

Farmington Valley  
Quilters Newsletter

March 2008

## A Passion For All Things Quilt and Quilting

Why are we quilters? What draws us here? While reflecting on what drives me and others I know to quilting, I concluded there is no one size fits all answer. There is something for everyone.

Love history! You can see, read about, and create reproductions of quilts from an era of history that fascinates you.

Love tools! Do I have to say more. Cutters, mats, rulers, markers, needles, accessories to hold them, and other organization necessities are there for us to indulge in.

Love color! Just peruse the offerings of any quilt shop or check out the thread displays and you see before you a rainbow that makes your heart beat faster.

Love making things! Quilted bed coverings, wall hangings, table runners, and bags are just waiting for us to take them from creations of our mind to the reality of fabric, batting, and thread turned into useful items for our homes, gifts for family and friends, or simply objects of art that we enjoy for its own sake.

What drives you?

***Quilt On!!***



## This Month's Meeting Wednesday March 19

Barbara Barrick McKie is an award winning quilter from Lyme, CT. She will present a lecture and trunk show of her award winning art quilts. You can get an advance look at some of her work at [www.mckieart.com](http://www.mckieart.com).

Barbara is an artist who has worked in many media, always returning to her first love, art quilts. She has successfully integrated the many aspects of her life's journey into her quilts.

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### Snippets:

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

## This Month -March 28th—Mystery Night at the Apple Barn

From Phyllis Small—*Get ready for the mystery. 3pm to 9pm Friday March 28th. Cost \$5.00. Sign up required.*

MYSTERY QUILT Advance Preparation (STEPS 1, 2, and 3)

1. Come to the Apple Barn prepared with 6 coordinating fat quarters (pick colors or patterns you like to work with).
  - 4 of the fat quarters should be of one color family. This is the A group.
  - 2 of the fat quarters should be of another color family that coordinates with the A group. This smaller group is (can you guess?) the B group.
2. Cut a 2-1/2" strip from each fat quarter (a total of 6 strips).
3. Sew, right sides together, just 1 strip from A group and 1 strip from B group. (Just bring the other 4 unsewn strips to the retreat).

### COMPLETE SUPPLY LIST FOR MYSTERY QUILT

Doors open at 3:00 p.m. and “fabric exchange” starts at 3:30, please try to be on time.

Bring with you to the Apple Barn the following:

1. The 6 Fat Quarters as prepared in steps #1, 2, & 3 above.
  2. This fabric is enough to make a 30” X 30” wall hanging. You may have time to finish this top at the retreat. If you want to make a larger quilt, or want to add sashing and borders, bring more of the same or similar (or coordinating) fabric. You can always decide this after the retreat, it will all work out.
  3. Name tag
  4. Food for the pot luck dinner
  5. Your favorite mug for soup
  6. Power strip
  7. Sewing machine and sewing supplies (thread, scissors, bobbins, needles, etc.)
- Small cutting mat, sharp rotary cutter, and rulers (a 9” square would be helpful)

The following would be helpful but not necessary:

1. Portable light
2. Tiny iron (we will be pressing and cutting after almost every seam). We plan to provide enough irons and ironing boards for everyone to share. (If you wish to volunteer one, please call Phyllis at 242-6841).

## 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.

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

We are excited to announce that for our April 2008 meeting we are lucky to have Annette Ornelas from North Carolina as our speaker. She will be giving a lecture on April 16th and teaching an inspiring workshop on the Mexican Star wall hanging on April 17th. All of her quilts are developed from **original designs**. She does beautiful geometric quilts and landscape quilts that are inspired by visual impression of everyday life and nature.

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](#)

Mexican Star Wall Hanging



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

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.

