

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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

March 2024



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is around the corner! Hooray for March! As we look ahead to what lies ahead for the Guild, there are a few important things to consider. The biggest consideration is whether to have a Quilt Show this year.

At the April Board Meeting we will be making the decision whether to cancel the show. The deciding factor will be the lack of a chairperson. Without one we don't go forward. So many volunteers are returning to the subcommittees, but like any group task, there needs to be someone in charge to run update meetings and oversee the process etc., so everyone knows we are on track. Meetings can be in person or by Zoom. This is our major fund raiser, and it is also the event most of us enjoy the most. Please remember that many hands make light work. We have "the many hands" and just need someone to lead. Please be our heroine and consider taking this position. Jamie and I, as well as others, will be happy to help you out.

We have a full workshop for April and there are only a few slots left for May. We are looking forward to hearing Amy Friend speak at our March meeting. I hope to see everyone there. Come early and don't forget to check out Sew and Know before the meeting. It sounds quite intriguing.

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 March 21st

Guest Speaker – Amy Friend – *Intentional Piecing: Using Fussy Cutting in Quilt Designs*

Sew & Know – Beth Bell Lavoie – Glad Press and Seal hand appliqué quick prep technique

Members with last names beginning with J – L are responsible for refreshments this month.

This meeting is IN-PERSON at NECC.

Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

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 April 3, 2024 at 6:30 PM. I will send the Zoom link the day of the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S BLOCK

President's Block kits will be available at the March guild meeting. If you didn't attend the February meeting or missed picking one up, I will be in the atrium handing them out. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Jamie Ruh
truh@comcast.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

1. **March 21st**: Lecture "Intentional Piecing: Using Fussy Cutting in Quilt Designs" Guest Speaker – [Amy Friend](#)
2. **April 18th**: Lecture "How to Tame Your Stash Before It Eats You" – [Sue Michaels](#)
3. **April 20th**: Workshop "Not Your Grandmother's Nine Patch" – [Sue Michaels](#) (FULL)
4. The cost of workshops has changed from \$35.00 TO \$37.00 starting in January.
5. For more information about upcoming workshops and lectures, you can follow this path on the website: [Lecture Schedule/ Workshop Schedule « Merrimack Valley Quilters \(mvquilters.org\)](#)

2025 RAFFLE QUILT WORK DAY

There will be a workday to sew blocks for the 2025 MVQ Raffle Quilt on **Sat., April 6, 2024, from 10:45 - 3:15.**

It will be at the **Red Barn Sewing and Yarn Center** in Merrimac, MA.

Space is limited (11 sewing and 2 ironing stations), so please **sign up at the meeting or contact Ann or Mary Stobbs to participate.**

Supplies to bring: Sewing machine, thread, basic sewing supplies, extension cord.

There is no cutting of fabric involved; we will use the Red Barn's irons /ironing boards.

10% discount for Red Barn shopping for the day!

Park in the rear of the parking lot; enter through the basement door (there are a few steps); we can help if needed to bring in your machine.

We look forward to seeing you there, Ann & Mary Stobbs

e-mail: AMS01938@hotmail.com (01938 are all numbers)

phone: 978-372-8585 (this is a land line, no texts, just leave a voice mail)

SEW AND KNOW

Sew and Know for our March Meeting: Beth Bell Lavoie will be presenting her Glad Press and Seal Hand Appliqué Quick Prep technique.

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, who has 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 May and June meetings.

Janice Jones
janicemaejones@gmail.com



MVQ Quilting Retreat

Info & Updates

March, 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.

We do not have an updated price list and 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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March, 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 is on the MVQ website, under Committees, then Sunshine Guidelines.

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

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GUILD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2024

Date: 02/15/24

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

President's Remarks – Lynne Pisani

Lynne welcomed everyone to the meeting. Lynne thanked Stacey and all the volunteers for all their hard work in preparing for the auction.

Secretary's Report – Wendy Ward

Bev Valle mentioned a correction needed to Beth Bell Lavoie's name. The January meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurers' Reports – Liz Swan

The January's treasurer's report was accepted as circulated. Liz provided an overview of the auction payment process.

Membership – Linda Lydecker

Linda introduced two new members, Susan and Tina. There were several guests present at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Ward, Secretary.

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