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Farmington Valley  
Quilters Newsletter

April 2010

## From the President



I am so glad that it is spring. I enjoy every season but I am always glad when we move into a new season. I guess I just like change. Maybe that is why I have so many quilting projects going on at once. I do get things done and I've put finishing this year's Mystery Night project at the top of my list.

We made a table runner and the ones I have seen finished are just great. Yes, there are a few over achievers that have them done already. When I compare the

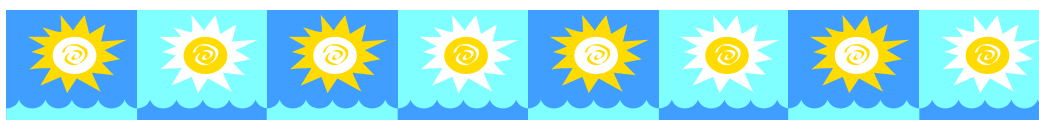
before and after – fabric to table runner, I am amazed. The choice of fabrics and improvising by adding additional fabrics to the mix lead to fabulous results. As I walked around checking out everyone's projects I saw choices I would not have thought of and filed them away for next time. One of the table runners was red white and blue and it just made you long for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I might just have to make another table runner for the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to Sue Elliott for a great Mystery and thanks to everyone that participated and opened up my eyes to all these new possibilities. I hope we will see all the completed projects at Show and Tell in the next few months

Laurie

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## WEDNESDAY, April 21st-Joanne Sullivan: "Magnificent Seven" Lecture & Trunk Show

Joanne will present a lecture and trunk show, "Magnificent Seven", at the membership meeting on April 21, 2010. "Magnificent Seven" refers to seven geometric shapes cut from 2 1/2" strips and combined into scrappy quilts with widely different effects. She made this presentation last year to the Apple Valley guild and it received rave reviews

### 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
- Raffle Baskets page 4

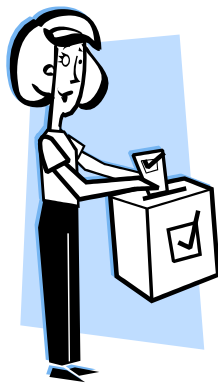
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th -Carol Anne Grotian Lecture “Shibori Dyeing”  
Workshop-May20th– Picture Perfect Piecing at the Apple Barn, Simsbury**

Carol Anne Grotian combines West and East, American quilting and Japanese shibori dyeing to create landscapes. Indigo quilts focus less on a sense of place and more on shibori itself, concentrating on the essence of nature. She will lecture on Shibori Dyeing in her lecture on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. She will then lead us in a workshop on May 20: Picture Perfect Piecing. That workshop will be held from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Apple Barn in Simsbury. Her work can be viewed at her web site at [carolannegrotian.com](http://carolannegrotian.com). The charge for the workshop is \$35. There may be an additional charge for material by Ms. Grotian. Signups will begin at the January membership meeting. The supply list will be distributed to attendees in early March.

**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.

**FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The slate of officers for the Farmington Valley Quilters for 2010-2011 is as follows:



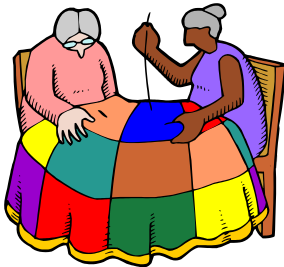
President	Carrie Bacewicz
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Debbie D'Angelo
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Lisa Salvatore – 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2-year term
	Phyllis Small
Secretary	Dorothy Witter
Treasurer	Linda Huppelsberg
Publicity	Raimi Slater
Newsletter	Bobbi Morehouse
Socials	Ann Baldis
Hospitality	Meg Lines
	Peg Giles

Voting for the new slate of officer candidates will take place at the May meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS:** In March we welcomed three new members to the Guild: Karen Fisk, Chris Snieckus, and Pat Englehardt. We also welcomed back Randy Majka.

Membership renewals will begin at the April meeting. Renewals should be complete in June, after which guest fees will be applicable.

For more membership information including individual links to board members and committee chairmen visit the website: [www.fvqi.org/](http://www.fvqi.org/). Under Quick Links you will find directions for making a member's badge (We should all remember to wear it to the meeting!). All the past Friendship Blocks are listed with instructions as well.



## 2010 QUILT CHALLENGE

### 2010 Quilt Challenge

This year's Quilt Challenge is all in the concept. It's your interpretation of "My Country". It can be a literal or symbolic expression.

Give it a little thought, but don't over think it. Go with your first idea.

