

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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

February, 2022



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2021 – 2022

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President's Message

February at last. This is when I start looking forward to beautiful Spring.

Change is the watchword for this Month. We have changed our UFO Auction once again and it is now scheduled for our April meeting instead of June. All things considered, this change is for the better for everyone, so please put the UFO Auction on your calendar for our April Meeting.

We are meeting Virtually again this month, and I hope to see everyone via Zoom on the 17th. Beginning in March we will be going back to our in-person meetings at the college and getting back to normal. It will be a pleasure seeing everyone in person again.

Don't forget to sign up for the workshop with Kathie Beltz on March 19th. There are a few openings, so be sure to get on the list before we open it up to other guilds.

This is a busy and fun time of year, and the retreat is coming up at the end of March. Keep watch for an update from Phyllis Lauria with all the particulars.

Shortly we will be getting our Nominating Committee together, so if you are interested in being on that committee let me know. Layne Rando has volunteered to Chair the committee and will be looking for committee members.

See you all at the Guild Meeting. Stay warm and stay well.

Lynette Pisani, President

Next meeting will be
A VIRTUAL MEETING on FEBRUARY 17, 2022

UFO AUCTION

Mark your calendars! **UFO Auction is moving** to a new Date of **April 21, 2022.....**
This gives us all additional time to collect and donate. You are welcome to call/text [Susan Spinelli](mailto:Susan@Spinelli.us) 978-869-3632 or [Stacey Hillerby Caruso](mailto:Stacey@HillerbyCaruso.com) 978-914-3907 for pick-up of any items you wish to donate, we are collecting up to the auction week.

Please take this opportunity to recycle your stash and make room for new projects! If you know of any non-member quilters that would like to make fabric donations please mention our auction to them. We are available to meet people and/or come to your homes for pick ups.

Cotton Fabric, Unfinished Quilt Projects, Quilting Supplies, Embroidery, Knitting, Vintage Sewing Items, Wools and Quilting Books (newer than 2015) are all appreciated.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER - SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE OUT FOR MARCH GUILD MEETINGS

- Sorting and Stacking the Truck will take place on a weekday (date and time will be posted once we have a confirmation) before April 21. Location will be First Church of Christ 10 Church Street, Bradford MA.
- Auction set up on April 21st to begin a few hours before the meeting.

Thank you all in advance for your contribution to another successful auction!
Stacey Caruso and Sue Spinelli

Contact Info:

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staccaru@gmail.com / 978-914-3907

Comfort Quilts

This year's comfort quilt recipient is the Pregnancy Care Center of Haverhill. It is a non-profit organization supporting underprivileged women in the Haverhill area.

Anyone interested in making quilts for this worthy organization should make baby or crib-sized quilts. Some toddler-sized quilts for older siblings will be appreciated.

At our February guild meeting, Eileen Giordano will join us to further our knowledge of the Pregnancy Care Center. Eileen and her husband Larry are working with them as well as our past recipient, Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley.

Thank you for your generosity,
Jamie Ruh

Membership News

Our new email distribution list is up and running! You should have received an email from me explaining this, but if you didn't, it most likely went into your spam folder. I hope you're in the habit of checking your spam folder regularly to identify any legitimate emails that end up there. I do this daily and occasionally find real ones to recover. To prevent MVQ emails from ending up in your spam folder, please add **mvquilters@googlegroups.com** to your address book or contacts. You'll notice that emails using this new listserv will be prefixed with [MVQ] which I find very helpful.

The board has decided that our February meeting will again be via Zoom. The COVID numbers are just not at a comfortable level yet. Judy has some nice member demos lined up and we're also asking members to send in photos for a pictorial show and tell. A reminder: when joining, please identify yourself with your first and last names, not only for attendance purposes, but also so others can get to know you. Also, feel free to forward the meeting link to a friend. Then, introduce them to the rest of us so we can give them the welcome they deserve and show them what a friendly group we are!

Take care and stay warm.

Linda Lydecker, Membership Chair

PROGRAMS 2022

Lots of changes, lots of fun. Join us each month.

February – 17th -- A Happy Heart – A Members Sharing Event (see additional information in this newsletter)



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

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

April 21st – UFO Auction



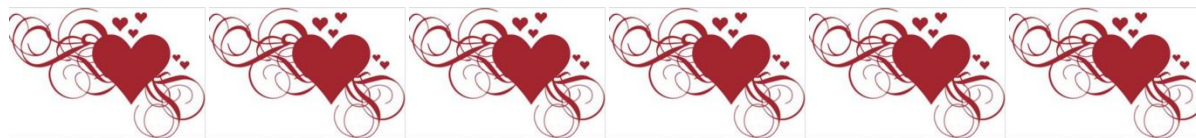
May 19th – Michelle Banton – <https://www.littlepupdesigns.com/>

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

June 16th – Pam Weeks – **Quilted Gardens**--Lecture and trunk show of flower designs in fabrics and quilts of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries---several floral fads are covered.

