

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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

May 2023



Executive Committee **2022 – 2023**

President: Lynette Pisani

Vice President: Jamie Ruh

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Newsletter submissions can be sent to Liz Swan at liz@swanquilting.net. The deadline is the first Friday of the month.

President's Message

May is filled with celebrations and this month I celebrate all of you. Our guild is thriving, and you are the reason. Each of you brings unique talents and I thank you for sharing them with us.

Our speaker this month is Marge Tucker, and she will be giving a workshop on Saturday the 20th at the Red Barn Quilt Shop in Merrimack. There are only two openings remaining for this one so if you are thinking of taking it, time is running out to sign up.

We have a few openings that need to be filled. We need a person for the monthly newsletter and publicity to name a couple. If any of these interest you, I'm happy to explain what is entailed with each of them.

Our next guild meeting will be held in Building C (the Spurr Building) and will be in Lecture Hall A instead of Lecture Hall B as previously announced. I will send an email with the campus map before the meeting. Parking is across the street in front of the building and if you enter through the doors in the middle of the building you will be right in front of the lecture hall and will see our tables in the atrium. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Lynne Pisani, President



Scheduled for May 18th.

Lecture: Marge Tucker – “Improv and Abstractions in Antique Quilts” lecture on vintage quilts that are improvisationally constructed.

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 N – R

Sew and Know for May – The Exploding Block at approximately 6:20 and 6:40 pm

The meeting will be in the Spurk Building, Lecture Hall A.

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.

2024 Raffle Quilt Workgroup

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 24, 9-3
at West Congregational Church, Haverhill.

Gail Forthoffer

SEW AND KNOW

Janice Jones

janicemaejones@gmail.com

Susan Nelson will demonstrate her technique for creating “**The Exploding Block**”. This is promised to be fast and fun, with a good result. Come early to take in this unique technique.

Sew and Know presentations take place before the meeting, typically at 6:20 and 6:40 p.m. It's a great time to mingle with other members and learn a new tip or technique.

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!

Once again, a table will be set up in the atrium with quilt show information at the May guild meeting. 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.

Fat quarters for the **Penny Raffle** are being collected now. Look for Mary Lou Monteiro in the atrium at our May and June guild meetings. She'll have a bag for your donations. Thank you!

Volunteer sign-ups to work the show have begun. You can sign up at the May guild meeting at the membership table or on Sign-Up Genius. Go to **MVQuilters.org**, click **Quilt Show 2023**, then click **Volunteer Sign up 2023** and you will be directed to the volunteer list. Scroll down to find the jobs you like to do most! Jobs are filling up fast and we thank you for that!

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! Bring Comfort Quilts to the Hope Church on set up day, Thursday, September 28th.

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...so...happy sewing!

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

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership for the 2023-2024 year. So far that's 50 of you! If you haven't yet renewed, why not do it sooner rather than later? It's easy! Go to our website and look for the 2023-2024 membership form.

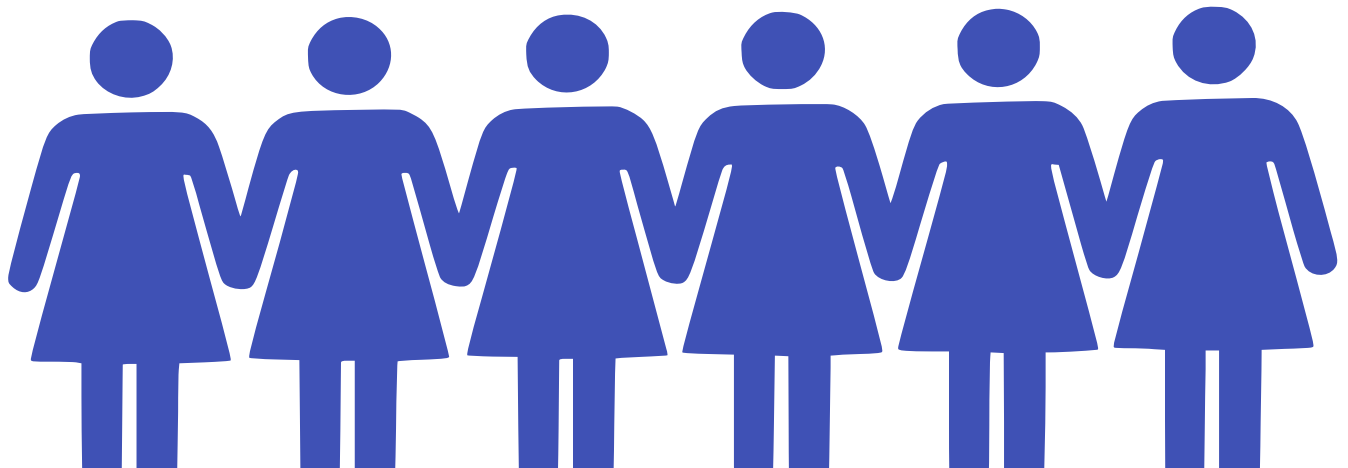
From there you can print it, fill it out, and either bring it to a guild meeting or mail it to the MVQ PO Box with a check. Better yet, you can save some time by easily renewing online using our secure PayPal/credit card checkout. I'll also have some more membership forms at our guild meeting if you'd rather renew in person.

