

# **MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD**

*Encouraging the art of Quilting in the Merrimack Valley, MVQ was established in 1980*

*April 2023*



## **Executive Committee** **2022 – 2023**

President: Lynette Pisani

Vice President: Jamie Ruh

Secretary: Maggie Judd

Treasurer AP: Diane Kelley

Treasurer AR: Elizabeth Swan

Go to [MVQuilters.org](http://MVQuilters.org) and look under the board member section for the full list of all the board and standing committee members.

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Haverhill, MA 01831

Newsletter submissions can be sent to Liz Swan at [liz@swanquilting.net](mailto:liz@swanquilting.net). The deadline is the first Friday of the month.

## **President's Message**

Welcome Spring! It won't be long before we have consistently warm temperatures. We have so much to look forward to again this year. Our workshops are filling so be sure to check out these classes before they are filled. This month Linda Pearl will be our speaker for the guild meeting and will be conducting a workshop on a different approach to flying geese.

Plans are going smoothly for our next show in the fall, so I hope you are working on your quilts to either display or enter for judging. You can enter them as early as right now and finish them in time for the show. I would love to see all those mystery quilts displayed this year.

Elections are coming up and the deadline to run for office is April 14<sup>th</sup>. The candidates will be announce at our April meeting on the 20th so if you are considering running for an office, now is the time to send your email of intent to Layne Rando. There are other committees that need help as well and we would love to hear from you.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**Lynne Pisani, President**



**Scheduled for April 20th.**

**Lecture: Linda Pearl “When you Give a Quilter a Challenge,”  
Lighthearted lecture and trunk show on quilt challenges**

**All are welcome – you do not need to be a guild member to attend this meeting.**

**This meeting is IN-PERSON at NECC.**

**Meetings start at 7:00 pm.**

**Refreshment responsibility last name beginning with J – M**

**Sew and Know for April – 3D Bow Tie Blocks**

**The meeting will be in the Technology Center**

### **Guidelines for Coming to the Northern Essex Community College Campus**

When on the NECC campus, you are asked to follow the protocols as set out by the federal, state, and local government.

- Although we have seen a promising decline in COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts, the NECC Public Health Response Team still recommends taking all necessary personal precautions against infection.
- NECC is a Mask Flexible Campus. We encourage mask wearing while indoors. Be mindful of those around you and their comfort level. Keep a mask in your pocket just in case!
- Based on updated CDC guidance, if you are a close contact of a COVID+ individual, you are required to wear a mask on campus.
- If you have been exposed, are not feeling well, or have tested positive for COVID-19, we request that you not attend the live meetings on campus.

### **Board Meetings**

Until further notice, all board meetings are virtual on Zoom. They are scheduled in advance on the first Wednesday of the month, starting at 6:30 pm. The dates are listed on the MVQ website under “Calendar of Events”. All members are welcome to attend by contacting Lynette Pisani at least 2 days before the meeting and request an invitation.



## **SEW AND KNOW**

Janice Jones

[janicemaejones@gmail.com](mailto:janicemaejones@gmail.com)

Holly Reed will demonstrate her technique for creating **3D Bow Tie Blocks**. This is promised to be a fun, fast and easy technique that is bound to please. Come early to take in this unique technique. Typically the **Sew & Know** presentation starts around 6:15 p.m.

I know you all love to see the tips and techniques our members share so let's keep **SEW AND KNOW** alive. In order to do that, we need members to come forward and show or demonstrate their favorite techniques so we can all learn together.

So, does anyone have a favorite quilting tip or technique? Something you've been working on and want to share? Please email me!! We are in desperate need of **Sew and Know** presenters for future meetings.



## 2023 QUILT SHOW: *Summer's End*

The planning for this year's quilt show is well underway and we are excited about how things are shaping up!

At the next guild meeting, a table will be set up in the atrium with quilt show information. Flyers will be provided and questions answered. So stop by... whether you're a new member and haven't experienced a show or a seasoned member who has, we will be there to answer any questions you may have.

It's not too early to think about putting together a basket for the **Penny Raffle**. Grab a friend or two and collect items together! Past basket themes include gardening, holiday, baby and children, books, coffee/tea, chocolate, wine, sports, food specialties such as Italian, Indian, BBQ, and various fabric themes such as batiks, focus on a color, a pattern and coordinating fabric. Remember, fat quarters and lottery tickets will be collected for our guild's baskets. Check out your stash and pick out a few fat quarters to donate. Mary Lou and Beth will start collecting fat quarters at the next guild meeting. If you have any questions see Mary Lou Monteiro or Beth McCloskey.

