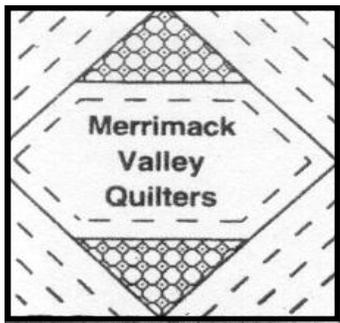


# Merrimack Valley Quilting Guild

Celebrating 32 years of encouraging the art of quilting in the Merrimack Valley. MVQ was established in 1980.



## President's Message:



### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2011-12

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in to me by the 1st of  
each month:  
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## MVQ Is Off To A Great Start!

Awesome meeting in September! Thanks, Lyn, for the mini workshop. I enjoyed trying something different. Another awesome thing is... Don'tcha just love a new blade?

No, not for chopping veggies, but that's pretty good too.

No, not for shaving the stubble, but those results are nice.

Of course I mean for my rotary cutter. Especially when the old blade was just tearing up the fabric and leaving me cussing. I'm using my new blade as I glide through layers of lovely cotton, slicing and dicing for the MVQ Mystery Quilt, "Dancing with the Squares". Aren't those Stobbs girls creative? I'm taking some risks with my fabric choices; not following the instructions precisely. So we'll see how it turns out. (my "dark" is the whitest of whites)

Jump in and sign up for all the projects if you can. It's so much fun.

Also sign up to help out with teams and committees and raffle ticket sales. This is what makes our guild so successful and enjoyable for everyone. Is it time for you to try something new... and get a new blade?

Marianne Nowacki

## October 20th

Pat Delaney: Machine Appliqué



**MVQ COMMITTEE CHAIRS****2011-2012**

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UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS!**

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Is your name on this list? Why not?  
The Guild survives on volunteers.  
Try it!  
Note that some names are listed more  
than once!

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## **September 2011 minutes**

Andrea Bursaw described the block raffle Merrimack Valley Quilter's Guild

Meeting Minutes September 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at St. Luke's (Holy Angels Church) Plaistow NH by president, Marianne Nowacki

Prior to the meeting, brown paper bags were passed out containing a piece of fabric and directions for a project to be brought to the Christmas meeting. (participation is optional)

Marianne opened with several announcements. The financial report for the end of 2010-2011 is available at the back table. We are at break-even status with sufficient cash for operations this year. Please see Ginny Platt if you have detailed questions.

Volunteers were sought to chair the quilt show. Karen Malio offered to do this job, but would like a co-chair. There are people who have volunteered to work on subcommittees.

Kathy Pearce is unable to do program for the 2012-2013 year, so a replacement chair is needed.

Please fill out your membership form and pay your dues to Gloria Zacharias or Dee Morris.

The monthly newsletter is now posted on the blog. If you don't have access to a computer and want to get the newsletter mailed to you, prepare your address mailing labels and give them and \$10 for postage and paper to Pat Lucey. She will make sure you get the newsletter.

Carol Sullivan has info for new members and can answer your questions. She is putting together a Frequently Asked Questions (with answers) document for new and current members. It will also be on the blog.

This summer we made \$720 selling raffle tickets for the quilt.

Pat Lucey would like help with the raffle quilt at the Boxford Apple Festival and Mary Lou Kilcoyne need volunteers to sign up for ticket sales at the Gathering show in Nashua in Nov. Sign up forms were at the back table. This year there are no pictures of the raffle quilt in your membership packet. If you would like a picture so that you can sell more tickets, please see Mary Lou.

Gail Wozniak announced that Kim Diel had to cancel her planned October program due to ill health. Instead, Pat Delaney will be presenting at the Oct. meeting and giving a workshop on the following Saturday. If you signed up for the Oct workshop, please let the committee know if you still plan to participate or would like a refund. Susan Richards will be giving a workshop in January on crazy quilting. The cost to members will be \$5. Also, go over to the program table to sign up for any workshops this year. They cost \$25 for a full day class.

Terry Gelinas and Maggie Judd are organizing the auction for next Feb. They will be collecting donations starting next month.

The NEQM is having an auction on Sunday Nov 20th called "It's in the Bag". MVQ is going to donate a bag of items for the auction. Rosemary Bray is coordinating our donation and the theme will be "Chocolate Lover". Rosemary would like your contributions of items like a bag, candy or food items, books, fabric, mugs, etc. Please bring them to our October meeting and Rosemary will collect them. Individuals can also donate filled bags to the museum for the auction. Info on their website. The next exhibit at NEQM starts Oct 20th and is called "Patience to Raise the Sun" and is quilts from Haiti. The museum is running a challenge where you create a sun block. Information is on their website.

The board has voted to fund another mystery bus trip in 2012 so stay tuned to hear about that.

Kathy Pearce has organized a trip Nov 9-13 to Kenebunkport. There are 18 spaces available! There is information available on the blog including the registration form. Please get your registration and money to Kathy this month.

Carol Robinson is organizing the lending of the quilt trunks this year. Please see Carol to find out more or to borrow a trunk.

