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November 2016

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From the President

Dear Friends,

Wow! What an awesome quilt show! A big thank you to all of the guild members who helped to make it a success. Lisa Salvatore and her committee did a superb job in organizing, publicizing, and taking care of all the details. While it is all very fresh in our minds, it's hard to believe that we need to be thinking about the next show in 2 years. We are looking for a show chair and raffle quilt chairperson. Lisa will be happy to share her notes and expertise with the new chair. One of these opportunities could be just what you're looking for to fill your days and nights.

Also related to the show, is the matter of charitable donations. At our November meeting we will first vote on do we want to make donations. (A little late according to our show by-laws), then we will solicit ideas of organizations that are deserving of our support. Some things to consider are; does the organization further the knowledge, history, and or appreciation of quilting. This is in keeping with our guild mission. We will present the list to the membership in December and vote on it at that meeting.

We have about 30 people signed up for the December Social which will be held on Dec. 14th. Thank you to those who have already signed up to help with clean up and share a dessert. We will have an activity and a holiday show and tell. Please plan on attending, the more the merrier.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Quiltfully Yours,
Barbara

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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

November 16th – Linda Warren from Linda Warren Designs will be doing a lecture/trunk show entitled Successful Fabric Selection for More Dynamic Quilts. Her lecture will provide practical pearls for taking your quilts to the next level. Linda started quilting in 1999 and discovered her love of designing machine-pieced quilts. She has been teaching since 2004 and publishes her own line of quilt patterns. She is the inventor of The Learning Curve ruler. <http://lindawarrendesigns.com/>

Future Programs

December 14th - December Social - please note the change of our normal meeting date. We will be providing appetizers and dinner - members can sign up to bring desserts. The Board will provide punch. In addition to our UFOs (last month for registered UFOs), we will be doing a Holiday themed show and tell - share past years' projects as well as current ones, along with any quilts you'll be giving as gifts. We will also be making quick and easy origami boxes to keep or give with little gifts inside for the holidays.

January 18th - Back by popular demand, we will be doing the "First and Last Quilts" show and tell program. Bring the first quilt that you made, or the earliest that you still have, and the last, so that we can see where we all started and how far we've come. Guaranteed to be a lot of fun and laughter.

If you have not already done so, please return your Farmington Valley Quilters Program Questionnaire to Linda Walter.

Upcoming Workshops

November 17th – Linda Warren will be teaching her Over the Moon workshop using The Learning Curve Ruler for adding curves/circles to your machine-pieced quilt. <http://lindawarrendesigns.com/classes.html>. There are still openings for this workshop. Please contact Linda Walter if interested.

Quilt Show 2016



We the Quilters...

2016 Quilt Show

Saturday, October 22nd and Sunday, October 23rd
at the University of Hartford

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. 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 Renewal is finished!!!

For anyone who has not renewed their membership for the year, your name will not appear on the sign-in sheet at the October meeting. You can still renew at the meeting or by sending your check for \$35 to Farmington Valley Quilters, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089.

December Social sign-up

Please sign up at the sign-in table at the November meeting to let us know if you will be planning on attending the December social so we can get a head count to order food. The sign-up sheet will also let us know if you are willing to bring a dessert to share and/or help clean-up after the social.

June Challenge

Thank you to Susan Elliott and Diane Calkin for volunteering to lead the June Challenge. Stay tuned for more details.

"Where's my name?"

If your name isn't on the sign-in sheet, please see Peggy Thomsen at the meeting to check your renewal status. You can still renew at the meeting or by sending your check for \$35 to Farmington Valley Quilters, PO Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089.

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 Kathy Lettieri at kbakerl@att.net or any board member.

UFO's

Our UFO project will be ending at the December meeting and our winner will be named then. Anyone who has completed a UFO in the past calendar year that they put on their UFO list with me is eligible to win. Your name will be entered for each completed UFO. The winner will be drawn at random. So get busy and get them done! I look forward to seeing them at the meetings in November and December.

June Challenge

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.

Kits will be available for you to sew blocks for the next ABC quilt at the guild meeting in November. Please return the sewn blocks at either the December or January meeting.

Marilyn Webber, 860-658-2422, mwebber09@gmail.com

Mary Gridley, 860-651-0805, gridleymary@gmail.com

Neo Natal

Sixteen wonderful baby quilts were delivered to Shari of UCONN's NICU unit in late October. She replied, "Thank you so much for all the gorgeous quilts this month. Each of our babies received a quilt in October, and I have plenty going into November. Thank you for offering to make some scent cloths for some of our smallest babies. Flannel is fine...All the nurses and families are so appreciative of all you do for our babies and families."



