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From the President

Hi All,

Warm wishes to my quilting friends. While the weather has been extremely cold, we have been fortunate in keeping the heat on and the sewing machines humming. Traditionally February has been our service meeting and this February is no different. We will be working on some aspect of an ABC quilt, sewing labels on neonatal quilts, and perhaps starting blocks for some Neonatal quilt. Please read the sections on ABC and Neonatal quilts for more details.

We will also spend time voting on the new bylaws and beginning the nominating process for new board members for the upcoming year. In preparation for this meeting please read the bylaws that will be emailed to you before Wednesday.

Our new website will be unveiled by Betty Warner at this meeting. Betty has brought our website into the 21st century. It is eye-catching, informative for both potential members and current ones, and user friendly.

Chocolate and February are synonymous. My quilting quote for the month is, "Quilting is my passion. Chocolate is a close second." Always keep a little chocolate on hand, it makes the quilter happy. See you Wednesday, weather permitting. Should there be bad weather and the Simsbury schools are closed or dismiss early, our meeting is cancelled.



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

February 18—Service meeting

We will be sewing labels onto our neonatal quilts. We will have labels, needles, and thread. If you can bring a pair of scissors that would be helpful. Also bring any neonatal quilts that are ready to donate. Phyllis Small and Robin Schofield

ABC block kits will be available at our February service meeting. I'll bring a sewing machine and iron, and cutting supplies to share, or you can bring your own machine. Sew a block at our meeting or take a kit to sew at home. Thanks for all your help!

Donna Dellacamera and Deb Jacoby

Future Programs

March 18—Michelle Muska, "Quilting the Classics"

Michele 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. You can see some of her inspirational work at: <http://www.lolarae.com>

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.lolarae.com>

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.

2016 Quilt Show
Saturday, October 22nd
Sunday, October 23rd
at the University of Hartford

Please consider getting involved. We still need help with the following:

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.

QUILT SHOW CHARITABLE DONATION

The guild voted to donate some of our recent show profits to one or more quilt-related charitable organizations. The total amount has not yet been determined. Here is a list of the groups we are considering. If you have another suggestion, please email it to me. Lisa.B.Salvatore@gmail.com

I will send out more information explaining their role in furthering our mission. We will be voting at the FEBRUARY guild meeting on February 18th.

New England Quilt Museum www.nequiltmuseum.org

Sew Thankful Quilters - Local Quilts of Valor group at Avon Congregational Church www.facebook.com/SewThankfulQuilters

The Salmon Brook Historical Society, Granby <https://www.facebook.com/sbhsct>

The Simsbury Historical Society www.simburyhistory.org

Quilts for Kids www.quiltsforkids.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 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

March 11/12-15,2015

**The Spring Retreat is once again at the Incarnation Center in
Ivoryton, CT
Just two months away!!!**

- ◆ We currently have 22 people signed up for the Spring Retreat. The Incarnation Center is asking that we have 25...so if you would like a fun weekend, with friends, please join us. Or if you know of someone who would like to attend, please have them email me.

◆

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 \$260
- ◆ Add-a-Night (Wed) - join the retreat a day early for an additional \$40 (no meals included)
- ◆ A single payment of \$260 or \$300 will be due by February 15th to hold your space
- ◆ Space will be limited to 25 attendees
- ◆ 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.

- ◆ Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Christine

Czepp28@gmail.com

Home: 860-408-9222 Cell: 860-930-2841



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 goal is to provide each boy who enters the program with a new handmade quilt. We started the ABC Quilt Project in 1997 and each year we have presented at least two students with quilts.

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!

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June 17, 2015 Challenge continued

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.

February 18, 2015, is our service meeting and we will be sewing labels onto our neonatal quilts. 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

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**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 3-3 1/2 hr., 1 1/2 - 2 hr. at Keepsake, lunch approximately 1 1/2 , home approximately 5:30 - 6. All times are guesstimates.

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

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

Save the dates.

June 26, 27, 28

Champagne and Chocolate Preview

June 25

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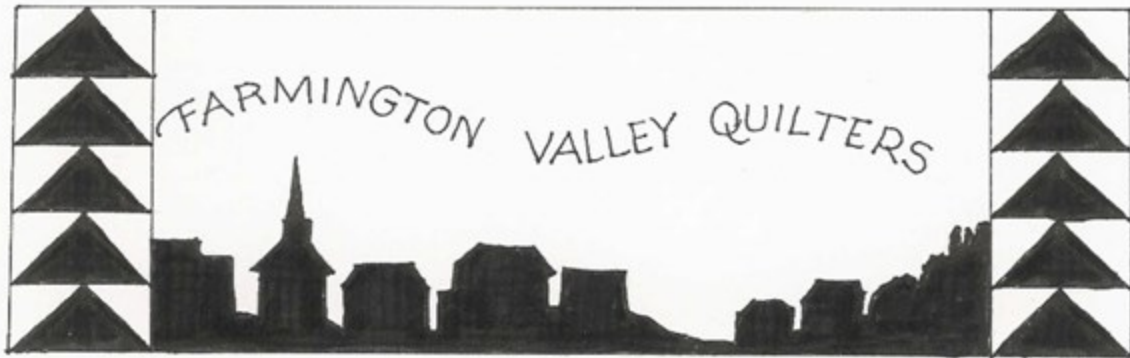
Class & Event registration is NOW OPEN

2014—2015 FVQI Board Members

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2014—2015 Committees

ABC Quilts	Debbie Jacoby & Donna Dellacamera
Bee Keeper	Jane Hadley
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Friendship Blocks	Diane Francini
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June Challenge	Debbie D'Angelo & Laurie Rio
Library	Anne Dodge
	Lois Palmer
	Sharon Lizak
Mystery Night	
Neo Natal Quilts	Phyllis Small & Robin Schofield
Retreat—Fall	Meg Lines & Faith Roth
Retreat—Spring	Christine Zepp
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Webmaster	Betty Warner



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