

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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

April, 2021



Executive Committee **2020 – 2021**

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To reach any committee member, please address any correspondence to:

MVQ Guild, PO Box 566

Haverhill, MA 01831

Next Virtual meeting:

April 15, 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! Spring is here and I am looking forward to spending more time outdoors. The guild is buzzing with activity as you will notice in this newsletter. There is a lot happening so please make sure to read it to the end.

At our last board meeting, the Executive Board voted unanimously to continue having virtual guild meetings for the remainder of this fiscal year (April, May, and June). We will resume live guild meetings at NECC in September.

In the meantime, there is a lot of work to be done including the membership drive, nominations and virtual election, the Quilt Show, the quilt challenge, our raffle basket, our virtual workshop, and our virtual guild meetings with programs for the next few months. Please consider how you can volunteer and/or participate.

We are looking forward to a successful quilt show in the fall. The team is moving forward with all things quilt show with the expectation that most of the COVID restrictions will be lifted. Currently, we are looking for a volunteer (or two) to chair the 2022 Quilt Show. This is the perfect time for someone who is interested to shadow the current chair, Diane Kelley, to see what is involved. If you are interested, please contact Diane or Liz. We would love to take you under our wings!

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

Elizabeth Swan, President

To the Members of Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild

A reminder that the Guild Nominations for Board positions are still being accepted. We have a deadline date of April 10th, 2021. The final slate of nominations will be announced at the April general meeting.

Please consider running for one the five positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable.

Voting will be an online ballot and winners will be announced during the May meeting.

Thank You,

Elaine Rando laynesloft@comcast.net

Mary Stobbs

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Facebook:

Did you know that MVQ has two Facebook pages? One is Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild. This page is managed by Cathy Harnisch and Elizabeth Swan. It was created purposely to give members and friends an additional venue for sharing information specifically about our guild. Viewing the information posted is available to the public. Only the managers can post on this page.

The other is a Group page called MVQ Members. Members of the group are welcome to post questions and information on this Facebook page. If you have something to sell or want to share information with other guild members, this is the page for you. Want to show off your recently completed quilt or other accomplishment? You can post it here. Only members of our guild are invited to join this page. If you wish to join, please contact Cathy Harnisch and she will send an invitation to you. Cathy monitors this page for content.

Board Meetings

Until further notice, all board meetings are virtual. They are scheduled in advance on the first Wednesday of the month, starting at 6:00 pm. The dates are listed on the MVQ website under "Calendar of Events". All members are welcome to attend by contacting Liz Swan at least 2 days before the meeting and request an invitation.

Show and Tell:

Any member or guest is welcome to send pictures of their creations to me for Show and Tell at our next virtual guild meeting. Include a little information about your project as well. Please send them to me by email no later than 24 hours before the guild meeting.

Elizabeth Swan, President

Membership Information

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It's looking more and more like we will resume our in-person meetings in September. What fun it will be to see each other again and be inspired by all things quilting! So, renew your MVQ membership sooner rather than later. Annual dues remain at \$35 for a standard membership and \$30 for seniors (age 65+). In addition, we added a new "Student" membership category to promote our mission of encouraging the art of quilting. Dues for this category is only \$5 and students ages 13-19 are eligible. Do you know of any young people who would like to join our guild?

The new 2021-2022 membership form can be found on our website. You can conveniently renew online or, instead, print the form and mail it with a check to Linda Lydecker at the address on the form. You must renew by June 30th to be eligible to enter a quilt in our October show.

Renew your MVQ membership soon so that you can enjoy the inspiration, joy and camaraderie of our friendly guild!

Linda Lydecker, Membership Chair

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

ams01938@hotmail.com

COMFORT QUILTS

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There are two comfort quilt projects for 2021.

You may designate your quilt for a specific place, by noting on the outside of the donated quilt bag which project you wish it to go toward. If it does not make a difference to you, your quilt will be donated according to size.

Tough Warrior Princesses

Lap size woman's quilt about 50 by 60+.

Wellspring House Gloucester

Twin size woman's quilt about 60 by 72

Young Children's quilts about 40 by 60.

All sizes are approximate.

Thank you for your generosity.

Bev Valle

Quilt Retreat Update It is hard to believe that we are coming up on the year mark of this pandemic! It has impacted every aspect of our lives and has caused the cancellation of 3 of our Kennebunk Quilt Retreats at Franciscan Guest House. But...we are beginning to plan for our Fall Quilt Retreat!!! We are in communication with Franciscan Guest House (which has been closed for several months) and are working out the details. We are aiming for the end of October -early November, 2021. We will keep you updated!