A reminder: a 40" x 40" quilt will cover the isolette, but any size will be appreciated.

DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING SCENT CLOTHS:

1. Use washed, very soft, good quality flannel (Minky; or Cuddle by ShannonFabrics is also ok).
2. Cut two 6" flannel squares. Cut into a heart, oval, or leave as a square.
3. or
4. Cut two 6" x 10" flannel rectangles.
5. Do not use batting or lining; just the two pieces of flannel.
6. With right sides together, sew ¼" or so all around the perimeter, leaving an opening so it can be turned right sides out.
7. Turn fabric right sides out, sew opening closed.
8. Top stitch ¼" all around the edge.

DONE!

So keep up all your good work!

Thank you, Karen Hines and Sally Markey

Sally Markey and Karen Hines

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. 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, shsellcott@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

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!

Fall Retreat 2016

Thank you to all those that attend the Fall Retreat.
It was a good time to learn and enjoy the comradery of fellow quilters.

Spring Retreat 2017

March 08/09 - 12, 2017

Mark your calendars.

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 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/) 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: josi Klein@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.

Free: Connie Rowles' Grace Frame for hand quilting. I will happily deliver it to you. It is in excellent condition. Please contact me if interested, Sue Trimble. Phone 860 651-9027.

Email SusanQTrimble@gmail.com.

09/16

For Sale: Baby Lock Imagine Serger; Model BLE1AT-2; 2 years old. Asking \$1,200 / negotiable. Call Dick Rulon 860-673-1523 after 6pm.

09/16

For Sale: Handi-Quilter Avanté Longarm with 12' table; 2 years old. Purchased at Sew Inspired. Mint Condition. Includes micro handles, stitch regulator, attachments for couching and foot, separate bobbin winder & pantograph light pen. Located in West Harford...has only been used for owners quilts. Asking \$7500 Contact: Raimi Slater 860-236-0363

09/16

Farmington Valley Quilt Guild

Friendship Blocks

2016-2017

September 2016-Surprise Pinwheel

November-Pick up Sticks

March-Heart Appliqué

May-15 min of Play Rectangle

Linnea Amodio neaya@aol.com

Donna Flynn dlynn@endvr.com

FRIENDSHIP BLOCK

Complete for
September 2016

Surprise Pinwheel by MSQC

Supplies:

1 2.5 inch strip of blue fabric

1 2.5 inch strip of white (background)

Fabrics could be tone on tone, solids, or red
blue/white from a distance.

From the Blue strip:

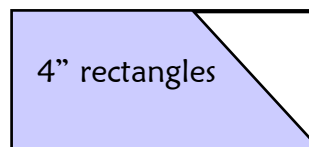
Cut 4 4 inch rectangles
4 6 inch rectangles

From white (background)

Cut 4 4 inch squares
8 2.5 inch squares

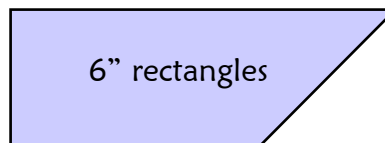
On the 8 2.5" white squares draw a diagonal line or finger press diagonally.

Sew these onto the 4" blue rectangles.



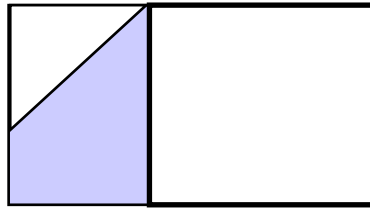
Repeat with the 6" blue rectangles

BUT SWITCH THE Diagonal THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION



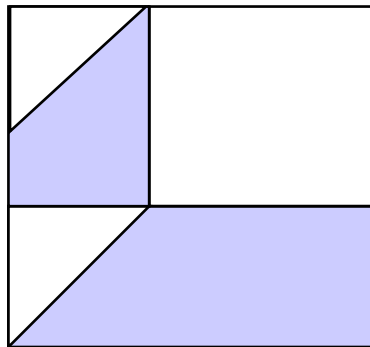
Sew the 4" rectangle to the 4" white background square. Repeat with remaining rectangles.

