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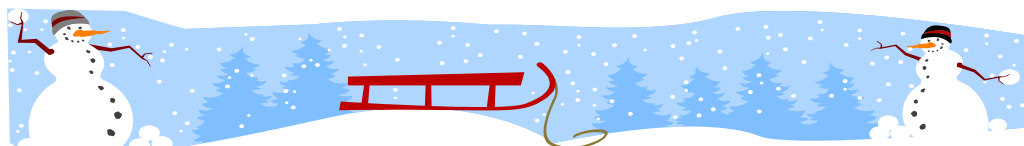
From the President

February is our Community Projects Workshop Guild Meeting. I really enjoy this meeting. I think it is because I get to handle all that material. Who else but my fellow quilters could even understand that? I also get to put together combinations of fabrics that look good and will work well in an ABC Quilt and that I would never find in my stash. The ABC stash is way more conservative than my growing collection of fabrics. Making up kits for neonatal and then taking them home to finish is always fun. It's like shopping without the paying. Of course you have to bring them back finished. My plan is to get my neonatal quilts done, quilted and with binding completed, at the March retreat. Hope to see you at the February meeting!

On another note:

All good things come to an end and so it has with the use of The Hartford Insurance Group as the venue for our Quilt Show. We have been informed by the Hartford that they are not offering any of their office buildings for public functions on weekends. As you can guess the Quilt Show Committee is in a scramble looking for a new location. We may have to change the show dates to accommodate the availability of a suitable space. I am writing this note before I leave for vacation on January 30th. I hope things are resolved by the time the newsletter 'goes to press' and that there is good news to share in the pages of the newsletter.

Happy Quilting!
Laurie



MONTHLY MEETING—Wednesday, February 17th This is Our Annual ABC & Neonatal Quilt Night

One of our service projects is making quilts for the new ABC students each year. We will be cutting fabric and assembling kits for the third (and last!) ABC quilt for this year. So please come and bring rotary cutters, mats, rulers and energy for cutting. The ABC committee will supply the fabric, pattern and Ziploc baggies for each square, along with the sewing directions.

Speaking of fabric, we could use more donated fabric for ABC supplies. We use traditional colors, blue, red, green, beige, and nonfeminine prints (i.e. no flowers). So if you find appropriate fabric in your stash or quilt store please bring it to the February meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, Sue Trimble will take ABC fabric donations anytime. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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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
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WEDNESDAY, February 17th, Our Annual ABC & Neonatal Quilt Night (cont)

Our other service project is Neonatal quilts. At the meeting, we will have handouts of one or two simple patterns that work up quickly into neonatal quilts. We also have a small stash of fabric. Please bring a rotary cutter, mat, and ruler to the meeting so we can cut up this fabric. If anyone has fabric they would like to donate, we will be happy to have it. Also, if anyone has fabric to spare but not too much time, one person could cut up the fabric making a kit and someone else could take it home to construct.

We are desperately looking for new labels to sew on the neonatal quilts. If you have ever sewn on even one of the labels we use now, you know why we need something else. If you have any suggestions, please see Donna Dellacamera or Kathy Lettieri. If you have not yet received the pin for your name tag for making a neo-natal quilt, please see Kathy Lettieri.

**WEDNESDAY, March 17th-George Siciliano Trunk Show: "This Guy Must Be Nuts"
Workshop, Thursday March 18: "Twirling Logs" at Canton Senior Center**

George Siciliano and his wife, Virginia, teach and lecture about miniature quilts. He is sought after by many quilt guilds around the country to teach and demonstrate his unique techniques. He makes the construction of a "miniature masterpiece" very doable and fun. Virginia has been quilting for 20 years. She uses traditional patterns in unique ways, and has a wonderful sense of color. They will present a trunk show at the membership meeting on Wednesday, March 17 entitled "This Guy Must Be Nuts." On Thursday, March 18 they will lead a workshop: "Twirling Logs." **This is not a miniature quilt block.**(7") The block is an original design with origins in the "*twisted log cabin*". He will show us how to draft this wonderful block without being an engineer! The charge for the workshop is \$45, including the kit. This is a correction to the amount reported in the December newsletter. The workshop will be held from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Canton Senior Center. George and Virginia's work can be viewed at their web site, Georgesiciliano.com. Signups will continue at the February membership meeting. The kit includes all the fabric supplies attendees will need. You need only bring your sewing machine, thread, a cutting board and a 12 inch ruler. Extra extension cords, irons and ironing boards are always welcome.