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

Need a fun day trip? Try the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell. They are open with reduced hours, Wednesday – Saturday 10am-4pm. As with all things New England, you should call first before heading over there (978) 452-4207.

Here are the exhibits:

Yellow and Orange Quilts from the Pilgrim/Roy Collection, February 11-May 22

The Constant Quilter, Quilts by Wendy Reed, February 11-May 22

Programs

Program for April



Our guest lecturer will be will be Heather Kojan of Owen Mills, MD. Her lecture is entitled, Quilt Remix: UFOs, Orphan Blocks, and what was I thinking? Hope to ‘see’ you there. Heather’s works can be seen at <http://www.heatherkojan.com/>

The theme for raffle basket is Everything is Bee-utiful. Three more donations came today for this awesome collection. Feel free to contact Judy if you have donations you’d like to add.

Remember, you can purchase chances for this basket at our web page. \$5.00 will get you 6 chances. <https://mvquilters.org/raffle-basket/>. Proceeds will support guild programs and a activities. The last day to purchase chances is April 14h.

Workshop for April

“Diamonds on a String” is the title of the virtual workshop we are holding with Heather Kohan on Saturday, April 17th from 9:00-12:00.

- Sign up at our guild’s PayPal portal. This 3-hour, event will cost \$25 per member. <https://mvquilters.org/lecturesworkshops/current-lecture-schedule/>
- There is a pattern that needs to be ordered through Heather’s Etsy site. The price of the pattern is \$10.00 and is a digital download. <https://www.etsy.com/shop/HeatherKojanQuilts>.
- We need 10 more participants to cover our costs for this activity
- Deadline for registration is **April 13th**.



Feel free to contact Judy Naylor with questions or for support.

judy.naylor@gmail.com

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RUBY CELEBRATION QUILT SHOW

October 1 and 2, 2021

We held our first zoom meeting on March 24 for the official kick-off of our Ruby Celebration Quilt Show. We discussed a variety of issues to update the committee on activities that have already taken place, such as Save-the-Date bookmark distribution and finalizing the quilt show budget.

There will be changes to the quilt entry form. You may send in your form through the mail as we have done in previous years, however now you will be able to submit the quilt entry form on-line. And if you are having the quilt judged, you may pay the \$5 fee through PayPal. More to come on this.

Linda Lydecker is setting up a system to fill volunteer slots online since we will not be meeting live until September. We discussed at length how to communicate with the guild members so that everyone will know about the areas where we are expecting donations such as Silent Auction and Penny Raffle.

Penny Raffle Baskets: We encourage everyone (either alone or with a group) to donate a penny raffle basket filled with lots of good things. It's always best to have a theme such as chocolate, Red Sox, baby baskets, cat or dog baskets, etc. Note: the baskets need not be quilt-themed. The baskets need to be wrapped in cellophane with a note attached, listing the items in the basket. The baskets can be dropped off on Thursday at the Hope Church. The Penny Raffle is being chaired by Mary Lou Monteiro and Margaret Tipton.

Silent Auction: We are planning on having a varied and distinctive offering of silent auction items and that depends on you. Handmade items generate the most bids but all items will be accepted. Your donation should be valued at \$30 or more. The items can be dropped off on Thursday at the Hope Church. The Silent Auction is being chaired by Susan Nelson and Gigi Badolato.

Diane dskkelley@verizon.net and Liz liz@swanquilting.com

Quilt Show Volunteers Needed!

It takes a lot of people to make a quilt show successful which is why MVQ has a rule that each member must volunteer a minimum of 2 hours in connection with our show to remain a member in good standing. This year we are using an online system called Sign Up Genius and you can access it via a link under the Quilt Show tab on our website. In Sign Up Genius you can easily see what slots are available. Later, if your plans change or you want to work another shift, you can edit or add to your signup. All volunteers are admitted to the show for free no matter what day they work or what day they attend the show.

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Sunshine Challenge 2021

Ladies – You are all Rock Stars! The entries I have received are amazing! All entries are due in my inbox by April 19th. This means that if you have not submitted yet, you have 18 days left. No pressure... LOL.

Please remember that your quilt must have both fabrics and the butterfly button on your quilt top. You can use all or part of each fat quarter. Size is a minimum of 24 x 36. If you want to make it bigger – great!

So, that being said, finish up your challenge and email it to me. I love seeing your entries in my inbox! It's the best part of being your coordinator.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 508-633-1523 or email me at Brenda.a.haskell@gmail.com.

