

# MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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*May, 2021*



## Executive Committee

**2020 – 2021**

President: Elizabeth Swan

Vice President: Bev Valle

Secretary: Jamie Ruh

Treasurer AP: Diane Kelley

Treasurer AR: Layne Rando

Go to [MVQuilters.org](http://MVQuilters.org) and look under the board member section for the full list of all the board and standing committee members.

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

MVQ Guild, PO Box 566

Haverhill, MA 01831

**Next Virtual meeting:**

**May 20, 2021**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. I hope you are enjoying the spring weather. Our election is coming up on May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>. An email with your ballot will be mailed to each member on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure to vote. Your vote counts. It is your right as a member to elect the next Executive Committee.

Our plans for the quilt show are moving forward. There are some variables where we cannot make a final decision due to the lingering pandemic. However, the committee is working hard to get things in order to ensure a successful show. There is plenty of information in this newsletter and will be at our next Virtual Guild Meeting. Please make sure you sign up to volunteer for your required two hours for the show. The link is on the website. Also, please consider signing up for more than one time slot. There is much to do and more time slots than members available. The quilt entry form deadline is fast approaching. The form is available on our website. If you have any questions contact the Quilt Show Chair, Diane Kelley or Quilt Show Vice Chair, Liz Swan.

We are currently in the middle of our membership drive. Please make sure to get your application in to Linda Lydecker before June 30<sup>th</sup>. The application is available on our website. Contact her if you have any questions.

Please take a few moments to read through the entire Newsletter. There is lots of information here. And I'm sure you do not want to miss a thing.

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

Elizabeth Swan, President

## **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.

## **Membership Information**

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Have you renewed your membership yet? If not, why not renew today while you're thinking of it? You can conveniently renew from our website and pay using our secure PayPal checkout. To get started with the online process, click on the "Join the Guild Today" tab or the link at the bottom of the Home page. Make sure you click "Return to Merchant" after your payment has processed to complete the membership form.

If you're not comfortable with renewing online, a printable 2021-2022 membership form can be also found on our website accessible from the bottom of the Home page or under the Resources tab. You can print it and mail it with a check to Linda Lydecker at the address on the form. You must renew your membership by June 30<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to enter a quilt in our October show. Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship of interacting with your quilting friends as we resume in-person meetings in September. If you have any questions, please email Linda ([lindalyde@comcast.net](mailto:lindalyde@comcast.net)).

## **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

### **COMFORT QUILTS**

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The two comfort quilt projects for this year are:

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".

Please label your quilt destination on the back of your quilt by painters' tape or safety pin note (no straight pins please). When being displayed at the quilt show, the quilts will be separated from the bag, so do not label the bag.

Thank you for your generosity.

Bev Valle

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

[ams01938@hotmail.com](mailto:ams01938@hotmail.com)

# Programs

## Program for April



Our quest speaker is Linda Martin-Mills from Langhorn, PA. Linda calls herself "The Reluctant Quilter," She is a patient advocate and patient experience manager at Capital Health, and quilter. She talks about falling into fiber arts and how it has helped her personally and professionally.



[judy.naylor@gmail.com](mailto:judy.naylor@gmail.com)

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## *May Raffle Basket – A Quilter's Dream*

Some suggestions for donations to this basket are different tools or new processes, or techniques. Did you buy a pattern and wonder why? Did you receive a 'gift' that you never used? Beyond fabric and thread, what else would make a quilter happy? Let's fill our raffle basket and support our guild's

budget.

If you have suggestions, donations, or questions, contact Judy Naylor at [judy.naylor@gmail.com](mailto:judy.naylor@gmail.com)

or 978.352.2210 (H) or 978.476.2525. We only have 2+ weeks to get this basket ready.

Appreciatively,

Judy Naylor

Programs Chairperson

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## *"Sew and Know from Covid"*

What did you learn or try new during Covid time? We are looking for 3 or 4 members to create a 10-minute presentation for our September meeting. Using PowerPoint or video you would share your new quilting adventures. Support for creating the presentation is available.

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



## RUBY CELEBRATION QUILT SHOW

**October 1 and 2, 2021**

**Quilt Entry Forms:** Layne is now accepting quilt entry forms. You can find the form on the website. **Print it off, fill it in and send it to her.** If you plan on having a quilt(s) judged, be sure you enclose your check (\$5 for each quilt). If you plan on submitting more than one, please number your forms in priority order in the upper right-hand corner in case we receive too many to hang. Layne's mailing address is on the form.