Lorna's Vine



The workshop is priced at \$60. We are again offering a **special price of \$40** to anyone who signs up and pays for the workshop before the end of March. This is a spectacular deal for anyone who would like to take a class with this famous and well respected teacher. 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))

## February Show and Tell

Debbie D'Angelo - Reversible Table Runner and Wool Penny Rug  
 Sandy Morawski - Dog-Gone Borders  
 Pauline Shaw - America Forever  
 Carrie Bacewicz - Pansies  
 Annemarie Riemer - Nick's Quilt  
 Michelle Macy - Flowers of the States, Batik Hearts, Catlin's Dresses, Scott & Nicole's Quilt

## SUNSHINE

Warm get-well wishes were sent to Minako Oba after the operation on her hand.

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

**February Guild Meeting:** Attendance: 38

**Welcome New Member:** Michelle Macy  
**Total number of FVQ Members:** 137

## 2007-2008 Membership Directory Updates

Michelle Macy michmacy@sbcglobal.net  
 Deb Mella dmella@cox.net  
 Diane Quimby diane\_q@yahoo.com

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

Any new members who have not yet received their 2008-09 Membership Card please come to the sign in table to pick one up.

## 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**  
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 Judy Ross

**Treasurer**  
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**Newsletter Editor**  
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**2008 Quilt Show Co-Chairs**  
 Caroline Berman  
 Deb Mella

## Quilt Show Update

Mark your calendars October 4th and 5th, 2008

### Tea Time Basket

Cathy Lettieri, Connie Rowles, and Bobbi Morehouse are working together (so far) on this basket.

It's **Tea Time**. We invite you all to imagine an "Invitation to Tea". What does "tea" mean to you? High Tea? Low Tea? Hot Tea? Cold Tea? Tea bags, tea biscuits, tea pots, tea cups, tea cozies, tea towels, tea caddies, and anything QUILT related that you might think of: fat quarters, patterns, tools, treats and charms, scones and jams. We would love to set a perfect table or in our case, fill an empty basket, with your help. (Did I mention we need tea?)



### Garden Basket

Meg Lines submitted this information

Work on the Garden Basket is "springing" forward. It will offer a quilt with a garden theme, many floral fat quarters, a garden book, garden utensils, many patterns and other pretty and/or useful garden accessories. It will also have some seasonal (autumn) goodies to reflect the date of the quilt show. We'd welcome any contributions.



## 2010 RAFFLE QUILT

We are well on the way! Remember to bring your completed blocks to the meeting. Anyone who would like to do another block is welcome back.

For those who missed the last meeting, please participate. We have both piecing and appliqué. We have small pieces and some larger ones. What ever fits your fancy, your contribution is happily awaited.

If you can't make the meeting, please call. Maybe we can find a way.

Call Pat Hersl, 860-673-4899, or email [phersl@comcast.net](mailto:phersl@comcast.net)

**Questions about Auction Baskets, please email or call Susan Elliott ([shsellott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shsellott@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

**FVQI 2008 Raffle Quilt**



**Member Ads:**

Sew Inspired Quilt Shop announces the expansion of its business by introducing Sandy Morawski as full partner, responsible for the development of Sew Inspired Studio, including full-service, custom and do-it-yourself quilt finishing!

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****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

**Quilts and Quiltmakers Covering Connecticut**

**With Quilt Historian and Author Sue Reich**

**Saturday, April 5, 2008**

**1:00pm at the Durham Public Library**

**Tickets \$10 sold at the door**

**Followed by a reception at the Durham Historical Society**

**Each person attending is invited to bring one old quilt for discussion.**

**Sponsored by The Durham Historical Society. Please call**

**860-716-5497 with any questions.**

**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**

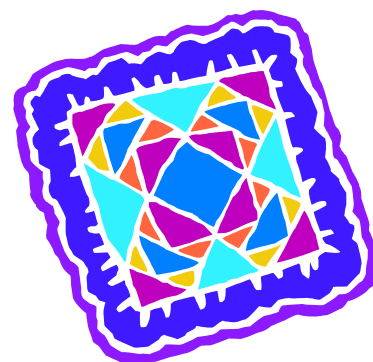
Champlain Valley Expo, Essex Jct, VT

June 27—29, 2008

**Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XV**

**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

**September 4—7, 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 Farmington Valley Quilters have been invited to participate with the Simsbury Historical Society's Annual Barn Tour on Sunday, May 4, 2008 from 11am-5pm!**

Picture this: Sparkling, colorful quilts swaying in the breeze amongst spring flowers, as they grace farmhouse porches and historic barns in the picturesque town of Simsbury on a clear, spring Sunday! Ahhh, a lovely and peaceful sight indeed!

