

# MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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*September, 2021*



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2021 – 2022

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall Everyone! I'm excited to welcome everyone back to a return to our normal meeting platform. Although we are still going to be diligent with our health protocols, there is nothing like connecting in person. I will miss seeing everyone for a while but our Vice-President, Jamie Ruh, will be conducting the meeting for me. I will be there in spirit for sure.

During this past year of electronic meetings, many of you have been working to keep our Guild running smoothly. I thank each and every one of you. This coming year promises to be interesting and fun thanks to your efforts.

We are in great shape for the Quilt Show and I thank everyone involved for pulling it all together so well. From the inquiries I've had, I think we'll have a well attended show and our Ruby Celebration is going to be terrific. So, tell everyone and spread the word. We are back on track for another wonderful quilting year.

Lynette Pisani, President

### **Next meeting (In Person at NECC)**

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Sew and Know on the big screen by our own Bev Valle. There will be lots of time to get reacquainted, show and tell, and lots of quilt show information.

**Remember to wear your mask.**

## Guidelines for Coming to the Northern Essex Community College Campus

When on the NECC campus, you are asked to follow the protocols as set out by the federal, state, and local government.

### Please plan to wear a mask at all times indoors.

- Out of an abundance of caution, and in order to best serve and protect our community, we (NECC) are implementing a **campus wide mask requirement** as of Monday August 2nd.
- Observe all posted signs and policies regarding occupancy numbers, social distancing and mask wearing. These requirements are subject to change based on the campus location.
- For additional information, please visit the NECC Coronavirus Information and Updates page. By coming on campus, you attest that you have read this information and agree to these protocols.

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8/29/2021

### **RUBY CELEBRATION QUILT SHOW INFORMATION**

Show Set Up September 30, Show October 1-2, 2021

**SET UP:** Setting up the show at Hope Church will take place on Thursday, September 30 starting about 9am. The church is located at 11 Hale Street, Newburyport.

**PARKING:** During show hours, members should park in the auxiliary lot next door to the Church. Drive past the Church and take the next left at the Assembly of God and park in the back lot. There is a path that will lead back to Hope Church. Handicapped members should park at the church at their convenience.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Every member must volunteer a least two hours of time for the show. Linda Lydecker is our Volunteer Chair and has created an online signup process. You can also call her directly. If you cannot volunteer due to time constraints or other issues, email or call Linda and a solution will be worked out. When you come to the Church for your volunteer shift, be sure to sign in at the Admissions table.

**ALL QUILTS:** All quilts must have a tag which you have safety-pinned to the back right hand corner of the quilt. The list for your quilt number will be on the website. Or email Jamie Ruh for your number(s). **We will provide tags and index cards at the September meeting.** Also, each quilt must be placed in a bag that will stand up. Attach the index card to the outside of the bag. All quilts need a sleeve for hanging or they cannot be hung. The pillows for the Challenge Exhibit do not need sleeves.

**JUDGING:** Judging will be held on Wednesday at the Merrimac Library. Drop off your quilts to be judged at the library between 8-8:30am. Be sure you get a receipt for it. We will bring all these quilts to the church so you don't have to pick them up.

**NON-JUDGED QUILTS:** These quilts need to be dropped off at the church on Thursday between 8-10 am at the church. Come in the front door of the church and there will be volunteers there to take in your quilts. Make sure you get a receipt for each quilt.

**KITCHEN:** We will need volunteer contributions of Coke, Diet Coke, Ginger ale, etc. as well as water. We are working on providing prepackaged sandwiches and snacks. We cannot accept any home-baked goods this year.

## **RUBY CELEBRATION QUILT SHOW INFORMATION cont.**

**PENNY RAFFLE:** Baskets can be brought to the church on Thursday morning. Lottery tickets and fat quarters can be brought to the September guild meeting.

The baskets must be wrapped with cellophane and be ready to display. Each basket needs an attached list of what is in the basket. While quilt-related baskets have been very successful in the past so have non-quilt-related baskets (i.e., chocolate baskets, knitting baskets, candy baskets, etc.). There will be a spot in the church atrium for drop off or see Margaret Tipton or Mary Lou Monteiro when you come to the church.

**COMFORT QUILTS:** We will accept comfort quilts any time before or during the show. The designated charities for this year are Tough Warrior Princesses and Wellspring House in Gloucester. Please pin a card to the back of the quilt identifying your designated organization.

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.

**WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS:** All items for the White Elephant room can be brought to the church on Thursday. Please see Angie Cyr as to where she wants you to put your items. Due to the small size of our storage unit, we will try not to have anything leftover!

