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## From the President

I can't believe this guild year is almost over, it's been quite a year. We still need to fill a few board spots and 2 of them are the most important ones, our 2 2<sup>nd</sup> VP's who take care of all our Programs. We really need a couple members to step up and volunteer to take this over. Phyllis & Diane have been working hard & they've booked at least ½ the programs through September of 2013 & they're still working on filling in the open spaces. We have 3 members who've offered to be helpers to the Program Chairs so you will have plenty of help. Please contact Phyllis Small or Diane Popko for more information. We need your help to keep the guild going so please seriously consider doing this with a friend, we need to have the open officers positions filled before the next meeting in June, as our new officers will take over at the July meeting.

We still need a Quilt Show Chair for 2014's show & a Secretary. We also need a couple people to help with the 3 socials we have each year, we have one volunteer but still need at least one more for that. We are also looking for a Guild Historian, you can check with any of the current board members if you have any questions on any of these positions.

For those of you who had the pleasure of taking Gwen Marston's class, I hope you had as good a time as I did, it was awesome & she was a wonderful teacher, I can't wait to see all the finished projects from her class.

We'd also like to get a few members together to form a Special Events Recommendations Committee to look into some special guild activities like bus trips, so if you'd like to do this with a friend just let me know.

Please make sure you read through the **entire newsletter every month** as there is always lots of great information in there and you want to be able to take advantage of all the great stuff the guild has to offer!

Happy Quilting, Debbie!

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### Snippets

- ◆ Meetings begins at 6:45pm
- ◆ FVQI Board meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month and are open to all members.
- ◆ Show and Tell
- ◆ Neonatal quilts
- ◆ Library items
- ◆ Friendship Blocks Drawing
- ◆ Challenge Quilts!

## Help Needed

[Immediate openings!! FVQI still needs one or two Program Chairpersons \(2<sup>nd</sup> VP's\) for the next guild year.](#)

You have an opportunity to get involved, get to know people better, and serve our group! It is an extremely important and rewarding, but also challenging, job. The program committee is responsible for 8 programs and 3 to 4 workshops a year. The Program Chairs get to choose the programs, while at the same time getting to know the rest of the board and working with other wonderful members of the guild. You will also have the guidance & assistance of the current 2<sup>nd</sup> VP's!

There are already three enthusiastic volunteers to help with the Program Committee's jobs. The current 2<sup>nd</sup> VP's have already booked about half of the programs through September 2013 & are still working on filling in the empty months. Get involved quickly so you can have input on these fun choices!

The Program Chairperson will oversee the committee, delegate tasks, and attend monthly board meetings. If two people co-chair programs, you can alternate attending the monthly board meetings and share other responsibilities.

The duties of the Program Committee are as follows:

- Research and hire speakers; organize workshops; and arrange for transportation, room and board for the speaker when necessary;

- Follow-up with reminders to speakers and make arrangements for a few members to take the speaker to dinner before the lecture;

- Advertise workshops, oversee registration, collect tuition, distribute supply lists, and arrange for the workshop venue;

- Maintain a spreadsheet of monthly meetings (i.e. speakers, workshops)

- Maintain a spreadsheet of income and expenses;

- Announce upcoming speakers and events and encourage participation at every guild meeting; introduce the speaker for the evening;

- Submit monthly ad for the speaker and/or workshop to the Newsletter, Website, and Publicity Chairs;

- Make setup arrangements for speakers at Eno Hall and at workshop sites.

**This is a great job for a well organized person! Consider taking it on and, if you like, inviting a friend to co-chair. Or, if you prefer to be a co-chair but don't know who to invite, let us know and we will work to pair you with someone. Call to discuss if you are considering volunteering but need more information. If someone doesn't step forward, we will have no programs, without you we will have no guild.**

***Secretary***, she serves as corresponding secretary, records and distributes minutes of all Executive Board Meetings and takes notes at General meetings when needed. Sends mass email to the membership to relay urgent information. Responsible for organizing the membership to make the President's quilt.

***Socials Chairs***, are responsible for planning and facilitating 3 social events a year; fall retreat (1 day), holiday party in December and June social. You recruit volunteers from the membership to help with food and beverages for these events and you promote these events through the monthly Newsletter, Website and Publicity Chair. Good organizational and communication skills help, busy prior to events, slow when no events are upcoming.

