



NEWSLETTER September 2018

From the President

Hi to All My Quilting Friends,

After the first week of September all of a sudden it feels like fall! Fall is the time for many of new beginnings so let's begin our Guild year with a bang. We have a dynamic speaker this month, Victoria Finlay Wolfe. She will be speaking on **Creativity & Play: The What and Why's of Play!** Sounds like lots of fun and just the kick we need for new projects.

September also brings our show **Color My World 2018 on September 29 & 30.** We are so excited and I am sure it will be another knock out show. Many thanks go to Maureen Hulsart and her committee for the hours of hard work to bring us this show. Now is the time to get your show quilts to Marilyn Webber (860) 658-2422 and sign up for volunteering at the show. Call Mary Gridley (860) 651-0805 to volunteer.

Please be sure to check out the newsletter. We have added a few new things including "Meet a Member" and "Tips, Tricks, and Shortcuts". If you would like to be interviewed or know someone who we should interview, send those suggestions to Elizabeth Brochu, ebrochu@cox.net. If you have an tips that you would like to share, send those too. We would like to have anyone interested in submitting an article to our newsletter to feel free to submit it. It should be quilt related and of interest to our group. Some suggestions might be - a funny experience you had making a quilt, a quilting problem you solved in an unusual way, a quilt presentation that was moving, or any other interesting story. Let's all make the newsletter fun to read.

The September meeting will be very busy and exciting so I hope I will see you there.

Susan Elliott

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- Meetings begin 7pm, typically at ENO Memorial Hall, Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, CT
- FVQI Board meetings are scheduled for the 1st Wed. of every month and are open to all members
- Mailing Address: FVQG, P.O. Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089
- Visit us online at www.fvquilter.org



Color My World 2018

THE QUILT SHOW IS UPON US!

I would like to review a few things with the membership to make the show roll-out as easy as possible.

RAFFLE TICKET RETURNS

Raffle Ticket money and stubs must be returned to Deb Jacoby the evening of the Guild Meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, please arrange to get them to Deb at Sew Inspired prior to the 16th. All Ticket Stubs must be turned in per the Raffle Permit Protocol.

QUILT DROP OFF

Quilts to be dropped off must be in a pillow case with your name on it and a 3X5 card or piece of fabric stitched on the front under your name with that quilt's registration number.

Drop Off times and Locations

Preferred – The Preferred drop-off option is directly at Marilyn Webber's House. Please call her at 860-658-2422 to set a time when Marilyn will be home to accept your quilt. Quilts are being accepted now through Tues, Sept 25th.

Sew Inspired Drop Off – If you can't make it to Marilyn's, you can drop your quilt off at Sew Inspired during their business hours. Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 10-6; Tuesday & Thursday - 10-8; Sunday 12-4.

Guild Meeting – Quilts can be dropped off at our Guild Meeting on the 19th from 6:15-6:45. Drop off will be in the back of the meeting room. Quilts will then be transported to the cars prior to the meeting.

PRE-ADMISSION WRISTBANDS – Admission wristbands will be available for sale before the Guild Meeting Wednesday.

SHOW ADMISSION PRACTICE - Free admission to the show will follow the same practice as previous years. Members will have free access to the show if you are volunteering on that day. If you have not volunteered on that day, Guild Members are expected to pay admission. Children under 6 are admitted for free.

MEMBERSHIP BADGE – Please be sure to wear your membership badge while at the show. First, it is a great way to get to know your fellow guild members and new members. Secondly, it identifies you as a guild member to visitors and third, for all members who have entered a quilt in the show, a small "Exhibitors" bow will be given to you at the door identifying you as an Exhibitor. The bow gets pinned on your Membership Badge.

ADVERTISING - I still have some yard signs available and bookmarks. If you live on a street that has a lot of traffic, please get in touch with me and post a sign in your yard.

Also, I still have bookmarks, please take some and hand them out to your friends and relatives.

Another great way to advertise this through Facebook. It reaches a lot of people and is easy to do. If you go into your events calendar, scroll to Sept. 29th or Sept 30th, you will see our show posted there. You can "like" the event, indicate you are going and send it to everyone on your distribution list. It's great free advertising. If you're not sure how to do it, ask a teenager. They can help you!

MUMS FOR THE QUILT SHOW

As with prior shows, we are asking guild members to order and pre-pay for mums which will be purchased for the quilt show and used for decorations. At the end of the show, the mums can be picked up and taken home. This allows for great fall decorations at no cost to the quilt show budget. The mums this year cost \$4.00 each. We will be taking orders with payment at the meeting September 19th on a first come first serve basis. Please try to bring exact change if possible. I will bring some one dollar bills. Checks can be made payable to Diane L. Calkin.

