

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! May is upon us and things are warming up. I Love seeing all the flowering trees. This is a special time of year for the guild as well. We will be heading into May with much to do before our summer break. Election runner will be in the works to elect our new officers by the time you read this.so please vote. It's online and easy.

I would like to give a special Thank you to Gail Forthoffer for all the work she did in the arranging and the setup at NEQE. I also Thank everyone who participated in any way toward making it all happen for our Guild. You are the best!

Our next meeting has been moved up a week to May 9th. It will be held in the Spurk Building on Campus. I will be sending a Google Groups email to everyone with the campus Map, and parking is across from the building for easy access. There is designated Handicap parking at the far end of the building but depending on your mobility, the regular parking lot may be easier for you. We will be in Lecture Hall A which is in the center of the building. I look forward to seeing Everyone.

I will also be sending you information regarding the display of our quilts at the North Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Danvers. I will have more particulars for you at our May meeting. Our speaker for May is Debbie Wendt. I think you will enjoy her presentation.

I will see you at the meeting!

Lynne
Lynette Pisani
President, MVQ

Next Meeting:

Scheduled for May 9th

NOTE: This meeting is 1 week earlier than usual. It will also be held in the Spurr Building Lecture Hall.

Guest Speaker – [Debbie Wendt](#)

Teach the world to quilt.

From the basement of a small church in Cairo to the rice paddies of Cambodia.

Sew & Know – Collaged Background with Janice Jones

Members responsible for refreshments with the last names beginning with Pi – Si

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 June 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM. I will send the Zoom link the day of the meeting.

FAT QUARTERS FOR THE QUILT SHOW

Attention Members: Fat quarters for the Quilt Show's Penny Raffle are being collected now. Look for Mary Lou Monteiro or Beth McCloskey when you walk into our May and June guild meetings. We'll have a bag labeled for your donated fat quarters. Thank You!

QUILT SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It might seem early to think about volunteering for our Quilt Show, but it really isn't. Volunteer with a friend! Lock in the slot you want! Satisfy the MVQ requirement of working at least 2 hours at our show. WE NEED YOU! It takes everyone's help to make this show a success. The show has 188 volunteer slots to be filled. If you do the math, we need members to volunteer for more than one slot if their schedules allow. "Floaters" are especially valuable as they allow us flexibility to assign people to where they are most needed.

Last year's new time slots worked out well, so we will stick with 9:00-11:30, 11:30-2:00, and 2:00-4:00 on show days. Or you could work on Setup Day or help take down at the end of the show on Saturday.

Think about when and where you would like to help. The Sign Up Genius link on our website (under the Quilt Show tab) will be ready by our May meeting making it easy and painless for you to sign up! Remember, if your plans change or you want to work another shift, you can edit or add to your signup. All volunteers are admitted to the show for free no matter what day they work or what day they attend the show. If you need help signing up, please contact Linda Lydecker.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership for the 2024-2025 year. So far that's over 50 of you! If you haven't yet renewed, why not do it sooner rather than later? It's easy! Go to our website and look for the 2024-2025 membership form. From there you can print it, fill it out, and either bring it to a guild meeting or mail it to the MVQ PO Box with a check. Better yet, you can save some time by easily renewing online using our secure PayPal/credit card checkout. I'll also have some more membership forms at our guild meeting if you'd rather renew in person.

For only a small membership fee, you can reap a multitude of benefits:

- Share your passion for quilting with like-minded friends.
- Be inspired by professional speakers.
- Appreciate the awesome talent of our members during Show and Tell
- Learn a new skill at a workshop.
- Stretch your creativity by participating in guild challenges.
- Discover new tips, tricks, and techniques from Sew and Know demonstrations.
- Feel good when you donate to our annual comfort quilt charity.
- Share the pride in our annual quilt show.

Don't miss out on being a part of our wonderful, active, and friendly guild.

Linda Lydecker
MVQ Membership Chair

SEW AND KNOW FOR OUR MAY MEETING

I'm presenting how to construct a Collaged Background. It's a quick, versatile technique that I have used a lot. I will have several samples, and a handout detailing the process and ways to use this 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.

As of now, nobody has signed up to do Sew and Know for the June meeting. Without a volunteer, there will be no Sew and Know. I know you all love to see the tips and techniques our members share so let's keep SEW AND KNOW alive.