Every month we offer a monthly raffle of fabric, notions, or the like. Tickets will be sold at the welcome table before meetings and during break times. Tickets are 2 for \$1.00 if you are wearing your MVQG name tag. Otherwise tickets are \$1.00 per ticket.

Jeanne Richardson and Helen Gosselin presented information for the 2012-2013 raffle quilt, Bali Hai. It is paper pieced and requires 4" strips of tropical looking batiks. Please use a stitch length of 1.5 or less and do not remove the paper from your block. Foundations are available for \$5 which will be returned when you turn in your blocks.

Ann Stobbs spoke about this year's original design mystery quilt, Dancing with Squares. The first steps are available in the back of the room.

Cathy Harnisch announced that this year's charity will be the Pregnancy Care Center which has programs in Amesbury, Newburyport, Lawrence and Haverhill. She is working with the Haverhill site. They would like quilts suitable for newborns and infants in varied sizes such as crib, carriage, floor playmats. The guild has purchased batting to use for the charity quilts, call or e-mail Cathy with your need. The February workshop will be devoted to making charity quilts. For Christmas, members are encouraged to bring in donations of onesies, Good Start formula, diapers or other baby items.

Cathy also has available directions and background fabric for the president's block which is a batik maple leaf design in fall colors.

e. Make a block of your choice using the fabric provided and others of your choice. The theme is holiday. Get the details at the block raffle table.

Joanne Turner showed the first block to be used in the block exchange. Sets of 12 in bidge and scrap are due in January. Details in the back of the room.

The Sewing Diva from Derry is this month's vendor.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Show and Tell had many projects shown and Signe Kaleel announced that she will be moving at the end of the month. She wished everyone well.

After a break, door prizes were drawn by Gloria Zacharias and Dee Morris. Jan Taylor drew the winning number for the fabric raffle.

The evening's program, a workshop on felted wool was presented by member, Lyn Grenier.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sullivan

acting secretary

# Program 2011-2012

## October meeting:

We will have a trunk show from Abington, MA quilter Pat Delaney (view her website [www.crabtreelane.com](http://www.crabtreelane.com)) and see her style. She will teach a class on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> on machine appliqué. It is just one simple basket block where she says if you learn leaves, stems, flower etc you will know all the basics of machine appliqué. We still have member and non member openings. Contact Gail Wozniak [gwozniak@andover.edu](mailto:gwozniak@andover.edu) for more info or to sign up and get supply list.

## December:

We hope you will participate in the little project we passed out at the meeting. We will have more available at the October meeting. It should be a fun game at the December pot luck. There is additional fabric available if you need some contact Gail Wozniak [gwozniak@andover.edu](mailto:gwozniak@andover.edu)

## December (note change in date to December 1 and no November meeting) Pot Luck Dinner and holiday celebration

**January:** Hear Journeys of 3 MVQ members and see their quilts and other crafts they do. Saturday workshop will be CRAZY QUILTING by our own Susan Richards, Best of Show 2011 at MVQ, who will focus on stitchery and ribbon embroidery on the block.

**February** – UFO Auction and Saturday will be open sew for charity of the year

**March** – Froncie Quinn – [www.hooplapatterns.com](http://www.hooplapatterns.com) – She will be talking to us about the story of Florence Petro and her quilt Calico Garden which will be the topic of the Saturday workshop on hand piecing and hand appliqué.

**April** Suzanne Marshall – [www.suzannequilts.com](http://www.suzannequilts.com) – She has won awards at Paducah and Houston for her appliqué and hand quilting. She will do a talk on The Evolution of a Quiltmaker and talk about design inspirations from her award winning quilts. She will offer a Friday class on hand quilting and a Saturday class on appliqué.

**May** – Lenore Crawford – [www.lenorecrawford.com](http://www.lenorecrawford.com) – She will talk about fusing and fabric painting with quilts. She will do a Friday workshop on Mini Blended Fabric Collages and a Saturday workshop on fusible flowers.

**June** – An end of year dessert social – with a talk from Pam Potter from NH Quilt Emporium on what you can do with those jelly rolls, layer cakes, five inch squares etc.

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Doris Bennett is our “SUNSHINE LADY”- So if you know of a guild member who needs a little sun in her life– let Doris know!

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Mary and Ann Stobbs are doing the



## 2011 MVQ Mystery Quilt.

Part will be posted on the Blog and copies will be available at the meeting. It is an original pattern and called "Dancing with the Squares".

Thanks, Ann Stobbs



## NH State Quilters

Hampshire State Quilters will be holding their fall meeting on Sunday, October 16th, from 1:pm to 4:pm at the Newport Opera House, Main Street Newport, NH. This meeting will be co-hosted by Gail Wilson of the Quilters Workshop, Main Street, Newport, NH. Gail's shop will be open on Sunday before the meeting.

We are excited to present our guest speaker, Jacqueline Paton, fabric designer for Red Rooster Fabrics. She will be presenting a trunk show and talking about the fabric design process. Admission is free to members or \$10.00 at the door.