**All items discussed below should be brought to the church on set-up day which is Thursday, September 30.**

**Penny Raffle Baskets:** We encourage everyone (individually or as a group) to donate a basket for the Penny Raffle Table. We suggest a **theme basket**, for example, dog or cat related, Pasta/Italian theme, movie night, etc. Baskets do not need to be quilt themed. All baskets must be wrapped in cellophane with a list of items in the basket attached. Please let Mary Lou Monteiro or Margaret Tipton know of your intent to donate a basket and, if you have decided, what the theme will be.

**Lottery Tickets and Fat Quarters:** As in the past, we will also include a **lottery ticket tree and a fat quarter basket** on the Penny Raffle Table. Your donations are appreciated. Contact Mary Lou or Margaret regarding your donation.

**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 Silent Auction is being chaired by Susan Nelson and Gigi Badolato.

**Boutique:** Here is an opportunity to sell some **handmade crafts or other quilting items**, while supporting our guild. The guild receives 20% of the item's price and you receive 80%. To find a form, look for the boutique inventory form under the Quilt Show tab on the website. More details to follow. For more information, contact Maggie Judd.

**Challenge Exhibit:** Time to finish up your challenge exhibit **pillow**. This pillow must be English paper pieced or paper pieced. You will need to fill out a quilt entry form. The Exhibit is being chaired by Roseann Ricketson and Barbara Ward.

Diane [dskkelley@verizon.net](mailto:dskkelley@verizon.net) and Liz [liz@swanquilting.net](mailto:liz@swanquilting.net)



## Quilt Show Volunteers Needed!

Try our cool new method of signing up to volunteer for our quilt show – Sign Up Genius. You can access this app from a link under the Quilt Show tab on our website and easily see what slots are still available. Then, with only a few quick keystrokes, you can sign up for the slots you want. Later, if your plans change or you want to work another shift, you can edit or add to your signup. Sign Up Genius will also send you a reminder a couple of days before your shift. Thank you to those of you who have already signed up! Remember, all volunteers are admitted to our show for free no matter what day they work or what day they attend the show.

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## To all who participated in the Jelly Roll and Sunshine 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 / Sunshine 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:Brenda.a.haskell@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

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## SEW AND KNOW

Janice Jones

[janicejones@gmail.com](mailto:janicejones@gmail.com)

Anyone have a favorite quilting tip or technique? Something you've been working on and want to share? Please email me so I can share in next month's Sew and Know section.

I have something big to share – A new quilt shop opened in Methuen recently.

**Cuckoo Nana's Yarn and Fabric, 369 Merrimack Street, Methuen, Ma 01844**

**Phone: 978-763-3960**

**Email: [cuckoonanas@gmail.com](mailto:cuckoonanas@gmail.com)**

**This shop was formally Loretta's Quilt Shop in East Hampstead, NH.**

I attended the open house and found it to be super friendly, spacious, and loaded with beautiful fabrics, notions, and yarns. They are on Facebook and will soon have a website. There will be classes in the horizon too. Check it out!!!!!!

# Schoolhouse Shop Hop

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## MVQ Guild Meeting Minutes 4/15/21

Zoom Meeting Call to order: 7:01 P.M.

**President's Announcements:** March guild meeting minutes are accepted as circulated. Treasurer's Report accepted as circulated.

Cathy Harnisch is monitoring the chat room.

We have made the decision not to have in-person meetings until September.

At the April guild meeting, we start the election process for nomination of the executive board. Layne Rando, Nominating Committee Chair, will present at the next meeting. We will use Election Runner May 12-18 to cast votes. Paper ballots will be sent to the few who don't have email. Liz thanked Layne and committee for getting a full slate: Lynette Pisani, President; Jamie Ruh, Vice President; Maggie Judd, Secretary; Diane Kelley, AP Treasurer; Layne Rando, AR Treasurer. We had no other offers for nomination. Liz asked if there were any questions.

**Quilt Show** – Diane Kelley: Three full color ads are already sold for the show booklet. Lolly has our first vendor. Diane talked about needing things from the members: Penny Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, and Special Exhibit. Linda Lydecker talked about being a member in good standing. Everyone has to work a minimum of 2 hours at the show. There are 174 slots to fill. She is using "Sign-up Genius" to sign people up for jobs. Sign-up Genius will send a confirmation, which can be changed if needed. It will also send a reminder 2 days before the event. Diane talked about hanging the red and white quilts in the gym and in the atrium.

