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From the President

Hi to all! Welcome to 2015, which I actually remembered to write! I hope it has already been good to you. Remember our meeting is this coming week, due to Eno already being booked for our normal third Wednesday of the month. Jackie Kunkel is coming for a trunk show. I'm excited to see all her bright, intricately pieced quilts in person. She's such an energetic woman, hopefully some of that energy will rub off on us and give us a boost in the middle of winter.

And I hope you all had a great week of holidays, spent with family in your hearts and hopefully in person. I didn't get much sewing done because of the family time, but that's okay. Now I'm eager to get back to it. Jim and I spent a week dog-sitting for our other grand-dog down in Maryland. With 2 walks a day, averaging 2.5 miles each walk, I think we're in better shape physically, or at least worked off some of that delicious holiday food already.

I'll leave you with a quote: In the Quilt of Life, Friends are the Stitches that Hold it Together.

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

January 14, 2015 - Please note that there is a change in date for our meeting in January 2015. We will now be meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at our usual time at Eno Memorial Hall.

Jackie Kunkel, owner of Canton Village Quilt Works and Judy Niemeyer Certified Teacher, travels around the country lecturing, teaching workshops and doing trunk shows all throughout the year. For the January meeting, Jackie will be giving a Lecture/Trunk Show called: "**Getting To Know Me.**" This presentation also happens to be one of her most popular shows! Jackie will show you ALL her quilts. That includes all her published designs and all the quilts that she has created as a Judy Niemeyer Certified Instructor. Along with this she will take you through her quilting journey of 20 years! A very fun and interactive lecture and trunk show.

<http://cvquiltworks.com/>

Future Programs

February 18—Service meeting

Upcoming Workshops

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.

QUILT SHOW 2016

Though I have taken the lead to start organizing our next show, I realize my role as chairperson still requires approval from the guild. In the meantime, I think it's efficient to get the ball rolling.

The first step is to pull together a board of volunteers. Some of the positions require more time than others. Please feel free to contact me with questions. Lisa Salvatore 860-651-6225

Our first board meeting is Wednesday, January 28th - 7PM at Eno Hall

Chairperson - Lisa Salvatore (pending approval)

Treasurer - Peg Thomsen

Raffle Quilt Design/Construction - Phyllis Small

Raffle Quilt Sales - Christine Zepp

Program - Anne Dodge

Vendors - Robin Schofield

Setup/Take Down - Elke Mayer

Layout - Lisa Bermel & Phyllis Small

Award Ribbons - Diane Calkin

Distribution - Lucille Ladden & Betsy Henebry

Decorations - Marguerite Boslaugh

We still need volunteers for the following roles. Some positions require attending a monthly board meeting held on the FOURTH Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions) at Eno Hall. We also have a great deal of resources from prior shows to get you started in your positions.

Secretary - Document and distribute minutes for monthly meetings

Publicity Chairperson - Oversee the publicity efforts of the show. Time commitment is a function of how many people volunteer for the following roles:

Print Media - Maureen Hulsart

Signage - Coordinate printing & placement of posters, yard signs, sandwich boards & banners.

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. Work with Website coordinator.

Quilt Registration - Document & Distribute information about show quilts. Strong computer skills.

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.

Food - Coordinate food for volunteers on Friday set-up and during show

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

After discussion during the January 5th board meeting, it was decided that we will no longer post the financial updates in the monthly newsletter. That decision was reached due to the fact that the newsletter is available on the guild's public web site and available to non-members. 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:

As you sign in for this month's meeting, please check to see that there is a "paid" next to your name. If you haven't paid your dues, it will cost \$25 for the membership and \$5 late fee. Guest fees will now be \$10 per meeting. Please let me know if you don't see your name on the list or if there are corrections that need to be made.

Dues are \$25 per year with a \$5 late fee beginning in September. You may send your check made out to FVQI. Mail to: FVQI P.O. Box 172 Weatogue, CT 06092

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.fvqi.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.

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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

Your challenge for this year is to work your "magic" with solids. Your guidelines are that it must be all solids and 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 we have participating the more we will be Inspired!!

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

Phyllis Small



Guest Policy

There will be a \$10.00 **Guest Fee** at Guild Meetings with fee speakers and potluck dinner. 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

Huskylock 936 5-thread serger-brand new, never used & still in the original box w/all manuals. Paid \$1500, asking \$700 but will consider offers.

Contact Rachel Foster at [860-283-2183](tel:860-283-2183).

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.**

Quilt Shows & Events

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

Let Me Quilt One More Day

New Britain Museum of American Art
56 Lexington Street
New Britain, CT 06052

American quilting has dramatically been transformed over the past 250 years. *Let Me Quilt One More Day* showcases a history of the artistic practices, reinterpretations, and innovations of this age-old craft.

Let Me Quilt One More Day explores the long-standing practice and art of quilt making in the United States. This exhibition, curated by Dr. Douglas Hyland, brings together an extraordinary selection of over 40 historical and contemporary quilts ranging from traditional to modern designs and demonstrating both the practical application and artistic range found in this medium. The themes of Industry, Emotion, and Art loosely group quilts that vary greatly in material and artistic style.

MQX Quilt Festival New England

Manchester, New Hampshire

New England's Premier Quilt Festival & Conference

APRIL 8-11, 2015

Class & Event registration is NOW OPEN

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

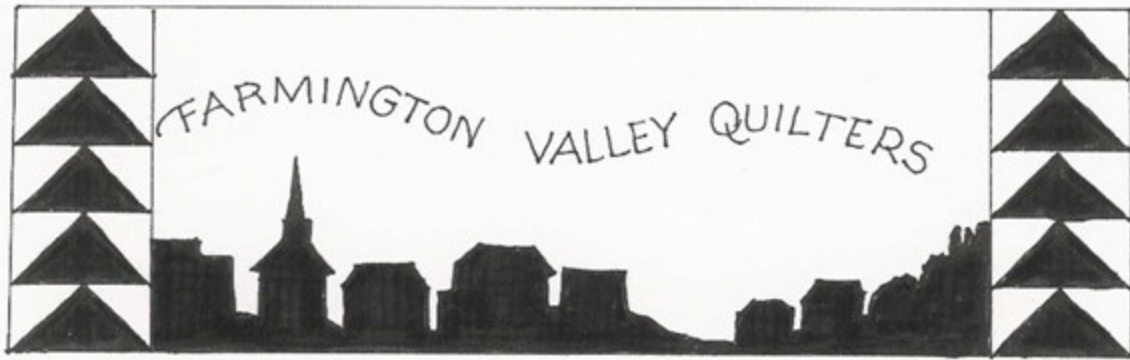
Save the dates.
June 26, 27, 28
Champagne and Chocolate Preview
June 25

**2014—2015
FVQI Board Members**

President	Sue Trimble
First Vice President	Barb Heagney
Second Vice President	Elaine Reimer
	Linda Walter
Secretary	Donna Gosselin
Treasurer	Peggy Thomsen
Publicity	Betty Warner
Newsletter Editor	Chris Carmon
Quilt Show Chair	Lisa Salvatore

**2014—2015
Committees**

ABC Quilts	Debbie Jacoby & Donna Dellacamera
Bee Keeper	Jane Hadley
Fabric Swap Box	Sue Elliott
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
Retreat—Fall	Meg Lines & Faith Roth
Retreat—Spring	Christine Zepp
Socials	
Webmaster	Betty Warner



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Meetings typically held at
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For more information
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