

Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild

Encouraging the art of quilting in the Merrimack Valley. MVQ was established in 1980.

Oct. 2019



President's Message

Wow! What a fabulous show! Thank you to Mary Wilkes and Ann Hockmeyer for a wonderful job. Thank you to the Sub-Committee Chairs and helpers. And thank you to all the members for your participation in making this year's show bigger and better. My heartfelt thanks and congratulations to everyone!

We are already in the process of preparing for our 40th Jubilee quilt show in 2020. Stay tuned for more information from Diane Kelley, Quilt Show Chair and Gail Forthoffer, Quilt Show Vice Chair. Please let them know if you wish to participate in on any of the sub-committees.

Up next is our 40th Jubilee celebration on December 5, 2019 at DiBurros Function Hall in Haverhill, MA. If you have not purchased your tickets yet, please do so at the October guild meeting. Committee Chair, Phyllis Lauria will be in the atrium with her helpers to sign you up. Don't miss this celebration! Phyllis has lots of fun and surprises planned for us including entertainment.

I heard the trip to the New England Quilt Museum was lots of fun. Pictures were posted to our website and Facebook pages. Thank you, Sue Spinelli, for organizing this trip. Thanks also to Betty Hastings for a fund and informative guided tour.

Our program for the October guild meeting is the always fabulous Marge Tucker. Her lecture, How I Got there From Here, explains her quilting journey from her first quilt to becoming a quilting instructor and fiber artist. Sounds like lots of great quilts will be shared!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next guild meeting which is on **the 4th Thursday** this month October 24th. As always, let me know if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

Elizabeth Swan, President

Executive Committee 2019-2020

President: Elizabeth Swan

Vice President: Ronni Longwell

Secretary : Jamie Ruh

Treasurer AP: Gail Forthoffer

Treasurer AR: Layne Rando

See the June 2019 newsletter for the full list of all the board and standing committee members.

OCTOBER 24th

This month's meeting is on the 4th Thursday and will feature Marge Tucker: How I Got There From Here

WORKSHOP, Sat Oct 26th: Eel Grasses and Eddies

To reach any committee,
please address any
correspondence to:

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Newsletter items must be
submitted on the first
FRIDAY after the board
meeting to Mary or Ann
Stobbs:
ams01938@hotmail.com

Sew & Know

SEW & KNOW this month is a **binding technique**. Lynette Pisani will show you how to apply a piped binding. It's simple and adds color and interest to your quilts. Join her at the SEW & KNOW table. Demonstrations are at 6:20 and 6:40.

SEW & KNOW presenters are needed! If you have a favorite technique, please contact Janice at

janicemaejones@gmail.com.

telephone: 978-738-1924.

Thanks

40th Jubilee!!

JUBILEE!!!!

DIBURROS FUNCTION HALL DECEMBER 5, 2019

Our 40th Jubilee Celebration is less than 2 months away!! If you have not already purchased your tickets for this extravaganza, please do so at our October guild meeting!

Tickets for this wonderful event are \$30. For the delicious sit-down dinner, you will choose Baked Stuffed Breast of Chicken, Roasted Top Sirloin of Beef or the vegetarian option, Eggplant.

Cocktail Hour is 6-7 pm and Dinner will be served at 7pm. We have a festive evening planned and you will absolutely not want to miss it! Come and join your friends for a fabulous celebration!

At the October guild meeting, we will continue the raffle that was started at the September guild meeting. Try to win a free ticket to our Jubilee! Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle will be drawn during the October meeting. Wouldn't it be great to win???

We are trying to put together a slide-show for the Jubilee. We are asking for people to submit a photo of themselves from 1980 (40 years ago) and a picture, if you have it, of your first quilt. Please be a good sport and participate!

BUTTONS BUTTONS BUTTONS

The Jubilee Committee is looking for donations of RED and White buttons.

We would be so grateful for any donations!!

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS

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ANNIVERSARY
*jubilee
celebration*


THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

DiBurros Function Hall

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Cocktail Hour 6-7pm
Dinner 7pm

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pmlauria@msn.com

Membership News

The membership packets are ready for pick-up when you sign in at the October 24th guild meeting, and any meeting after that. The raffle ticket books are yours to use. You do not have to pay for them.

Bev Valle - Membership Chair

FALL RETREAT!!