**Programs** – Judy Naylor: This month's raffle basket brought in \$160. Betty Hastings won the basket. Judy is open to suggestions for the next two basket themes. Bev Valle suggested "Quilter's Delight" and Judy like that idea. The May speaker backed out so she found Linda Martin Mills to speak at the May meeting. There will be no workshop. "Journeys" is in June.

**Membership** – Linda Lydecker: 49 people at tonight's meeting, 2 guests, and the guest speaker. Linda talked about the membership drive: \$35 for standard, \$30 for senior, and \$5 for student. When you do the membership, pay PayPal first then "Return to Merchant" to submit form. Liz thanked Linda and Cathy Harnisch for the website and their hard work on membership.

We had Show and Tell.

Heather Kojan was tonight's speaker.

May 20th is the next guild meeting. Meeting adjourned: 8:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ruh, Secretary

# Merrimack Valley Quilters

## INCOME AND EXPENSES

April 1, 2021 TO April 30, 2021

(part 1)

		Notes:	
<b>INCOME</b>			
April Raffle Basket	\$ 160.00		
<b>CHECKS</b>			
New Memberships (7 in checks)	\$ 215.00	Deposit on 4/17 for 7 members	6 @\$30 and 1 @\$35
New Memberships (9 in checks)	\$ 280.00	Deposit on 4/26 for 9 members	7 @\$30 and 2@\$35
	\$ (160.00)	moving \$160 to raffle quilts	<b>16</b>
<b>PAYPAL</b>			
16 New Memberships (\$35 PayPal)	\$ 560.00	16 x \$35	
	\$ (160.00)	moving \$160 to raffle quilts	
15 New Memberships (\$30 PayPal)	\$ 450.00	15 x \$30	
	\$ (150.00)	moving \$150 to raffle quilts	
2021 Quilt Raffle Tickets	\$ 470.00	47 x \$10 (from 31pp membership dues plus 16 checks)	16+16+15=47
Workshop: Diamonds on a String	\$ 325.00	13 members	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,990.00</b>		

# Merrimack Valley Quilters

## INCOME AND EXPENSES

April 1, 2021 TO April 30, 2021

( Part 2)

<b>EXPENSES</b>		
PayPal Fees for Quilt Raffle Tickets from the memberships	\$ 10.40	
PayPal Fees for the April Raffle Basket	\$ 7.99	
PayPal Fees for Memberships	\$ 21.12	
Speaker Fee	\$ 350.00	Heather Kojan
Workshop Fee	\$ 450.00	Heather Kojan
PayPal Fees for Workshop	\$ 11.05	
Postage and Supplies	\$ 39.32	Diane Kelley
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 889.88</b>	
CHECKING ACCOUNT as of 4/30/2021	\$ 11,204.25	
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$ 5,059.76	
MASS MUTUAL FIXED ANNUITY	\$ 17,932.26	

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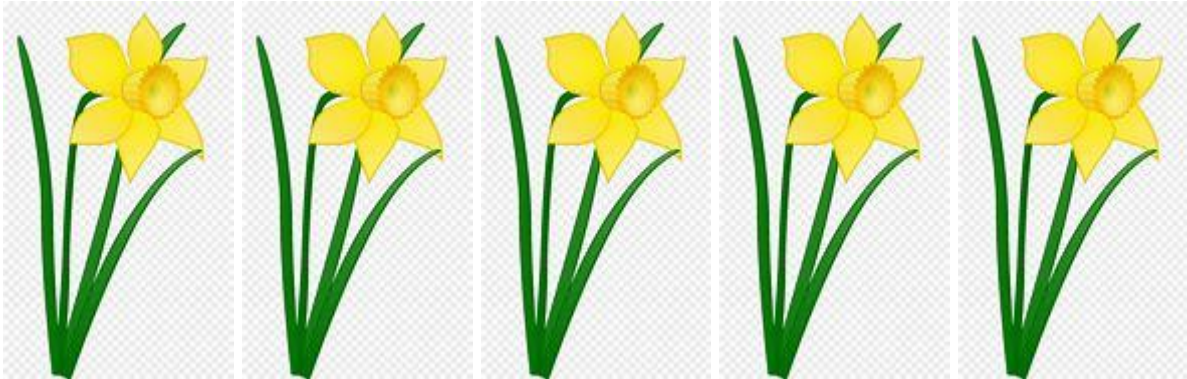
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### **NEXT MVQ MEETING**

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

WHEN: MAY 20th, 2021.

**Hope to See You There!**