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From the President

Dear Friends,

I have spent a lot of time this month following Bonnie Hunter's system for organizing my scraps. It seems as if I have spent hours trimming and cutting my scraps into 1 1/2, 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 inch squares or lengths of 11 inches. I am sure I have enough to make at least one king-sized quilt. Having only cut the fabric that was in a small shoe box, I can't imagine what I could do with the closet full of fat quarters.

When I need a break from the bending over and cutting, I read. I have been enjoying a book called, "The Happiness Project". Gretchen Rubin, the author, sets about researching what happiness is and how to use this information to become happier. Each chapter is devoted to adding a new happiness resolution to her daily life. I found that there were a few chapters that support the belief that quilters are usually very friendly and happy people. For May she focuses on her leisure time with one of the ideas being to start a collection. That's easy for quilters, we have all kinds of collections for quilters. We have the opportunity a few times a month to share our quilting passion at the monthly guild meetings, at bees, and at the local quilt shop with long-time friends and new acquaintances. So with the advice from someone who has studied and researched happiness, enjoy your leisure time by quilting, adding to your collections, and developing your friendships.

I hope to see you at Wednesday's meeting which will begin at 6:45.

Quiltfully yours,

Barbara

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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

August 19th

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.

<http://electricquilt.com/>

Future Programs

September 16 – Michelle Banton will be giving a presentation entitled: **"From Camera to Cotton"**. 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.

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. Cost for members is \$35.00.



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 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:

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, you still have time to renew at the August meeting or by sending a check for \$25 payable to "FVQI" to Farmington Valley Quilters, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089. Renewals at the September Guild Meeting (9/16) or later will be subject to a \$5 late fee. 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. 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

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. 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, 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

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 shsellcott@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

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

FRIENDSHIP BLOCKS

2014 - 2015

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

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

2014—2015 FVQI Board Members

President	Barb Heagney
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2014—2015 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

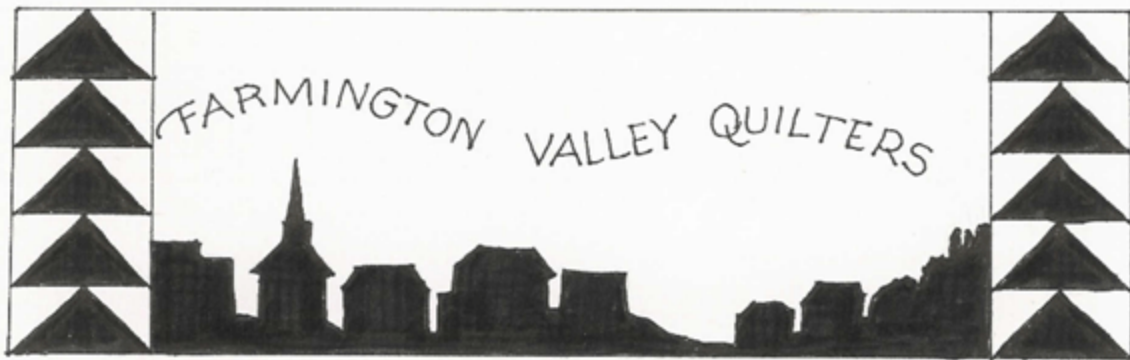
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