Start collecting items for the **White Elephant Room**. Donations of fabric, notions, patterns, books, etc. are welcome! It's spring cleaning time...see what you can find in that closet to donate to the show!

Please continue to make your **Comfort Quilts** for The Giving Tree in Boxford and Lawrence. They are looking for Pack 'n' Play size, toddler size, and up to teen size quilts. All donations are greatly appreciated!

And, of course, keep making quilts! Please enter your quilts in the show and consider having them judged by our professional judge for some great feedback. Both **entry forms**, electronic and print version, are available on the MVQ website under **Quilt Show 2023**, click on **Info & Forms**, then click on **MVQ 2023 Quilt Show Entry Form**.

We can't have a quilt show without you and your beautiful quilts!!

If you have any questions or want to volunteer to help with the show, please contact:

Jamie Ruh  
truh@comcast.net

Linda Lydecker  
lindalyde@comcast.net





## Membership Information

It's that time of year when we start our Membership Drive for the 2023-2024 year. Make sure you continue the fun of associating with your quilting friends by renewing your membership. Dues are an important part of our budget and are necessary to provide quality speakers and guild activities. A standard membership is \$40, seniors (age 65+) pay \$35, and student memberships are only \$5 for ages 13-19.

The new 2023-2024 membership form can be found on our website. From there you can print it, fill it out, and either bring it to a guild meeting or mail it to the MVQ PO Box with a check. Better yet, you can save some time by easily renewing online using our secure PayPal/credit card checkout. Get started either from the MVQ Home page or the "Join the Guild" page. Remember to return to MVQ ("Return to Merchant") after completing your credit card payment so you can fill in your membership information. I'll also have some membership forms at our guild meeting. Keep in mind that your dues must be paid by the end of June to remain a "member in good standing" and be eligible to put a quilt in our fall quilt show.

Renew your MVQ membership soon so that you can continue to enjoy the inspiration, joy, and camaraderie of our friendly guild!

Linda Lydecker  
MVQ Membership Chair



## It's Election Time for Our Guild

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

*Please consider volunteering for our Executive Committee positions.*

This is your chance to help our Guild. We need to continue our group as an outlet to show your beautiful quilts, learn more about quilts through Programs and Workshops and our Charity donations. Without your help our guild cannot continue!

We would love to have two nominations for each of the five positions, President, Vice President, Secretary, Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable. If elected, you will serve a one (1) year term.

Please contact the nominating committee, emails are listed below. The deadline for submissions is **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. Voting will be electronic and anonymous. We do need your acceptance for nomination in writing.

Layne Rando, [laynesloft@comcast.net](mailto:laynesloft@comcast.net)

Linda Lydecker, [lindalyde@comcast.net](mailto:lindalyde@comcast.net)

Gail Forthoffer, [gforth@comcast.net](mailto:gforth@comcast.net)

Susan Nelson, [twonelsons@gmail.com](mailto:twonelsons@gmail.com)

Dorothy Tyler, [dottyler25@gmail.com](mailto:dottyler25@gmail.com)

### Quilt Show Volunteers Needed!

It might seem early to think about volunteering for our *Summer's End* Quilt Show, but it really isn't. Volunteer with a friend! Lock in the slot you want! Satisfy the MVQ requirement of working at least 2 hours at our show. **WE NEED YOU!** It takes everyone's help to make this show a success. The show has 188 volunteer slots to be filled. If you do the math, we need members to volunteer for more than one slot if their schedules allow. "Floaters" are especially valuable as they allow us flexibility to assign people to where they are most needed. This year the time slots are a little different. We tried to even them out a bit, so on show days the shifts are 9:00-11:30, 11:30-2:00, and 2:00-4:00.

Think about when and where you would like to help. Then go to the Sign Up Genius link on our website (under the Quilt Show tab) and sign up! Remember, if your plans change or you want to work another shift, you can edit or add to your signup. All volunteers are admitted to the show for free no matter what day they work or what day they attend the show. If you need help signing up, please contact Linda Lydecker.

## MVQ March General Meeting

March 16, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:59 PM by Treasurer Diane Kelley.

Diane Kelley introduced our speaker, Adele Scott.

Business meeting called to order at 8:30PM by Liz Swan.

*Secretary's Report* - February guild meeting minutes are accepted as circulated. *Treasurer's Report* - The report for January is accepted as circulated.

Past President - Liz Swan - time to vote on the updates to by-laws. The Updates to the by-laws were reviewed and questions and comments were taken. Proposed updates to the by-laws include adding an on-line option for regular meetings, changing the manner in which we hold elections from paper ballots to electronic, holding board meetings on-line via zoom, changing the wording about all guild activities must be self-sustaining to allowing non self-sustaining activities to be considered and voted on by the board, and changing the term of service for any office from up to 3 years to up to 5 years.

