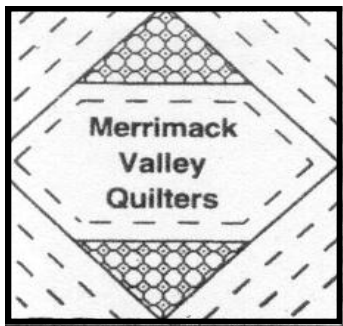


Merrimack Valley Quilting Guild

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



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*Newsletter items must be
in to me by the 1st of
each month:
Pat.lucey@verizon.net*

President's Message:

It was wonderful to see Pat Delaney's prize winning quilts in October. She is a talented designer and quilter. Her website is **crabtreelane.com** where you can see some of the quilts she showed us if you need further inspiration!

If you haven't had enough of quilting and want to immerse yourself even more, check out some online blogs. A blog is an online journal and there are many quilters out there who are showing their quilts and telling their stories. There are free patterns and tutorials and even give-aways. If you are already a "blogger" please give me your web address. I would like to make a list and post it so MVQ members can follow your quilting adventures. In the meantime, go to this online quilt show, the "Bloggers Quilt Festival" at **amyscreativeside.com**. There are hundreds of quilts on display. My blog is **hillside-quiltworks.com** if you want to follow my fun.

Now that the holiday season stretches for a full 9 weeks (if you have been to any store lately) I would like to wish you all a

Merry Hallo-giving Hanu-mas Year!

December 1st
Holiday Party- Pot Luck
Bring Baby Donations
Holiday Show and Tell



October 2011 Minutes Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at St. Luke's (Holy Angels Church) by president, Marianne Nowacki.

Thank you note was received and shared from the Safe Recover/Turning Point Program, our last year's Comfort Quilt project.

Marianne reminds Guild we are still in need of Chairperson(s) to head next year's monthly Program Committee. Quilt Museum has list which can help find speakers and prior years information is available.

Lisa McCarthy and Susan Richards volunteered. Thank you ladies.

Quilters Gathering organizers are incorporating our Guild members Seven Sisters into their Collectice Sisterhood Exhibit. Congratulations to members Maggie Judd, Ildi Tary, Mary Ginn, and Pat Lucey.

Cancellation of Guild meetings due to weather will be posted on MVQ Blog by 2PM on day of meeting.

Please call any board member if you are not a computer user. Please use your best judgment regarding driving to meetings if inclement weather conditions occur.

There are new Guild Cards available on the membership table with information about MVQ and our Blog address.

Carol Sullivan has been compiling a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) with answers for both new and old members. This will be available shortly on the Blog.

Please remember to be helpful and friendly to our new members. Please introduce yourselves.

Travel quilt is going to the Quilters Gathering on November 1st. Members still needed to sit with the quilt.

Gail Wozniak has sign up sheet for upcoming workshops. Please see Gail during break.

December 1st is our annual holiday party. In addition to bring pot luck dish, remember to bring the item you made for the party favor swap (using the square of fabric and paper bag previously provided).

***In addition please bring an item for the Pregnancy Care Center of Haverhill, this year's Comfort Quilt project group. Items needed are baby clothes, onesies, toiletries, infant size diapers, wipes, and Good Start Formula.

UFO Auction: Terry Gilman and Maggie Judd are organizing our annual UFO Auction for our February meeting. Please bring donations to our December and January meetings. Last donations accepted at January meeting. For large items please call the ladies and they will arrange for pick up.

2012 Quilt Show News: Karen Malio has offered to Chair the MVQ Quilt Show for 2012. Anne offered to assist. Gail Wozniak to check on availability of school.

Rosemary Bray coordinating donations of chocolate candy to make a donation basket for the NEQM auction.

Kathy Pearse organizing quilting trip November 9-13 to Kennebunkport, ME. Limited space still available at this writing.

New Raffle Quilt : Please see Helen Gosslin during break. She is registering people to make blocks for next year's raffle quilt. The paper pieced blocks are due at January's meeting.

Comfort Quilt Project: Cathy Harnisch has arranged for this year's project to be the Pregnancy Care Center in Haverhill. Please make quilts in sizes for cribs, strollers, or play mats. Cathy has batting available for your comfort quilts that the guild has purchased. Call or email her with size you need and she will cut it for you. Cathy also has some donated fabric and she would like to make some kits for the sewing day in February. She needs help making these kits. Please call Cathy to offer your help.

Block raffle: Please turn in your completed block to Andrea and Janet during break at their table. Please remember to pin your name to your block. Completed block due at December 1st meeting.

Mystery Quilt: Ann and Mary Stobbs have the next "dance" instructions for this year's mystery quilt available. See the ladies during break.

Block Exchange: Please see Joanne Turner with your finished set of blocks for the exchange. They are due at December meeting.

