

## Leadership Opportunities for FVQI Members

Help Wanted: 2 members to serve on a nominating committee for Board Members for 2008-2009 year. Contact Sue Trimble if you would like to either be on the nominating committee or be considered for nomination.

Nominations to be presented in May, election to occur in June. New leadership starts in July.

Existing Board positions to be filled:  
1st VP  
2nd VP for Programming  
Publicity Chair  
Quilt Show Chair(s) for 2010 Quilt Show (this actually becomes effective in January 2009)

New Board positions to be proposed at April meeting:

- Social Chair
- Hospitality Chair

The Board is recommending that the by-laws be changed to provide for two new positions:

Social Chair—In charge of Fall Coffees, December party, Spring Retreat, June Social.

Hospitality Chair—To recruit volunteers, greet members at meeting and handle clipboards for signups.

### This Month's Meeting Wednesday April 16

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### Snippets:

- Meetings begin at 6:45pm
- Quilts for Show and Tell
- Bring items for auction baskets
- Quilts, clothespins for Barn Tour
- FVQI Library Books for Return
- FVQI Board meetings are scheduled the first Wednesday of every month and are open to all members.

## This Month -April 16th & 17th—Lecture and Workshop—Annette Ornelas

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This workshop is priced at \$45 plus a small fee for the pattern. Anyone who would like to take a class with this fabulous teacher. If interested please contact Judy at 674-9521 ([judygym@comcast.net](mailto:judygym@comcast.net)) or Aurelle at 653-9414 ([alocke6164@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alocke6164@sbcglobal.net))

For more information about Annette Ornelas go to our website [www.fvqi.com](http://www.fvqi.com) or Ms Ornelas site, [www.southwindquilts.com](http://www.southwindquilts.com). She is the author of Peeled-Back Patchwork: Curves without Piecing

## Next Month—May 21st & 22nd—Lecture and Workshop with Becky Goldsmith

The Farmington Valley Quilters Guild is honored to announce that we will have **Becky Goldsmith from Texas** giving a **workshop** on her **Appliqué the Piece O' Cake Way**. Piece O' Cake Designs is a company specializing in quilt books and patterns. They are especially known for their appliqué designs. Becky is a world-renowned teacher who has multiple books (13 books currently in print) and patterns in print. She has taught around the world. She has been on Simply Quilts a number of times and is extremely well known in the quilting community. The workshop she will be giving on May 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2008 will be **Lorna's Vine** - from Amish-Inspired Quilts. A 1-day, 6-hour class. All skill levels.

Learn to appliqué the Piece O' Cake way! You will learn easy template making, how to make and use an overlay for appliqué, and, most importantly, the invisible appliqué stitch. Learn cutaway appliqué as you work on a vine block and off-the-block construction as you work on a "wheel" block in class. Becky will teach you how to design your very own signature block.



The workshop is priced at \$60. If interested please contact Judy at (860) 674-9521 ([judygym@comcast.net](mailto:judygym@comcast.net)) or Aurelle at (860) 653-9414 ([alocke6164@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alocke6164@sbcglobal.net))

## Workshop Refund Policy

Thirty (30) days prior to the workshop, no refunds will be made unless your slot can be filled by a person from the waitlist, first, or other FVQ member, second.



## Guest Policy

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.

## March Show and Tell

Rita Rehm—Hydrangea Crossings, A Grandmother;s Little Flower Garden  
 Gina Finch—Bear Paw  
 Helga Sobek—Batik Vest  
 Carrie Bacewicz—Frozen Panda  
 Debbie D'Angelo—Nikki's First Quilt  
 Sally Sargent Markey—Kayleigh's Summer Quilt

## SUNSHINE

**Get well wishes were sent to Diane Calkin and a thinking of you note to Deb Mella. Both quilters have undergone operations in the past month.**

So many members have remarked about how nice it was to receive our cards. Let me know if you hear any member who is ill or suffered a loss. It is appreciated. You can contact Pat Hersl or any board member.

## Membership Info

**March Meeting:** Attendance: 62 plus 1 guest

**Total number of FVQ Members: 137**

## 2007-2008 Membership Directory Updates

Rowena York [york333@comcast.net](mailto:york333@comcast.net)

**2007-08 FVQ Directory:** Now available via email, contact Connie if you would like to receive it electronically.

## Neo-Natal Quilts

To date, we have 17 neo-natal quilts for the NICU at UConn's John Dempsey Hospital.

