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From the President

I hope everyone enjoyed our first ever Members Past & Present Show & Tell at the January meeting as much as I did, it was fabulous & it was great to see so many of our members beautiful quilts. Thanks to everyone who showed us their quilts, I can't wait to see what you work on next!

This month we will be working on ABC & Neo-Natal quilts, so please help out with these two wonderful causes. Bring whatever supplies the ABC & Neo-Natal ladies say you need to bring & thanks to all of you for your dedication to these two great programs. I know UConn really appreciates the neo-natal quilts & the boys love their ABC quilts; we would like every member to make 2 neo-natal quilts per year and at least one ABC block, so come prepared to help.

This is also your last chance to sign up for UFO's, so please be sure to bring your completed sheets with you to the meeting. Remember they're due in December so be sure you give yourself enough time to complete the ones you sign up for. I've been working on my sheets & have found I have way too many UFO's & I'm sure I'm not alone!

Our Nominating Committee will begin asking for your help to fill the following board positions for the 2012-2013 guild year, so please say yes if you are asked to fill a position. If there is a position you'd like to have, please let one of the current board members know. We need the following positions filled:

President, 2 – 2nd VP's for Programs, Secretary, Publicity & Quilt Show Chair (Quilt Chair will be for 2 ½ years or thru the Fall 2014 Show). There is a form for you to fill out in this newsletter and we'll have them available at the sign-in table at the meeting too, so please think about taking on an office with a friend.

We also need some help with: Hospitality-2, Socials-2, Programs.

Please make sure to read through the **entire newsletter every month** as there is always lots of great information in there and you don't want to miss out on any of the great stuff the guild has to offer! We have some great workshops coming up in March & April that you wouldn't want to miss out on!

Happy Quilting, Debbie!

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Snippets

- ◆ This meeting begins at 6:45pm
- ◆ FVQI Board meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month and are open to all members.
- ◆ Show and Tell
- ◆ Neonatal quilts
- ◆ Library items
- ◆ Friendship Blocks Drawing
- ◆ Challenge Quilts!

This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, February 15th, 6:45 pm

Eno Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury

This meeting is our service meeting where we will be working on an ABC quilt and neonatal quilts. Both of these are projects are for the whole guild to participate in; this is our way of sharing our wonderful talents with the wider community. If everyone could make one quilt for the neonatal project and one block for the ABC quilt this year, it would be a fantastic year!

For the neonatal quilts, we will be sewing labels on the quilts that members have already donated to the guild. These are donated to the NICU at UConn-Dempsey Hospital in Farmington. So for this you need to bring hand sewing tools like needle, thread, scissors and a thimble. Also, if you have any fabric to donate that would be suitable for baby quilts please bring that to the meeting.

We will have kits available for making a block or more for the next ABC quilt. So please bring equipment for machine sewing like a seam ripper, scissors, pins, neutral thread and a portable sewing machine with cords and bobbins if possible. There will be at least 4 sewing machines available at Eno. We need 42 blocks for each quilt, so let's see if we can get a lot made at this meeting!

Fabric donations...we are in need of traditional colors (red, blue, green gold, beige, brown); good quality fabric and no florals. Please bring donations to the meeting.

Future Programs

March 21, 2012--Karen Loprete, an art quilter coming from a background in graphic design and illustration, will have a trunk show of her colorful and creative art quilts.

www.karenloprete.com



April 18, 2012--Gwen Marston, a professional quiltmaker, teacher and author, famous for her innovative liberated quilting technique, will lecture on Abstract Quilts in Solids, using her new abstract quilts as examples. She will show how she is continuing from the impressive history and tradition of Amish quilts.

<http://gwenmarston.com>

May 16, 2012—Karen Griska, a quilter from the age of 13, who wrote the book, “Quilts form the Selvage Edge”, will bring us her trunk show.

www.selvageblog.blogspot.com www.etsy.com/shop/karengriskaquilts www.empirebom.blogspot.com

UFO Resolution 2012 - Just a reminder that our February guild meeting will be your last opportunity to sign up for any of those unfinished projects you resolve to get to this year. We will not be accepting any UFO resolution forms after the 15th of February. A resolution form is included with this newsletter. If you want to participate, please fill it out and hand it in on the 15th.

