

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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June 2023



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

‘Summertime, and the livin’ is easy’! As we close out this year, each of you deserves a pat on the back for such a successful year and so many jobs well done. I can’t thank you enough for your support throughout this past year.

As we move forward and look to the future, we are a very healthy guild and we look forward to our main fundraiser, the Quilt Show. The theme this year is “Summer’s End” and what better theme to begin preparing for our new adventures in September. We will be able to finish our show entries, our items to sell at the Boutique and our Silent Auction donations throughout the summer. We can clean out our stash for the White Elephant room and have our show and tells ready for our kick-off meeting in September. And remember, that is our ice cream social! The quilt show will truly be the perfect ending to a productive season.

Looking forward to Fall, there are positions we need to fill. Thank you, Zena Runkel for taking on the job of Historian and Terry Taylor and Pat Johnson for taking on Programs for next year as well as Phyllis Lauria who will be our new Sunshine chairperson. There are still many positions which will need to be filled by next September. We will need a Quilt Show Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2024, someone for publicity and for the newsletter, two people for the Travel Raffle Quilt, and a Quilt Museum Representative, just to name a few. There is plenty of help available so if you are even remotely interested, please reach out and I would be happy to explain what each position entails. Many hands make for light work.

Don’t forget to sign up for the Linda Warren workshop on June 17th. I look forward to seeing you on June 15th for our final meeting before vacation. Remember to bring your Mystery quilts and workshop projects for Show and Tell. See you There.

Lynette Pisani
President, MVQ

Next Meeting:

Scheduled for June 15th. Social hour starts at 6:00 pm and includes demonstrations. Business meeting starts at 7:00 pm. This meeting is IN-PERSON at NECC. The meeting will be in the Technology Center. All are welcome – you do not need to be a guild member to attend this meeting.

Refreshment responsibility last name beginning with S – Z

Sew and Know demonstration for June – Bev Valle will be presenting a unique Glued Binding Technique – starts at approximately 6:20 and 6:40 pm.

Lecture: Linda Warren Designs - “Learning Curve Ruler.” Her lecture will be a trunk show of her designs.

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.

Raffle Quilt Travels

As many of you know, we have lost the large (money making) venues where we could take our raffle quilt. Linda Lydecker has found a one-day event in Reading and will be making that journey. As summer approaches please think about events in your town that might be a good place to showcase our quilt, our guild activities, and some money for our coffers.

Check your MVQ email for a request to support Linda at the Reading Friends and Family and Day on Saturday, June 10th.

Please share possible locations with Lynne Pisani or Judy Naylor. And if you can help Linda in Reading, contact Judy at 978.476.2525.

SEW AND KNOW

Janice Jones

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Bev Valle will be presenting a unique Glued Binding Technique that's fast, easy, and fun! She'll also showing a quick quilting design that can be practiced on paper and is great for comfort quilts too. Come early to take in these useful techniques.

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*

Things are shaping up for this year's quilt show!

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

Please bring your **Mystery Quilts** to Show & Tell at the June guild meeting, whether it's quilted or not. This will be a beautiful showing of quilts! We would love to have everyone who participated in Mystery Quilts enter their quilts into the show. This is sure to be an interesting and gorgeous exhibit!

Fat quarters for the **Penny Raffle** are being collected now. Look for Mary Lou Monteiro in the atrium at our June guild meeting. She will provide a bag for your donations. Thank you!

Volunteer sign ups to work the show have begun. You can sign up at the June 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 Community 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.

Over the summer, you may have some free time to make, or rummage through your things to donate, something for one of these areas of the quilt show:

- Penny Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Boutique
- White Elephant

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**. **Entry Forms are due by August 1.**

***We can't have a quilt show without you and your beautiful quilts...
So...happy sewing!***

Thank you for all your hard work in making this quilt show a great success! If you have any questions or want to volunteer to help with the show, please contact:

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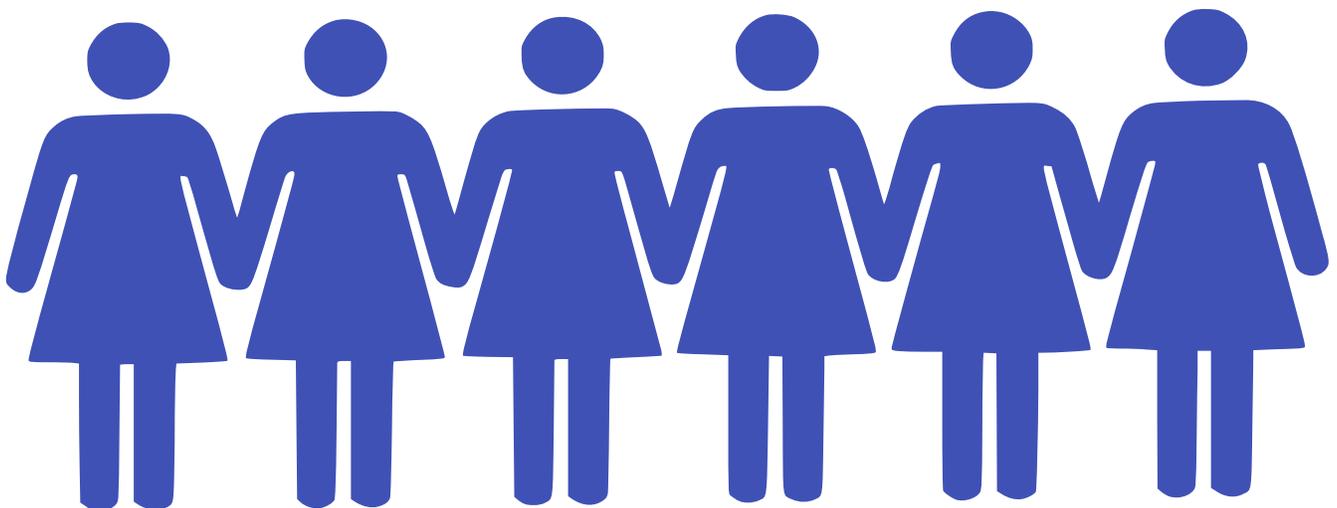
Linda Lydecker
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Membership Information