Jelly Roll Challenge 2020

To all who participated in the Jelly Roll Challenge –

For this year's quilt show, I would like everyone to consider having your finished quilt in the 'Special Exhibits' section. On the Quilt Show Entry Form, there is a check off for Special Exhibits – Jelly Roll Challenge.

It would be great to see the finished quilts at the show! And, as your coordinator, I especially would like to see your quilts! The deadline to submit the entry form is July 31st. So... that being said, there is still plenty of time to get it quilted and bound. Please don't let your beautiful quilts become a UFO!

Please don't hesitate to call me at 508-633-1523 or email me Brenda.a.haskell@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

MVQ 2021 Challenge

“Bright Sunshiny Day”

Hello Ladies!

Since the response from the jelly roll challenge was so positive, are you ready for another one? I hope so! The idea for this challenge came to me while I was vacationing in Aruba over the holidays. It's time to create something bright and sunshiny!

This is how it will work:

- The theme is bright and sunshiny.
- A kit containing two fat quarters and a small embellishment will be mailed to anyone wanting to participate. Each kit will have the same fat quarters. Kits can be picked up at The Red Barn in Merrimac. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11:00 am – 3:00pm.
- Quilt top must contain both fabrics from the kit. You can use all or some of each fat quarter.
- Size – 24” x 36” minimum. If you want to go bigger – great!
- The quilt top must have the embellishment placed on it. It can be easily removed when the top is ready to be quilted. Entries do not have to be quilted.
- All entries will be anonymous.
- Email me a picture of your quilt top.
- I will email you a secret code to identify your quilt. I will maintain a spreadsheet of all entries.
- Start date will be February 19th. End date will be April 19th.
- Quilts will be judged on best use of color, best overall design, and best visual impact.
- Gift certificates will be awarded to the winner of each category.
- Judges will review the entries with results by April 30th.
- Judges will only see a picture of your quilt and your secret code.
- Please no posts on social media until after the results are in.
- If you want to participate, please call or email me to let me know if you would like your kit mailed or if you're going to pick it up at the Red Barn.

Gift certificates for the winner in each category have been generously provided by Red Barn Sewing & Yarn Center, Compass Point Quilts and Shabby Fabrics/Anonymous Donor

During these long cold days of winter, it is time to create something fun! It's gonna be a bright, bright sunshiny day!

Brenda Haskell

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MVQ Guild Meeting Minutes 3/18/21

Zoom Meeting Call to order: 7:03 P.M.

President's Announcements

February guild meeting minutes are accepted as circulated.

Treasurer's Report accepted as circulated.

Liz talked about the bylaw change vote being accepted.

Cathy Harnisch will post it on website.

NECC says we can have live meetings. The limit is 50 members for one room and 100 for the two rooms. Liz talked about when would we feel safe to return to live meetings. The board will discuss.

Programs – Judy Naylor: Amy Friend is tonight's speaker. Heather Kojan is April's speaker with a workshop. You can sign up through PayPal. Need 20 people to sign up to break even. She is still working on May's speaker. June is Journeys. Tonight's raffle basket brought in \$175+ in tickets. Layne Rando is the raffle basket winner. Next month's basket theme is "Life is Bee-utiful". You don't need a PayPal account to participate in a raffle or workshop.

Membership – Linda Lydecker: 44 people at tonight's meeting. 1 guest and 2 new members: Danielle Dugan and Inga Ford.

We had Show and Tell Amy Friend was tonight's speaker.

April 15th is the next guild meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ruh, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Merrimack Valley Quilters

INCOME AND EXPENSES

March 1, 2021 TO March 30, 2021

			Notes:
INCOME			
2020 Quilt Raffle Tickets		\$ 5.00	
In the Garden Raffle Basket		\$ 175.00	
New Memberships (3)		\$ 30.00	At \$10.00 each
PayPal Giving Fund		\$ 1.00	
Workshop: Diamonds on a String		\$ 250.00	10 signed up to date
Total Income		\$ 461.00	
EXPENSES			
PayPal Fees for Quilt Raffle Tickets		\$ 0.41	
PayPal Fees for In the Garden Raffle Basket		\$ 8.24	
PayPal Fees for Memberships		\$ 1.56	
Speaker Fee for Amy Friend		\$ 400.00	
PayPal Fees for Workshop		\$ 8.50	
MPG		\$ 119.00	Save the Date Bookmarks
Total Expense		\$ 537.71	
CHECKING ACCOUNT as of 3/30/21		\$ 9,943.37	
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NEXT MVQ MEETING

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

WHEN: April 15th, 2021.

Hope to See You There!