

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I want to thank each of you for all the hard work and dedication you have put into our Quilt Show! It was a roaring success. A Special thanks to Jamie Ruh and Linda Lydecker, our Chair and Vice-chair respectively. Their leadership and organization skills are amazing, and they deserve a huge round of applause. It takes everyone one of us whether exhibiting, volunteering, or working behind the scenes to make this happen. I heard only positive feedback from visitors and vendors. Kudos to all of you.

As we look forward to November and beyond, there are many things in store for us so please visit the Facebook page, the Newsletter, and the website for information. You can call, text, or email me at any time if you have questions or suggestions.

Our speaker for the October Guild meeting is David Sirota. He is quite entertaining, and I am sure you will enjoy hearing him speak.

Our next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21st due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. There is no Guild meeting in November as the holiday is on our guild night, so the Guild Meeting is December 7th and is our Holiday Potluck Party. There will be more information on that coming soon.

See you on the 19th for our October Guild Meeting!

Lynne Pisani

Next Meeting:

Scheduled for October 19th.

All are welcome – you do not need to be a guild member to attend this meeting.

This meeting is IN-PERSON at NECC.

Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Due to the overwhelming response for snack donations at the quilt show, no extra snacks need to be brought to the October meeting 10/19. Thanks to all who donated! Bev V.

The meeting will be in the [Technology Center](#).

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.

- Although we have seen a promising decline in COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts, the NECC Public Health Response Team still recommends taking all necessary personal precautions against infection.
- NECC is a Mask Flexible Campus. We encourage mask wearing while indoors. Be mindful of those around you and their comfort level. Keep a mask in your pocket just in case!
- Based on updated CDC guidance, if you are a close contact of a COVID+ individual, you are required to wear a mask on campus.
- If you have been exposed, are not feeling well, or have tested positive for COVID-19, we request that you not attend the live meetings on campus.

Board Meetings

Until further notice, all board meetings are virtual on Zoom. 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.

All Committee Chairpersons are expected to attend the Board Meeting. Please make note that the next Zoom Board Meeting is scheduled for November 21st at 6:30 PM. I will send the Zoom link the day of the meeting.

2023 SUMMER'S END QUILT SHOW



A heartfelt thank you to all our hardworking members who made this year's quilt show a huge success! Everyone pitched in where needed, even if you hadn't signed up for those timeslots. We are an incredibly talented and giving guild, and we put on a fantastic show!! Great job!

With gratitude,
Jamie Ruh and Linda Lydecker
2023 Quilt Show Chairs

FALL HOLIDAY PARTY PLANNING

Fall is here and it's time to start thinking about and planning our Holiday Party. Remember our December meeting is early...December 7th, the 1st Thursday in December.

The first thing we need is someone who is willing to be the point person and chair this event; someone to coordinate volunteers and be the point of contact. We will also need volunteers to help plan games/activities, decorations and centerpieces and help with setup and clean up. And of course, all of us to make a great potluck. If lots of us step up, we will have another great event this year! Look for signup sheet using signup-genius around second week of October.

If you're willing to chair this event and pull the pieces together, contact Terry Taylor ttylr@hotmail.com or Pat Johnson patknoerl@gmail.com by **October 20th**.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our guild continues to grow. We are now up to **109 members**. We have a lot of new members so make sure you introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

THANK YOU to all of you who volunteered for our quilt show. Volunteers are a critical part of a successful quilt show and we passed with flying colors! I was nervous as we had a number of unfilled slots a day before the show. I need not have worried because members (and a few friends and relatives) stepped up making everything run smoothly. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all the time volunteers spent helping our show be the great success it was.

I recently sent out up-to-date versions of our **Membership List and Photo Roster**. Please check them and let me know if anything needs to be changed. This includes missing phone numbers and photos. Remember that these documents are for our internal use only. You can print them out and keep them with your meeting supplies and/or download them to your phone so they're always available.

And finally, remember to 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.



The silent auction was a big success. It could not have happened without the help of many people. I would like to thank everyone who generously donated all those beautiful items. We received a lot of positive feedback on the items. I would also like to thank Gail Forthoffer and Karen Busanovich for their many hours of help with setting up the booth. It looked amazing. Thank you to Helen Gosselin, Terry Palardy, Sandra Kassin-Deardorff, and Sue Molin for manning the table during the show and to Gail Forthoffer and Phyllis Lauria for their help with closing and tallying the bids and collecting the money.

Thank you!
Wendy

SEW AND KNOW

Janice Jones

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This month Beth Bell Lavoie will be demonstrating her Glad Press and Seal Hand Appliqué Quick Preparation Technique. It's sure to be an interesting and informative way to use a product that we are all familiar with in our kitchen!