**BOUTIQUE:** Items that you want to sell to the public can be brought to the church on Thursday. (80% of the proceeds will go back to you, 20% will go back to the guild.) Each item will need a unique code. See form on website under "Quilt Show Info and Forms." Email Maggie Judd or Pat Lucey if you have any questions with questions.

**SILENT AUCTION:** Items for the silent auction can be brought to the September guild meeting or to the church on Thursday morning. The item(s) should be valued at \$25 or more and they do not have to be quilt related. Designated charity is the Merrimack Valley Food Bank. Email Susan Nelson and Gigi Badolato with any questions.

**TAKE DOWN:** We will need a lot of help on Saturday afternoon for take down starting about 4pm. Quilts will be available for pick up starting at 4:45pm. (Please be sure you receive the judge's comments. See Jamie Ruh after the show ends.) We will do our best to have the quilts ready to hand out as quickly as possible. Give your quilt receipt to someone else if you can't be there to pick up your quilt.

**OTHER:** No straight pins can be used at the Church, use safety pins only. No helium balloons. No latex. No taping to church walls, use poster putty only.

Any questions, contact Diane Kelley at [dskkelley@verizon.net](mailto:dskkelley@verizon.net) or Liz Swan at [Liz@swanquilting.net](mailto:Liz@swanquilting.net).

## Membership News

Our guild is strong! We have 117 members who have joined or rejoined for the 2021-2022 year. Even so, it is always a good idea to get the word out about our guild. There will be some “recruitment” flyers at the September meeting, and it would be great if they could be distributed to area quilt shops and longarmers. Please consider volunteering to take some for a shop in your area.

Speaking of volunteering, THANK YOU to all of you who have volunteered for our Ruby Celebration quilt show. There are only a handful of members who still haven't signed up for a slot. Check out the Volunteer Signup link under the Quilt Show tab on our website to see what slots are still open.

Since we have been away from each other for a year and a half, we will need to get to know one another again. One way to do this is to wear your nametag. If you can't find yours, make a new one. The Hatchet block is an easy pattern and can be found on the Membership page of our website. As an added incentive, you will receive a door prize ticket when checking in if you have yours on.

Another way to learn who's who in the guild is to have your picture in our Photo Roster. If you haven't given me your photo or yours needs to be updated, you can either send me one (I'll crop it to a headshot), or I can take a photo of you at our meeting. Don't be camera-shy! The roster is for our use only and will never be published on the website.

We can't wait to see you in person! When checking in, we will have envelopes for everyone containing your new membership card and raffle tickets which are yours to keep. Bring a quilt (or 2 or 3) for Show and Tell. We are a talented group and I'm sure this Show and Tell will be amazing and inspiring.

Finally, with COVID still around, the College and Board are requesting that all members wear a mask, no matter what your vaccination status. Our guild meetings are indoor functions, and we would hate for anyone to contract the virus because we weren't careful. In addition to being required by the College, masks are an effective way of reducing the spread of COVID and will help those in the guild who are more vulnerable feel safer and more at ease.

# Programs

## Programs 2021-2022

Our year is ready to begin and we've got some great things happening. Here's an overview.

September 16th – Sew and Know on the big screen by our own Bev Valle. There will be lots of time to get reacquainted, show and tell, and lots of quilt show information. Remember to wear your mask. (College Covid Guidelines)

October 21th – Sue Bleiweiss <https://www.suebleiweiss.com/>

- Trunk Show of her journey as an artist of colorful and whimsical quilted fiber art collages.
- Workshop - October 23<sup>rd</sup> – “Whimsical Birds”.



November – no meeting

December 2nd – Christmas Party

January 20th – Journeys

February – 17th --UFO Auction

March – 17th - Kathie Beltz - <https://kathiebeltz.com/>

- Trunk Show - Studio 180 Design
- Workshop – March 19th – Around the Pond



# *Programs cont.*

April 21st – Linda Pearl - <https://www.onequiltingcircle.com/>

- Trunk Show – If You Give a Quilter a Challenge
- Workshop – Friday, April 22nd – The Jane Quilt (There is no picture yet because this is a new workshop that is being developed for the 21-22 season. Check Linda’s website for details.)

May 19th – Michelle Banton – <https://www.littlepupdesigns.com/>

- Trunk Show - Looking Great Dresden Plate lecture
- Workshop - May 21nd - Dresden Neighborhood workshop



June 16th – Sherri Noel - <https://www.rebeccamaedesigns.com/homesweethome/>

- Trunk Show - Finding My Quilt Voice

All workshops will again be held at West Congregational Church in Haverhill. Details will follow as we get closer to the event. There will be signup sheets at the table as you enter for our meeting.