President's Block: Please give completed President's Block to Cathy Harnisch or Barbara Callard.

UFO Challenge: Carol Robinson is organizing an UFO Challenge. Sign up your UnFinished Object to be completed by April meeting to be part of this fun program encouraging all to complete unfinished projects. It must be something started in the past. Once completed your now finished item will be entered to the contest by earning a chip. More information will be on the Blog.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Callard

Program 2011-2012

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

Bring Donations for the Pregnancy Care Project.

Bring your favorite Holiday Show and Tell



Please bring a dish to share, remember to bring a serving utensil or an extension cord if necessary. And maybe a sign if it contains nuts. Please bring anything from appetizers, sides, starches, vegetables, main courses, breads, desserts etc. WE WILL PROVIDE all paper products, silverware, napkins and beverage cups.

Don't forget to bring your item you made with gold fabric that can fit in the lunch bag (be creative!). Please make sure the bag is shut tight either with a staple or tape.

Don't forget to sign up for the January workshop on Saturday, Jan. 28th to learn crazy quilting. \$5 fee for members and \$10 fee for non members.

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 – 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 – 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 – 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.

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

UFO Auction



UFO Auction:

The UFO Auction will be held during the February Meeting. If you have UnFinished Object's you would like to donate to the cause, bring them to the December meeting. We will be taking donations until the January meeting. Thank you!

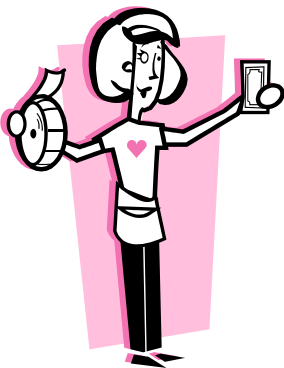
Maggie Judd and Terry Gelinas

2012 Raffle Quilt Blocks Due

Raffle blocks will be collected at the Dec meeting. There is still time to take patterns for the blocks, \$5.00 to be returned when the finished blocks are turned in. See Jeanne or Helen.

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.



UFO Challenge

OK quilters....no more hiding those unfinished projects in the bottom of your "to do" pile! I know, I have them too in spite of trying to finish what I begin. All those classes we take often result in UFO's for whatever reason. Now's the time to "finish the job!"

What is a UFO? Any quilty project at least one year old that you have started (must have some cutting or sewing done by you) as of the end of December. Simply list the UFOS you'd like to complete between now and our April MVQ meeting or the quilt show.

What constitutes done? Done is completely done not just the top done. So this should mean quilting, binding, and labels on! In other words, completely done and ready to use, or give away. For each one you complete and show - at a meeting or the quilt show- you will receive a "chit" for entry into a drawing for a \$50 prize to be awarded at the June meeting. If the UFO was started at an MVQ class....you get two chits!

Fantastic huh? The cash prize is only a bonus- the real perc is getting it finished! No rules to speak of but you are only allowed one potholder or doll quilt on your UFO list!!

Here's how:

Name: (your name)

Quilt description: (colors, size, name...however you can describe it)

Date started:

Date completed:

Example:

Name: Carol Robinson

Quilt description: Japanese Taupes block of the month - lap size

Date started: January 2010

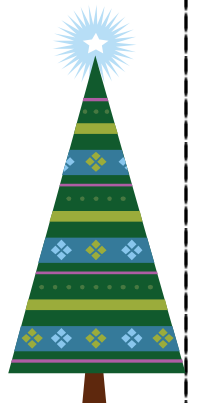
Date completed: January 2012 (I hope!)

Sign up sheets available at the December meeting or email me the details at crob1961@comcast.net.

Sign-up must be completed by January 1, 2012



BLOCK RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN at our December meeting. If you are participating, please bring your block with your name attached before the business meeting to the sign marked "Block Raffle". The drawing will be held at the end of the business meeting. If you are unable to come to the meeting, please send it with a friend or mail to 54 Southern Blvd, Newbury, MA 01951 in time to arrive before December 1st.





Storybook Quilts

The MVQ Storybook quilt project is up and running for 2011-2012. Several members have requested dates for their schools or libraries to borrow the quilts. We currently have 25 books and quilts ready to go. The guild also has several more books that I'm calling orphans since they are in need of a quilt to go with them. We are especially in need of books for the upper elementary grades. Some of the books refer to a specific quilt pattern but most could have any design - there are even a couple for you appliqués! This is a great way to lower your stash or quilt a top that has been hanging around too long! All we need is a small quilt and a pillowcase style bag to store the quilt & book. Kudos to Ruth Caisse who graciously added to our collection with "*The Poky Little Puppy and the Patchwork Blanket*" - you know that's a cute preschool story!