I hope to see everyone at the show. The Show Committee has worked very hard over the past 18 months to represent our Guild and display our quilts to our families, friends and neighbors. I think it will be a great show!

Tips, Tricks and Shortcuts



- To keep your rulers from moving, use hand weights (that you aren't exercising with) on your cutting ruler!
- Are you having trouble seeing the eye of your needle on your machine? Place a piece of white paper behind and you will now see the needle! Use a 1/2" x 3" piece of card stock and keep it right next to the machine.
- What to do with a sliver of white soap? It is wonderful for marking dark fabrics and washes out.
- **Do you have something to show and tell at our next meeting?** Get a jump start on completing the show and tell form. [Click, print and complete the form](#) prior to the meeting. Don't forget it on the kitchen counter!

Meet a Member—this Month's Spotlight—Lauren Elliott

Member Name: Lauren Elliott

Hometown: Simsbury, CT

Birthday: August 2, 1982

My quilting history:

My mom has always sewn, and as babies, my sister and I were on her lap at the sewing machine. Once we could stand, we pretty much were sewing on our own. Throughout my childhood, art was always prevalent, and by high school I had a particular interest in fiber arts. It wasn't until I was living back home after college that I really got bit by the quilting bug - hard not to when you're around my mom (Susan Elliott).

I made my first quilt for my grandmother when I was 8 years old (c. 1990); the second was an art project in high school (c. 2000); and the third, a replacement to my grandmother after almost 20 years of use on the first quilt (c. 2007). Over the past ten years, I've become an avid quilter - something I share with my mom. I continue to be inspired by this great American tradition.

Favorite color(s): Greens, teal, turquoise

Favorite quilt technique: Raw edge machine applique

Favorite quilt pattern: I am particularly drawn to the traditional quilt blocks but with a modern flare. The best example is shown in the book called [Vintage Quilt Revival: 22 Modern Designs from Classic Blocks](#).

Favorite fabric motif: I am drawn to more modern fabrics and prints - often those that read more of a solid. Although I use a variety in my work, I do find myself often drawn to batiks.

Day job: I work for The Hartford in the small business insurance division. I've been there 11 years in various Marketing, Advertising and Digital roles. My current job is

more focused on websites, technology and digital experiences (how small business owners purchase insurance online).

Coffee or tea: Black ice coffee

Fun fact: I'm getting married in December and will officially be a step mom to two amazing little boys - 5 yrs old and 8 yrs old. Although I haven't had as much time to sew since they (and their dad) came into my life, I'm really excited about this next chapter.

Connect with me and see more of my quilts and quilt inspiration:

Website: www.laurenelliottquilts.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lauren.elliott.948>

Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/llelliott82/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/laurenelliottquilts/>



Future Programs and Associated Workshops



**VICTORIA
FINDLEY
WOLFE**

September 19th (workshop on the 20th) - Victoria Findley Wolfe, an award winning quilter and artist, will give the lecture: **Creativity & Play: The What and Why's of PLAY!** Victoria will show you how to push your creativity. She will share enough to get you all creatively inspired, then send you home on the creative buzz! The lecture covers Play, process, Double wedding rings, and all new work. The lecture evolves constantly. Her website: <https://vfwquilts.com/>

Victoria's workshop: **Modern Herringbone pillow day class!** Have you ever wanted to make a quilt that makes your friends ask, "How did you do that?" Based on Victoria's newest book, "Modern Quilt Magic", this class will focus on the Herringbone pattern with a partial seam construction (this is not a French Braid!) Learn the construction skills to make dazzling quilts with interwoven movement and simple, graphic style. This is a great Scrap-buster! Create a piece that looks more complicated than it is. Build your skills with partial seams for a result that boggles the viewer's mind – but not the maker's! **This workshop is full with a waiting list. Time 9AM to 3 PM. Location Sew Inspired. Cost \$50.**

DAWN ALLEN

October 17, 2018— Dawn Allen, will give a trunk show featuring her amazing quilts. She has a use of color and pattern which makes her works stand out as sensational. This trunk show is guaranteed to make you feel happy.

ALLISON WILBUR

November 14th (workshop on the 15th) - Allison Wilbur's lecture will be on Japan Tradition and Inspiration Allison's workshop: **Shashiko by Hand and by Machine. Location and time TBD. Cost \$47.50.**

JUDY ROSS (Guild Member)

January 16, 2019 More info to follow in October.

