

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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

October, 2021



Executive Committee **2021 – 2022**

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Vice President: Jamie Ruh

Secretary: Maggie Judd

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER

Hello Everyone.

October is in full swing, and I hope you are enjoying this great weather. Our quilt show was a huge success, and we have Diane Kelley, Liz Swan and their entire committee to thank for making it happen in this uncertain time.

Thank you one and all.

Looking forward, our guild meeting on the 21st promises to be interesting and our featured speaker's workshop still has openings so join in on the fun. Judy Naylor has all the information and supply list or you can go to the website for sign up and information as well.

We are still in need of someone to be our next Quilt Show Chairman. Ann Hockmeyer has graciously volunteered to be Vice Chairman. There will be other positions open as well so please help make our next show another success.

We also need someone to Chair the next guild raffle quilt and a Programs Chairman for next year. Getting an early start and having people in place makes for a smooth transition and successful event. The Meet the Teachers Day happens in November so we need a programs chairman very soon. It's an exciting way to meet well known quilters and choose our next speakers and workshops.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or send an email.

Lynne Pisani

Next meeting (In Person at NECC)

Remember to wear your mask.

(NECC guidelines)

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.

Last Call for all President's blocks for Liz Swan.
Please bring the blocks to the October Meeting, or mail them to Bev Valle by October 19th.
Thank you to all who have already participated. Can't wait to see Liz's President's Quilt finished! Bev

Comfort Quilts 2020-2021

Many thanks to all who have donated quilts to the Comfort Quilt projects this year, Wellspring House in Gloucester, and Tough Warrior Princesses.
Many beautiful quilts were donated to each project, pretty much equally, totaling over 85 quilts. If you haven't quite finished, and might be done by the October meeting, bring them on the 21st for either project.
Melissa Dimond, from Wellspring House will come and speak briefly, and take the quilts with her.
Thank you again for your generosity. You are a very talented and giving guild!
Bev Valle

Membership News

Our guild continues to grow! We are now up to 128 members. Even so, I'm still looking for volunteers to distribute MVQ "**recruitment**" **flyers** to area quilt shops and longarmers. Please check the list at our next meeting and take some for a shop in your area.

Speaking of volunteering, **THANK YOU to all of you who volunteered** for our Ruby Celebration quilt show. Volunteers are an important part of a successful quilt show and we passed with flying colors! I'd especially like to thank those who worked for more than one shift or who volunteered on the spot to fill an empty slot.

A few reminders:

- Wear your **nametag** at our meetings so others can get to know you as well as to be eligible for a door prize and discounts on lottery tickets
- Send me a **photo** for our Photo Roster if you haven't given me one yet or yours needs to be updated
- Pick up your **membership card and raffle tickets** at the membership table if you haven't done so already

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.

Thanks!

Phyllis & Sue

pmlauria@msn.com

Programs

Programs for October

Our guest speaker is Sue Bleiweiss, a fiber artist and wildlife photographer. Buildings, botanicals and most recently birds are some of her favorite subjects because they're easily distorted to create a feeling of whimsy and fantasy. Sue's lecture will focus on the materials, processes, and techniques she uses.

Sue's workshop on Saturday October 23rd is on Zoom and explores her techniques and is called Whimsical Birds. Presently we have 6 people signed up to participate. Our goal is at least 16 people to cover our costs. Please consider joining us by signing up at <https://mvquilters.org/lecturesworkshops/current-lecture-schedule/> or contacting Judy Naylor. And feel free to invite a friend to join us. Supplies lists are available by contacting Judy.



I am looking for a volunteer to greet Sue and help her get set up for her presentation. She expects to arrive between 6:15 and 6:30.

Hope to see you Thursday and Saturday,

Judy Naylor Programs Chairperson judy.naylor@gmail.com 978.352.2210 (H) 978.476.2525 (C)

Celestial Interlude, our newest raffle quilt is travelling to Pine Tree Quilt Shop in Salem NH. We need people to sell raffle tickets October 14-17 as part of NH Quilters' Harvest Hop.

Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b49acaf23a6fb6-raffle>. There are a lot of slots to fill.

Programs Planning Are you interested in learning about presenters for our guild. Join me at NEQM in November.

Programs cont.

Programs 2021-2022

November – no meeting

December 2nd – Holiday 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



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.)



Programs cont.

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:

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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 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

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).

SEW AND KNOW returns in January. Come early, there will be a table set up inside the meeting room. I will be presenting "**Pocket Quilts**". This technique will be presented between 6:20-6:40 pm.



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 6:30 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

MVQ Guild Meeting Minutes 9/1/21

MVQ September General Meeting

September 16, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Jamie Ruh.

Vice President Jamie Ruh welcomed back members to in – person meetings.

Jamie read a message from President Lynne Pisani. Lynne is battling aggressive breast cancer. She had surgery today. She is hoping to be back in person with the guild as soon as she is able.

June guild meeting minutes are accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report is accepted as presented.

Volunteers are needed for two positions in the guild. Quilt Show chair 2022 – talk with Diane Kelley this year's quilt show chair for information. Please let Jamie know if you can help. The second position needed is a Chair for the 2022/23 Raffle Quilt. Please see Jamie if you would like to volunteer.

Committee Reports

Retreat – Phyllis Lauria – Registration is open for upcoming retreat at Franciscan Guest House (FGH) in Kennebunkport. The retreat dates are 11/11/21 – 11/14/21. A minimum of 10 rooms need to be booked. Our group will be the only quilters at the FGH. FGH requires a 3 night minimum. Breakfast and dinner not included, but may be available for an extra charge. Fill out your registration form with room type, roommate, meal request and/or Wed night option. Preliminary pricing is on website. Send a check with your registration. Cancellation policy may change as Covid protocol changes.