## Workshops at MVQ

Just a few words about how workshops function for MVQ. You can sign up for any of our workshops at any time. Payment is due at time of sign up and you will be given the supply list. Some teachers do require an additional kit or pattern fee and we will tell you about that in advance. Our workshops run on the Friday and/or Saturday following our meetings and for outside teachers are \$25. They are typically held at the Plaistow Public Library from 9:30-3:30 where you bring your own lunch. ONE MONTH before a workshop it will be open to non members. If you know a non member they can be put on a wait list at any time but one month out they will be notified of the remaining openings.

If we have MVQ members teach a class we only charge you \$5.

We hope you will support the efforts each year of the program committee in acquiring great teachers to come at very reasonable prices offered to you compared to local quilt shops.



## Monthly Raffle

The Monthly Raffle at the October meeting will be for 85 yds. each of 72 different colors of Superior's Masterpiece 50/2 cotton thread; great for handwork to go, applique, or to match colors for piecing. Tickets will be 2 for \$1.00 if you're wearing your MVQG name tag -- otherwise \$1.00 each. See us the check in table.

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# Quilt Canada

On behalf of the Organizing Committee for Quilt Canada 2012, I am so pleased to extend an invitation to your Guild members to join us at Canada's national quilt show from May 29 to June 2, 2012 here in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Quilt Canada will offer over 200 workshops over 4 days, featuring five international teachers and the best teachers that Canada has to offer, teaching a wide variety of traditional and modern quilting techniques. The Merchant Mall will showcase more than 80 vendors with quilt shops and suppliers from across Canada and from the United States. Ten concurrent exhibitions will include the National Juried show, Invitational and Challenge shows, art quilt exhibitions and a presentation of African-Nova Scotian narrative and picture quilts. There are the Special events - a Kitchen Party, Show and Share, and a Nova Scotia Ceilidh - that will give us the opportunity to share our Nova Scotia culture and heritage with our visitors. And, of course, there are side tours and the opportunity to visit world famous Peggy's Cove, and our picturesque shoreline.

Quilt Canada will be held at historic Dalhousie University and on-site accommodation will be available at reasonable rates for those who register early.

Registration information has just been posted to the web and can be found at [www.canadianquilter.com](http://www.canadianquilter.com) or on our Quilt Canada 2012 blog at <http://quiltcanada2012.ca> Registration opens for members of the Canadian Quilters Association (CQA) on October 1st and for non-members on November 1st. And for anyone thinking about coming to Quilt Canada 2012, the savings available to CQA members are actually more than the cost of a CQA membership, so something to think about....

We would really appreciate it if you could pass this information along to your members - Nova Scotia is a great place to visit and what better time than this - the first time in 16 years that Quilt Canada has been held in our Province.

We're just a short trip away. We hope to see you here!

Regards,

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**Quilt Canada 2012 Local Organizing Committee**

**Canadian Quilters' Association/Association canadienne de la courtépointhe**

<http://quiltcanada2012.ca>

## Block Raffle

**an opportunity to make just one block for a chance on winning enough blocks to make a small quilt.**

For \$1 you receive a 9" x 11" piece of selected "theme" fabric, which must be used somewhere in a block created in any design/pattern you choose. You may make additional blocks for additional chances to enter the raffle. Each additional entry will require an additional dollar, for which you will get another theme piece of fabric. Additional blocks must be in different patterns; that is, no "sets" of the same pattern. There will be three or four block raffles throughout the year, each with a different theme and fabric to be used. Depending upon how many blocks are collected, each raffle will have multiple winners. A winner in one month's raffle may not win again in that raffle, but may win in a later raffle in which she participates.

Instructions for December Block Raffle – Theme: The Holidays

For each entry make an 8" block (8 ½" unfinished)

Add fabrics to coordinate with the provided theme fabric color

For background spaces in your block, use white-on-white (no light or off-white or cream)

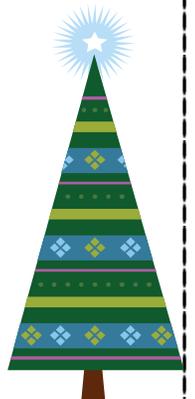
Do not use solids. Textured or batik are fine.

Please use quilt-shop quality fabric

Attach your name to each block entered

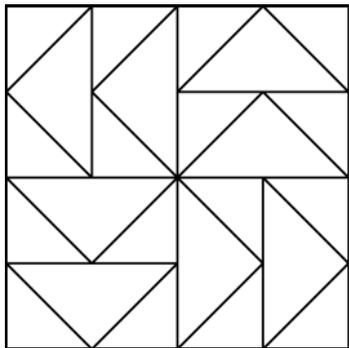
Theme fabric will be available at Sept and Oct meetings. All completed blocks will be collected and winners drawn at the Dec 1 meeting

Questions: contact Andrea Bursaw, 978-463-4034 or [bursawaj@comcast.net](mailto:bursawaj@comcast.net)



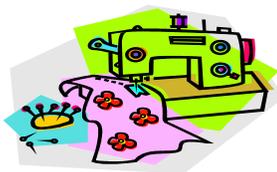
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*Pat Delaney:*  
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## Refreshments: I Thru P



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- Show and Tell
- \$ for raffle
- Refreshments [if it is your turn!]
- \$ for membership

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