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From the President

Hello fellow quilters,

I hope you are all enjoying the signs of spring arriving soon - like no more threat of snow storms, and that most of the snow has melted away. I just got back from the retreat down at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton. It was such a wonderful long weekend - sew all day (and night if you wanted to), meals all prepared for you, and great socializing with all our fellow quilters. If you've never been on a retreat before you should seriously consider trying it out. It's great to see all the assortment of projects everyone is working on, and also to hear some of the thinking behind decisions made about the designs in quilts. I have to tell you it's fascinating to me to hear how those "artsy" quilters think. It's certainly not a developed part of my brain, you know that left brain, right brain thing. It's also fun to have friends around to laugh at your mistakes as you sit there "unsewing". Somehow it makes the time it takes to unsew go by quickly.

I won't be at this month's meeting because I'm down on Maryland helping my daughter Cindy with a medical issue. Our speaker sounds great this month, so enjoy her and tell me all about it when I see you next month (which will be SPRING!!!)

Quiltfully yours,

Sue



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Snippets

- ♦ Meetings begins at 6:45pm
- ♦ **Eno's Inclement Weather Policy**
- ♦ When Simsbury Public Schools close due to inclement weather, Eno Memorial Hall is closed for all day and evening meetings, programs and events.
- ♦ FVQI Board meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month and are open to all members

This Month's Meeting

March 18 - Michele Muska will be giving a lecture entitled "Quilting The New Classics", which is based on her most recent book that was released in October 2014. She will also be bringing many of the quilts that are in the book. Michele Muska lives in North Central CT with her family. She is a woman who loves all things creative. Like all of her art work, Michele strongly believes in working in the moment, and quilting is no different. She enjoys the process of creating as much as the end result. That is what Michele believes her new book "Quilting the new classics" will do for her audience. Michele started her company, LolaRae (her mom's and her middle names) to showcase her fanciful creations. She made her first quilt at the age of 9 using fabric from her mothers stash at random and seems to have continued this creative process till today. Michele speaks in textures and lives, creates and works in a colorful world where fibers and textiles tell her story. You can see some of her inspirational work at <http://www.lolarae.com/>

Future Programs

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>

May 20—Jessica Ledger—Fashion Show



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 Sue Bleiweiss' 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 with Mistyfuse fusible web and her quilt as you go method. Suitable for all levels.

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, through the generous donations from the July Donation Give-Away, we have about \$130.00 to spend on new books. We would love some suggestions of what to purchase. Lastly, 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.



We the Quilters...

2016 Quilt Show

Saturday, October 22nd

Sunday, October 23rd

at the University of Hartford

Our show plans are well underway. Phyllis Small is organizing the **raffle quilt**... a true community effort within the guild. Blocks will be available soon for everyone to help with. You'll be proud to be part of this beautiful creation.

Robin Schofield is organizing our **vendors**. If you know of a potential vendor, please let her know.

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. More on this to follow later.

In the meantime, Please consider getting involved. Contact Lisa Salvatore if you are able to help with any of the following positions:

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.

Most importantly....get quilting!

We would love to see everyone represented in our 2016 show!

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 of 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.

Spring Retreat

Happened last weekend—a good time was had by all....so sorry for those of you who had to miss it!

Fall Retreat

We were looking at having a Fall Retreat in October, but the Incarnation Center is booked. So we looked at the Mercy Center in Madison, which is right on the water and very beautiful.

- The sewing room is very large and bright with a lot of windows.
- All rooms have their own bathroom.
- Rooms can either be single or double occupancy.
 - Single occupancy \$115 a night or \$345 for three nights
 - Double occupancy \$145 a night or \$435 for three nights
 - There is a \$200 charge for the sewing room which would need to be divided between all that attend.
 - Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included.

Please let me know if you would be interested in the Mercy Center or if I should keep trying to get a Fall Retreat at the Incarnation Center.

Any feedback would be appreciated.

Christine Zepp



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



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.



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 .

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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)

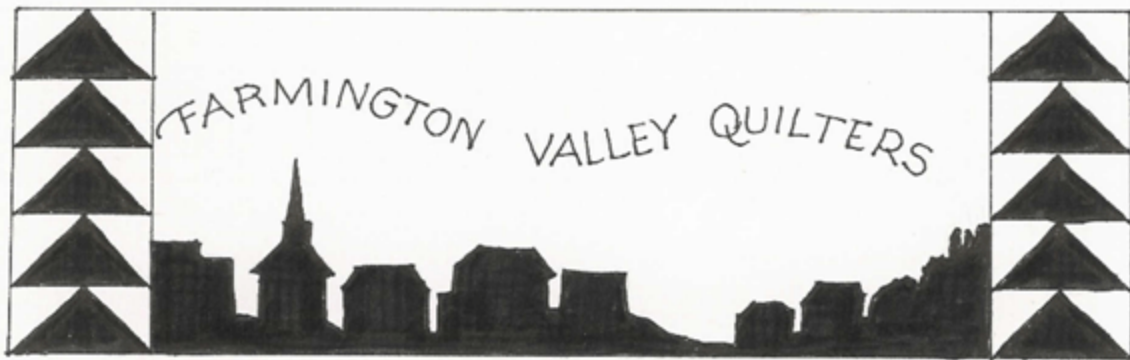
WWW.handsacrossthevalley.org/quilt-show

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| Friendship Blocks | Diane Francini |
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