My country the US of A, my country house, country song, country of origin, country living.... you got it.

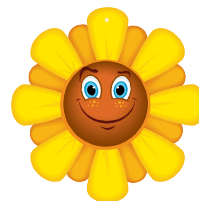
There's no wrong way to do it. Just have fun with it.

Your entry can be pieced or appliquéd (any method) , three layers, quilted and Done.

Bring your masterpiece to the June meeting where it will be displayed, enjoyed by all, and judged by your peers. Yes, there will be ribbons! Plus, you can enter it in the Quilt Show.

Quilt Challenge duo,  
Bonnie Llopis & Judy Prohasca

## 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.

### 2009—2010 FVQI Board

#### President

Laurie Rio

#### First Vice President

Carrie Bacewicz

#### Second Vice

#### Presidents

Meg Lines

Lisa Salvatore

#### Treasurer

Mary Gridley

#### Secretary

Debbie D'Angelo

#### Publicity

Gina Finch

#### Newsletter Editor

Bobbi Morehouse

#### Socials

Anne Baldis

#### Hospitality

Zana Tauro

Connie Rowles

#### 2010 Quilt Show

Paulette Young

## QUILT SHOW NEWS

As most of you know the show has been postponed from October 2010 to an as-yet undetermined date. Several factors are being considered as a new venue and date are being determined, not the least of which is what will be best for the show as it is the main revenue producer for the guild. While we welcome all suggestions for venue, please speak to a member of the Show Committee before contacting any place to ensure we do not bombard area venues with multiple requests. In the meantime keep working on those wonderful quilts that represent the incredible creativity and skill of our guild.

Paulette Young

**Themed Basket Raffle** for the 2010 Quilt Show - Michelle Belanger [mabelanger@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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!

### Basket Checklist

**"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 2010 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



## JACOBS LADDER

### FRIENDSHIP BLOCK APRIL, MAY AND JUNE—DRAWING JUNE

**MATERIALS**—(1) Med/Dark Red, (2) Light Neutrals, (1) Med/Dark Blue

#### **CUTTING**

**Light Fabric (1):** (1/2 square triangles)

- Cut 2 squares 3-7/8" x 3-7/8"

**Light Fabric (2):** (for 4-patch blocks)

- Cut (1) strip 2" x 20"

**Medium/Dark Red :** (1/2 square triangles)

- Cut 2 squares 3-7/8" x 3-7/8"

**Medium/Dark Blue:** (4 patch blocks)

- Cut (1) strip 2" x 20"

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

##### **1/2 square triangles**

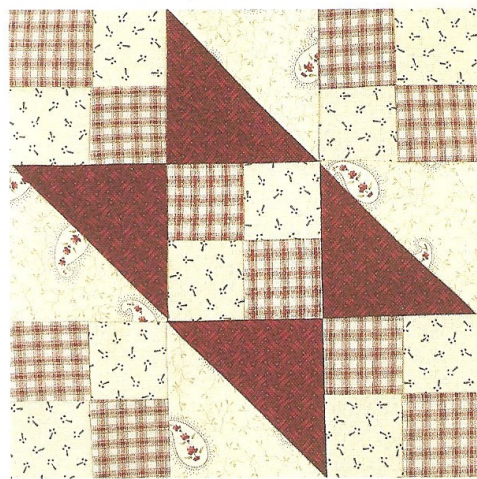
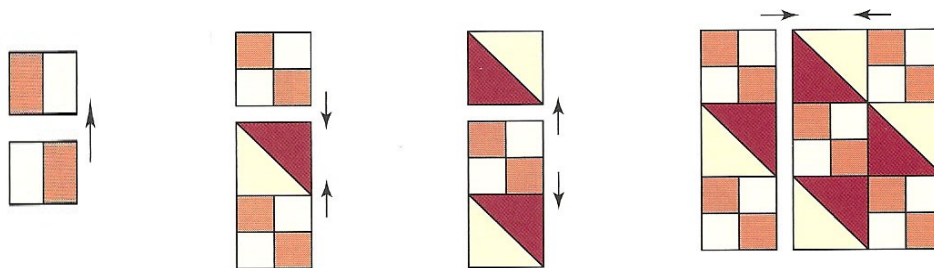
- Place (2) light squares (3-7/8" x 3-7/8") on top of (2) red squares (3-7/8" x 3-7/8"), right sides together.
- Draw diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner of light square.
- Stitch 1/4" from diagonal line along both sides of drawn line.
- Cut along drawn diagonal line.
- Press to dark side. You will have (4) 1/2 square triangles.