For only a small membership fee, you can reap a multitude of benefits:

- Share your passion for quilting with like-minded friends.
- Be inspired by professional speakers.
- Appreciate the awesome talent of our members during Show and Tell
- Learn a new skill at a workshop.
- Stretch your creativity by participating in guild challenges.
- Discover new tips, tricks, and techniques from Sew and Know demonstrations.
- Feel good when you donate to our annual comfort quilt charity.
- Share the pride in our annual quilt show.

Don't miss out on being a part of our wonderful, active, and friendly guild.

Linda Lydecker
MVQ Membership Chair



Huge Fabric Yard Sale

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When: Friday June 9th

Saturday June 10th

Where: 8 Blueberry Hill Road
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Time: 8am – 3pm

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Bring your sturdy tote bags to fill!

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MVQ April General Meeting April 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Lynne Pisani.

So good to see everyone and glad to be back! The May meeting will be held in the Spurr Building, Lecture Hall B. Last year we were in Lecture Hall A. This year we will be in B, which is right beside A. A map of the campus will be on the website. In addition, we are losing our venue for workshops next year. The workshop space must support 20 machines and at least two irons with a minimum of 10 tables. Please see Lynne Pisani or Jamie Hart if you know of any venues. Ideally, a place that is free or low cost is preferred.

Secretary's Report - March guild meeting minutes are accepted as circulated.

Treasurer's Report - The report is accepted as circulated.

Nominating Committee - Layne Rando - the nominations for the 2023/2024 Board are as follows:

President - Lynne Pisani (incumbent)

Vice President - Jamie Rue (incumbent)

Secretary - Wendy Ward

Treasurer - Accounts Payable - Diane Kelley (incumbent)

Treasurer - Accounts Receivable - Liz Swan (incumbent)

Voting Procedure - Liz Swan - The election will be held on Election Runner starting on May 3rd at 9:00 AM. All members will receive an email with instructions on voting. Voting will conclude on May 13. Two reminders will be sent out to those who have not voted.

Programs - Patty Crafts - Sign up for this Saturday's workshop with Linda Pearl in the Atrium. Signups for the May and June workshops are also at the table. Consider taking a workshop - they are fun and informative!

Membership - Linda Lydecker - We are beginning the membership drive for 2023-2024. Thanks to those who brought their forms tonight. You may sign up online and pay PayPal, check or QR code. If you renew by June you may enter the quilt Show in September. There are 4 guests tonight. Please wear nametags to assist all in learning new names. When you wear your nametag, you will receive a ticket for Door Prizes and receive a discount on Fabric Raffle Tickets.

Door Prizes - Winners: Traci Bradstreet, Pat Cressman and Lynne Pisani.

Volunteers - Linda Lydecker - Quilt Show Dates this year: Set Up Day - Sept 28, Show - Sept 29/30. You may sign up at the back table or online using SignUp Genius. Volunteer shift times have changed slightly on Show days to 9-11:30, 11:30-2, 2-4. To sign up online, go to the Quilt Show Tab to Volunteer sign up.

It will go to SignUp Genius where you can volunteer. Save your selection and then enter name, email address and phone number and save again. In addition you may also email Linda with your volunteer preference. The website has a lot of information including quilt entry form, drop off and pick info, boutique form and much more.

Quilt Show Chair - Jamie Ruh - There is a Quilt Show Table in Atrium with good information. Jamie is looking for someone to put together baggies of things to tag entered quilts. A member volunteered. Entry forms - Liz Swan - Entry forms are online and ready to be filled out. Quilts can be judged (\$6) and not judged (free). Payment can be by check or PayPal. Pay by PayPal first, and then enter your quilts.

With PayPal, you can pay with any credit card. To pay with the QR code, you need to have a PayPal account. Deadline for entering quilts is August 1, 2023. Please enter your quilts! Remember there is a ribbon for First Time Entry.

Ads and Vendors - Jennifer Wood and Carol McPhee - many of the vendors from last year are returning and a few new vendors as well. One space is left to fill. Scissor sharpening is not available this year. If know of someone who sharpens scissors, let Jennifer or Carol know.

Next Quilt Show meeting on Zoom is May 10th

Travel for Raffle Quilt - Raffle Quilt is at the New England Quilt Expo. Thank you to those who volunteered to sit with the quilt.

2024 Raffle Quilt - There is a meeting on April 26th at West Congregational Church from 9-3 to work on the raffle quilt. The quilt will be debuted in the September Quilt Show. Anyone is welcome to come and help out.

Quilt Retreat - Phyllis Lauria - The retreat is two weeks from today and we have a full house. Phyllis booked our Fall retreat at Waterville Valley at the Valley Inn on the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Mystery Quilt - Wendy Ward - The final instructions were passed out last month. Please bring your completed quilt or top to the June meeting and consider entering in the show. Prizes may be awarded.

Show and Tell

Fabric Raffle - Winner: Carol McPhee

Adjourn business portion of meeting 8:02 PM

Program - Guest Speaker - Linda Pear

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Adjourn meeting at 9:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie Judd, Secretary

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2023 Programs

May	May 18th - Marge Tucker <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Improv and Abstractions in Antique Quilts" lecture on vintage quilts that are improvisational constructed. 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">• https://www.margetuckerquilts.com/about
June	June 15th - Linda Warren - Learning Curve Ruler <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture and trunk show o Workshop June 17th - TLC Medallion using Learning Curve Ruler

Payment required to be registered

You can pay at a guild meeting

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

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On check front, note the workshop date(s)

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