****press color to background****

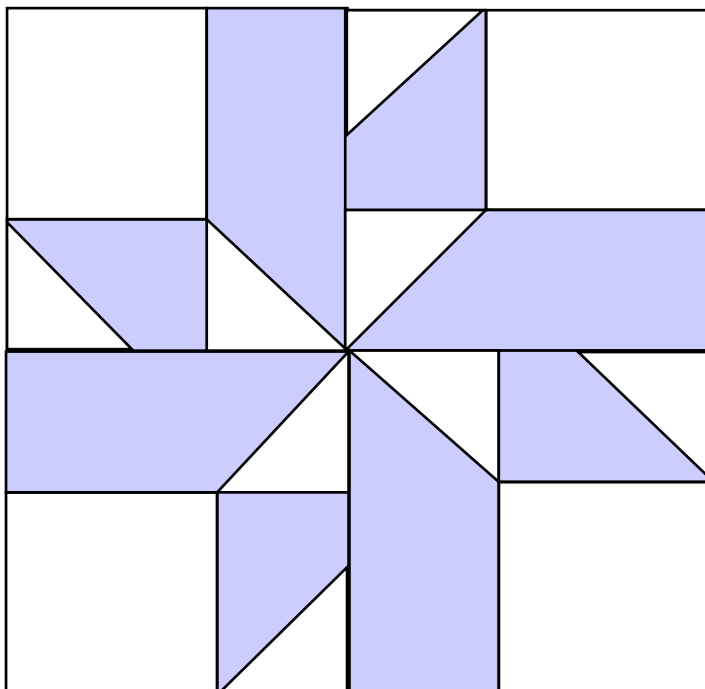


Attach 6inch rectangle to the side of the 4 inch square.

Repeat for all 4.



Now put the 4 squares together as a 4 patch and you'll have a pinwheel in the center of the block.



Complete for November 2016

Pick Up Sticks-Unfinished 10 ½” Finished 10”

Inspired by <https://happysewlucky.wordpress.com/2015/05/10/pick-up-sticks-quilt-block-tutorial/>

Unfinished block: 10 ½”

Finished size: 10”

Colors: Black background (solid black, black on black, tone on tone, reads black)

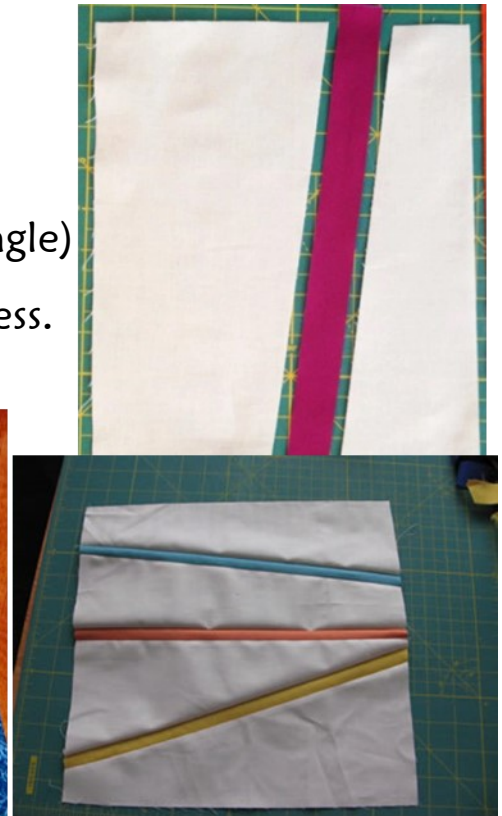
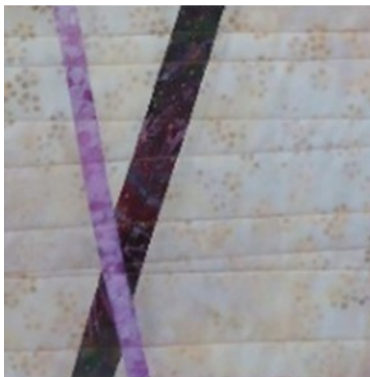
Sticks: 2” strips of Bright colors (cotton)

Start with a 12” background square

Cut a slice from bottom to top (you choose the angle)

Insert one stick into the slice. Sew together and press.

Add 1-2 more sticks.



Sticks may overlap or not cross at all.

Trim to 10 1/2” unfinished square.

Complete for March 2017

The Heart Block Unfinished 12 ½" 12" finished

Applique heart with corner triangles.

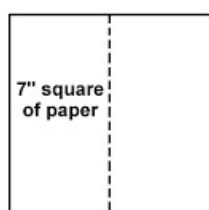
Color scheme: red, white and pink.



Directions:

Cut a 12.5" background square.

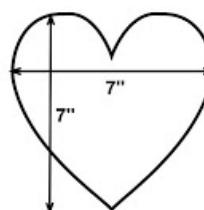
Cut four 4" smaller squares for corners. Draw on back or press a diagonal guideline on each small square.



