

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Welcome to our new members! The Holiday celebrations are over and we are settling into the routines of the new year. This is an important time for our Guild. We have much to do and many positions to fill to keep our guild Active and Fun. Please consider filling an open position. It's the best way to get to know other members and to add input about the direction of the guild's future.

This month our meeting will enjoy three members' quilting journeys. These are so very interesting, and we look forward to them every January.

February brings our UFO Auction, and the planning is in the works. We will be looking for help. Everything is explained later in this newsletter.

The sign-up for this year's workshops is available now, so you can sign up either in person at the meeting or on the website.

We have much to do and much to share. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Lynne
Lynette Pisani
President, MVQ

Newsletter submissions can be sent to Lori Josephson at lojo0617@gmail.com. The deadline is the first Friday of the month at midnight.

Next Meeting:

Scheduled for January 18th

Member journeys

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

Liz Swan will be giving a Sew and Know presentation for our new members.

Members with last names beginning with C – E are responsible for refreshments this month.

This meeting is IN-PERSON at NECC.

Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

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 January 31, 2024 at 6:30 PM. I will send the Zoom link the day of the meeting.



All are Welcome!

MERRIMAC VALLEY QUILTERS

'UFO AUCTION'

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



Silent Auction
Live Auction

Northern Essex Community College
Conference Room 103B in the Technology Building
100 Elliot Street, Haverhill MA

ACCEPTING CASH OR CHECKS ONLY

UFO AUCTION IS FEBRUARY 15, 2024

*****DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*****

HOW TO DONATE:

- Contact us (see below) for pick up.
- Bring items to the January Guild Meeting (Sue will be collecting items)

HOW TO VOLUNTEER:

SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE OUT FOR JANUARY GUILD MEETING or SIGN-UP GENIUS

- Sorting and stacking the Truck will take place Wednesday before the meeting, February 14th at First Church of Christ 10 Church St. Bradford, MA from 9:00 am to 12:00.
- Auction set up at NECC will start at 4:15 PM, prior to our meeting.

Please take this opportunity to recycle your stash and make room for new projects! And, if you know any non-member quilters that would like to make fabric donations (perhaps they are moving?), please mention our auction to them. We are available to meet people and/or come to your homes for pickups.

We would like donations of quilting cotton fabric, unfinished quilt projects, quilting supplies, embroidery, knotting, vintage sewing items and quilting books newer than 2015 (no magazines please) and any other items you think would be of interest to your fellow quilters.

Thank you in advance for your contribution to another successful auction!

Stacey Caruso and Sue Spinelli

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our guild continues to grow. We are now up to **117 members**. We have a lot of new members so be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. Speaking of new members, as a special Sew 'n Know, there will be a **New Member Welcome session** beginning at 6:30 on the night of our January meeting. Liz Swan will show what information is available on our website and demonstrate how to navigate it. Additionally, she will offer **free answers** to any questions you may have. While this is intended for new members, anyone is welcome to attend.

Next month I will reissue our **Membership List and Photo Roster**. Please let me know if you need to update any of your information. Also, there are still a couple of camera-shy members. If I'm talking about you, please send me a photo (I'll crop it to a headshot) or have me take your picture at our January meeting. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lots of fun expected! Come join us and signup where applicable

1. **January 18th**: Quilters Journey
2. **February 15th**: UFO Auction
3. **March 21st**: Lecture "Intentional Piecing: Using Fussy Cutting in Quilt Designs" Guest Speaker – [Amy Friend](#)
4. **March 23rd**: Workshop "Round Robin" ruler work Teacher – [Adele Scott](#)
5. The cost of workshops has changed from \$35.00 TO \$37.00 starting in January.
6. For more information about upcoming workshops and lectures, you can follow this path on the website: [Lecture Schedule/ Workshop Schedule « Merrimack Valley Quilters \(mvquilters.org\)](#)

SEW AND KNOW

Janice Jones janicemaejones@gmail.com

Sew and Know is scheduled for our January meeting when Liz Swan will be presenting a session for our new members. She will have lots of information on how to navigate the MVQ website and answer any questions that new members have as they acclimate themselves with the guild.

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 March, April, May and June meetings.



MVQ Quilting Retreat

Info & Updates

January, 2024

Hi everyone!

Our retreats for 2024 have been booked. They will be held at The Valley Inn in Waterville Valley, NH.

The Spring Retreat dates are May 16-19.
The Fall Retreat dates are November 7-10.

Registration is not open yet, but we will keep you posted!

If you have any questions, feel free to email me.

Phyllis

Phyllis Lauria

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SENDING Sunshine

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS

January, 2024

Hi everyone!

This is a friendly reminder that I am the Sunshine Chairperson for the guild. I have appreciated that people have been letting me know of people who are in need of cheer!

The Board has approved the updated Sunshine guidelines and that information will be posted on the MVQ website in the coming weeks.

Please let me know if you know of anyone in the guild that needs some sunshine.

You can text or call (978-609-1050) or email (pmlauria17@gmail.com).

Phyllis

PHYLLIS LAURIA
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GUILD MEETING DECEMBER 2023

Date: December 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

President's remarks:

Lynne welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an overview of the events for the night.

Secretary's report:

The October meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

Door prizes:

The door prizes were won by Pat Cressman, Sue Dodge, and Pam Heck.

There was no further business to discuss.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.



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