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Farmington Valley
Quilters Newsletter

July 2010

From the President

The June social was terrific. It was great to see the “Country” Challenge pieces. Congratulations to all who took home a ribbon! Not only are the members of our guild talented quilters, they are also fabulous cooks – everything was delicious. Thanks to Bonnie Llopis and Judy Prohaska for the Challenge, thanks to Anne Baldis for reserving the Firemen’s Club House, and thanks to the board members who have finished their term. I’d also like to thank those members who have volunteered to be on the board this year.

There are several things I would like to accomplish this year, and yes, these are my New Year’s resolutions for the Guild: get to know all of our members better; participate in our service projects (Neo-natal & ABC); complete at least three of my PIGS (Projects In Grocery Sacks); and make the friendship blocks.

The venue contract has been signed for the 2011 Quilt Show! We will be holding the show in the Gengras Building at the University of Hartford, October 14-16, 2011. The Quilt Show Committee still has a few unfilled positions, if you would like to volunteer please see either Karen Hines or Meg Lines. Remember just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a whole Guild to hold a show. Please see Karen Hines’ article for more details. You have plenty of time to get your quilt show submission finished! I encourage everyone to have a piece hung in the 2011 show.

In July we will be meeting at the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department Club House on Town Forest Road (off Stratton Brook Road, Simsbury). We will be working on Neo-natal & ABC quilts, so bring your sewing machine – don’t forget your power cord and extension cord if you have one. (I’ll be able to check off one of my aforementioned resolutions!)

Thank you for this opportunity to serve the Guild in the President role. I am looking forward to an exciting year as we prepare for the 2011 quilt show and the guest speakers our program chairs have lined up for us. One part of our guild meetings I truly enjoy is Show & Tell – I absolutely love to see what everyone is doing, the creative ideas that our members come up with are amazing, but for me the best part is when a newer quilter brings in their project. I always come away from our meetings with a project in mind. Be sure to bring in your Show & Tell, you never know if your piece will be the one inspiration someone needs.

This year is a transition year for me personally, my husband and I celebrated our 25th anniversary, our youngest graduated high school and she moved to West Haven and one of my sons is planning to move to the Boston area by the end of the summer. You know the saying when life gives you scraps, make a quilt. The good thing that has come out of their moves is I will finally have a quilting room. I’ll be able to move the sewing machine out of the living room, organize my stash a bit better – have it all in one room, lay out the quilts that I have, take the cutting mat off the kitchen table, and put up a design wall (instead of the batting hanging on the living room wall). I will miss them terribly, but will think of them as I work on projects in my new quilting room!

Here’s a trivia question for everyone, which U.S. President made a quilt when he was 10 years old?

Enjoy your summer, keep cool, quilt in the shade and I’ll see you at the July meeting! Carrie

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Snippets:

- This meeting begins at 6:45pm
- Show and tell
- FVQI Board meetings are scheduled the first Wednesday of every month and are open to all members.
- Neonatal quilts
- Library items
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MONTHLY MEETING, WEDNESDAY JULY 21ST, 6:45PM, SERVICE MEETING AT THE FIREMAN'S CLUBHOUSE.

The Fireman's Clubhouse is at 24 Town Forest Road, off of Stratton Forest Road, Simsbury. This is another service meeting for both the ABC program and the Neonatal program. The February meeting was sparsely attended due to the bad weather, so this week we'll have another opportunity to do some charity work for our Guild.

For the ABC part of the program we are going to cut and sew together squares for the next ABC Quilt. Please bring cutting equipment (cutting boards, rulers and rotary cutters) or your portable sewing machine with thread and a seam ripper and extension cord). We will have at least 2 machines and 2 cutting set-ups there. Plus, we will have all the ABC fabric. We will supply the next square design with cutting and sewing instructions.

We look forward to see you next week.

SECRET BUDDIES: Sue Elliott will distribute Secret Buddies at the July Meeting.



Monthly Meeting, Wednesday August 18th at Eno Memorial

Sandy Morowski will be presenting a program on the EQ7 for the August 18th meeting at Eno. Come and learn what EQ7 is all about.

Please remember to wear your membership badges at every meeting. It helps us all know each other better!



Guest Policy for FVQI Meetings: There will be a \$5.00 Guest Fee for meetings with fee speakers and potluck dinners. Guests who join the guild that evening do not have to pay the guest fee.

2010 QUILT CHALLENGE

Judy and I would like to thank Connie Rowles, Diane Calkin, Robin Scholfield, Diane Popko and Joan Hines who volunteered to judge this year's challenge quilts. It is truly a daunting task. They did a splendid job.