Upcoming Workshops

March, 2012---Karen Loprete - Scrap Happy--- www.karenloprete.com

Create something new, use what you have already learned from your own work, continue experimenting, and HAVE FUN. Karen will be teaching her "Round the Bend" method of sewing 1 inch wide fabric strips sewn into a circular shape.



April 19, 2012---Gwen Marston - Small Studies

This class is built on the idea of exploring abstract design by making small studies. Just as painters use sketches to explore possibilities, fabric sketches are for working things out; for learning new techniques, exploring color and composition. They are your ticket to play, and to develop your own aesthetics in a safe, worry free space. Making sketches is like taking a crash course in design.

<http://gwenmarston.com>



Retreats



2012 FVQ Spring Retreat

March 8 - 11, 2012

The Incarnation Center

Ivoryton, CT

www.incarnationcenter.org



Out retreat is just around the corner now!

All confirmed attendees have received an email (with several attachments) from me with the details of our retreat – when to arrive, what to bring, etc. If you have any questions or did not receive the email, please respond and/or contact me prior by email, phone or at this month's Guild Meeting.

It's going to be a great time...

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Membership News

From Our 1st Vice President:

Caroline Berman has been working hard to get our Membership List updated & ready to go out to the guild, it will be going out to everyone this month.

From the Guild Librarians:

I got some great suggestions for new books for the Guild Library. Here is a list of new additions:

Create Your Own Free-Form Quilts: A Stress-Free Journey to Original Design, by Rayna Gillman, C&T Publishing, 2011.

Kaffe Fassett's Quilts in Sweden: 20 Designs From Rowan For Patchwork and Quilting, by Kaffe Fassett, Taunton Press, 2011

Tread Painting With Style, by Nancy Prince, AQS Pub., 2011

Mickey Lawler's SkyQuilts: 12 Painting Techniques: Creat Dynamic Landscape Quilts, by Mickey Lawler, C&T Publishing, 2011

Kaffe Fassett's Simple Shapes, Spectacular Quilts: 23 Original Quilt Designs, by Kaffe Fassett, Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2010

Two Patch Scrap Quilts, by Pat Yamin, AQS Pub, 2011. This is the book that Rita Rehm showed at our December Social. She has a quilt included in this book.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Month

Beginning Balance	1/1/2012	\$8,499.18
Credits		930.00
Debits		(425.00)
Ending Balance	1/31/2012	\$9,004.18

Fiscal Year to Date

Beginning Balance	7/1/2011	\$7,251.02
Credits		7,898.93
Debits		(6,145.77)
Ending Balance	1/31/2012	\$9,004.18

Quilt Show

Current Month

Beginning Balance	1/1/2012	\$11,781.79
Credits		0.00
Debits		(100.00)
Ending Balance	1/31/2012	\$11,681.79

Fiscal Year to Date

Beginning Balance	7/1/2011	\$3,561.38
Credits		16,444.50
Debits		(8,324.09)
Ending Balance	1/31/2012	\$11,681.79

Membership News... continued

In other Membership News:

- ♦ Effective August 1, 2011 if you do not wear your FVQ Name Tag (the sticky nametags supplied at the meetings do not count.) you will no longer receive a door prize ticket for that meeting.

Birthday's:



Guest Policy

There will be a \$5.00 **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

Our thoughts go out to Connie Rowles, whose husband, Sherman, passed away on the 7th.



Don't forget Sally always wants to know if anyone needs a cheer card or a sympathy card . You can contact Sally Sargent Markey (653-3224) or any board member. Sally's new email is : sallyspaints@yahoo.com.