***Guild Historian***, maintains albums with photos from guild events, collects newspaper articles in the albums and documents any milestones for the guild.

## This Month's Meeting

Wednesday, May 16th, 6:45 pm

Eno Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury

Karen Griska, a quilter from the age of 13, who wrote the book, "Quilts form the Selvage Edge", will talk to us about the creative process and bring us her trunk show, including a few selvage quilts.

[www.selvageblog.blogspot.com](http://www.selvageblog.blogspot.com)

[www.etsy.com/shop/karengriskaquilts](http://www.etsy.com/shop/karengriskaquilts)

[www.empirebom.blogspot.com](http://www.empirebom.blogspot.com)

## Future Programs

June 20, 2012—June Social



*You're invited to FVGQ's Annual*

# June Social

When: **Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45 pm**  
 Where: **Eno Memorial Hall – Simsbury, CT**  
 (Normal Guild Meeting Time & Location)

*Note: This year the event will not be potluck.  
 Just bring yourself and enjoy the company  
 of your fellow quilters.*

Questions? Please contact Lauren Elliott and Kate Vincent

July 18, 2012—Service Projects

August 15, 2012—Road Trip to Quilting By The Yard, Vernon, CT

Prizes and Surprises

Sign up starting at May Meeting

Car pooling encouraged (drivers wanted)



## Upcoming Workshops

Those who took Karen Loprete's and Gwen Marston's workshops had a wonderful experience. We are looking forward to some unusual "Show and Tell" quilts soon.

Look for more great workshops starting next fall. We will be scheduling more Saturday workshops for those who can't participate on week days.

## UFO Project



We officially have 17 completed UFO projects as of April; only 207 more to go!  
Congratulations go out to the following people for finishing up UFO's"

Karen Hines

Judy Ross (3)

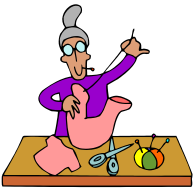
Michelle Palmer (2)

Linda Huppelsberg (3)

Sally Sargent Markey

Susan Elliot (2)

Please let us know at each guild meeting if you have completed a step on any of your UFO's. We have a chart and would like to track your progress. Happy sewing!



## June Challenge

The June challenge is "Sunshine and Shadow". The challenge is to do something with the phrase "Sunshine and Shadow". The link below has one example of the traditional block Sunshine and Shadow which may be a source of inspiration. There are other examples of the block that you might find on the internet or in other sources including Barbara Brackman's Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO USE A BLOCK PATTERN.** You may interpret the theme as a picture which has sunshine and shadow in it. As sunshine and shadow may represent a positive/negative, you are free to go with that interpretation also. The challenge piece may be pieced, appliqued or any technique you want to use and may be of any size, but must be finished, quilted and bound. Have fun. Any questions: Judy Ross 860-674-9521 or judygy @comcast.net or Aurelle Locke 860-653-9414 or alocke61164@sbcglobal.net.

<http://www.sewquilty.com/History/0312.html>

## Membership News

### From Our 1st Vice President:

Each year the Guild finds it a challenge to have members renew their membership before the end of the summer. This poses a problem from a bookkeeping stand point, as well as trying to assemble a complete membership list and distribute it in a timely manner to the Guild. In order to encourage members to renew their membership by the end of August, the board voted to impose a \$5 penalty fee to any renewing member that has not paid their dues by September 1st. This means that as of September 1, 2012, a renewing member will be charged \$30. In addition, renewing members that have not paid and renewed their membership before January 1st, will no be eligible for a prorated membership fee.

Members can renew at Guild meetings, May through August 2012 for \$25. For those members unable to attend these meetings, the membership form will be posted on our website and can be electronically or manually filled out, and a check for the dues can be sent to our PO Box. We hops this does not inconvenience anyone, but rather strengthen our membership and eliminate members who fall through the cracks.

