England's Premier Quilt Festival & Conference

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Class & Event registration is NOW OPEN

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

Save the dates.

June 26, 27, 28

Champagne and Chocolate Preview

June 25

Hands All Around XV Quilt Show

April 11—12, 2015 (Sat.—Sun)

10 AM—4 PM

UMASS Campus Center

1 Campus Center Way, Amherst, MA

Adults—\$10, 12 & Under Free

Students and Military—\$5.00

(Must Show ID)

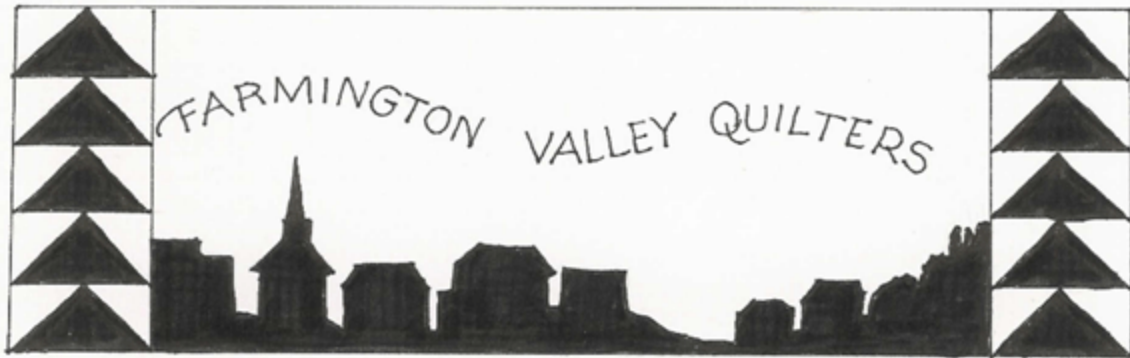
WWW.handsacrossthevalley.org/quilt-show

**2014—2015
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**2014—2015
Committees**

ABC Quilts	Debbie Jacoby & Donna Dellacamera
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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
Socials	
Webmaster	Betty Warner



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