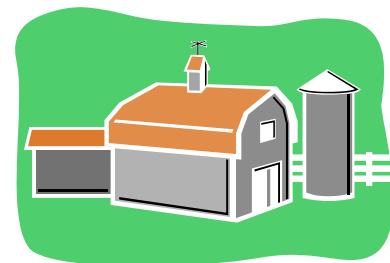
Well, we have the opportunity to have just that with a joint venture with the Simsbury Historical Society. Our purpose would be multifaceted. In addition to a welcomed feast for the eyes, we can promote the art and craft of quilting, showcase the FVQ in the community, and, promote our upcoming Quilt Festival. This is a great opportunity to increase the visibility of our talented members and our organization. As an added bonus, will be able to sell raffle tickets for our show quilt!

The Quilt and Barn Tour is a self guided driving tour that will feature the "Top Ten Barns" of Simsbury. The barns will be open for visitors and the historical society will have their own volunteers there to handle the visitors and give the tours. We would like to have quilt exhibits at 5 of the barns. Some of the locations have houses with front porches that we may be able to utilize as well. All styles of quilts and or wall hangings are welcome.

At this time we do not know exactly how many quilts we will be able to display, but we would like to have as many quilters participate as possible. Please contact Connie as soon as possible to arrange for your quilt to be hung on the tour. You should be aware that the quilts may be hung inside or (weather permitting) outside. Every reasonable effort will be taken to insure that the quilts are protected and cared for properly. This will simply be a beautiful display of our art and of our craft!

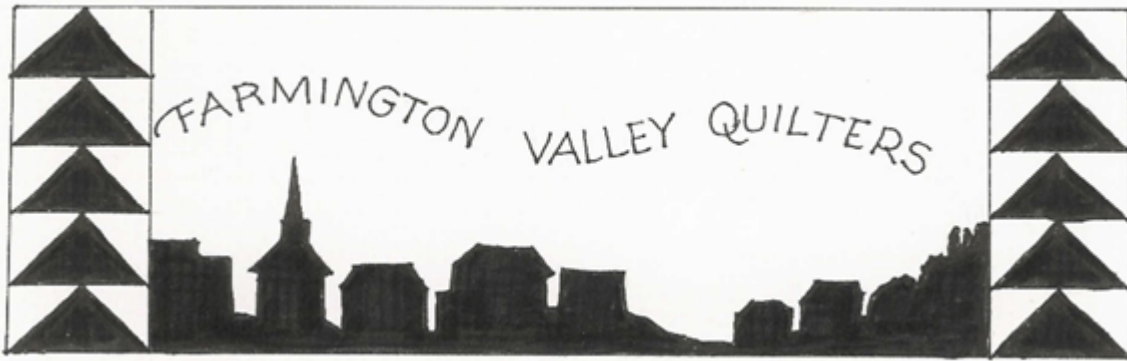
That being said, on the day of the event, we will need a number of FVQ volunteers to attend to the quilts before, during and after the tour/display. You may volunteer for an hour or two or for the full day. It is imperative that the volunteers for both quilts and attendants come forward immediately, so please sign up at the meeting or call: 651-1264 or email me at [Connie@comcast.net](mailto:Connie@comcast.net). Time is of the essence, as I will need to know how much interest there is for the project. If you can send or email a photo of your quilt with your name and telephone number that would be helpful. Please mail, email or simply telephone me with your interest before Feb 28.

I hope that you'll agree with me that this is a sweet way to enjoy a spring day!



***Plans are well underway for this event!***

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



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Meetings typically held at Eno Memorial Hall  
On  
Hopmeadow Street  
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Simsbury, CT

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