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

**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. 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.

For more membership information including individual links to board members and committee chairmen visit the website: www.fvqi.org/



**4th FVQI Retreat at the Bayside Resort, West Yarmouth, MA
Friday March 5 - Sunday March 7, 2010**
See page 4 for complete details

Basting Day March 20th

In honor of National Quilting Day, our guild is having a basting day on March 20th at the Avon Public Library. We will be layering and basting 4 quilts to prepare them for hand or regular sewing machine quilting. Please contact Diane Calkin if you are interested in having your quilt basted. We will accept reservations on a first come basis.

Email dalcalkin@comcast.net

Phone 860-658-7215

We also encourage volunteers to help with the basting.

Please bring your lunch and be part of a fun day of quilting and friendship.

Please prepare your quilt ahead of time:

Quilt top and backing should have the center of each side, top & bottom marked with a safety pin.

Width and length of quilt top should be measured, written down and pinned to quilt top. For hand quilting, thread basting is used. Curved needles and thread will be available. For machine quilt, curved safety pins are used. If that is your preference, please bring your own safety pins. You will need enough to cover the quilt with pins spaced about 4 inches apart.

MYSTERY NIGHT, FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010, 3:00PM to 9:00PM EAST GRANBY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Mystery Night is one of the most popular events for FVQ quilters. Susan Elliott will lead us this year, so expect a challenging and fun mystery. It will be on Friday, April 9, 2010 at the East Granby Congregational Church from 3 pm until 9 pm. There are only a few slots left, so be sure to sign up at the February meeting. The charge is \$5.00 per person. We will have a pot luck supper at the church. Susan will have supply lists available at membership meetings.

SUNSHINE

Condolences were sent to Annemarie Reimer who lost her mother recently.

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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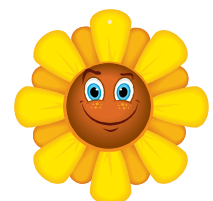
Hospitality

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2010 Quilt Show

Paulette Young



4th FVQI Retreat
Bayside Resort, West Yarmouth, MA
Friday March 5 - Sunday March 7, 2010



Join us for a wonderful retreat weekend at the Cape!

DATES: The weekend is March 5 - 7 at the Bayside Resort in West Yarmouth, MA. We have the function room from noon on Friday through 3 PM on Sunday.

EATING & FOOD: Most folks brought food to eat or snack on and something to share with the group (this is optional.) Some brought soups, etc. for lunch, and almost everyone went out for dinner (great restaurants, food, and conversation). The rate includes a great continental breakfast (waffles, too!). Each room has a refrigerator and there are microwaves for use in the break room.

QUILTING: Quilting went on from 7 AM or so until about 10 or 11 PM. Machines and sewing gear are left set up in the function room (locked when not in use). The function room was extremely well lit, and tables, irons, ironing boards are supplied.

SHOPPING: There were a few quilt shops within close proximity, and everyone went quilt shopping and some shopped at other stores, too.

FUN: We had a great time and got to admire each others projects. Some brought one project and worked on it the whole time, others worked on several different ones. The whole time is unstructured. There are no door prizes, group projects, or teaching sessions, but everyone is willing to help if you get in a bind. We all liked just being with quilters, getting projects done, shopping at new shops, and socializing. Non-guild members are welcome.

ROOM RATES: The rate per person is \$79.95 + tax for 2 nights, double occupancy. One person from each double should call and make the reservation for the two nights. When you check in they will charge each of you the \$79.95 so the total is \$79.95 a day. If you want a single room, the rate is \$79.95 per day or \$159.90 for the 2 nights.

If you would like to come and don't have someone to share the room with, please contact me and I will let you know who might be looking to share a room.

RESERVATIONS: The motel is holding a block of rooms for us at the above rates until Feb.3. You must call 1-800-243-1114 to guarantee your room and mention to the reservationist you are reserving a room at the special rate blocked for "Farmington Valley Quilters". There is an option to stay an extra day on either end of the weekend – ask about it when you make the reservation.