Here's a list of the "orphans"

Bess's Log Cabin Quilt by D. Anne Love- grs 4-6 - log cabin block

Coat of Many Colors, Dolly Parton (patchwork jacket)

Cotton Now & Then, Bates Willing & Julie Bates Dock- any pattern

Crazy Quilt by Kristin Avery - crazy quilt

Quilting Now and Then, Karen Bates Willing & Julie Bates Dock (patchwork) (2 copies)

Quilt of Dreams, Mindy Dwyer (Birds in the Air) 2 copies- grs 4-6

The Ants, Jane Tenorio-Coscorelli- preschool/K applique & pieced block

The Boy and the Quilt by Shirley Kurtz (patchwork)

The Canada Geese Quilt, Natalie Kinsey-Warnock - grs 4-6- any block- flying geese would be great

The Keeping Quilt, Patricia Polacco (2 copies) (applique)

The Log Cabin Quilt, Ellen Howard (log cabin)

Selina and the Bear Claw Quilt by Barbara Smucker- bearclaw and other blocks

I will bring the "orphan books" to the December meeting - check them out!

If you are interested in having some quilts for your town, let me know ASAP. Email or snail mail and I will send you a list of books, themes, and appropriate grade levels. You can request 4 or 5 books at a time with a "check-out" time of about 4 weeks. Check with your teachers or librarians to see how/when their curricula coordinates with our books. Of course some books are "just for fun" and can be used at any time. This is a great enrichment program that students love---take advantage of it!

Carol Robinson

Storybook Coordinator

Storybook Quilts- Themes

Preschool - Grade 2

Agatha's Feather Bed, Carmen Deedy - Origins of things; Responsibility
Luka's Quilt, Georgia Guback, - Relationships/ Cross Culture- Hawaiian
Quilt Counting, Lesa Cline-Ransome - counting book, easy read, sewing tools
Quilt of Dreams, Mindy Dwyer, - Family values
Quilting Now and Then, Karen Bates Willing & Julie Bates Dock, - history of quilting in America

Rueben and the Quilt, Merle Good - Amish people and their beliefs; turning the other cheek.
The Much Too Loved Quilt, Rachel Waterstone - decision making, sharing
The Patchwork Quilt, Valerie Flournoy - Family values and cooperation
The Quiltmaker's Gift, Jeff Brumbeau, - Charity
The Tortilla Quilt, Jane Tenorio-Coscarelli, Spanish culture; generosity
Who's Under Grandmas's Quilt? Rachel Waterstone - Cooperation

Grades K -5

Cotton Now and Then, Karen Bates Willing & Julie Bates Dock, - Cotton production
Fabric Fun for Kids (and their grown-ups), Karen Bates Willing & Julie Bates Dock - Quilting projects & PPfabric art
Sam Johnson & the Blue Ribbon Quilt, Lisa Campbell Ernst - gender roles, cooperation
Selena and the Bear Paw Quilt, Barbara Smucker, - Mennonite culture & beliefs; Political prejudice
Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt, Deborah Hopkinson, Civil War; Underground Railroad
The Keeping Quilt, Patricia Polacco- Russian customs, sharing
The Log Cabin Quilt, Ellen Howard - moving and loss of a parent
The Piñata Quilt, Jne Tenorie-Coscalelli - Spanish vocabulary, holiday customs, piñata project & quilt pattern
The Quiltmaker's Gift, Jeff Brumbeau - charity, greed, bullying,
The Rag Coat, Lauren A Mills - Appalachia, poverty, coal mining, friendship.
The Secret to Freedom, Marcia Vaughn; Courage, Family Ties, Slavery/Civil War/Underground Railroad, Communication, Quilting, African American Interest

Under the Quilt of Night, Deborah Hopkinson - Slavery, underground railroad, freedom.

Quilt Show 2012

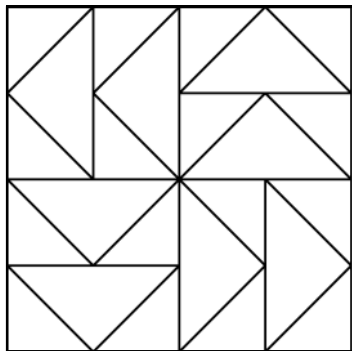
Start thinking how you can help **Karen Malio** put on a terrific Quilt Show, April 27th and 28th.

As members of MVQ, **we are each required to give 2 hours of volunteering at the show.** This can be done before or during the show. This is a GREAT way to meet members and form friendships.

And don't forget to finish those quilts and enter them in the Show!

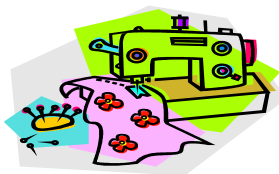
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Holiday Party

Refreshments: Pot Luck



Check List:

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

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