Community Service

Quilt Show

We are looking for one or two people to step up and agree to Chair or Co-Chair our 2014 Quilt Show. Why not do it with your best buddy from the guild, you can make it girls night out when you start your meetings. You will have extensive information to guide you from our 2011 Show & Committee Chairs who worked very hard to come up with comprehensive information for everyone involved. We are currently looking into a few locations for the 2014 show and we are going to have a location locked in for you so you won't have to worry about that either!

Please consider doing this as this is our one & only fundraiser for the guild and it funds all our great lectures & workshops and keeps those workshop prices at \$35 for the guild, which is a steal when you look into taking classes elsewhere from these awesome teachers.

Nominating Form

FVQG Exec Board and Committee Interest Indicator

If you are interested in being considered for an open executive board position or are interested in getting involved on a committee when needed, please indicate your interest below. For more information about open positions, elections and committee involvement, please contact Debbie D'Angelo.

EXEC BOARD POSITIONS

Yes, I am interested in being considered for the following:

- ☐ President
- ☐ First Vice President
- ☐ Second Vice President
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Newsletter Editor
- ☐ Publicity
- ☐ Quilt Show Chair

COMMITTEES

Yes, I'd be interested in getting involved with the following committee if needed:

- ☐ Service projects (i.e. ABC quilts, Neo-Natal)
- ☐ Hospitality-greets members at sign-in, assists 1st VP at monthly meetings
- ☐ Socials-plans & organizes the Fall Retreat, December & June Socials
- ☐ Quilt Show-committee chair, committee member or volunteer during show
- ☐ Membership Activities (i.e. Bee Keeper, Friendship Blocks, June Challenge, Fabric Swap Box, Library)

Name_____

UFO Form

UFO Registration Form

Rules: Projects must have been started before January 1, 2011. All quilts must have a sewn on label to be considered complete. Completed projects must be brought to the Guild meeting and presented for show and tell.

Name:

Project 1 **Approx. Date Started:**

Briefly describe your project:

✓Check all steps below needed to complete your project.

Complete Blocks	Assemble Quilt	Borders	Binding	Quilt	Label
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Project 2 **Approx. Date Started:**

Briefly describe your project:

✓Check all steps below needed to complete your project.

Complete Blocks	Assemble Quilt	Borders	Binding	Quilt	Label
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Project 3 **Approx. Date Started:**

Briefly describe your project:

✓Check all steps below needed to complete your project.

Complete Blocks	Assemble Quilt	Borders	Binding	Quilt	Label
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Friendship Block



Annie's Choice

Friendship Block - Drawing in March

Here is another great block on the Quilter's Cache web site. Click on the link below and it will take you right to the Annie's Choice block instructions. I will also have the instructions in printed form at the meetings.

This makes a 12 inch square. Use 2 colors one light and one dark.

<http://www.quilterscache.com/A/AnniesChoiceBlock.html> Click on this link for the instructions

Questions? Call Sue Greene (860-675-8326). Remember for help with ANY quilting project logon to our website www.fvqi.org , then click on Member's Helping Members for list of skilled members who can help you.

Quilt Shows & Events

For a national and international calendar of quilt events go to the Studio Art Quilt Association website: www.saq.com

2012 Exhibitions at the New England Quilt Museum

18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA
www.nequiltmuseum.org

Dedicated Quilting Weekend Retreat on Cape Cod

Shoreway Acres Inn, Falmouth, MA
DQWCapeCod@gmail.com

January 19 - March 24, 2012

Quilts by Rosemary Bawn & other Quilt Artists
 Frenway Park Centennial

April 12—14, 2012

Original Sewing & Quilt Expo
 DCU Center
 50 Foster Street, Worcester, MA
www.sewingexpo.com

April 12 - 14, 2012

MQX East
 Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence
www.mqxshow.org

April 21 & 22, 2012

Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association
 "Garden of Quilts"
 North Kingstown High School
 150 Fairway Drive, North Kingstown, RI
 Sat: 10am - 5pm Sun: 10am - 4pm

www.nbquilts.org

April 21 & 22, 2012

The Quilter's Guild of Brooklyn, NY
 "Block By Block"
www.quiltbrooklyn.org

May 19 & 20, 2012

Warwick Valley Quilters' Guild
 30th Anniversary Stars of the Valley Quilt Show
 Sanfordville Elementary School
 144 Sanfordville Road, Warwick, NY
www.wvqg.org