Sew and Know presentations take place before the meeting, typically at 6:20 and 6:40 p.m. It's a great time to mingle with other members and learn a new tip or technique.

I know you all love to see the tips and techniques our members share so let's keep SEW AND KNOW alive. In order to do that, we need members to come forward and show or demonstrate their favorite techniques so we can all learn together.

So, does anyone have a favorite quilting tip or technique? Something you've been working on and want to share? Please email me!! I am looking for presenters for our January, March, April, May and June meetings.



Fall 2023 Quilting Retreat

Our Fall 2023 Quilting Retreat will be held at The Valley Inn in Waterville Valley, NH from Thursday, November 16 to Sunday, November 19.

The retreat is limited to current paid members of the Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild who have fulfilled their volunteer commitment at our 2023 Quilt Show.

We have 27 people registered so far and we have room for 3 more people.

Can't wait!!

Phyllis Lauria

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SENDING Sunshine

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS

Hi everyone and Happy Fall!

I'm the new Sunshine chair. More information about what a "Sunshine" is and how it works at MVQ will be detailed in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, if you know someone who needs a little sunshine or cheer, please let me know!

Best,

Phyllis

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OCTOBER 2023 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date: October 4, 2023

Attendees: Lynne Pisani, Wendy Ward, Liz Swan, Diane Kelley, Linda Lydecker, Phyllis Lauria, Theresa Bourque, Terry Taylor

Roll call was taken, and it was confirmed there was a quorum.

President's comments – Lynne

Lynne thanked everyone for their hard work to ensure we had a successful quilt show. Gary from Wicked Sharp was appreciative of the opportunity to vend at the show.

Newsletter - Lori Josephson

Welcome to Lori as the new Newsletter Chair. Lori was unable to attend the meeting, so the board agreed to keep the newsletter deadline the same for this month. The deadline for October will be Friday October 6th at midnight. Newsletter items can be sent to Lori at LoJo0617@gmail.com. Copy Liz this month in case Lori needs assistance.

Secretary's Report – Wendy Ward

The September board meeting minutes were accepted as circulated.

Treasurers Report – Diane Kelley/Liz Swan

Diane reported that most areas had an increase in profits from the quilt show this year. Currently the receipts from the quilt show is \$20,138.00. Diane will work with Marilyn to cut checks for the boutique sales, Wendy for the silent Auction Emmaus donation and Jaime for the ribbon awards.

Liz reported that the money collected from the quilt show has been deposited. Wendy has additional silent auction funds she will drop off to Liz.

Membership Report - Linda Lydecker

Linda reported there are currently 109 active members. There are possibly two more that will be joining. Next week Linda will publish the membership roster and photo roster.

Quilt Show Report – Jamie Ruh

In Jamie's absence, Linda reported that set up and take down went smoothly. There were no quilts lost. A few ribbons fell off. There were a few people who skipped the checkout procedure, so they didn't receive their judging comments and no checkout receipt was received. A wrap up meeting will be held on October 15th where the group will discuss returning to the anonymous bidding process.

Retreat and Sunshine – Phyllis Lauria

Retreat – There are currently 26 people registered. We will be sharing the inn with a Vermont Quilt Guild. Diane will confirm the budget for door prizes for the retreat.

Sunshine – Phyllis will draft a proposal for her desired sunshine guidelines and present it to the board at next month's meeting. The proposal will include a definition of “immediate family”.

Programs Report – Terry Taylor and Pat Johnson

Workshop – There are 18 participants registered for the October David Sirota workshop. Terry has reached out to David several times to confirm some details and has not received a response. Liz will call David. Diane will bring a check to the workshop to pay David. David has requested certain items be made available for the workshop. Terry is arranging the items requested.

Christmas Party – It was proposed that Terry announce at the October meeting that she is looking for someone to chair the Christmas party. Supplies will need to be purchased. Diane will confirm the budget allowed for the party. Terry will add a note to the newsletter regarding the party.

Travel Raffle Quilt - Open Position

We need to work on recruiting for this position. The quilt show organized by Bits N Pieces is coming up. Lynne is waiting to hear if they will be putting out requests for vendors. Diane will check her notes to see how much money was made at last year's show. Volunteers were required to pay to get in and we do not recall many raffle tickets being sold. It was noted that this year's raffle quilt will be more widely received and likely to draw more sales.

Next meeting - the next board meeting would fall on November 22nd which is the night before Thanksgiving. It was agreed to move the meeting to Tuesday November 21st at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.



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