There are still spaces available in the workshops. Go to <https://mvquilters.org/lecturesworkshops/current-lecture-schedule/> to pay by PayPal or credit card. Or send a check for \$25.00 to Judy Naylor at 75 Mill St. Georgetown, Ma.

For more information, contact Judy at judy.naylor@gmail.com or 978.476.2525 (cell or text)



A Happy Heart for February

Our February meeting is going to be members sharing with each other. Some topics might be new tools or techniques you've learned, unique patterns you are working on, great video resources you use, or any other topic that members might enjoy or learn from.

Volunteers are needed. If you did not see the email about this activity, contact Judy Naylor and let her know how you can participate.

Programs, *CONT*

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 the 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 978.352.2210 (H) or 978.476.2525 (C)



I am looking for someone to help me with setup at each of our two 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.

You Tube Channel Info

Did you know that MVQ has a YouTube channel? Occasionally we post videos of interest to the guild members. We have permission from Michele Maurice and Jamie Hart to post their recent journey's.

Check it out at this link: <https://youtu.be/SCrr T-qBJ4> .

Or, sign in to YouTube.com and search for "Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild".

Be sure to subscribe and like our channel!

MVQ Guild Meeting Minutes

MVQ January General Meeting - January 20, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by President Lynne Pisani.

Lynne Pisani – Thank you all for coming.

Marcy Furse, who coordinates volunteers from Lazarus House, spoke to the membership to thank us for the donation of toiletries for Lazarus House collected at the December meeting. MVQ was the group that donated the most. Marcy appreciates our support of Lazarus House. The Lazarus House has been based in Lawrence for 39 years. They provide food and shelter for those in need. The Food Pantry open on Wednesdays serves 1000 families. The daily Soup kitchen – in to-go format – serves over 300 meals a day. The toiletries and other donations are made available for those in need. Thank you!

Comfort Quilts needed for the Pregnancy Care Center - baby to toddler size quilts.

Minutes from December meeting are accepted.

Announcements: There is an availability to donate to guild via amazon smile and giving Tuesday. Go to smile.amazon.com and select Merrimack Valley quilters to donate. The same option is available on Paypal. Choose Merrimack Valley Quilters to donate. There is no additional cost to you.

There is a TAX FORM ON WEBSITE under Forms for donations made to the guild.

There has been a change in the way the website appears on an ipad. Look for the 3 bars and click on those for options.

No one has stepped up to be Quilt Show Chair or Programs Chair. The Quilt Show is one of our main fundraisers. Please consider volunteering for one of these important Guild positions.

Raffle quilt for 2023 has been tabled. We have a quilt for this year's show if the show occurs.

UFO Auction has been changed to the June meeting. Items may be dropped off at the May meeting. If you need to donate earlier than May, please contact Stacey Caruso to set up a time to donate your items.

MVQ Guild Meeting Minutes cont.

Committee reports: Linda Lydecker - Membership - There are 44 members 4 guests tonight at the Zoom meeting. For Zoom meeting, please identify yourself with first and last name.

Currently, Guild communication is via e-mail, website and Facebook. Linda is starting a google group to facilitate better communication mvquilters@googlegroups.com

Coming soon. Judy Naylor – Program – because of the change of the UFO to June, our speaker for June was bumped out of the spot. Our June speaker will be moved to March or April next year. We still need Program Chair for next year and Judy is willing to help someone who steps up. One month is already filled!

The February meeting is open now with the move of the UFO Auction to June. Judy is planning a member program with a theme of Have a Heart. Options for program - sew and know and video presentation that is heart related. Another option could be a workshop around the theme of hearts. Judy is looking for 3 or 4 presenters.

The March workshop with Kathie Beltz is Around the Pond. It is a modern take on flying geese pattern. There is room available for workshop. Currently 6 are signed up and we can have up to 25. Sign up on the website.

Franciscan house has reopened and there will be a Spring retreat. The dates are 3/31/22 - 4/3/22. Contact Phyllis Laura for information. There will be a minimum of 3 nights.

Next Board meeting. February 2, 2022

Program: Member Journeys Michele Maurice Jamie Hart Adjourn meeting at 8:23 PM

Submitted by Maggie Judd



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 Lynette Pisani 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



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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 area 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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NEXT MVQ MEETING

WHERE: **VIRTUAL MEETING**

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

WHEN: **FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

Doors Open:

Meeting starts: ~7 PM

REFRESHMENTS: on your own