Discussion and questions ensued regarding the changes, with particular concern about changing the term of service to 5 years, citing that having a 5-year term would be a long wait for new members to get involved. New members should be encouraged to get involved and mentored. Volunteerism is the heart of our guild. However, the wording in the proposed by-law states may serve up to 5 years, so that does not restrict anyone from nominating themselves for any position to be voted on at election time.

Liz Swan made a motion to pass the full slate of changes to the by-laws. Holly Read seconded the motion. A hand vote was taken, and the motion passed.

### Committee Announcements

*Treasurer AP* - Diane Kelley - Diane is looking for someone to take over the position of Treasurer-Accounts Payable.

*Programs* - Diane is taking sign-ups for the Jane's Quilt April workshop with Linda Pearl. Currently, 2 people have signed up. We need to have at least 8-10 members signed up by this Tuesday March 21 if the workshop is to run. Either see Diane tonight to sign up or sign up on the website and pay via PayPal or send a check to Liz Swan to the PO Box.

*Travel for Raffle Quilt* - Betty Hastings, Judy Naylor - Quilter's Expo needs 25 members to either sit with the raffle quilt or to white glove at the Expo. A gift of a potted plant was given to the first person to sign up to help out - Zena



Runkel. Please sign up to help out at this meeting or on-line. The Expo is one of the biggest moneymakers for the Raffle Quilt.

*Nominating Committee* - Layne Rando, Linda Lydecker - Additional committee members are Dot Tyler, Susan Nelson and Gail Forthoffer. The slate of officers will be presented at the April meeting.

*Quilt Show* - Linda Lydecker - The Quilt show is September 29-30 at Hope Church in Newburyport. Judging is at the Merrimac Library on Wednesday, Sept 27 with Pat Harrison as our judge. The fee to have a quilt judged is \$6 per quilt and can be paid by PayPal or by check sent to Liz Swan - Treasurer - AR to the PO Box with the number of quilts in the memo field on the check. Quilt Show Set-Up is Thursday, Sept 28. Quilts are needed. Members are encouraged to enter a quilt and to get it judged. Participate in the Challenge, themed "Time of the Season" with the banner size of 10-12" x 36". Enter your Mystery Quilt. There is a Quilt Show Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, March 29 for anyone who wants to get involved in the show. Let Linda Lydecker or Jamie Ruh know if you would like to attend.

*Mystery Quilt* - Wendy Ward - The last step, Part 6, is out on the table. Wendy is looking forward to doing another Mystery Quilt next year. Consider entering your quilt into show. If enough are entered, there may be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Please bring completed tops to our June meeting for show and tell.

*UFO Auction* - Stacey Caruso - There are about 20 baby quilt tops and backs at the front table available to be taken. These need to be quilted and bound and returned so they may be donated for our comfort quilt project.

*Membership* - Linda Lydecker - Last month there were 98 members and guests in attendance for the UFO Auction. Tonight, there are 2 new members, a returning member and 2 guests.

*Door Prizes* - An additional Door Prize was donated by our speaker Adele Scott. Winners: Robyn Royer, Andrea McMahon, Holly Read and Phyllis Lauria.

*Fabric Raffle* - Nancy Dempsey - Winner: Jeanne Elliott.