## 2008 FVQI Challenge—Here it is! Get Started Now!

Farmington Valley Quilters' Challenge - BUILD YOUR OWN HOUSE! Large, small, log cabin, beach house, school house, gingerbread house even birdhouse! There will be many judging categories; prettiest, funniest, cutest, most unique, most embellished, etc. Any technique can be used. Entries will be viewed and judged at the June social.

## FVQI Board

**President**  
Diane Calkin

**First Vice President**  
Connie Beilstein

**Second Vice Presidents**  
Aurelle Locke  
Judy Ross

**Treasurer**  
Sue Trimble

**Secretary**  
Norma Hartley

**Publicity**  
Susan Elliott

**Newsletter Editor**  
Betty Warner

**2008 Quilt Show Co-Chairs**  
Caroline Berman  
Deb D'Angelo

## Quilt Show Update

Mark your calendars October 4th and 5th, 2008

### Raffle Ticket Report from Justine Cancryn

We've sold 160 tickets so far, have delivered 600 to the Phelps Museum for the upcoming barn tour and have distributed about another 1000 to various guild members for them to sell. I'll be at the April meeting to try to distribute more tickets and collect any monies the guild members have. Of course, tickets are available at Gone Quilting at all times.

### From Deb D'Angelo—Vendor Update

To date the following have committed to taking vendor spaces at our quilt show:

Quilter's Treasure	Sew Inspired
Patchwork Cottage	Christian Lane Quilters
Gone Quilting	Quilting by the Yard
Baskets, Boxes and Things	Quilters Alley
Susan's Quilt Creations	

### Also from Deb D'Angelo—Something new at this year's quilt show

This year we will also have our first in a series of Quilt Festival Pins for sale. They are a replica of one of the blocks from our raffle quilt.

## 2010 RAFFLE QUILT

Remember to bring your completed blocks to the meeting. There are a few pieces to be done left for now; however, others will be coming along as the first wave is returned. If you can't make the meeting, blocks can be mailed to:

Pat Hersl  
16 Alcott Way  
Avon, CT 06001

Please try to participate. The more the merrier!

Questions about Auction Baskets, please email or call Susan Elliott ([shseliott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shseliott@sbcglobal.net), 658-0863) or Jill VanSlooten ([jilanvan@hotmail.com](mailto:jilanvan@hotmail.com), 673-4771).

### Complete list of baskets:

Holiday Hostess, Quilter's Dream, Under Water, Dog Lovers, Snack Time, Got to Have It, Scrappy Quilt Daze, Tea Time, Cat Lovers, Halloween, In the Garden, A Dancer's Palette, Turkey Trot

### Question:

*Where can you see the raffle quilt this week?*

### Answer:

*It's at the Phelps Museum in preparation for the Barn Tour.*



FVQI 2008 Raffle Quilt

**Member Ads:**

**I am looking for an older computerized Pfaff with walking foot. Please Contact Aurelle Locke at 653-9414.**

**Saturday, Jun 28, 10:30AM-Noon. How to work with a Long Arm Quilter!**

Join us at Sew Inspired Quilt Shop for a free lecture regarding tips and techniques for preparing your quilt for long arm quilting. Call 651-8885 to reserve your spot.

Want to place an ad here for yourself or a quilt related business. The Newsletter Advertising policy can be found in the July 2007 Newsletter which is available on line at [www.fvqi.com](http://www.fvqi.com).

**Quilt Shows and Events****UPCOMING EVENTS****Quilt Show – Winchester Center, CT—April 26th & 27th**

The Winchester Center Congregational Church on Rt. 263 in Winchester Center ,CT, will present its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Quilt Show on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> , 10 am-5 pm and Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> , 1-5 pm. Admission is \$5.00.

Quilts will be on display in our historic church. Vendors will be on site and the church will offer items for sale. Refreshments (homemade soups, chili and desserts) will be available. This year's featured quilt, "Carpenter's Star," will be raffled off and the winner will be chosen on Sunday at 4 pm.

