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Farmington Valley
Quilters Newsletter

September 2008

From the President

As last minute duties for our Farmington Valley Quilt Festival 2008 take shape, I got to thinking about quilters. Some quilters are planners and some just hope for the best. I think generally I fall into the second category. Often I will start a quilt project hoping all will be fine, and end up short one fabric or the other. Other times things work out well.

This past weekend I was adding the binding to our Auction Basket wall hanging. A planner would have measured the quilt and then measured the scraps of backing fabric to determine if there was enough. I looked at the scraps and said "I think this should be fine". I cut, sewed ends together, pressed, and started sewing, never once measuring to see if I had enough. It worked out perfectly with a little to spare.

The quilt show falls in the first category. Without the extensive amount of planning, this wonderful event would not take place. The vendors' arrivals and unloading, vendor spaces, quilt layout, pole placement, food ordering, purchasing mums, auction basket

This Month's Meeting—Wednesday Sept 17th 6:45pm at Eno Memorial Hall

Our September 17th meeting has been changed from Cathy Racine of Charlton Sewing Center to a trunk show presented by a group of fabric artists from Guilford, Connecticut called Sisters of the Cloth. Their show is entitled *Contemporary Twists on Traditional Quilting*. They are a very active group of women who have shown their work at art galleries and well known quilt shows (including recently at the Lowell Quilt Festival) and have sold a number of their pieces.

display and ticket sales, raffle ticket sales all need planning.

Now the planning is almost done and the ACTION starts. This is where we need the assistance of every member. Please volunteer to help with the set up Friday night, October 3, and some additional time on Saturday or Sunday, October 4 & 5. We all benefit from the proceeds of the show which provides the Guild with the income to have such wonderful speakers. Please contact Jane Hadley (408-1559) or Pat Hersl (673-4899) to volunteer.

Keep stitching those wonderful quilts, and let's all hope for the best that the planning gives us the best show ever.

Susan Elliott

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Snippets:

- This meeting begins at 6:45pm
- Quilts for Show and Tell
- Bring items for auction baskets
- Raffle ticket sales proceeds
- Dues for 2008-2009 membership renewal
- FVQI Board meetings are scheduled the first Wednesday of every month and are open to all members.
- 2010 Raffle Quilt Blocks
- School supplies for Teddy's project

Next Month—October 15th

On October 15th Ann Brauer of Shelburne, Massachusetts will be giving a power point presentation of her artwork. Ms. Brauer has been supporting herself for more than 26 years making quilts. She has shown her work at the Springfield Museum of Fine Art, has received an Award of Excellence from the American Craft Council, has work in the permanent collection of the American Museum of Art & Design as well as other museums. Her technique is the "quilt-as-you-go" method. She has been published in Threads Magazine. Her lecture will be "Landscapes in Fabric".

Upcoming—November 19th

On November 19 Barbara Barber will present a trunk show of her work. Ms. Barber is a widely exhibited and nationally recognized quilter from Westerly, Rhode Island. Barber W. Barber claims that, for her, there was "no life" before Wonder-Under and hot glue. She uses fabric snippets and pre-fused blocks to complete many of her quilts. Please join us at 6:30 for her trunk show.

A Special Request from Teddy: You Can Help These Children!

Teddy, whom you may have noticed as he works to setup and take down the table and chairs used at our meetings, has asked for our help. Here's what he said:

Collecting School Supplies for Kids in Hartford & Springfield Schools & The Boy's and Girl's Clubs of Hartford, sponsored by Harvest Fellowship & Mount Sinai Ministries – Wanted: Pencils; Erasers; Back Packs; Notebooks; Lined Notebook Paper & General School Supplies. If anyone in the guild would like to make a donation to this, please bring your items to the September guild meeting.

If you, as many quilters do, enjoy the new beginning of the school year and the gathering of the tools required, indulge yourself and pick up a few more items and bring them to our meeting.

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.