We hope that all who participated enjoyed the project as much as the membership enjoyed seeing your interpretations of "My Country".

Congratulations go out to: Lee Thomson—Most Realistic, Norma Hartley—Best Use of Color, Lynn Emery—Most Unique, Aurelle Locke—Best Embellishing, Phyllis Small—Funniest, Better Warner—Best Nontraditional. Best of Show went to Aurelle Locke.

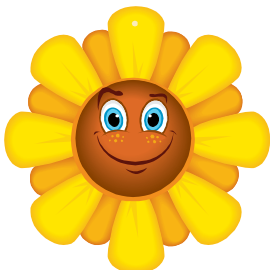
All of the quilts exhibited were exciting to view. Great job! The Challenge has long been the focus of the June meeting. Well, OK the food, too. In response to member suggestions, next year the Challenge will kick off earlier in the year. Of course, that means we'll be expecting a huge turnout of quilts at the 2011 June meeting.

Peace in Piecing,

Bonnie Llopis & Judy Prohaska

**A NOTE FROM OUR BEEKEEPER, JANE HADLEY**

It doesn't cost a thing but the gas to get there! Our Guild Bees are open to everyone in the guild membership! It is a great way to get to know other members a little better! We have 3 Bees presently active and operating. They are: The Wed. night Bee, meets at 7:00 once per month on the second Wednesday evening. This bee has several special projects going, besides the individual members own. Questions? Call Susan Elliott, QUEEN BEE; The Thursday night Bee meets the 4th Thursday of the month at various members homes. Questions? Call Lynn Emery, QUEEN BEE; The third Bee meets twice per month on Wednesday mornings. Questions? Call Ellen McCabe, QUEEN BEE.. HOPE YOU ALL CAN GET TO ONE OR MORE OF THESE BEES ON A REGULAR BASIS.!

**SUNSHINE**

Sally is always looking to know if anyone needs a cheer card or a sympathy card. So many members have remarked about how nice it is to receive a personal note. Let us know if you hear of any member who is ill or suffered a loss. The thoughtfulness is appreciated. You can contact Sally Sargent Markey (653-3224) or any board member.

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2011 Quilt Show

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2011 Quilt Show Committee Update by Karen Hines and Meg Lines

We have a venue!! We have a signed contract with the University of Hartford for October 14-16, 2011. We will be setting up the show Friday the 14th with the show Saturday from 10-5 and Sunday 10-4. Please be thinking of ways you can help the show be successful since we will be 3 years between shows.

We are looking for 2 or 3 people to fill some important positions:

Set Up / Take Down. This position could be done by one person or be split between two people; one for the Friday Set Up and one for the Sunday Take Down. This person would work with the pole vendor (already identified) who provides poles, drapes, etc. and the University for the number and placement of tables. The quantity is determined by the Display / Layout Committee. On Friday, supervise the set up of poles, tables, etc. and quilt hanging per the layout plan. On Sunday after the show, supervise quilt takedown and delivery to the pick-up area, and the breakdown of the rest of the show working with the pole vendor.

Invitationals. This person would contact special exhibitors (we have one in mind) to participate in the show. She would manage all their requirements, work with the Display / Layout Committee, and take responsibility for all intake, set up and takedown of these quilts.

Themed Basket Raffle for the 2011 Quilt Show - Michelle Belanger mabelanger@sbcglobal.net

We now have 12 groups building a basket - thank you to all who are participating! We have great ideas and themes. For those interested in helping with the baskets, I'm including a quick checklist of items coordinators have suggested to bring along shopping. Please contact the coordinators if you have any questions. We will also be collecting at the monthly Guild meetings. Thank you!

"Quilted Stocking"....Linda Walter

Looking to include: fat quarters, threads, pair of small embroidery/appliqué/decorative scissors, marking pencils/tools, small/narrow acrylic rulers, pocket calendar/planner, pins, tape measure, a few patterns

"Welcome Baby"..... Donna Dellacamera

Looking to include: Bibs, rattles, teething toys, onsies or other new baby needs; baby or juvenile themed fabrics, pattern or book for easy baby quilts.

"Game Night".... Michelle Belanger

Looking to add: variety of games such as Uno, dominos, Scrabble, etc.; a few snacks like microwave popcorn, pretzels, chips.

"All Year Long".... Anne Baldis

Looking to include: Any fabric or items that could be tied to a holiday or specific month or season.