The Fall Retreat at Franciscan Guest House is coming up soon!

Our retreat this fall is from Wednesday, November 6th to Sunday, November 10th at the Franciscan Guest House in Kennebunk, Maine. There will be an option of staying until Monday, November 11th if we get a minimum of 10 people.

Registration is full and there is a wait/cancellation list.

Contact Phyllis Lauria (pmlauria@msn.com) with any questions.



A big thank-you to everyone who made the 2019 MVQ QUILT show a huge success!!!!!!

A special thank-you to all the Non-MVQ members (spouses, friends) who helped us out -

We couldn't have done it without you!!

We would also like to say a special thank-you to Hope Community Church member, Helene Y. Parenteau who helped out Thursday, Friday and Saturday. See her business card posted on the last page.

2019 MVQ JUDGED QUILT WINNERS

Best of Show Professional – Liz Swan – 801

Best of Show Other – Louise Robitaille – 210

Judge’s Choice – Susan Molin – 722

Best Long Arm Quilting - Janet-Lee Santeusanio – 210

Best Domestic Quilting – Ann Hockmeyer – 114

Best Hand Quilting – Maggie Judd – 109

Best Hand Applique – Maggie Judd – 109

Best Applique other – Louise Robitaille – 210

Best Color – Ann Hockmeyer – 114

Best Piecing – Maggie Judd – 303

Best Binding – Mary Lou Monteiro – 323

Best First Entry – Mary Lou Monteiro – 323

Best Original Design – Linda Buckley - 726

Best One Maker – Pat Lucey – 106

100’s;

1st Maggie Judd -109

2nd Louise Robitaille - 110

3rd Carol Sullivan – 103

Honorable Mention – Ann Hockmeyer – 114

200’s;

1st Jamie Ruh - 222

2nd Sharon Brown - 214

3rd Stacey Caruso - 233

300’s;

1st Gail Forthoffer - 308

2nd Maggie Judd - 303

3rd Mary Lou Monteiro – 323

Honorable Mention - Deb Kelso – 301

Art/Pictorial;

1st Linda Buckley - 726

2nd Elaine Rando – 223

3rd Ellena Georato – 503

2nd Elaine Rando – 223

3rd Ellena Georato – 503

Modern;

2nd Maggie Judd – 902

3rd Heather Sheilds – 903

Professional;

1st Janice Jones – 802

2nd Beverly Valle – 808

3rd Catherine Flowers – 812

Rose of Sharon Challenge Quilts:

#1 Lynn Pisani.

#2 Linda Lydecker

#3 Liz Swan

From your Vice President,

Thank you all again for the many beautiful quilts you created for our comfort care. This month, both High Pointe House (Hospice House) and Believe Anything and Everything is Possible will be at the meeting to accept their quilts. If you are finishing up one, I will still be accepting them at the meeting. The number of quilts seemed to double from last month's meeting to the Quilt Show! Amazing! Thank you! Bev Valle also created the new dragonfly quilt for High Pointe House which is gorgeous. We had been asked to replace the prior quilt as it is getting very worn from use. This touching quilt is draped over every person as they leave the House for the last time and a brief ceremony is conducted with the family. I have received so many wonderful comments from family members who are so touched by the beautiful quilt protecting their loved one as a last remembrance of their time there. I should add that the only exception is our veterans who are draped with a flag. Thank you Bev! There are no words for all the hard work you've put into this!!! You are amazing!

Both of these organizations are touched by these gifts and what a difference they make in so many lives. Please note that there is an Art Gala in the room next door to our meeting to benefit Believe Anything and Everything is Possible. This is where Mary Wilkes met its founder, Priscilla Westaway. They are open until 7 so please stop by and see all the beautiful artwork before our meeting. We hope you find something you absolutely have to buy too!

As we look to next year, our comfort care organization will be Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley. They will be looking for quilts for newborns through age 17. Teenage boys are typically those that need the most so please think about that when planning. Larry Giordano, who is President of this organization, will be at our January meeting to discuss this great opportunity and tell us in more detail what is needed. You can find them online at fosterkidsmv.org.