SUNSHINE

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 Dues

Our membership runs from June to May each year. Dues are due by the June meeting. We realize that it is easier to hand in your dues at the meetings but if you are not able to do this at the May or June meeting, we ask that you please send a check to Farmington Valley Quilters, P.O. Box 172, Weatogue, CT, 06089. The Membership renewal form can be found on our website, www.fvqi.org. Members who have not paid their dues for this year by the October meeting will be charged the guest fees. Any one not paying their 2009-2010 membership dues by the June meeting will be asked for guest fees starting at the July meeting.

FALL COFFEE

Anyone interested in hosting a fall coffee, please contact Anne Baldis at 658-1668 or let her know at a meeting. This is a great opportunity to get to meet our new members and get together with other members outside of a meeting. Thanks!

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**2010 Quilt Show
Open**

Quilt Show Update

Mark your calendars October 4th and 5th, 2008

2010 Raffle Quilt—Closer to being done!

I'll have more pieces waiting to be picked up and sewn. As always, if you can't make the meeting, please mail your finished pieces to my home.

Pat Hersl
16 Alcott Way
Avon, CT 06001.

Or just come on over. Home is 673-4899.

Thanks so much.

From Lois Palmer: Quilt Appraiser and Member of FVQI

Lois finds she is unable to attend our September meeting and asked that this info be forwarded to you.

“I would be happy to schedule members appraisal to take place during the show via e-mail or phone. Remember that not only can you bring quilts from home to be appraised, but quilts hanging in the show can be appraised as well. FYI—Written appraisals need 30 minutes and verbal appraisals need 15 minutes. Fees are \$40 for a written and \$20 for a verbal appraisal. \$8 and \$4 respectively is for the guild. If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appraisal prior to the show, you can contact me. My e-mail is LLPalmer12314@yahoo.com and phone is 668-2710.”

Last Chance to Bring Stuff for Auction Baskets

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

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

Question:

Can I schedule an appraisal of my quilt during the quilt show?

Answer:

Yes.

Question:

Do I have to wait until the day of the show to get it on the schedule?

Answer:

No. You can schedule your appraisal anytime prior to the show. See the article to the left for information regarding appraisal scheduling and fees.

Member Ads: (Ad placed by Betty Warner for Nancy)

Singer Featherweight for sale, manufactured in Dec. 1948, good working condition with book, bobbins, lubricant, oil. Asking \$425. Contact Nancy Mastrianni at 860-628-4555 (evenings).

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

"Who Was Anna Tuels? Quilt Stories 1750-1900" (8/30-1/25/09)

Wadsworth Atheneum
600 Main Street
Hartford, CT
860-278-2670

www.wadsworthatheneum.org

"Art Quilts Lowell 2008" (8/3-10/26)

Brush Art Gallery
256 Market Street
Lowell, MA

www.thebrush.org

"Fiber Revolution: Fiber for the Imagination: (9/1-10/30)

Stamford Art Gallery
University of Connecticut
Stamford, CT

<http://www.stamford.uconn.edu/artgallery.html>

"World Quilt Show XII—New England (9/18-9/21)

Manchester, NH
www.quiltfest.com

"Metrotextural: New Works by Members of the Manhattan Quilter's Guild" (8/28-11/2)

New England Quilt Museum
18 Shattuck Street
Lowell, MA
978-452-4207

<http://www.nequiltmuseum.org>

"World Quilt Show XII—New England (9/18-9/21)

Manchester, NH
www.quiltfest.com

"Quilts in Bloom: A Bouquet of Textile Art" (thru 10/26)

"Longoland: It May be Contagious" (thru 10/26)

"Purse-onality: Handbags with Attitude" (thru 10/26)

Shelburne Museum
Route 7

Burlington, VT
802-985-3346

www.shelburnemuseum.org

"Art Is...2008" (10/10-13)

Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT

<http://www.art-is-you.com/>



"Farmington Valley Quilt Festival 2008" (10/4-5)

The Hartford

200 Hopmeadow Street

Simsbury, Connecticut, 06089

www.fvqi.org

13th annual Quilt & Needle Arts Show

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008 from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The First Church of Christ, Congregational
499 Town Street (Route 151)

East Haddam, CT 06423

<http://ehquiltshow.home.att.net>

Exhibit, vendors, cafe, quilt raffle.

