

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

Encouraging the art of Quilting in the Merrimack Valley, MVQ was established in 1980

November - December 2020



Executive Committee

2020 – 2021

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MVQ Guild, PO Box 566

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December 3, 2020

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Merrimack Valley is adapting and changing! Please see the information in this newsletter regarding Virtual Guild Meetings, Workshops, PayPal, and Virtual Board Meetings.

The Board is busy finding ways to adapt to our current conditions and situation. Our face-to-face meetings have been postponed, however, due to the success of our October Virtual Guild Meeting, we are going to continue with virtual meetings until circumstances become more “normal” and restrictions are lifted.

Judy Naylor, our Programs Chair, is working on presenters for meetings in 2021 as well as looking into possible workshops for members. We are changing the 2021 meetings to the Zoom platform.

Our guild now has a PayPal account to accept hands-free payments. A lot of hard work done by Diane Kelley, Accounts Payable Treasurer and Cathy Harnisch, Communications Chair to get this all set up. Thank you, very much, ladies for making this happen.

Also, in this newsletter, is information from our Vice President, Bev Valle, regarding our current Comfort Quilt project. Again, due to our members generosity, it was a great success! Thank you to everyone who donated a quilt or two. Information on our next charity will be coming soon from Bev.

Brenda Haskell's Jelly Roll Challenge was a lot of fun. The quilt's submitted are all beautiful. Congratulations to Brenda and the winners. Thank you to everyone who participated. All the quilts will be featured in our “Show and Tell” segment at the December Virtual Guild Meeting.

As always if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me or any of the board members. We are always looking for new ways to improve your guild experience. Thank you for your continued support during this time of change.

Elizabeth Swan, President

Due to COVID 19, the board decided to suspend all future face-to-face meetings until further notice. We will continue to follow Governor Baker's recommendations as well as NECC requirements to determine when we can resume meetings at Northern Essex Community College.

During this time, we are going to move forward with virtual meetings. From what I heard, the October Virtual Guild Meeting was a success. It gave us the confidence to continue with virtual meetings.

Our next meeting will be our holiday celebration scheduled for December 3, 2020. We will continue to use the Go-To-Meeting platform for the December 2020 meeting. See Judy Naylor's message in this newsletter concerning the December meeting.

In January 2021, the guild will purchase a Zoom account. After the purchase, all future virtual guild meetings will be through the Zoom platform. More information will be made available to the members before the January meeting.

Our Programs Chair, Judy Naylor, is working with presenters for our virtual meetings as well as looking into workshops for our members. She will have more information coming.



Our December Holiday Celebration is coming soon.

DECEMBER 3, 2020



We will be gathering virtually. President Swan will be sending you a link to log in.

Get festive and wear your party hat or wardrobe. It's Zoom so pants not required.

The gathering will be simple. There is a plan is for a hands-on activity and a game or two. Watch your email and our Facebook page for details as things get firmed up.

There will be a raffle basket, too. Tickets will be available on the MVQ web site. Buy some chances for yourself or to regift. Buy some tickets as stocking stuffers.

Hope to see your smiling faces.

Judy Naylor

Programs Chairperson



Dear MVQ Members,

Today I received a lovely bouquet of flowers from the guild. Needless to say it brought me to tears that you all would think of me/us during this terribly difficult time. A lot of tears have been shed as we came to the conclusion that MQX would no longer be able to continue.

Thank you to everyone that supported MQX over the years. We worked very hard at making it a community of fun, beauty, and education.... and from all the heartfelt messages we have received, it is clear that everyone enjoyed that community feel.

Until our paths cross again.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Janet-Lee Santeusano

Co-Founder, MQX Quilt Festivals

PAYPAL PAYMENTS

Our guild is moving forward! MVQ now has a PayPal account associated with our website and connected to our Santander bank account. Currently we have 2 situations where you can use PayPal:

Membership Application – currently for new members at \$10. The amounts will be updated when we start our membership drive in the spring. Please encourage your quilting friends to join MVQ currently for a bargain price.

Current Raffle Quilt tickets – available for \$5 for a book of 6. You may choose how many books to purchase. Please encourage family, friends, and acquaintances to purchase a book or 2 through our website.

Raffle Tickets for our Holiday Celebration Basket – information coming soon.

You do not need a PayPal account to make these purchases. PayPal accepts most credit cards. PayPal is just the platform we are using to collect funds.

For those members and friends that do not wish to use a credit card, you can print a membership application and mail it to Linda Lydecker with a check. And you can still contact Betty Hastings if you wish to purchase tickets using cash or check.

The board decided to use PayPal as a way of contactless purchases at this time of isolation. Also, it is easy for non-members to purchase tickets or apply for membership. The Board tested the transactions several times and it is easy and simple. There is a fee associated with PayPal, but we receive a discounted rate due to our 501C3 status.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate any of the board members.

COMFORT QUILT PROJECT

BEV Valle, Vice President, MVQ

Thanks to all who donated their beautiful quilts to Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley. The comfort quilts were delivered Monday, November 23, 2020 by Bev V, Betty H, and Stacy C., after the rain stopped. We donated 81 quilts (44 large, 24 medium, 13 small), 58 pillow cases and 2 pillows. Larry and Eileen Giordano were very happy to receive our donation for the Foster Kids and can't wait for the children to receive them in time for Christmas. They thought the quilts were beautiful. A suggestion was given to them that they could use one quilt for a raffle quilt, with permission from the quilt maker.

Look at their website for future information: [Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley](#)

My delight was to see each of you who came to my yard and to the library to bring your gifts, and for me to see the quilts close up. They are a work of love, totaling thousands of hours. Thank-you again for your generosity.