In October, we will begin working on our President's blocks to present to our outgoing President Liz Swan at the June meeting. These are blocks she has picked and they're so easy to do. Betty Hastings and I will have kits and directions set up in the lobby. You may take as many as you like. It is our Hatchet Block – just like our name tags. We will provide the pre-cut white center fabric that Liz has chosen, and you provide any fabric of your choice for the rest of the block. Liz would like you to write a brief memory or a few words or just your name in the white center part. We will also provide pre-cut stabilizer if you want to appliqué, embroider or do something very creative. Liz asks that no embellishments be used so it can easily be quilted. Stop by and get a kit or two.

Thank you for all that you do to support our Guild and its members! As always, feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or requests.

Ronni Longwell

Programs October 2019 Updates

The class project special exhibit at the quilt show was fantastic to see. I, for one, have been inspired to dust off a few unfinished class projects and get them done! Kudos to everyone who had a project on display!

All the remaining classes for this year (except for Edyta Sitar) will have sign ups open at the October meeting. As a refresher, here is a list and full descriptions are on the next page:

- Marge Tucker, Eel Grass and Eddies
- Maggie Judd (member), Machine and Hand Appliqué
- Michelle Banton, Dresden Neighborhood
- Cathy Harnisch (member), Scrappy Postage Stamp Color Play
- Kathie Beltz, Geese Around the Pond

Payment is due when you sign up for the class. If you are on the wait list, you will pay when you are off the wait list. Member-led workshops are \$10 for members and \$35 for non-members. All other classes are \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members, not including kits, supplies, or patterns that will be required by the teacher

PROGRAMS 2019 - 2020

October 2019: Marge Tucker (<http://margetuckerquilts.com/>)

Thursday, 10/24/2019: Lecture – How I Got There From Here

Saturday, 10/26/2019: Workshop – Eel Grass and Eddies

December 2019: 40th Anniversary Jubilee : Thursday, 12/5/2019 at Di Burro's, Haverhill

January 2020: Journeys : Thursday, 1/23/2020: Lecture – Journeys No workshop

February 2020: UFO Auction : Thursday, 2/20/20: UFO Auction

Saturday, 2/22/2020: Workshop – Hand and Machine Applique, Led by member Maggie Judd

This workshop will include two different ways to appliqué. The morning will be spent on Hand Appliqué featuring the «Back Basting» method of needle turn appliqué. Appliqué stitch and how to make perfect circles will be demonstrated. In the afternoon, we will get out our sewing machines and tackle Machine Appliqué. Turned under (not raw edge) appliqué will be demonstrated. Sewing machine with highly adjustable zig zag is recommended.

Kit fee: \$15 (includes almost everything needed for two appliqué designs

March 2020: Michelle Banton (<http://littlepupdesigns.com/>)

Thursday, 3/19/2020: Lecture – Look Great, Dresden Plate

Saturday, 3/21/2020: Workshop – Dresden Neighborhood



April 2020: TBD

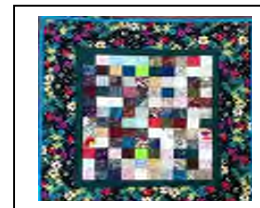
Thursday, 4/16/2020: Lecture

Friday, 4/17/2020: Workshop (tentative)

May 2020: Pam Weeks (<http://www.pamweeksquilts.com/index.html>)

Thursday, 5/28/2020: Lecture – Designing Women

Saturday, 5/30/2020: Workshop – Led by member Cathy Harnisch



Have you ever heard someone say if you don't like a fabric, you haven't cut it small enough? This quilt is from the book "Color From The Heart" by Gai Perry. I went through most of the quilts in this book with a friend of mine. I thought the first one would be a great class to show how almost any fabric will work if you cut it small enough. Using a multitude of fabrics, we will construct a postage stamp wall hanging. This class will help get you to loosen up with your fabric selections.

PROGRAMS 2019 - 2020 cont.

June 2020: Kathie Beltz (<https://kathiebeltz.com>)

Thursday, 6/18/2020: Lecture – Studio 180 Design Lecture and Trunk Show

Saturday, 6/20/2020: Around the Pond



All workshops are \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Member Maggie Judd’s workshop will be \$10 for members and still \$35 for non-members. **Payment is due when you sign up for the class.** Supplies and kits required by the instructor are separate. Supply lists will be available at time of sign-up so please review them carefully to make sure it works for you. Sign-up fees for the class are non-refundable.

Travel Raffle Quilt Update.