Time is running out! If you haven't renewed your membership yet, **DO IT NOW!** It's easy! You can conveniently renew online or, instead, print the 2022-2023 membership form and mail it with a check to the MVQ P.O. Box.

The deadline is June 30th. This is especially important if you want to submit a quilt for our quilt show this fall. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the members who have already renewed. Don't miss your opportunity to belong to our wonderful guild where friendship and inspiration are guaranteed.

Linda Lydecker
MVQ Membership Chair



MVQ May General Meeting

May 18, 2023

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

Welcome! Apologies for the long walk to the meeting tonight from the parking lot.

Sadly, one of our members, Brenda Haskell passed away.

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

Election Results - Layne Rando

President - Lynne Pisani

Vice President - Jamie Rue

Secretary - Wendy Ward

Treasurer - Accounts Payable - Diane Kelley

Treasurer – Accounts Receivable - Liz Swan

Committee Reports

Programs - Jamie Hart – the workshop on Saturday is at the Red Barn. You may bring lunch, or lunch may be purchased. Linda Warren is our speaker next month. Her workshop will be at the West Congregational Church. There are still opening for this workshop. Jamie has been working on the 2023/2024 Programs, and in October we will have David Sirota.

Membership - Linda Lydecker - Thank you to those who have renewed their membership. There are 56 renewals so far with more coming. There are membership forms in the Atrium. There are many benefits to membership – friends, speakers, retreats, workshops, quilt show, show and tell and more. There are 2 new members tonight and 3 guests.

Door Prizes - Winners: Ann Stobbs, Patty (guest) and Kim Schweisberg

Quilt Show - Jamie Ruh – For information about the Quilt Show there is a table set up in the Atrium.

Volunteers - Linda Lydecker - 92 of 188 volunteer slots are filled. Linda needs a volunteer to fold FQ's as favor for volunteering.

Penny Raffle - Mary Lou Monteiro - We usually receive between 30- 40 baskets created and donated by the membership. Raffle baskets ideas include Italian basket, Beach basket, Chocolate basket, Fabric baskets, and Quilting Tools basket. Make one with a friend. We will be collecting lottery tickets and FQ's for the group baskets.

Boutique - Marilyn Yee and Diana Grammont - Here is an opportunity to make money for the guild (20%) and the member (80%). Ideas for items to sell - Coasters, placemats, tote bags, jar openers, bibs, burp pads, jewelry, and handmade soap. Inventory forms are available online and from Marilyn and Diana.

Challenge - Pat Johnson - Consider doing the challenge. The theme is Time of the Season. Get inspired by the music and time of the 70's. Something old needs to be included in your quilt banner. Size is 12" x 36"

Next Quilt Show meeting on Zoom is June 7th .

2024 Raffle Quilt – The Quilt committee is working on putting it together.

Travel for Raffle Quilt - The Raffle Quilt is going to Reading in June. Looking to find more places to show the Raffle Quilt. Looking for volunteers to take over as Chairs of this position.

Open Positions – Newsletter, Historian, Publicity, Travel for Raffle Quilt and Sunshine.

See Lynne if you want to help out. Ann and Mary Stobbs have volunteered as Chairs for the 2025 Raffle Quilt.

Show and Tell

Adjourn business portion of meeting 7:52 PM

Program - Guest Speaker - Marge Tucker

Our next Board meeting is Wednesday, May 31st on Zoom.

Our next Guild meeting is Thursday, June 15th

Adjourn meeting at 8:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Judd, Secretary

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Our last workshop for the 2022-2023 year is Saturday June 17th! We extended our workshop into June because of requests of membership! The class is 50% full. Let's try to fill the class with members and friends before our guild meeting! You can use PayPal or mail a check!

2023 Programs

June	June 15th - Linda Warren - Learning Curve Ruler <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture and trunk show Workshop June 17th - TLC Medallion using Learning Curve Ruler
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Payment required to be registered

You can pay at a guild meeting

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

You can mail a check to our PO.

On check front, note the workshop date(s)

On back of check, add text "MVQ for deposit only

Mail check to: **MVQ**

P.O. Box 566,

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Questions! Please contact Jamie Hart at jmhart9088@comcast.net or 978-701-2800 with questions

TLC Medallion
Linda Warren
Saturday June 17 2023
9am -3pm
West Congregational Church
Haverhill MA



In this class, you will make a small quilt top, starting with a 12" block in the center, and adding two pieced borders made with The Learning Curve ruler. You will learn how to use TLC ruler to make perfect circles and other curves with infinite design possibilities.

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