Plans for next years comfort quilts will be announced in January.

Bev Valle

PRESIDENT'S BLOCK

While we are not planning on having a meeting in person for the foreseeable future, and if you haven't had the opportunity to make a block for Liz, and you would like to, contact Bev Valle and she will mail you the directions and some needed material. The blocks will need to be given to Bev, or mailed to her before June. Thank- you.

Board Meetings

Due to the pandemic, board meetings will be conducted virtually until further notice. The meeting dates are all posted on our Calendar of Events on the website. All members are welcome to attend board meetings. If you wish to attend, please contact Liz Swan President at least 24 hours before the meeting. She will send information to you about how to join the meeting. If you have any questions feel free to contact Liz.

Jelly Roll Challenge

I want to thank everyone that participated in the challenge. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did coordinating. Every email with an entry was like getting a beautiful surprise in my inbox. So many unique and creative ways to use a Jelly Roll. We have exceptionally talented quilters in our group. Based on the responses, I would have to say that the Jelly Roll Challenge was a success. Since we are unable to meet, this was a fun way to get members engaged.

Thank you to the judges for taking time to participate.

Special thanks to Red Barn Sewing and Yarn Center, Compass Point Quilts and Aunt Mary's Quilting for their generous donation of a gift certificate. The winner of each category will be receiving one of these gift certificates.

Winners:

Michele Maurice – Best Use of Color

Linda Lydecker – Best Overall Design

Mary Hoag-Wilkes – Best Visual Impact

I have some ideas 'percolating' for another challenge this winter. Stay tuned...

Wishing everyone a Safe, Healthy, and Happy Holiday Season!

~~ Brenda

SEW and KNOW

As we move forward with virtual meetings, we want to keep sew and know alive.

Here are some ways you can help:

-if you are willing to share your favorite techniques via video, please contact me.

-if you have seen a You Tube that you think others may enjoy, send me the link.

-if you have a favorite quilting tool or book, send me the information to pass on in our newsletter.

As we push through this difficult time, let's keep connected and sharing!!

Janice

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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!

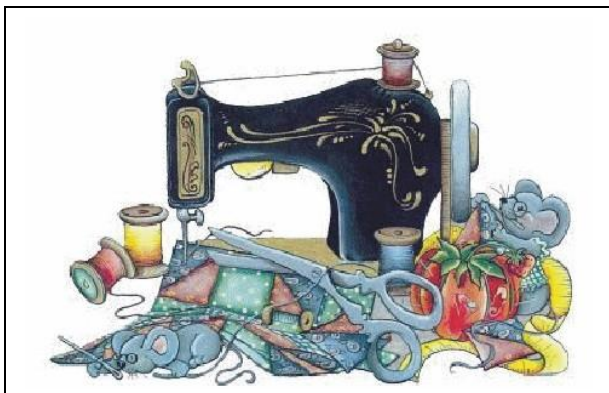
Merrimack Valley Quilters has a strong reputation in the area for bringing world class quilters to teach for our guild. If no one steps up to be next year's Programs Chairperson, there will be no lectures or workshops in the 2021 – 2022 year! Please support the guild and consider serving in this valuable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

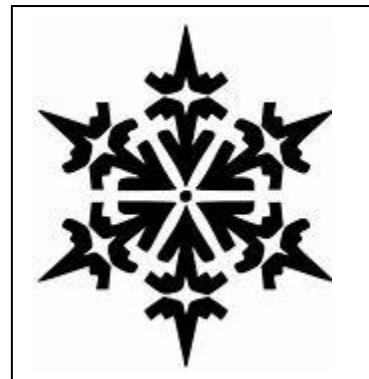
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INCOME AND EXPENSES

October 1, 2020 TO October 31,
2020

DEPOSITS (INCOME)		
Raffle Tickets	\$49.00	
EXPENSES		
Postage, Stamps	\$13.20	
CHECKING ACCOUNT as of 10/31/2020	\$10,167.03	
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$5,057.25	
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

B: \$10 and 9 self-addressed, stamped envelopes (with 2 **FOREVER STAMPS** on each envelope)

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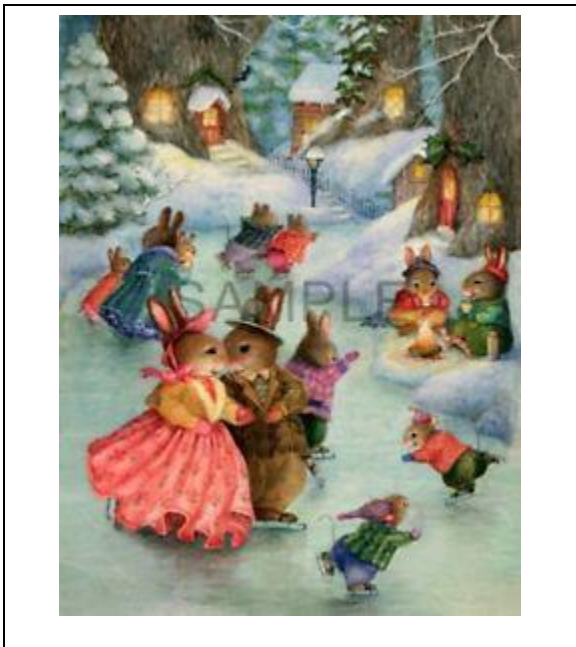
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NEXT MVQ MEETING

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

WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020

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

Business Meeting starts 7:00 PM

Hope to See You There!