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From the President

Greetings!

I hope you are all enjoying our wonderful weather with its bursts of warmth, and then cool nights. I'm not too much of a gardener, but the warmer weather has been getting me outside just to putter around the yard. Of course I'm still quilting. I've finished my last preemie from the 2009 Thangles kit from Sew Inspired, so that's off the UFO list finally! I will share it at Show and Tell this month. And, uncharacteristically for me, I've finished a Christmas gift for this year already!! I came home from the retreat really energized to work on projects, and that continues. Also this month I've made some stars for the raffle quilt for the next show. A group of five of us got together to work on various stars as assigned by Phyllis, and it was quite fun. God bless Phyllis for being able to have a vision of this quilt in her head, and figuring out how to make it happen by getting all the members involved.

I hope some of you were able to get over to the Simsbury Library and see the quilt display of four of our members from work done in their group called Around the Block I believe. It's fascinating to see their use of color, and in some cases, their different interpretations of a theme.

Oh, and I participated in the last workshop given by Sue Bleisweiss. It was so much fun! I came out with an almost finished project, and the desire to make some more using her techniques. This was way outside my comfort zone, but I survived it and even enjoyed it! Sometimes it's good to shake things up a bit.

I'm excited about this month's meeting. It's going to be a fashion show with a red carpet and everything. I hope to see a lot of you there.

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

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. Several people have already offered to volunteer, but if you would like to join in the fun, please let either Elaine Reimer or Linda Walter know. <http://selvedgequeen.blogspot.com/>

Future Programs

June 17 - Social Meeting

July 15 - Willow Bascom from Plymouth, Vermont will be doing a presentation on "World Textile Designs". Willow will be talking about textiles, patterns and color palettes from around the world. She has lived in Saudi Arabia and Panama and has collected textiles and art from the many cultures she has visited. She is also an award winning children's author and illustration and has published a book called "Paisley Pig and Friends: A Multicultural ABC".

<http://www.willowdraws.com/quilters/>

Upcoming Workshops

June Social

June Auction In Memory of Carrie Bacewicz

During our June social this year, we will be holding 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. All proceeds raised from the auction will be donated to Pancreatic Cancer Research, to honor Carrie Bacewicz. Please bring your raffle donations to our May meeting where there will be a raffle box set up to collect all goods. 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.

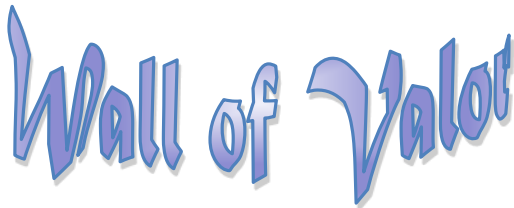
Themed Basket Raffle - Organize & display raffle baskets.

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

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 shsellott@sbcglobal.net

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 guest estimates.
Send checks made out to Granbees, after 2/18 to Judy Prohaska, 16 Highwood rd. Canton, CT 06019 .

Quilts of Valor

Please join us for Quilts of Valor at the Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St, Avon from 6 PM to 9PM on Jan 8 & 22, Feb 12 & 26, Mar 12 & 26, Apr 9 & 23, May 14 & 24, Jun 11 & 25, Jul 9 & 23, Aug 13 & 27, Sep 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 12 & 19, Dec 10 & 17 2015.

Come regularly or as often as you can.

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

June 26-28

Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St, Essex Junction, Vermont

The countdown is on until Vermont Quilt Festival opens for its 39th year. While many classes are full, some openings are available in several great classes. Instructors this year include Kay Bergquist, Pam Damour, Nancy DiDonato, Pam Druhen, Karen Eckmeier, Kimberly Einmo, Cynthia England, Pat Ferguson, Kathy Gaul, Linda Hahn, Bonnie Hunter, Deb Karasik, Sue Nickels, Mara Novak, Pat Pauly, Sarah Ann Smith, Deb Tucker, Elin Waterston, and Karen Witt.

Classes begin on June 25 at the Vermont Technical College, Williston campus. The classrooms are air conditioned, well lighted and have excellent tables, comfortable seating and are on the ground floor. Check classes out at www.vqf.org.

At the Expo, you will be treated to a panorama of more than 400 antique and new quilts on display including: contest quilts, antique quilts from the impressive Grana/Waddell collections, contemporary quilts from noted quilt artists, the popular SewBatik Challenge and more.

The shopper in you won't be disappointed as you shop over 90 vendors! Quilt appraisals and the free Textile Detectives, free gallery talks, and free vendor demos add to the excitement. See the quilts and shop while enjoying champagne or ginger ale and Vermont chocolates at the always-festive Champagne and Chocolate Preview on Thursday evening, June 25.

So plan with friends to spend a day or two visiting the show, taking in a class, shopping and volunteering a little of your time, too. For four hours of volunteering, you will earn the perk of early registration for classes in 2016.

Visit us at www.vqf.org and www.facebook.com/VQF1977.

2014—2015 FVQI Board Members

President	Sue Trimble
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Quilt Show Chair	Lisa Salvatore

2014—2015 Committees

ABC Quilts Debbie Jacoby & Donna Dellacamera

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, shsellott@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 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

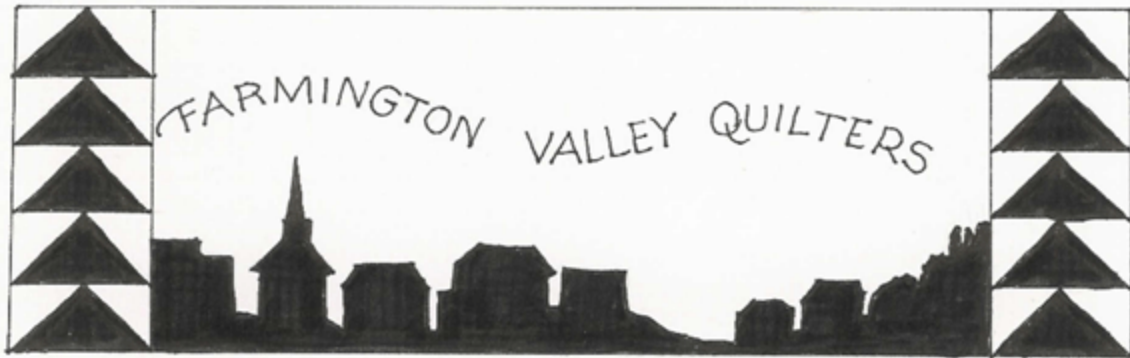
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