### Birthday's:



#### *May*

5/04 - Meredith Hurst  
 5/07 - Susan Gilmore  
 5/08 - Lee Thomson  
 5/09 - Anne Dodge  
 5/09 - Gina Finch  
 5/09 - Peg Giles  
 5/21 - Rita Rehm  
 5/23 - Sue Greene  
 5/28 - Diane Popko

#### *June*

6/03 - Pat Engelhardt  
 6/13 - Betsy Henebry  
 6/16 - Mary Skwar  
 6/19 - Lynn Emery  
 6/21 - Anne Baldis  
 6/23 - Joanie Cover  
 6/23 - Barbara Heagney  
 6/23 - Laurie Rio

## Guest Policy



There will be a \$5.00 **Guest Fee** at Guild Meetings with fee speakers and potluck dinners. Guest who join the guild that evening do not have to pay the guest fee.

## Sunshine



Don't forget Sally always wants to know if anyone needs a cheer card or a sympathy card . You can contact Sally Sargent Markey (653-3224) or any board member. Sally's new email is : [sallyspaints@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyspaints@yahoo.com).

## Quilt Show

The guild donated \$500 to the NE quilt Museum and \$1,500 to Quilts of Valor from the 2011 Quilt Show. These were the two charities that were selected in a vote by the guild in 2009. We know the money will be put to good use.

We are looking for one or two people to step up and agree to Chair or Co-Chair our 2014 Quilt Show. Why not do it with your best buddy from the guild, you can make it girls night out when you start your meetings. You will have extensive information to guide you from our 2011 Show & Committee Chairs who worked very hard to come up with comprehensive information for everyone involved. We will be booking the University of Hartford for our 2014 Show, so that part will be taken care of already.

Please consider doing this as this is our one & only fundraiser for the guild and it funds all our great lectures & workshops and keeps those workshop prices at \$35 for the guild, which is a steal when you look into taking classes elsewhere from these awesome teachers.

## Community Service

Thank you to all who have completed your neo-natal quilt(s) for this year! Since last June we have received 53 quilts. We know that these quilts take more work and more fabric than the previous smaller quilts, but they are much more useful to the hospital. Remember that the minimum size is 36" x 36". Any size from 36" to 40" is perfect.

There are still two months to turn in your quilt for this year. With around 120 members in the guild, think how many quilts we will have if everyone makes one quilt. The quilts are really appreciated by UCONN hospital and the parents who receive them. Keep them coming!!

Thank you,

Dot Witter and Lorna Knudsen  
Neo-Natal Committee

## Member Classifieds

***This is a new feature to the Newsletter.*** If you would like to advertise a service or are looking to sell or buy something related to quilting/sewing, you can now advertise it here. Your advertisement will be kept in the Newsletter for six months; after which it will be removed unless told otherwise.

***Service:*** The Quilted Basket offers standard & custom hand guided machine quilting services for your quilting projects carrying quality Quilter's Dream batting and 108" Sew Batik wide backings, including two fabulous new colors: a beautiful red and deep wisteria, a very hard to find in batiks; call for more info on these Most standard quilts are finished in a week or less, custom quilting takes a little longer. [www.quiltedbasket.com](http://www.quiltedbasket.com) or call Debbie D'Angelo at 860-621-5596 or e-mail [quiltedbasket@cox.net](mailto:quiltedbasket@cox.net). Brochures are at the information table at all our meetings.

***Opening:*** Apple Valley Quilters has some openings for a 6-7 hour workshop entitled "ZenQuilting" with Pat Ferguson on Saturday, May 19th at The Summit, 261 Summit Street, Plantsville, CT. Cost is \$35 for FVQ members, and \$50 for non-members. There is an additional \$40 kit fee payable to Pat the day of the workshop, which includes your materials for the class and Pat's new workbook. If interested please contact Donna Nicklis at 860-675-3449 or [nicklisd@yahoo.com](mailto:nicklisd@yahoo.com).

***Showing:*** I am having a solo show, Twigs and Tides, at the UConn Health Center, 263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, from May 14th to August 2, in the building's main lobby and mezzanine. There will be a reception on Thursday, July 12th from 4:30-6:30pm. I'd be delighted to see FVQI members there! Diane Cadrain  
[diane.cadrain@snet.net](mailto:diane.cadrain@snet.net)  
<http://stitching-it-all-together.blogspot.com>

## Quilt Shows & Events

For a national and international calendar of quilt events go to the Studio Art Quilt Association website:  
[www.saqa.com](http://www.saqa.com)

### 2012 Exhibitions at the New England Quilt Museum

18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA  
[www.nequiltmuseum.org](http://www.nequiltmuseum.org)

### Dedicated Quilting Weekend Retreat on Cape Cod

Shoreway Acres Inn, Falmouth, MA  
[DQWCapeCod@gmail.com](mailto:DQWCapeCod@gmail.com)

### May 14 - August 2, 2012

Diane Cadrain will have a solo quilt show "Twigs and Tides" at UCONN Health Center.