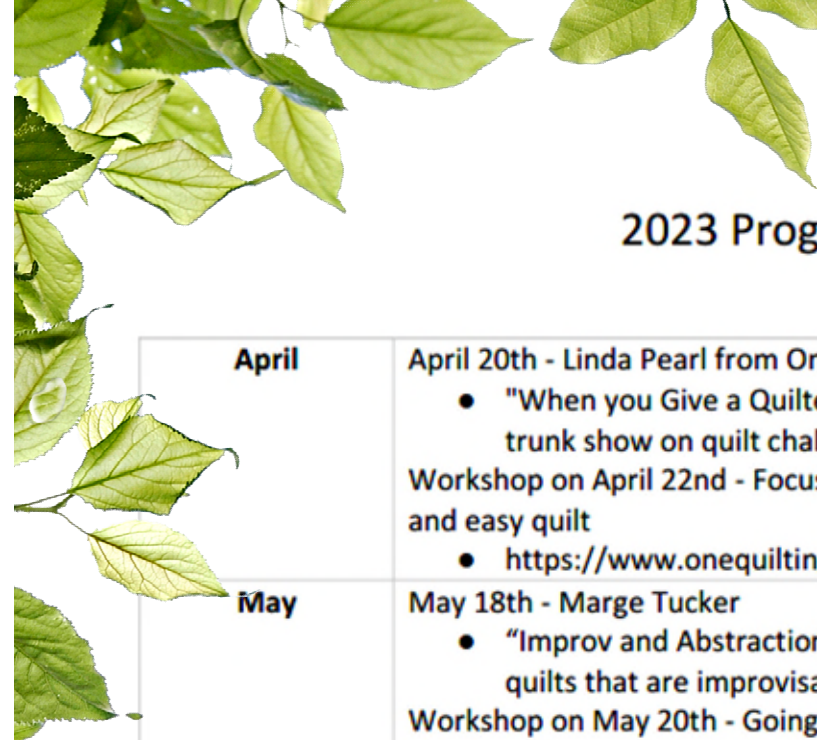
*Show and Tell*

Adjourn meeting at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Judd, Secretary





## 2023 Programs

<b>April</b>	April 20th - Linda Pearl from One Quilting Circle <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "When you Give a Quilter a Challenge" Light hearted lecture and trunk show on quilt challenges</li></ul> Workshop on April 22nd - Focus and play with design and color with a fast and easy quilt <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="https://www.onequiltingcircle.com">https://www.onequiltingcircle.com</a></li></ul>
<b>May</b>	May 18th - Marge Tucker <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Improv and Abstractions in Antique Quilts" lecture on vintage quilts that are improvisational constructed.</li></ul> Workshop on May 20th - Going In Circles. Class will show how to do a very unique technique of curved piecing developed by Marge <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="https://www.margetuckerquilts.com/about">https://www.margetuckerquilts.com/about</a></li></ul>
<b>June</b>	June 15th - Linda Warren - Learning Curve Ruler <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lecture and trunk show o</li></ul> Workshop June 17th - TLC Medallion using Learning Curve Ruler

### Payment required to be registered

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You will also be able to pay from our website using PayPal

You can mail a check to our PO.

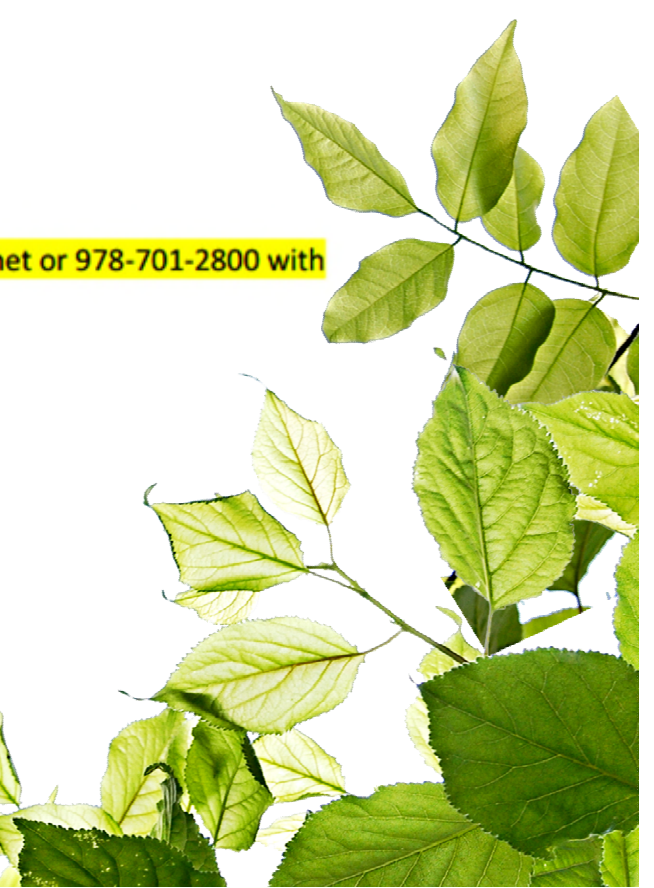
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**Questions! Please contact Jamie Hart at [jmhart9088@comcast.net](mailto:jmhart9088@comcast.net) or 978-701-2800 with questions**





# NEQE

New England Quilt Expo LLC 2023

Hello all. Got some time? Want to support your guild and visit a great quilt expo? Consider signing up to sell raffle tickets or white glove on:

- Thursday, April 20 selling tickets from 11:00-1:00, 1:00-3:00, or 3:00-5:00 or white gloving from 11:00-1:30.
- Friday, April 21 from 9:00-11:00 or 3:00-5:00

Your time is very appreciated. We expect this to be a great show and a wonderful fundraiser for our guild. Please contact Judy Naylor at 978-476-2525 (call or message).

For more information about the Expo check out:

- <https://bnpquilts.com/pages/neqe>
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