February 20, 2019 TBD

CATHY RACINE

March 20, 2019 - Cathy Racine from Charlton Sewing Center will give a humorous and informative talk on Tension, Thread and Needles. This is a reschedule of our January talk which was cancelled because of snow.

AMY FRIEND

April 17, 2019 (workshop on the 17th) - Amy Friend will give an **Introduction to the Modern Quilting Aesthetics.** Amy's workshop is titled **Improvitational Paper Piecing.** Location TBD. Cost \$50.

Membership News

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Over the summer we received 5 new members. Give a hearty welcome to **Donna Corio, Deborah Crosset, Hava Johnson, Patricia Palmer, and Nancy Wallace.**

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE REST OF 2018



September 19th
October 17th
November 14th (changed to 2nd week)
December 12th Holiday Social (changed to 2nd week)

Our membership expired June 30, 2018. Our annual dues continue to be \$25 payable by cash, check, or credit card. Please make our job easier by renewing your membership at the September Guild Meeting. If you prefer, send your payment to Farmington Valley Quilters, P.O. Box 172, Weatogue, CT 06089.

If you inadvertently picked up safety pins and the stars at the June meeting, please bring them to the September meeting. They were near the Swap stuff so I can see the confusion but they are for finishing UFO projects. I know everyone is making last minute pushes for Show entries, but don't forget those UFO projects. You have through December to clean them out of drawers, closets, grocery bags etc.

ABC Quilts

On Sunday, August 26th, we welcomed Mich Ongwen to the ABC House with his quilt and wished him well on his Freshman year at Simsbury High School. Now, it is time to start work on our new quilt for the next young scholar.



We will be making the *Disappearing Nine Patch block*. We last used this block for the 2016 ABC quilt, but with a slightly different layout this time. Kits will be available to pick up at the September meeting and are due back by the December guild meeting.

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.

Neonatal Quilts

Get started. Pick up a fabric pack at the next meeting. The preferable quilt size is at least 40" x 40" which would cover the isolette. The quilt keeps out excessive light and noise and goes home with the infant. If your pattern or borders make the quilt larger, that is great, too. Scent cloths are two pieces of soft flannel sewn together in either 6" x 6" or 6" x 10" sizes. Please make sure all fabrics are **pre-washed** so all dyes or fixatives are removed.

Fall Retreat 2018

Our retreat at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton — less than 2 months from now — is shaping up nicely. We still have a few spaces available; if you discover open territory in your calendar and would like to come, get in touch with Jean Williams (quiltinjean@gmail.com) or Tina Davies (batikfanatic@gmail.com) to see what's available. Basic info:

Wed. 11/7 – Sun. 11/11: \$335 total, or Thurs. 11/8 – Sun. 11/11: \$295 total

\$100 non-refundable deposit (payable to FVQ) should be sent immediately to Tina, 2 River View, Avon, 06001. And we *are* open to non-guild-members. If you have a friend, cousin, or sister who'd like to join in the fun.



Quilters Needed



The Sew Thankful Quilters who make **Quilts of Valor** at the Avon Congregational Church are prolific in producing quilts. We need help with Long Arm Quilting. It's a wonderful opportunity to give 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 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. Call or email if you can help. Susan Elliott [860-658-0863](tel:860-658-0863) (h), [860-748-1775](tel:860-748-1775) (c), or shselliot@sbcglobal.net

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. This allow girls to function normally.

Join us in making these kits. Change lives. We need people who want to make a positive difference: **sewers and non-sewers welcomed. And, we need fabric: cotton, bright colors, no animals or objects in the prints, but flowers and abstract patterns are good.** We meet once a month at the Granby Senior Center. Contact Josi Klein: josiklein@sbcglobal.net 860.653.5752

Quilts2Heal provides comfort and healing through quilts created for those who have suffered a loss, illness, or challenge in their lives. **SI=Sew Inspired 8 Wilcox St. Simsbury.** ALL WELCOME: Cut, iron, pin, sew, serge! Pick up kits to sew at home! Contact 860.306.7000 Paula DeSilva, Founder; quilts2heal@comcast.net; <https://www.facebook.com/quilt2heal?fref=ts>



Guild Bees

The guild offers 2 smaller groups (bees) designed for people to get together outside the guild meetings to share ideas, learn from each other, and socialize. The groups are 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. Bees are a great way to get to know others who share your passion.

The Wednesday Morning Bee meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month, at St. Alban's Church on Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Bring your own hand project. Occasionally a group project or a challenge is done. Join us or contact Meg Lines, malines7@comcast.net for more information.