This year we are adding to option to register and pay through PayPal. Now you don't need to remember your wallet or your checkbook. Our PayPal account also lets you use your credit card. When the links for this registration are ready, you will receive notice by email and on our websites.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Judy Naylor at [judy.naylor@gmail.com](mailto:judy.naylor@gmail.com) 978.352.2210 (H) or 978.476.2525 (C)

# *Programs cont.*



I am looking for someone to help me with setup at each of our three workshops. One volunteer will receive free participation for each workshop. If you are interested, contact Judy Naylor at [judy.naylor@gmail.com](mailto:judy.naylor@gmail.com) 978.352.2210 (H) or 978.476.2525 (C)



The **Programs Chairperson** position will be open for the 2022-2023 year. If you are interest or have questions, please contact Judy Naylor or Lynette Pisani. You will have plenty of support and there are a lot of resources to help you with this enjoyable and necessary guild function. Please consider taking on this challenge. Or team up with a friend and be the programming duo.



## SEW AND KNOW

Janice Jones [janicemaejones@gmail.com](mailto:janicemaejones@gmail.com)

Anyone have a favorite quilting tip or technique? Something you've been working on and want to share? Please email me!! We are in desperate need of Sew and Know presenters. (Presentations are brief and stress free).

There will not be a Sew and Know table at the September meeting due to preparations for our quilt show.

I do have something to share for those who know Jo Meyers from the Quilt Museum. She has opened a shop in North Andover!! I emailed her asking for information on the shop and the following is her reply. Definitely sounds interesting and worth a visit if you are in the North Andover vicinity.

She wrote:

"Yes, I opened "The Village Studio" with three other women in June. We have 80+ artisans who sell their handmade products in our shop, all from the New England area. We also have a design/sewing studio and hold workshops. I tune up vintage sewing machines and make custom soft furnishings. We are at 43 High Street in the rehabbed Mechanics Village manufacturing area. We are having a wonderful time fulfilling our dream and hope that you will stop by and spread the word. Our website is <https://www.thevillagestudiona.com/> Thanks for asking."

Regards,

Jo Myers

Coordinator, Visitor Services & Membership

New England Quilt Museum

[nequiltmuseum.org](http://nequiltmuseum.org)

## Fall Retreat at Franciscan Guest House!!!!

Our first guild retreat in 2 years (!!!!) is scheduled for Wednesday 11/10/21 to Sunday 11/14/21, at Franciscan Guest House in Kennebunk Maine.

Due to the ever-changing issues related to the pandemic and the uncertainties of the Delta Variant, plans and protocols may change. Franciscan Guest House will keep us apprised of any adjustments to be made.

There have been several changes already instituted. Franciscan Guest House now requires a 3-night minimum. We need to guarantee a minimum of 10 rooms booked per night. Breakfast may be offered for an additional fee, but we must have a minimum of 25 people for the meal. There will be only one quilt group at a time per weekend.

Registration is not open yet, but you can let Phyllis ([pmlauria@msn.com](mailto:pmlauria@msn.com)) know if you are interested in attending.

Thanks!

Phyllis & Sue





### **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.

### **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.

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)

## MVQ Guild Meeting Minutes 6/17/21

Zoom Meeting Call to order: 7:00 P.M.

### President's Announcements

Last month's guild meeting minutes are accepted as circulated. Treasurer's Report accepted as circulated.

Liz read emails from Nancy Dempsey about a sewing machine she had to give away. Phyllis Lauria wanted to let people know about the retreat at the Franciscan Guest House this November and to get in touch with her if interested. Bev Valle dropped off gifts at Liz's house and Liz opened them. She thanked everyone for the president's blocks and the flowers. Bev thanked her for her years of service.

Liz asked Lynne Pisani, Jamie Ruh, Maggie Judd, Layne Rando, and Diane Kelley if they will assume their duties to which they are elected. They accepted.

Quilt Show – Diane Kelley: Quilt show info is on the website. Judy Naylor has a big basket for the Penny Raffle. We need lottery tickets and fat quarters to be brought to the September meeting. Only 8 members have turned in entry forms. At the September meeting there will be baggies with items to label bags and quilts.

Programs – Judy Naylor: Programs are falling into place. She will share programs online. Share your email address if it has changed. Diane Kelley won the raffle basket this month.