Fold 7" square of paper in half.



Draw half heart. Cut on line.

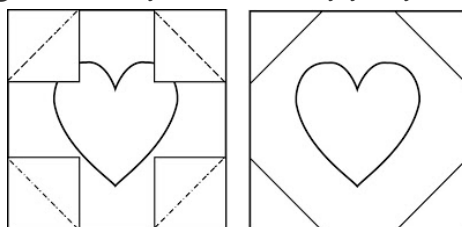


Unfold for pattern.

For heart pattern:

Cut a 7" square from paper (or freezer paper). Fold paper in half. Draw half of a heart, making sure the drawn line touches the outside edges of the folded paper. Cut out heart. Unfold for pattern.

Use your favorite appliqué method to prepare fabric heart. Optically center the heart on the background square and appliqué it into place.



With right sides together, put four small squares on corners of background square (*shown above on left*). Sew on the diagonal guideline. Fold back on seam line to form corner triangles (*right*). Press. Trim excess fabric layers from back.

Complete for May 2017

15 Minutes of Play Inspired Block -FREE PIECED FABRIC MAKING

<http://www.15minutesplay.com/>

Got your bin of scraps? Here's a step by step of 15 minutes of play...
Put those strips of fabric away and dig out all your little bits...

They go together quickly, Don't think, just sew!

Grab a handful of various sized scraps. Sew one on, press open.

This is a good place to add in angles. Is it looking to straight up and down? Lay your next piece on at an angle....

You don't have to line up your seams.

Always press your pieces as you sew them on, this will keep your allowances smooth and flat on the back. Keep adding bits... at odd angles, you do NOT need to follow your fabric edge when you do this. **THINK ANGLES** at all times... sew it on, trim off the bit that sticks out...

Keep adding around and trim off pieces that stick out. **SAVE the BITS** and add them in other places or use to start a new block.

Working on any edge that you can add to, keep adding bits and pieces to your made fabric. We are **NOT** focused on making a **SQUARE**. just focused on making a usable piece of **FABRIC**.

If your edges get to Curvy or crazy, just trim them to a straight edge. Just don't focus on making them square. You may find you are working with a pentagon or hexagon shape or some unrecognizable shape... Just keep adding where you can.

If you find your piece, as you practice, does not lay flat, then cut off the wavy bit.

Once you cut that wavy part off, you will find "THAT wavy **SCRAP**" will lay flat after you cut it off. Save it and use it on your next block.

Trim your fabric creation to



Quilt Shows & Events

For a national and international calendar of quilt events go to the Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. website: www.saga.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 Elaine Reimer via email at reimereg@gmail.com or by phone at 860-874-2070.

November 2-29, 2016

Women Against The Grain presents
"People, Places and Things"
Simsbury Public Library

April 5-8, 2017

MQX Quilt Festival New England
700 Elm Street
Manchester, NH

May 6-7, 2017

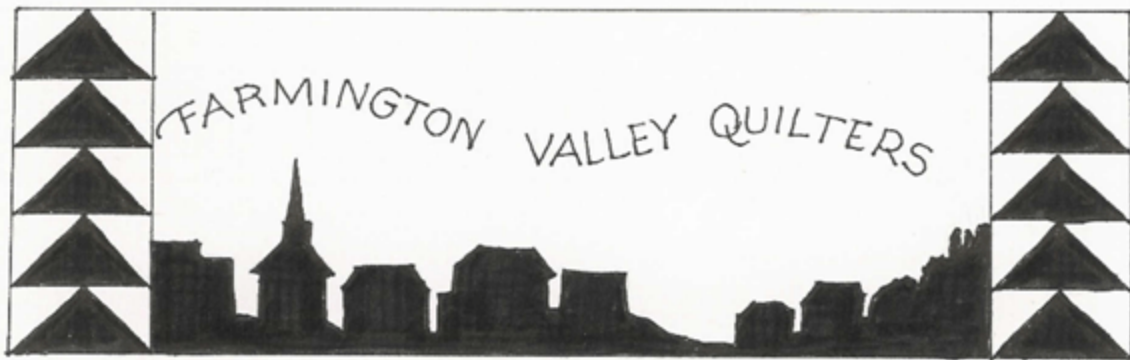
Northern Star Quilters' Guild
A World of Quilts Annual Quilt Show
O'Neill Center, Western Conn State University
Danbury, CT
www.northernstarquilters.com

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2016—2017 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 if you want to join one.	
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June Challenge	Sue Trimble
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