For additional information, call Justine at 693-9530

Christine Fries' "Miranda" will be on exhibit along with one of her other quilts and other artists work at:

The Wilton Historical Society

224 Danbury Rd

(US Rte 7)

Wilton, CT 06897

203-762-7257

The exhibit is "Quilters & Quilting" From hand to High tech
1800-2000, September 15- November 15, 2008

"See how changes in technology brought about by the industrial
revolution and modern inventions affect the art and the skill of
quilt making."

Philomela, a women's vocal ensemble from Washington, DC,
presents a benefit concert for the Salmon Brook Historical
Society.

Saturday evening October 11, at 7pm.

South Congregational Church

242 Salmon Brook Street

Granby, CT

The concert will feature selections from the musical, *The Quilters*, as well as classical and popular songs. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children. All proceeds will support the Polly Hall Quilt Collection which has recently been donated to the Historical Society. For further information call 860-653-3555.

BOW TIE FRIENDSHIP BLOCK

MATERIALS:

Light and dark fabric scraps,
Fall colors (gold, brown,
rust, green)



Figure A

CUTTING:

Dark Fabric:
Cut (2) 3-1/2" squares
Cut (2) 2" squares

Light Fabric:
Cut (2) 3-1/2" squares

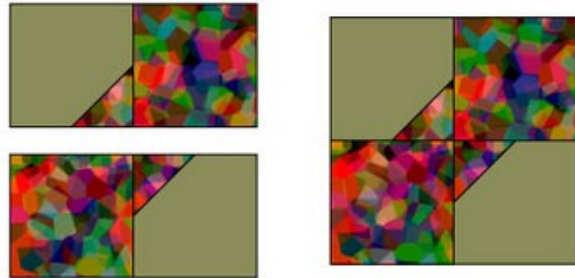


Figure B

Figure C

DIRECTIONS:

Place one 2" dark square on corner of 3-1/2 " light square, right sides together. Stitch diagonally across square. Trim seam to 1/4" and press. (Figure A). Repeat with other 3-1/2" light square and 2" dark square.

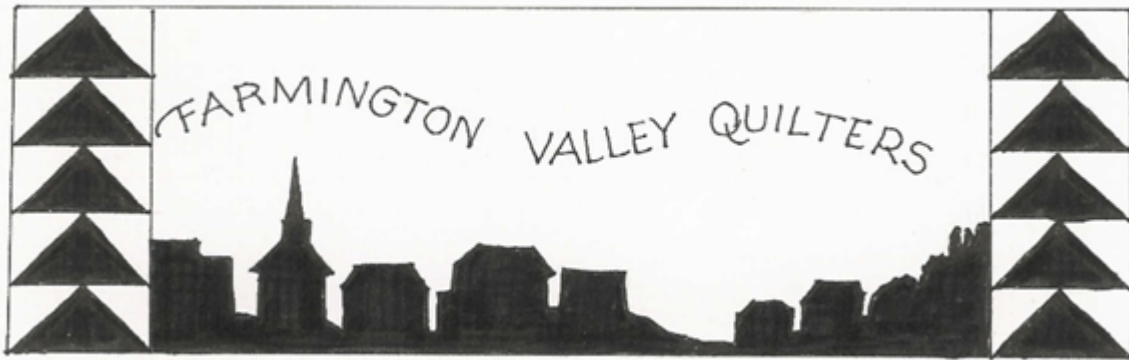
Stitch one light square from Figure A to one dark square as shown above, right sides together. (Figure B) Press toward dark fabric. Repeat with other two squares.

Stitch two sections together to form bow tie pattern, matching center seams, right sides together. (Figure C). Press.

Finished block should measure 6-1/2" total.

Make one block or several. Be sure each block is identified with your name and telephone number. Please return by October meeting and the blocks will be raffled off. Good luck!

Questions or problems? Call Pat Leslie, 677-4611, or Meredith Hurst, 658-4802



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Meetings typically held at Eno Memorial Hall
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In
Simsbury, CT

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