All quilters and vendors are invited to exhibit their treasures in this non-juried show. For an application or further information, please call MaryPat at (860) 379-2184.

**Quilty Pleasures—Phyllis Small February 14—April 30, 2008**

UConn Health Center—Farmington, CT  
8am—9pm Daily in the Exhibition Cases, Hospital Lobby and Mezzanine  
At top of hospital escalator

**Machine Quilters Expo April 14 - 19**

The Center of New Hampshire/Radisson Hotel  
700 Elm Street  
Manchester, NH 03101

**World of Quilts XXIX May 3—4, 2008  
Somers, NY****Ricky Tims Seminar**

Glens Falls New York

May 1-3, 2008 (Thursday through Saturday)

Cost depends on the number in our group

See Laurie Dhandapani for more information

**Vermont Quilt Festival**

Champlain Valley Expo, Essex Jct, VT  
June 27—29, 2008



**You are invited to join the**  
Hearthside Quilters Bus Trip to Northern Star Quilt  
Show—World of Quilts XXIX in Somers, NY.

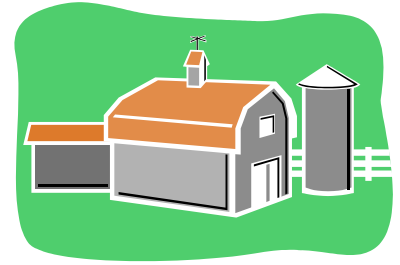
Leaves promptly from Harwinton Town Hall, Bently Drive, Harwinton, CT at 8:15am. Alternate pickups Route 8/Route 118 exit 42 lower commuter lot by 8:30am or Southbury exit 15 near McDonald's approximately 8:50am.

Leave quilt show at 4pm to go to Il Forno Restaurant and Country Quilter. Depart 6pm for home.

\$32.00 includes show ticket, bus, and driver gratuity. No refunds.

For info call Patty Nimchek 860-489-3220.

**The Quilted Barn**, a driving tour of 10 noteworthy barns and FVQ quilts, will be held in Simsbury on Sunday, May 4, 2008. (quilts will be displayed at 4-5 locations). Tickets are \$15 and will be available for sale at the April Meeting, as well as Gone Quilting, Sew Inspired and the Phelps Tavern Museum. See Connie for tickets at the meeting. Our raffle quilt will be displayed at The Simsbury Historical Society which is at The Phelps Tavern Museum on Hopmeadow Street through May 4th. The Phelps Tavern Museum Barn will be decorated with our quilts and open to visitors that day as well.



### **Still Needed for the Quilted Barn Tour:**

1. More quilts

If you are interested in showing your quilt please bring it to the April Meeting or email Connie to arrange drop off at her house. [conniect@comcast.net](mailto:conniect@comcast.net)

2. Wooden Clothespins

Anyone who would like to donate clean wooden clothes pins please bring them to the April Meeting.

### **A Few of My Favorite Things—from Barbara McKie**

As promised at last month's meeting, Barbara has provided this list.

These are a few of my favorite things (and where to get them).

For squaring up my fabrics, you can't beat the Salem Rule System.

I can get the rulers for you (I've not seen them in local stores). The price for the 24" square ruler is \$34.95, and the 48" long folding ruler is the same, plus shipping. If members of the guild want to order together, the shipping would be less. I will charge just my costs for shipping.

Fusible web:

Lite Steam-A-Seam – doesn't show through silk or other thin fabrics, holds well.

If it comes back as it was before (Style #400 Trans-Web by Handler...not now available) . Don't get #4000 style

Also try Esterita Austin's Misty Fuse web. You will need to get some Teflon applique sheets or parchment paper to use with it as it has no backing.

For needle threading – I love the Clover needle threader! I also like the Bohin between Patchwork #7 needles for applique. They are fairly easy to thread.

For burying thread – I use the Boye needle threader and a chenille needle. Lo-Ran (usually available at Wal-Mart) also makes a nice needle threader, but I prefer the Boye one. Check out the embroidery thread section. I use Clover's Gold Eye Chenille Needles to do the thread burying.

