

# MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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*October 2020*



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**2020 – 2021**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello everyone! I hope you are enjoying all this beautiful weather.

I hope everyone had a chance to read Brenda Haskell's Jelly Roll Challenge and is planning on participating. Brenda is including the information in this newsletter.

The board voted unanimously at last week's board meeting to present a virtual guild meeting which will take place on Thursday, October 15, 2020. More information is in this newsletter. I am excited to see all your faces! If you have an idea or something you would like to share at the virtual guild meeting, feel free to contact me. There will be an agenda and only those who ask to speak ahead of time will be on the agenda. For our first time, we will keep the meeting short and informative.

The contract for the October 2021 quilt show has been signed, submitted and accepted with a deposit at Hope Church. The show will take place on October 1 & 2, 2021 so mark your calendars. Our journey to a fabulous show begins now.

We have good news! Judy Naylor has graciously volunteered to be our new Programs Chair! Thank you, Judy! If you would like to help her accomplish her duties, please contact her to find out where she could use some help. Judy will continue to support the Travel Raffle Quilt Committee as Vice Chair. Betty Hastings remains the Travel Raffle Quilt Chair.

This is the time of year where we collect our comfort quilts. Vice President, Bev Valle has information in this newsletter about when and where you can donate your quilts.

As always, if you have any questions comments or suggestions, feel free to contact me.

Elizabeth Swan, President

# MVQ's First Virtual Guild Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2020

I am pleased to announce that Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild will present their very first live, virtual guild meeting. We will use the

GoToMeeting.com platform to present the meeting. An email will be sent to all the members with a link to join the meeting. Please feel free to share the email and link to friends that wish to attend as a guest. You could invite some friends over to have a virtual meeting small gathering!

The meeting will start around 6:15 – 6:30 pm as a live, open meeting to give everyone a chance to socialize. The meeting will be called to order at 7:00 pm. At that time, we will request that anyone who is not on the agenda to speak to please turn off their camera. We will silence all audio at that time except for the person who is speaking. We are not planning to schedule a speaker. Therefore, the meeting should not be too much longer than an hour. We will have information presented by our committees and a show and tell segment. There will be a chat option available during the meeting if you would like to ask questions.

Please contact me or any member of the board if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you and I look forward to “seeing” you on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Elizabeth Swan, President



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## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Thank you to the Board members who participated in our Membership Contact initiative. It was nice to hear people's voices and get caught up with everyone's activities. Reminder: If any of your contact info has changed, please let me know your new information so our records stay current.

Take care and stay safe.

Linda Lydecker, Membership Chair

From the Programs Chair

Thanks to all who responded to the Guild's recent survey. Based on the results, we are moving forward with virtual guild meetings for the time being. I have joined several organizations that connect guilds with presenters and teachers. I am looking through hundreds of online presenters worldwide. So many choices. I've picked up the pieces that Heather had set up for us and now I'm trying to fill in the blanks. I have some questions.

Do you have a particular topic that you'd like to see presented?

Would you consider being a virtual presenter?

Have you participated in any online activities that might be enjoyable for our members?

I am looking for suggestions for members to be included in our journey's presentation.

Would you consider being my vice-chair in this endeavor?

Be well,

Judy Naylor, Programs Chairperson

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### **TRAVEL RAFFLE QUILT INFO**

Two weeks ago, a small group of Georgetown Quilters gathered (safely) in my barn to catch up as a cadre of friends and sewists. The laughs and stories were good for all of us. In the process of conversation, someone asked about our Jubilee quilt. When they found out that the drawing had not been held, they asked if it was possible to still get a ticket. I had the wheelie cart and sold a book of tickets to two friends then and there! That was probably the guild's only income since Covid struck. Think of places that you might be able to sell some tickets.

Contact me if you have a group that gathers like a sewing group, a book club, or any group where you might be able to sell some tickets. We'll connect so you can help support our guild

Betty Hastings

Travel Raffle Quilt chair

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## MVQ Quilt Retreats

Hello Quilting Friends

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Fall Retreat at Franciscan Guest House scheduled for 11/11/20 to 11/ 15/20 due to continued issues related to the pandemic.

Franciscan Guest house is not sure how this winter will be for them. They may need to close January through March, 2021 and when they reopen, they are not sure if COVID restrictions would still remain in place. This would limit the number of people they could host at retreats.

Currently, we are tentatively booked for our spring retreat at FGH for Wednesday 3/24/21 through Sunday 3/28/21.

Fingers crossed!!!!

Be well!!

Phyllis & Sue

## Comfort Quilt Project

Our Comfort Quilt project for this year has been making quilts for Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley. I have heard there are many of the MVQ Guild members who have been working hard to make a quilt and I want to thank each of you who will be donating a quilt or quilts to this project. This organization would like to receive the quilts before Thanksgiving, to be able to give them early in December for Christmas gifts to the foster kids.