Reception on July 12th - 4:40-6pm

### May 19 & 20, 2012

Warwick Valley Quilters' Guild  
30th Anniversary Stars of the Valley Quilt Show

Sanfordville Elementary School  
144 Sanfordville Road, Warwick, NY

[www.wvqg.org](http://www.wvqg.org)

### June 29 - July 1, 2012

Vermont Quilt Festival  
St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT  
[www.vqg.org](http://www.vqg.org)

### July 12 - October 14, 2012

Back Stitch; A 25-Year Retrospective  
Of Advances & Milestones in Quiltmaking

### September 17 - 23, 2012

"Things With Wings"  
A week long quilting event.  
New England Air Museum, Windsor Locks, CT  
10:00am - 5:00pm daily  
Guest Lecturers: Marie Bostwick Sept 22nd and  
Sue Reich Sept 23  
For more information or to enter a quilt; contact  
Jackie Kunkel at: [jackie@cvquiltworks.com](mailto:jackie@cvquiltworks.com)

### October 12 - December 29, 2012

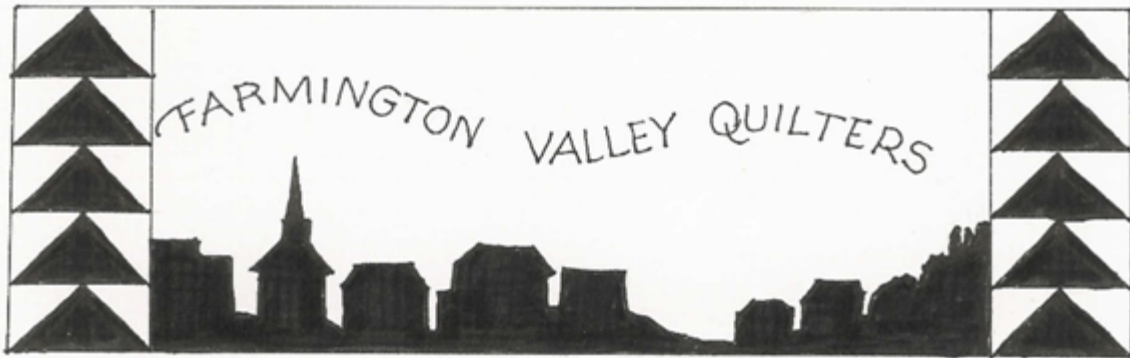
Great Quilts, Great Stories

**2011—2012  
FVQI Board Members**

<b>President</b>	Debbie D'Angelo
<b>First Vice President</b>	Sherry Shoblom & Caroline Berman
<b>Second Vice President</b>	Phyllis Small (2nd year)
<b>Second Vice President</b>	Diane Popko (1st year)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lori Yount
<b>Secretary</b>	Chris Snieckus
<b>Publicity &amp; Friendship Blocks</b>	Sue Greene
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Christine Zepp
<b>Quilt Show Chair</b>	Karen Hines

**2011—2012  
Committees**

<b>ABC Quilts</b>	Sue Trimble Anne Baldis Betty Warner Diane Calkin Glenda Martin
<b>Bee Keeper</b>	Jane Hadley
<b>Fabric Swap Box</b>	Sue Elliott
<b>Friendship Blocks</b>	Sue Greene
<b>Hospitality</b>	Laurie Rio & Caroline Berman
<b>June Challenge</b>	Aurette Locke & Judy Ross
<b>Library</b>	Anne Dodge Lois Palmer Lynn Emery Lisa Oliver
<b>Mystery Night</b>	Meg Lines
<b>Neo Natal Quilts</b>	Dot Witter & Lorna Knudsen
<b>Retreat—Fall</b>	Lauren Elliott & Katie Vincent
<b>Retreat—Spring</b>	Caroline Berman
<b>Socials</b>	Lauren Elliott & Kate Vincent
<b>Webmaster</b>	Laurie Rio



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Hopmeadow Street  
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