After you have made a reservation, contact me. I need to know how many are attending so I may arrange for additional rooms.

Cancellations: Must be made 72 hrs. prior to your scheduled arrival or a one night cancellation fee will be charged. Non-arrivals will be charged a one night cancellation fee, and the reservation will be cancelled.

TRAVEL:

Bayside Resort Hotel, 225 Route 28, West Yarmouth, MA 02673

1.800.243.1114, or 508.775.5669

Website: www.baysideresort.com

CONTACT: Call or email me if you have any questions: Karen Hines, 651.3640, chines9@cox.net.

COLOR, COMPOSITION & CREATIVITY

2010 QUILT SHOW NEWS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN : Registration for the 2010 FVQI Quilt show runs from January 1, 2010 to August 1, 2010, so please make sure to get your registration form either at a meeting or on-line. Any questions? Meg Lines has the answers!

RAFFLE BASKETS: There are several raffle basket themes already being coordinated by members, please feel free to contribute to any of those by placing your donation in the appropriate bag at the quilt show table in the meeting room. Have an idea that isn't already there - feel free to speak with Michelle Belanger.

OPEN POSITIONS: Come join the dynamic group organizing the next show we currently have two openings - Coordinator for the Raffle of the Raffle Quilt being unveiled shortly and Invitationals chair - reaching out for those quilts from professionals to be showcased in the 2010 show. Question or like to volunteer....please see Paulette Young.

Themed Basket Raffle for the 2010 Quilt Show - Michelle Belanger mabelanger@sbcglobal.net

We now have 11 groups building a basket - thank you to all who are participating!

We are looking to have 12- 14 baskets for the show, so please contact me if you have an idea for a basket. Or, if you'd like to help with items to be included for any of the baskets below, please contact the coordinators. We will also be collecting at the monthly Guild meetings. Thank you!

"Quilting Stocking"...

Planned Quilted Item: Holiday Stocking

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

Coordinator: Linda Walter

"All Year Long"...

Planned Quilted item: 12 block calendar quilt

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

Coordinator: Anne Baldis

Other baskets for the 2010 Show:

Bag Ladies - Debbie D'Angelo

Cats - Susan Michaels

Quilters Basket - Meg Lines

Game Night - Michelle Belanger

Coffee - Diane Popko

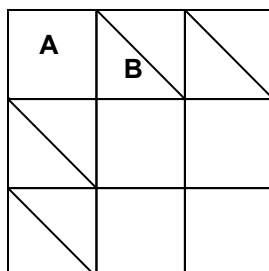
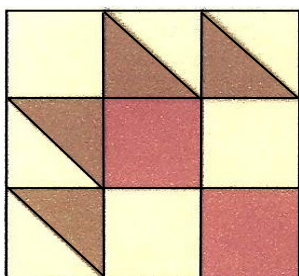
Chocolate - Paulette Young


Welcome Baby - Donna Dellacamera




Bear Paw Friendship Block

January, February, March—Drawing in March 2010



A  2-1/2"

B  2-7/8"

COUNTRY COLORS: Cranberry, Beige, Green, Blue, Brown, etc. (1) light, (1) medium, (1) dark

CUTTING:

Light

- Cut (1) strip 2-1/2" x 5" (for 4-square block)
- Cut (1) square 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" (A)
- Cut (2) squares 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" (for 1/2 square triangle blocks-B)

Medium:

- Cut (1) strip 2-1/2" x 5" (for 4-square block)

Dark:

- Cut (2) squares 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" (for 1/2 square triangles- B)

DIRECTIONS:

- **Stitch** light and dark 2-1/2" x 5" strips lengthwise., right sides together. **Subcut** vertically into (2) 2-1/2" segments. **Press** to dark.
- **Stitch** (2) above segments together (opposite colors as in diagram) to form (1) 4-patch block.
- **Pair** dark and light 2-7/8" squares together, (light on top, right sides together). **Draw** a diagonal line through center of each light block from corner to corner.
- **Stitch** along both sides of diagonal line with 1/4" seam. **Cut** along drawn center diagonal line. **Press** toward dark. **Trim.** (4) 1/2 square triangles. (B).
- **Layout** individual parts of block row by row as shown in diagram above.