June 29 - July 1, 2012

Vermont Quilt Festival
 St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT
www.vqg.org

July 12 - October 14, 2012

Back Stitch; A 25-Year Retrospective
 Of Advances & Milestones in Quilting

October 12 - December 29, 2012

Great Quilts, Great Stories

Member Ads

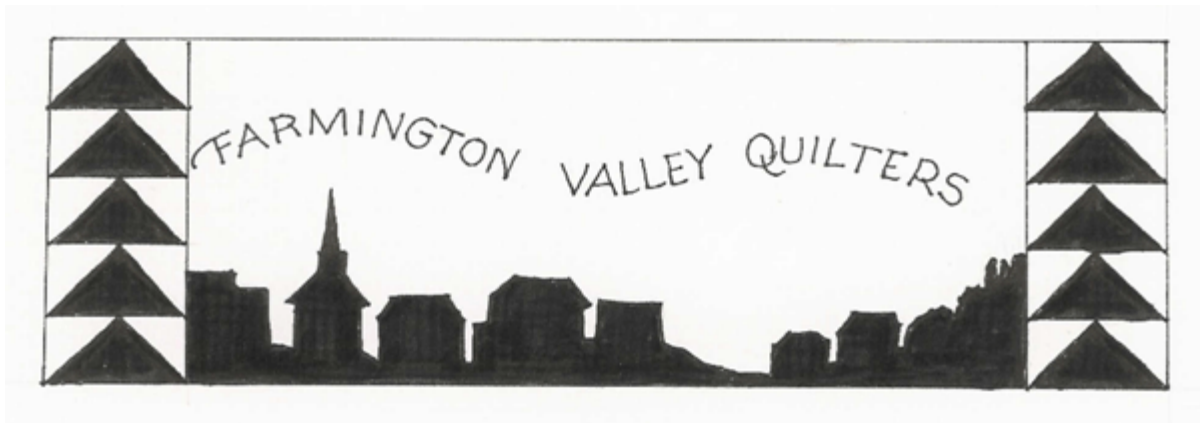
Happy New Year from Debbie D'Angelo & The Quilted Basket. Now that the holidays are over I'm sure you're all anxious to finish up those quilt tops that got put aside for the holidays. I am currently caught up and can have your quilt quilted, trimmed & ready for you to bind in a week or less, custom quilting might take a bit longer. You can pick up one of my brochures on the sign-in table, at Sew Inspired or you can check my website at www.quiltedbasket.com. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have at the meeting or you can e-mail me at quiltedbasket@cox.net or call me at 860-621-5596. Thanks for your business over the last few years, I really appreciate it.

**2011—2012
FVQI Board Members**

President	Debbie D'Angelo
First Vice President	Sherry Shoblom
Second Vice President	Phyllis Small (2nd year)
Second Vice President	Diane Popko (1st year)
Treasurer	Linda Huppelsberg
Secretary	Chris Snieckus
Publicity & Friendship Blocks	Sue Greene
Newsletter Editor	Christine Zepp
Quilt Show Chair	Karen Hines

**2011—2012
Committees**

ABC Quilts	Sue Trimble Anne Baldis Betty Warner Diane Calkin Glenda Martin
Bee Keeper	Jane Hadley
Fabric Swap Box	Sue Elliott
Friendship Blocks	Sue Greene
Hospitality	Laurie Rio & Caroline Berman
June Challenge	Aurelle Locke & Judy Ross
Library	Anne Dodge Lois Palmer Lynn Emery Lisa Oliver
Mystery Night	Meg Lines
Neo Natal Quilts	Dot Witter & Lorna Knudsen
Retreat—Fall	Lauren Elliott & Katie Vincent
Retreat—Spring	Caroline Berman
Socials	Lauren Elliott & Kate Vincent
Webmaster	Laurie Rio



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Simsbury, CT

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