NEQM donation - Diane Kelley –Treasurer - last June we were supposed to donate to the New England Quilt Museum. But the donation was not made in June. This year we are donating \$498 to NEQM.

Quilt show – Diane Kelley - Hope Church had a mask policy. Then, church policy updated for no mask for vaccinated people. However, we will be asking everyone to wear a mask. Please wear nametag at all times. White Elephant is open early on Thursday for set up. Not sure when Taylor Rental will show up. Volunteers should come around 8:30 – 9. Quilts that are sent in for judging should cover labels with tape or fabric.

Volunteers – Linda Lydecker – Volunteers are needed for 170 different shifts needed. We have 142 shifts filled. There are open slots on Friday from 2-4. Sign up genius app will send you a reminder of when you volunteer. After tonight, if you need to make changes, go through Linda, so she knows what's changing. All volunteers get in for free at any time during the show. Please wear nametags. Check in at admissions table when you start your shift. Disposable gloves will be available if you are dealing with money. If you are white gloving, there will be a bag of clean gloves and a bag for used gloves. Small token of appreciation is available for all the volunteers. Take one only please.

Kitchen – Bev Valle is in charge of the food this year. We are not allowed to cook in the kitchen, but we can sell pre-packaged food. We will be selling pre-packaged sandwiches, snacks, soda, water, and coffee. Please, no homemade items can be accepted. The kitchen will need donations of bottled water, coke, diet coke, etc. Thursday lunch will be available for volunteers for a good faith donation. Chicken salad, tuna salad, egg salad, water, soda and snacks will be available.

White Elephant – come early for set-up. Donated items will need to be sorted. Please do not donate upholstery or leather fabric.

Boutique – it has been relocated to the gym. This is an opportunity to sell items on consignment with 80% of items sold going to consignor and 20% going to the guild.

Penny Raffle – looking for about 25 baskets. The baskets do not need to be quilt related.

Comfort Quilts – the guild is donating our comfort quilts to Tough Warrior Princesses and Wellspring.

Silent Auction - proceeds from the silent auction will go to Merrimac Valley Food bank. Please bring auction items on Thursday.

Quilt Judging and Drop Off - Drop off judged quilts at Merrimac Library between 8- 8:30 on Wednesday. If you can't get your quilt to drop off location, you can bring it to one of the following drop off people. They are Lollie Wigall, Liz Swan, Jamie Ruh, and Linda Lydecker. 63 quilts will be judged. There are a huge number of red and white quilts to be displayed. Don't forget to pick up bags with instructions for labeling your quilt show entries.

Programs – Judy Naylor - can pay for October workshop on PayPal. The October workshop with Sue Bleiweiss will be a Zoom workshop. Additional information about upcoming programs is posted on the website.

Travel for Raffle Quilt – Judy Naylor - New raffle quilt is going to Pine Tree Quilt shop for NH Shop Hop. Need people to sign up to sit with the quilt during the Oct 14- 17 dates.

Show and Tell Membership - Linda Lydecker and Sue Kiberd – 124 members in guild. We have 69 members in attendance and 2 guests. Since Oct 2020 we have added 18 new members. Recruitment flyers for the guild are available on the back table. Take some and bring to shops. Wear nametags - get a raffle ticket. Please get photo taken for photo roster.

Raffle Tickets winners – Michele Maurice, Beth Wood, and Diana Doucette Fabric Raffle - Deb Sanranti

Program - Bev Valle - Power Point presentation on Faux Piped Binding. Adjourn meeting at 8:55 PM.



10/8/2021

Merrimack Valley Quilters

INCOME AND EXPENSES

September 1 through 30, 2021

		Notes:
INCOME		
MEMBERSHIP CHECKS:		
4 Membership (\$30)	\$ 120.00	
	\$ (40.00)	moving \$40 raffle quilts
MEMBERSHIP PAYPAL:		
2 New Memberships (\$35 PayPal)	\$ 70.00	2 x \$35
	\$ (20.00)	moving \$20 to raffle quilts
1 New Memberships (\$30 PayPal)	\$ 30.00	1 x \$30
	\$ (10.00)	moving \$10 to raffle quilts
OTHER:		
2021 Quilt Raffle Tickets	\$ 70.00	Moved from Membership
Raffle Tickets	\$ 10.00	PayPal Purchase
Misc	\$ 5.00	Guild Pin
Workshop	\$ 150.00	Whimsical Birds (5 PayPal, 1 Check)
Workshop	\$ 50.00	Dresden Neighborhood
Workshop	\$ 25.00	Around the Pond
Quilt Show Vendor Fee	\$ 100.00	Cynthia Ellis-Petrow
Total Income	\$ 460.00	

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September 1 through 30, 2021

Part 2

EXPENSES		
PayPal Fees for Raffle Tickets from the memberships	\$ 1.15	
PayPal Fees for Memberships	\$ 2.32	
PayPal Fee for Workshops	\$ 7.92	8 PayPal fees
Deposit for Lecture	\$ 100.00	Sherri Noel
New England Quilt Museum	\$ 498.00	Donation
US Postal Service	\$ 226.00	Yearly PO Box Rental
Quilt Guild Meeting Supplies (masks)	\$ 18.05	Linda Lydecker
Start Up Money for Quilt Show	\$ 545.00	Diane Kelley
Judging Fee	\$ 456.76	Mary Derry
Total Expense	\$ 1,855.20	



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Tuesday–Friday 9–5, Saturday 9–4

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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: October 21, 2021.

REFRESHMENTS: Provided by the generous donors to the MVQ Quilt Show Kitchen.

Hope to See You There!