ASSEMBLING FRIENDSHIP BLOCK:

- **On left side of block, stitch** together (2) 1/2 square triangles (B). **Press. Stitch** this 1/2 square strip to left side of 4-square block. **Press.**
- **Stitch** 1st row of laid-out blocks together as in diagram above. (Corner block and (2) 1/2 square triangles). **Join** this 1st row to the rest of block. **Press** completed block..

Have fun! Make as many blocks as you like. Questions: Call Pat Leslie, 677-4611 or Meredith Hurst, 658-4802. Drawing at March meeting.

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



You are invited to shop at my NEW online fabric shop. I specialize in Kaffe Fassett, 1930s, and Kona Cotton Solids.

For your convenience, you can shop online and choose the in store pick up option, at checkout, to avoid shipping and handling fees. Also, you have the option to pay by check or money order!

So come and check out my wonderful prices on fabulous fabrics at www.cvquiltworks.com. I will be looking forward to hearing from you! Jackie Kunkel (860) 693-0661

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

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

12/1/2009-2/28/2010 "Standing Ovation" at the Garde Arts Center, www.gardearts.org

The Allure of Lace" (thru 2/28/10)

Wadsworth Atheneum

600 Main Street

Hartford, CT

860-278-2670

<http://www.wadsworthatheneum.org>

Masters: Art Quilts" (11/19-2/25/09)(Closed 1/1-18)

New England Quilt Museum

18 Shattuck Street

Lowell, MA

978-452-4207

<http://www.nequiltmuseum.org>

Art of Quilting on Stage in Hartford, Jan 4— Feb 28, in conjunction with Hartford Stage Production of Gee's Bend. Over 100 quilts in 23 locations:

www.communitythreads.com

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey VI, March 4-7, 2010. Thurs, Fri and Sat: 10am to 6pm, Sun 10 am to 5pm at the Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ, Just Off Exit #10, I-287, visit www.quiltfest.com

Now thru 3/14/2010 "Changing Landscapes:

Contemporary Chinese Fiber Art" & "Aprons:

Fifties Functional Fashion thru 3/28/2010 at The American Textile History Museum

Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild 2010 Quilt Show Pleasant St, Upton, MA, see website: www.thimblepleasures.org. or Call Suzanne Thibault at 508/442-9288

April 8 or -11, 2010 Quilter's Heritage Celebration in Lancaster, PA

www.qhconline.com

April 15-17, **2010 MQX EAST** in Providence, RI

Website: www.mqxshow.com

Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association Quilt Show 2010 "FABRICATIONS"

April 24 & 25, 2010

North Kingstown High School

150 Fairway Drive

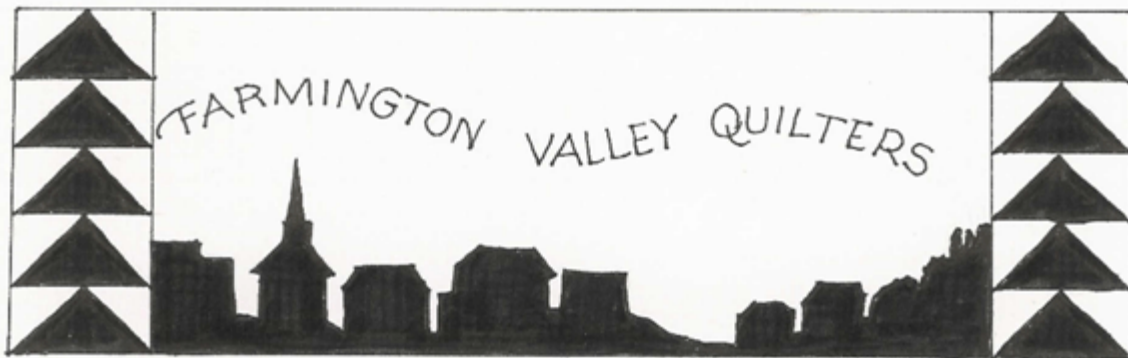
North Kingstown, RI

website: <http://www.nbquilts.org> Or email: nbmaterialgirl@yahoo.com

May 1 & 2, 2010 Northern Star Quilt Guild Show in Somers, NY, www.northernstarquilts.com

October 2 & 3, 2010 "Color, Composition & Creativity" hosted by Farmington Valley Quilters, www.fvqi.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



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