As we didn't have the quilt show and won't be having a person to person meeting this fall, it will be necessary to get the quilts to Bev Valle between September 30 and November 7 (see below re Nov 8 drop off). Please contact Bev before coming over. Most of my days are free. A picture of you and your quilt will be taken when you drop it off. If you prefer to bring them to the Plaistow Library parking lot on Sunday, November 8 between 1:00 and 2:00 PM, Gail W and I will be there for collection. A picture of each quilt will be taken prior to donating for a virtual slide show and tell at a later date.

November 8 will be the last day to drop off your comfort quilt, as it needs to "rest" for two weeks in one location due to the Corona Virus before going to the organization.

Thank-You again for all your donations All of the quilts will be so greatly appreciated.

Bev Valle, Vice President MVQ

## Jelly Roll Challenge

Hello Ladies!

Like many of you, I was making masks when this awful pandemic started. I made hundreds and donated them to a local mission group that I have been working with for years. My mind eventually became what I refer to as 'mask mush'. Needing a break, I went into my stash and pulled out a jelly roll. This was my first jelly roll quilt and it was so much fun! I couldn't wait to see the finished quilt.

I am sure many of you are feeling somewhat disassociated these days. I am one of them. There are many things, that as a guild, we can no longer have at this time. This is how I came up with the idea of a jelly roll challenge.

This is how it will work:

- Email me a picture of a quilt top using a jelly roll
- Quilt top can contain other fabric in addition to the jelly roll.
- All entries will be anonymous
- I will email you a secret code to identify your quilt. I will maintain a spreadsheet of all entries.
- Start date for entries will be September 21<sup>st</sup>. End date will be November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Quilt top only
- Size – lap size. If you want to go bigger – great!
- If you want to participate, but feel technologically challenged, email or call me and I will help.
- Quilts will be judged on best use of color, best use of applique, and best overall design
- Prizes/gift certificates will be awarded to winners of each category
- If you have a jelly roll quilt already done, great! Submit it. Please know that it will be judged on the above, not the quilting
- Judges will review the entries with results by November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Please no posts on social media until after results are in
- Judges will only see a picture of your quilt and your secret code
- If we can have a quilt show in 2021, there will be a section for this jelly roll challenge. It would be great to see all your finished quilts there!

Gift certificates for the winning entry in each category have been generously provided by Red Barn Sewing & Yarn Center, Compass Point Quilts and Aunt Mary's Quilting.

As a dear friend of mine said "Even though the world has stopped, magical things can still happen".

Let's make some quilt magic happen and enjoy a jelly roll challenge!

Happy Sewing!

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Newsletter items must be submitted on the first FRIDAY after the board meeting to Mary or Ann Stobbs:

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## MVQ PROGRAMS 2020 – 2021

As we continue in this era of pandemic and social distancing, I hope everyone finds time to take care of themselves and maybe do some fun sewing.

Next year we have three speakers tentatively planned for March, April, and May. The Board is planning to evaluate the budget and the local circumstances over the Winter to determine if we will be able to hold the programs we have scheduled. More information will follow after this determination.

The speakers that are planned are:

March: Amy Friend ([https:// duringquiettime.com/](https://duringquiettime.com/))

April: Sheri Cifaldi-Morril (<https://www.wholecirclestudio.com>)

May: Pat Harrison (<https://www.oceanwavesqc.com/>)

Our limited program schedule will make it even easier to be Programs Chairperson! All of the teachers are taking care of their own transportation and lodging, so all you have to do is give them a hand at meetings when they give their lectures and help with the workshops. The workshop help could even be delegated to someone who has signed up for the class, making your job even simpler! Wrangle a few of your friends into forming a Programs Committee and you may only have responsibilities for only one meeting!

Merrimack Valley Quilters has a strong reputation in the area for bringing world class quilters to teach for our guild. If no one steps up to be next year's Programs Chairperson, there will be no lectures or workshops in the 2021 – 2022 year! Please support the guild and consider serving in this valuable position.

All workshop fees to be announced or contact the Programs Chairperson.

**Payment is due when you sign up for the class.** Supply lists will be e-mailed to class attendees and they will be available on the Blog as well. Hard copy supply lists will no longer be provided.

Supplies and kits required by the Instructor are separate. Sign-Up fees for the class are Non-Refundable.



# Merrimack Valley Quilters

## INCOME AND EXPENSES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 TO  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

<b>DEPOSITS (INCOME)</b>		
NONE		
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
MA ATTORNEY GENERAL	\$35.00	Tax submittal
STACEY CARUSO	\$132.65	UFO expenses
USPS	\$190.00	Box Rental
CNA Surety	\$187.00	Insurance
CHECKING ACCOUNT as of 9/28/20	\$11,237.33	3 Uncashed Checks totaling \$131
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$5,056.41	
MASS MUTUAL FIXED ANNUITY	\$17,667.03	

### SNAIL MAIL NEWSLETTER

If you would prefer Snail Mail Newsletter delivery (to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

Last year's mail / print costs will cover through the Sept 2021 Newsletter mailing). Please send your choice (by October 1) of either: A: \$20 and 9 address labels

or

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### **NEXT MVQ MEETING**

WHERE: Virtual Meeting at your place on your phone or computer

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020

Social time starts approx. 6:15 – 6:30 PM

Business Meeting starts 7:00 PM

**Hope to See You There!**