"Butterfly Basket"... Debby Jacoby

Looking to include: any fabric with butterflies, patterns with a butterfly theme, stationary/magnetic pads or other items with butterflies

"Cats"... Susan Michaels

Looking to include: any fabric with cats; any items associated with cats or with cats on them

Other baskets for the 2011 Show:

Bag Ladies - Debbie D'Angelo

Quilted Stocking – Linda Walter

Quilters Basket - Meg Lines

Game Night - Michelle Belanger

Beach Basket – Rachel Foster

Coffee - Diane Popko

Chocolate - Paulette Young

Welcome Baby - Donna Dellacamera

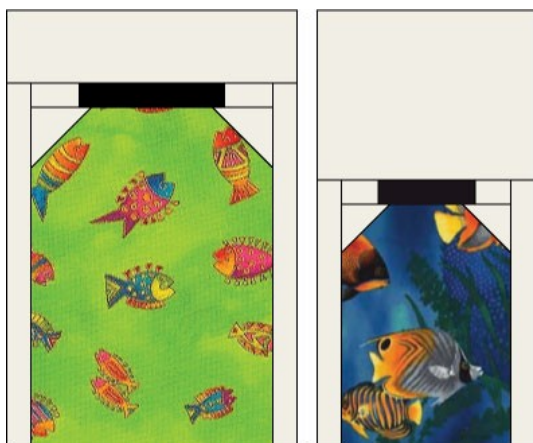
All Year Long – Anne Baldis

TBD – Janet Glynn



Friendship Block – July, August, and September -- Drawing in Sept. (a.k.a. Bug Jar Quilt Block)

Fill your quilt block with summer.....shells, bugs, jam, buttons, sea breezes, fairy dust, or whatever comes to mind! Have fun, be creative, and make as many as you like in either size. These blocks are super easy!! Each pattern is for 6 blocks, so divide quantities by 6 if you want to make just one. Blocks will be raffled at the September meeting.



Bug Jar Sizes: Both of the bug jar quilt blocks **finish** at 9-inches tall, but their widths differ. The quilt block with the tall jar in it finishes at 6-inches wide, and the block with the shorter jar finishes at 4-1/2" wide.

6" x 9" Bug Jar Cutting Instructions - 6 Blocks

Background Fabric:

six 2" x 6-1/2" bars (top trim)
 twelve 1" x 8" bars (side trim)
 twelve 1-3/4" x 1-3/4" squares (jar top corners)
 two 1-1/2" x 6-1/2" strips (for strip pieced lid units)

Jar Fabric:

Six 5-1/2" x 7-1/2" bars

Lid Fabric

3-1/2" x 6-1/2" bar (strip pieced lid units)

4-1/2" x 9" Bug Jar Cutting Instructions - 6 Blocks

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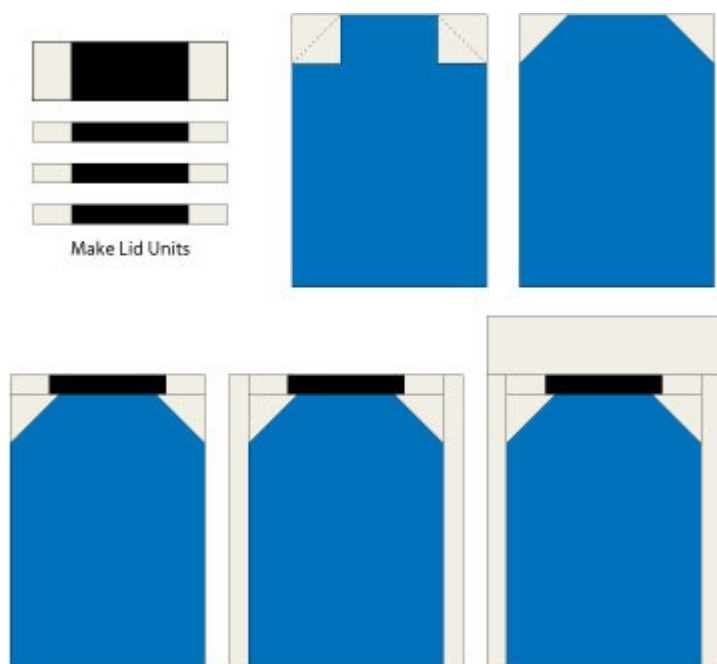
six 4" x 5" bars (top trim)
 twelve 1" x 6" bars (side trim)
 twelve 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" squares (jar top corners)
 two 1-1/4" x 6-1/2" strips (for strip pieced lid units)

Jar Fabric:

Six 4" x 5-1/2" bars

Lid Fabric

2-1/2" x 6-1/2" bar (strip pieced lid units)



The illustration on the left shows you the step-by-step assembly of the block with the larger bug jar inside it -- the jar that finishes at 6-inches wide. The narrower jar is assembled in exactly the same way

Assembling a Jar Quilt Block

Use [1/4" seams](#) throughout unless the directions specify another method.