##### **4-patch blocks**

- Place light strip and blue strip together, right sides facing.
- Stitch strips together lengthwise along one side.
- Press to dark side.
- Subcut vertically into (10) 2" segments.
- Place 2 segments together reversing colors.
- Stitch together. Press. Repeat for other 2" segments. You will have (5) 4-patch blocks.

##### **Completing Block:**

- Referring carefully to diagram, stitch each row together. Then stitch rows together into one completed block. Unfinished block should measure 9-1/2"



**Have fun!** Make as many blocks as you like. Blocks will be raffled at the June meeting.

**Questions?** Call Pat Leslie (677-4611) or Meredith Hurst (658-4802).

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

**Jane Hadley Antiques** has just acquired the following from an Estate Sale: A Rowenta commercial steam presser; a full size quilting frame (wooden); a flexible arm light/magnifier; and a very large cutting mat. Interested in buying? Call 860-408-1559.

### Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

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

January 13, 2010 to April 25, 2010  
View Art Quilts from the John M. Walsh III  
Collection at the [Morris Museum](#).  
6 Normandy Heights Road,  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
Phone: 973.971.3700  
E-mail us: [info@morrismuseum.org](mailto:info@morrismuseum.org)

Think Outside the Blocks: An Exhibition of  
Fine Art Quilts by Fiber Revolution.  
Fine Arts Building at Naugatuck Valley  
Community College [http://  
www.nvcc.commnet.edu](http://www.nvcc.commnet.edu)  
NVCC Fine Arts Building  
Waterbury, CT 06708  
February 25 – April 23, 2010

Women's Writes: Signature Quilts and Their  
Stories  
May 13, 2010 to July 11, 2010  
Lowell, Massachusetts, Visit  
[www.nequiltmuseum.org](http://www.nequiltmuseum.org) or call 978-452-4207

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](http://www.mainstreetgal.com)

#### **Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association Quilt Show 2010 "FABRICATIONS"**

April 24 & 25, 2010  
North Kingstown High School  
150 Fairway Drive  
North Kingstown, RI  
**website:** <http://www.nbquilts.org> Or email:  
[nbmaterialgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:nbmaterialgirl@yahoo.com)

#### **May 1 & 2, 2010 Northern Star Quilt Guild Show in Somers, NY, [www.northernstarquilts.com](http://www.northernstarquilts.com)**

**STARS OF THE VALLEY QUILT SHOW**, May 15 &  
16, Warwick Valley Quilters' Guild, Warwick, New  
York, [www.wvqg.com](http://www.wvqg.com) or  
[warwickvalleyquiltersguild@yahoo.com](mailto:warwickvalleyquiltersguild@yahoo.com)

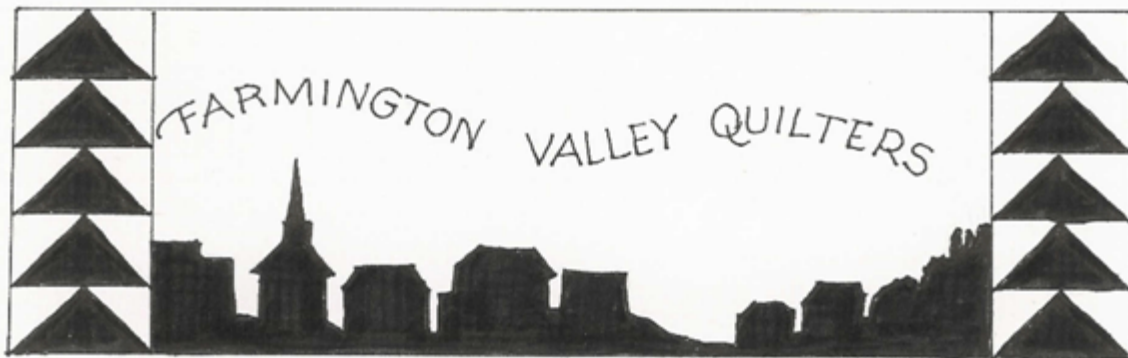
#### **Vermont Quilt Festival**

June 25, 2010 to June 27, 2010

Champlain Valley Expo  
105 Pearl St. Rt. 15  
Essex Junction VT,  
contact: Mary K Ryan [mkryandesign@mac.com](mailto:mkryandesign@mac.com)

Quilts All Around the Town: Clamshell Quilt Guild  
July 17, 2010 to July 18, 2010  
New London, Connecticut  
Website: [www.clamshellquiltguild.org](http://www.clamshellquiltguild.org)

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](mailto:ehquiltshow@att.net)



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