Comfort Quilts – Bev Valle: If you have a specific destination for your comfort quilt, tape it on the back of the quilt. Take off hanging sleeve at home or at the show if you are hanging the quilt in the show.

Membership – Linda Lydecker: 90 have renewed their memberships. 39 members were in attendance tonight.

We had Show and Tell.

Lynne Pisani Thanked Liz and looks forward to September.

Tonight's program was Journeys presentations by Traci Bradstreet and Jamie Ruh.

September 16th is the next guild meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 9:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ruh, Secretary

8/31/2021

## Merrimack Valley Quilters

## INCOME AND EXPENSES

June 1 through August 30, 2021

		Notes:
<b>INCOME</b>		
June Raffle Basket	\$90.00	
May Raffle Basket	\$20.00	late checks
<b>CHECKS</b>		
New Memberships (from checks)	\$1,050.00	29 x \$30 and 6 x \$35
	\$(350.00)	moving \$350 to raffle quilts
<b>PAYPAL</b>		
4 New Memberships (\$35 PayPal)	\$140.00	4 x \$35
	\$(40.00)	moving \$40 to raffle quilts
2 New Memberships (\$30 PayPal)	\$60.00	2 x \$30
	\$(20.00)	moving \$20 to raffle quilts
2021 Quilt Raffle Tickets	\$410.00	Moved from Membership
2021 Traveling Raffle Tickets	\$485.66	from Pine Tree event and other
Ad Revenue	\$700.00	
Vendor Revenue	\$200.00	
Judging Fees	\$355.00	via checks
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,100.66</b>	

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## Merrimack Valley Quilters

## INCOME AND EXPENSES

June 1 through August 30, 2021

Part 2

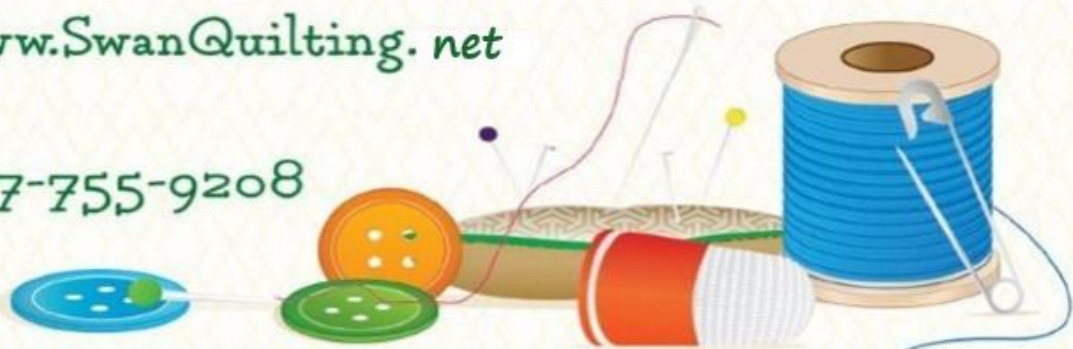
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
PayPal Fees for Raffle Tickets from the memberships	\$2.04	
PayPal Fees for Memberships	\$4.16	
PayPal Fees for Traveling Raffle Tickets	\$1.45	
PayPal Fees for the June Raffle Basket	\$5.17	
Stor-U-Self of Byfield	\$1,119.89	
Start up Postcard expenses	\$62.92	Linda Lydecker
Recruitment Flyers/Membership Cards	\$63.74	Linda Lydecker
MPG	\$59.00	Bookmarks
Flowers and Gift Card	\$225.32	Diane Kelley
Supplies (Treasurer and Quilt Show)	\$41.77	Diane Kelley
Plant	\$68.44	Gail Wozniak
Donation to Salvation Army	\$25.00	In memory of Dick Kiberd
Annual Report/Postage	\$31.30	Diane Kelley
Deposit for Room Rental at NECC/Postage	\$110.00	Lynette Pisani
Banners for Quilt Show	\$92.97	Judy Naylor
Raffle Tickets/and event fees	\$261.60	Betty Hastings
Cards/Postage	\$16.00	Gail Wozniak
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,190.77</b>	
CHECKING ACCOUNT as of 8/31/2021	\$13,652.18	
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$5,060.91	
MASS MUTUAL FIXED ANNUITY	\$18,279.75	

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### **NEXT MVQ MEETING**

WHERE: Northern Essex Community College – Technology Center

Link to a map of NECC campus: [Haverhill Campus - NECC \(mass.edu\)](https://www.mass.edu/haverhill-campus)

WHEN: September 16th, 2021.

**Hope to See You There!**