The Monday Afternoon Bee meets on the 4th Monday of the month, 11 AM - 3 PM, at the Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St. , Avon. There are large tables for sewing machines, cutting, and layout or smaller tables for hand sewing. Rotary cutters, rulers, irons and ironing boards are available. Drop in or come regularly. Contact Susan Elliott, shselliot@sbcglobal.net, 860-658-0863 if you have any questions.

Want to start your own group? Contact Susan Elliott, shselliot@sbcglobal.net, 860-658-0863.

Quilters Shows and Events

FEATURED EVENT **Local Color 3: Inspired by Science**

Support our very own **Phyllis Small** as her quilts are presented at this exciting event. See the details below.



**Windsor Art Center,
Windsor, CT
40 Mechanic St.**

Phone: (860) 688-2528

Visit their [website](#) to buy tickets and more.

The exhibition runs through **Sat., Oct. 13, 2018.**

The Windsor Art Center announced the opening on September 1, 2018, of *Local Color 3: Inspired by Science*, an exhibition of art quilts created by Connecticut members of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA). An international organization, SAQA supports professional and avocational fiber artists and teachers. The artists of Local Color 3 – some of whom come from science or technology backgrounds – explore the nexus between art and science both within their subjects and through their processes of creating these quilts. Demonstrating their perspective that art and science are not opposing disciplines, the artists have made works of art using traditional quilting techniques as well as photographic processes, illustration, and digital technology.

FEATURED EVENT **continuum: from abstraction to photorealism in fiber art**

Support our very own **Phyllis Small** as her quilts are presented at this exciting event. See the details below.



**Milford Art Center (MAC)
Milford, CT
40 Railroad Avenue South**

Phone: (203) 878-6647

Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Reception: Thursday, October 4th 5:30-7pm

Take a breather right after work, school, or a busy day. Sip some wine, enjoy a spread of fruit and cheese, and be in community with friends before heading back to your busy life. Can't make the reception? Then just pop into the MAC any time **Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm** to view.

A collective of four award-winning fiber artists and members of the Studio Art Quilt Association (SAQA), CT branch. These quilters and their works offer a complete range of art from classic form, to abstract, to realistic and painterly. This is not your grandmother's quilting. If your jaw doesn't drop during this exhibit, well...

Quilters Shows and Events (*continued*)



Sew Many Shows

Get information about quilt shows and fiber arts events in New England with this monthly newsletter.

Check out their website: [Home Page](#), [Calendar](#), [Newsletter](#)

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". Planning a trip to the Museum and want to use one of the Guest Passes? Contact Carol Martinchek.

For national and international calendar quilt events go to the Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. website: www.saga.com

Tid Bits

- **Bring a little sunshine!** If anyone needs a cheer card or a sympathy card, contact Kathy Lettieri at kbakerl@att.net or any board member.
- There will be a **\$10.00 Guest Fee at Guild Meetings** with fee speakers and potluck dinners. Any guest who joins the guild that evening does not have to pay the guest fee.
- If you are interested in the **monthly treasurer's report**, visit the [guild website](#). Any questions, contact Lauren Elliott (lauren.c.elliott@gmail.com).

Buy, Sell, in Need of....

If you would like to advertise a service or are looking to sell or buy something related to quilting/sewing, advertise it here. Your advertisement will be in the Newsletter for six months; after which it will be removed.

Computerized Quilting for Less Than \$10,000!

Inspired by our lovely quilts? Finish your quilts with this fabulous machine! I have upgraded and am selling my HandiQuilter Avante with Pro-Stitcher Premium. Avante Stitch Regulated Machine, HandiQuilter's Pro-Stitcher Premium System, 18 inch arm, Rear Handle Bars, Lots of extras, All Original Documentation, Maintained by a certified HandiQuilter technician, HQ Studio Frame can be set up at 4, 8, 10, or 12 feet.

Price: \$9,500. Email Deb Jacoby at nilesjacoby@sbcglobal.net for more information or call 860-212-5514. (08/18)



Wanted: Used Bernina

Models 153, 160 preferred
Contact: Robin Schofield 860-658-1366, email rdmschofield@gmail.com (09/18)

Need Donations to Supply Art Studio

Cleaning out your sewing/craft closets? The Ana Grace Academy of the Arts (CREC/ magnet elementary school in Avon) is looking for various donations to supply their Art Studio this school year. If you have any of the follow items and are willing to donate them, please email Lauren Elliott at lauren.c.elliott@gmail.com. (09/18)

- Unscented Baby Wipes
- Beads
- Buttons
- Spools
- Corks
- Wood Scraps
- Old Keys
- Bread Tags
- Rolling Pins
- Salad Spinners



2018—2019 Board Members

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