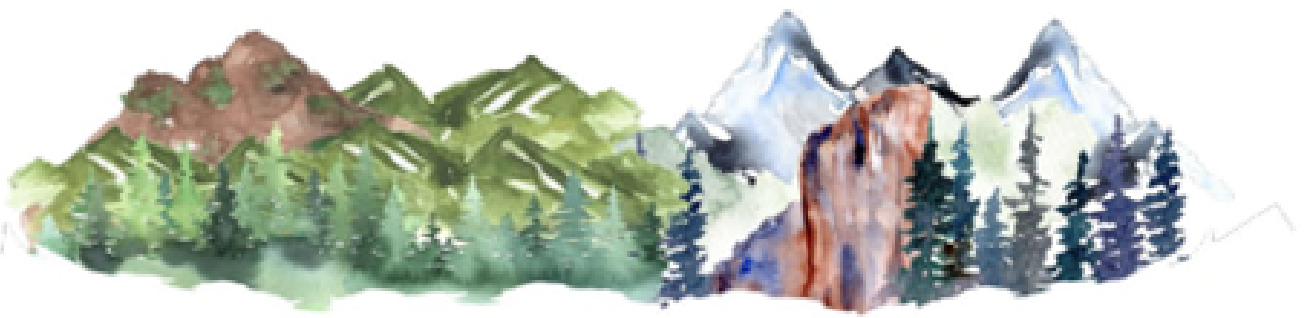
In order to do that, we need members to come forward and show or demonstrate their favorite techniques so we can all learn together.

So, who has a favorite quilting tip or technique?

Something you've been working on and want to share?

Please email me!! Remember, I am searching for a presenter for our June meeting.

Janice Jones
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MVQ Quilting Retreat

Info & Updates

May 2024

Hi everyone!

Our spring retreat at The Valley Inn in Waterville Valley, NH. will be held from Thursday, May 16th to Sunday, May 19th. We have 28 people registered for the retreat and we are sharing Valley Inn with The Vermont Modern Quilt Guild once again.

I have sent a preliminary email to all retreat registrants. If you did not receive an email please contact me.

The Fall Retreat dates are November 7-10, 2024.

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

Phyllis Lauria

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May 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

PHYLLIS LAURIA
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APRIL GUILD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 04/18/24

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

President's Remarks – Lynette Pisani

- Lynne welcomed the group.
- We are very excited to have Sue Michaels presenting at the meeting.

Meeting changes

- Next month's meeting has been moved a week earlier and is in the Spurk building.
- The parking lot will be open.

Secretary's Report – Wendy Ward

- The March meeting minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Kelley/Liz Swan

- Diane sent out the income and expenses.
- Check your spam folder if you didn't receive it.
- Let Diane know if you have any questions.

Elections – Liz Swan

- Liz is this year's Nominating Chair.
- Jamie Ruh is the Vice Chair.
- Liz read the details related to the annual elections.
- Elections will begin on April 27th and end on May 7th.
- The results will be announced at the May meeting. Liz read the list of candidates.
- Candidates:
 - President: Nancy Scarfo
 - Vice President: Beth Bell Lavoie
 - Accounts Payable Treasurer: Theresa Bourque
 - Accounts Receivable Treasurer: Zena Runkel
 - Secretary – Wendy Ward

NEQE update – Lynette Pisani

- The weekend went well.
- A big thank you to Gail Forthoffer for all her hard work coordinating the many aspects of the event.
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the event.
- Liz Swan has the raffle quilt and Wendy has the quilt stand and bin of tickets.
 - Please let us know who these items should be returned to.

Retreat – Phyllis Lauria

- Phyllis has sent out 2 emails to the retreat participants.
- There are 28 people attending.
- There are 2 open slots.
 - Phyllis will send out the itinerary soon.

Sunshine – Phyllis Lauria

- Phyllis thanked people for reaching out to let her know about the passing of Marianne Karp's husband.
- Lynne let members know that at the family's request, the services will be private.

Challenge – Jamie Ruh

- Jamie has sent out the details regarding this year's challenge.
- The challenge is to make a banner reflecting the season of your birthday month.
- The banner size is 12" x 36".
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Programs - Terry Taylor/Pat Johnson

- Terry thanked everyone for taking the time to respond to the survey.
- The data collected was valuable and be used to plan future programs.
- The data collected from the survey has been posted to the guild website and our Facebook page.

NSUU Quilt Exhibit – Lynette Pisani

- We have been invited to display our quilts at North Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Danvers.
- The quilts would be displayed for 2 months.
- Lynne is waiting for the church to confirm when we can go and tour the space and gather additional details.

Membership – Linda Lydecker

- There are 2 new members: Darlene Irving and Pam Murphy.
- There was 1 guest: Gloria.
- Linda reminded members that it is time to renew their membership.
- Dues can be paid in cash, check, PayPal or Venmo.
- Members who renew by June will be considered a member in good standing which allows you to be able to put a quilt in the show and go on the retreat.
- Members are encouraged to wear your name badge at meetings.

Drawings

- Name badge drawing winners were Terry Taylor, Susan Dodge, Melissa Morrison.
- Fabric raffle winner was Beverly Valle

Other Business

- There were no other business items.

Show and Tell

- Many members shared their beautiful creations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Ward, Secretary.



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