Make the Strip Pieced Lid Units

Find your lid fabric strip and the two lid background strips. Sew a background strip lengthwise to each long edge of the lid strip. Press seam allowances towards the lid strip.

Square-up one end of the strip using the same method as for [squaring-up fabric](#) before cutting long strips. Cut six 1-inch wide segments from the squared-up end (segment width is the same for both block sizes).

Assemble the Bug Quilt Blocks

Use the quick-pieced triangle corners technique to sew squares to each top corner of your jar fabric.

- Find your bug jar square.
- Draw a line from one corner to the opposite corner on the reverse side of each small background square.
- Align a square in each corner of the block as shown, right sides together. Take care to align raw edges as closely as possible. Stitch a seam directly on each drawn line.
- Trim excess edges, leaving about 1/4" past the seam line. Flip the corner patches right side up. Press the seam allowance towards the bug fabric.

Sew the lid unit to the top of the jar. Press the seam allowance towards the jar.

Sew a narrow background side unit to each side of the jar. Press the seam allowances towards the jar.

Sew the top background unit to the jar unit. Press the seam allowance towards the background unit.

Questions? Call Sue Greene (860-675-82636)

Member Ads: For an ad in this section contact Bobbi Morehouse: 860/658-6637 or r.morehouse@comcast.net

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

(Listings are based on information we have; ALWAYS call to double check dates and times.)

National Small Art Quilt Works

Exhibition 2010
July 23, 2010 to September 05, 2010
The Main Street Gallery
105 Main Street
Groton, NY
Phone: 607-898-9010
Website: www.mainstreetgal.com

Threads of Friendship Quilt Show

July 24 & 25, 2010
www.cornerstonequilters.org
Tantasqua Regional High School
Rte 148/Brookfield Rd, Sturbridge, MA

LOST ACRES ORCHARD, North Granby, CT
860/653-6600

Our Summer Quilt Happening will be on
Saturday, July 31st, from 9am to 4pm. You can email
ginny@lostacres.com for more details, or watch our
website or facebook page for updates.

WORLD QUILT SHOW—NEW ENGLAND

AUGUST 19-22, 2010
Radisson Center of New Hampshire
www.worldquilt.com

Harvest of Quilts

Sept. 25 & 26, 2010
www.countryquilters.org
Pine Bush High School,
Route 302, Pine Bush, NY

Quilts in the Mill, Oct. 1-3, 2010, Courthouse
Quilters Guild of Hunterdon County, NJ., is having
its biennial quilt show. The mill is located on RTE
29 in Stockton, NJ. For more information contact:
www.courthousequilters.com

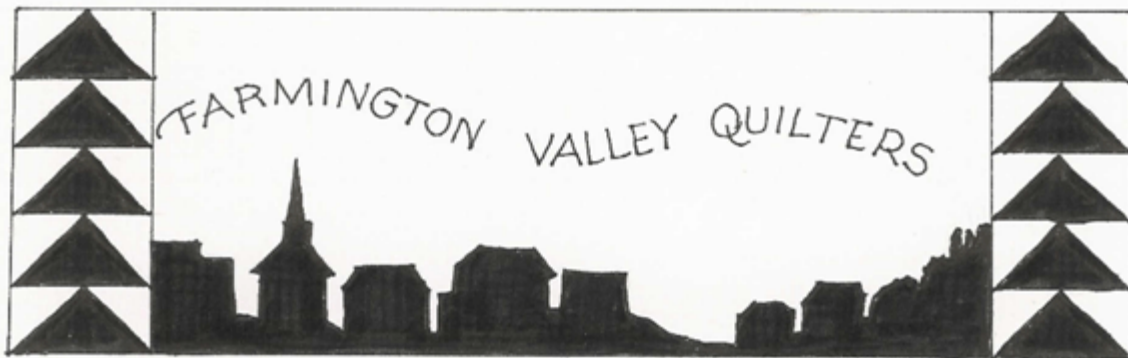
14th Annual Quilt and Needle Arts Show

Oct 10 & 11, 2010
First Church of Christ, Congregational
East Haddam CT
for more information, see the website:
ehquiltshow@att.net

A Tisket, A Tasket Quilt Show

March 26-27, 2011
www.loveapplequilters.com
The Blue Barn, 1009
Tuckerton Road, Marlton, NJ

Farmington Valley Quilters Quilt Show
October 14—16, 2011,
Gengras Student Center,
Univ of Hartford
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