Road Trip :

Our Jubilee travel quilt is taking her first journey. Table sitters are needed for Amesbury Open Studio Days on Saturday, November 9th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Many of our members will be at the retreat and unable to be with our quilt. Please find some time to share with us. Contact Judy Naylor at judy.naylor@gmail.com or call 978.476.2525. The joy of this trip is that it’s not a great distance to drive.

On the horizon is the Fabric Sale Extravaganza in Nashua NH on March 5th-7th. We will be doing signups after the first of the year.

Traveling with our quilt is a wonderful adventure. Make sure you take an opportunity to be a table sitter. If you know of other sites that might be an opportunity for us, please contact Judy Naylor at judy.naylor@gmail.com or 978.352.2210.

Appreciatively,

Judy

Raffle Quilt Travel Chair

MVQ Guild meeting minutes 9/19/19

Call to order: 7:02 P.M.

President's Announcements:

Liz welcomed everyone back.

Guild meeting minutes accepted as circulated. Treasurer's report is accepted as circulated.

Next meeting in October 24, 2019 not the usual third Thursday of the month.

Liz said a special "thank you" to Lin Caido and Ann Hockmeyer for their work on the 2020 raffle quilt.

She thanked Carrie Zizza for her quilting.

Newsletter – Mary Stobbs: Mary let everyone know that if they want a copy of the newsletter mailed to them it would be \$20 or \$10 and 9 self-addressed envelopes with 2 forever stamps on each.

Quilt show–Gail Forthoffer talked about the silent auction and she is still looking for items for the auction.

Stacey Caruso could use more volunteers to work in the kitchen. Looking for baked goods. Looking for soft drinks.

Beverly Knapp and Jennifer Roberts are running the Penny Raffle Baskets and showed what baskets could look like. Wrap your basket in cellophane and list contents.

Pat Lucey spoke about the Boutique.

Marianne Karp spoke about the Challenge Quilts. Quilts must have a hanging sleeve.

Carrie Zizza spoke about the judging and hanging. Have your quilts at the Merrimac Library between 8-8:30. Drop off non-judged quilts at Hope Church on Thursday 8:30-10:00. Volunteers should be at the judging room at 7:00 a.m.

Angie Cyr spoke about the White Elephant room. Bring remaining items on Thursday.

Ann Hockmeyer said that every quilt needs go into a stand up bag with an index card on it. Tag your quilt. Park cars with handicapped tags in the back of the church for the members. Use safety pins, no straight pins. Linda

Lydecker talked about volunteering for the quilt show. If you volunteer, you get into the show free each day.

Catherine Harnisch talked about a hike Columbus Day weekend and invited anyone who wants to attend.

Retreat–Phyllis Lauria: There is a waiting list for retreat Nov. 6.

40th Jubilee–Phyllis Lauria: Phyllis is selling ticket now for \$30. She is also selling raffle tickets for a chance for a free Jubilee ticket. She is looking for old photos from the guild for the Jubilee. She is also asking for members to submit a picture of yourself from 40 years ago, and a picture of the first quilt you ever made. Send photos to Liz. 6-7:00 is cocktail hour. Dinner is 7:00.

Membership–Bev Valle: There were 85 members in attendance, and 1 guest. Sandra Kassen Deardorff is our newest member. There are a total of 116 members in the guild.

Raffles won by Maggie Judd, Sheila Ramsden, Maggie Rogers, and Valerie DeBlois.

Janet-Lee Santeusano won the free membership for 2019-2020.

Programs– Heather Shields talked about programs for the year. Please pay for workshops when you sign up. Tonight's program is by Heather Shields.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jamie Ruh, Secretary

MVQ TREASURER REPORT

September 30, 2019 Gail Forthoffer

Assets:

Checking Balance	16,681.20
Money Market	5,051.76
Annuity as of 12/31/2018	<u>17,151.07</u>

Ending Balance **\$ 38,840.03**

Liabilities (Uncleared Transactions): **- \$3,629.84**

Expenses:

Meeting Expenses	187.65
Membership	35.00
Quilt Show Expenses	1013.84

Total Expenses **\$ 1236.49**

Income:

Quilt Show	7,610.50
2019 Raffle Quilt Income	276.00
2020 Raffle Quilt Income	132.00
Interest	0.42
Membership	827.50
Program	125.00

Total Income **\$8,971.42**

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