*Plans are well underway for this event!*

*Thanks to all who volunteered either time or quilts!*

## **Barbara's Favorite Things (Continued)**

For rotary cutters, I like the Ergo Rotary cutter by Martelli. They seem to last much longer than others, but I also like the Clover cutter as well.

Cotton printing –

EQ (Electric Quilt) Printables Premium Cotton Satin Inkjet Fabric Sheets” works well for labels – best to use Dura Brite Inks and Epson printers for longer life of prints, unless you want to get into the expensive Disperse Dye system I use. For long life of prints, laser prints or color copier prints work well as do the latest disperse dye prints that I use.

For perfectly straight ¼” seams O’Lippa makes the Seams Sew Fast that guides your fabric...no hands perfect sewing. Good for strip piecing.

Easy to use and remove stabilizer: Sulky’s Paper Solvy and Washout Solvy

Basting – Temporary adhesive spray 505 (others are good too).

Thread for binding – I like Silamide thread as it doesn’t fray for sewing my bindings down by hand. I get it at Atlanta Thread and Supply Company 1-800-847-1001.

Batting – a combination of Matilda’s wool for flatness and stability with Hobbs wool batting for loft. Matilda’s alone is good if you don’t want the loft.

Learning Dyeing – Pro-Chemical classes are wonderful, and close by. They even provide fantastic lunches with the lab fees. They sell a beginning book for immersion dyeing that will teach you how to dye just about any color and help you get a really good feel about what you need to add to make a color. It’s Color Wheel Fabric Dyeing by Katy J. Widger. Try in particular the Color Modulations and Color Modulation and value gradation.

Ann Johnston has at least two books on low water immersion dyeing Color by Design and Color by Accident. Both are great. I use Procion MX low water dyeing for all my immersion dyeing.

Dye painting, on the other hand, I prefer to use Procion H dyes as they last much longer, and you can take more time to paint the color on the fabric. However, recently, I’ve started using Procion MX, and am finding I like it.

For silk, I like both Procion H, but for the most vibrant colors I like Pebeo Soie and Tinfix Design silk dyes. Check out my article in the Spring 2005 AQS Magazine about techniques to try with the Pebeo Soie dyes. It’s the one with my Dancing Iris quilt on the cover.

Tips –

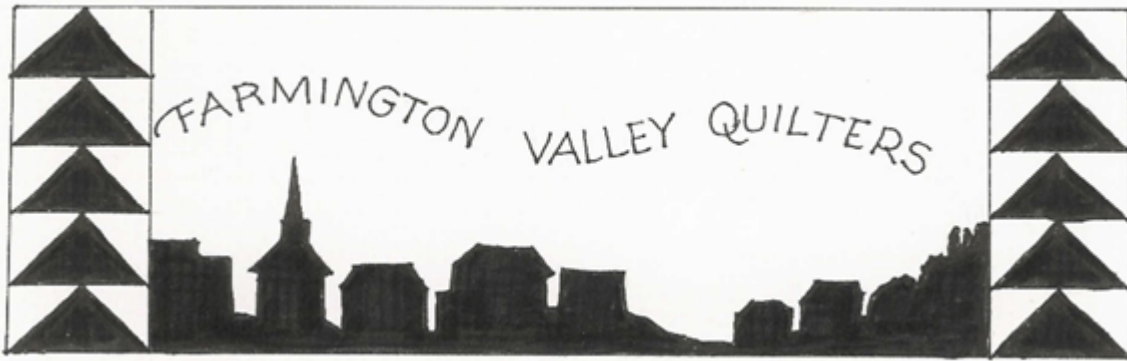
For curved seams (for free-form cut both fabrics at once) and mark center points in seam allowance. Start sewing at center point and work outward, matching cut edges AS YOU GO...DO NOT PIN! Repeat in other direction. For patterns, add ¼” and mark centers as you cut.

Hope you enjoyed my lecture. I’ve occasionally had people come to my studio in Lyme, CT for a one on one or two on one question and answer and demo to help you achieve your goals based on all the problem solving I’ve done with quilting. If interested, contact me at [mckieart@comcast.net](mailto:mckieart@comcast.net) My website: <http://mckieart.com> or <http://www.fiberrevolution.com> will connect you with me if my email address changes.

I enjoyed being with you all. Thank you for inviting me!

Happy quilting!

Barb McKie



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