

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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March 2025



Executive Committee

2024 – 2025

President: Nancy Scarfo

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Secretary: Wendy Ward

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To reach any committee member, please address any correspondence to:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The success of our quilt guild relies heavily on its dedicated volunteers. One perfect example is last month's UFO auction - I am once again in awe of how everyone came together to make it such a fun and exciting event. THANK YOU to all who participated and contributed!

If you missed out on the UFO auction, no worries! The guild has plenty of other activities coming up, from workshops, special guest speakers, quilt challenges and my personal favorite, Quilt Show! Stay tuned for more!

Nancy Scarfo
President, MVQ

Newsletter submissions can be sent to Lori Josephson at **lojo0617@gmail.com**. The deadline is the first Friday of the month at midnight.

Next Meeting:

Scheduled for **March 20, 2025** – Patty Sawyer – Simplifying Mysteries

Sew & Know – **Volunteers Needed** – Contact Janice Jones

Refreshments will be provided by members whose last names begin with the letters K-N.

This meeting is IN-PERSON at NECC.

The meeting starts at 7:00 pm, but doors open at 6:00 pm.

Guidelines for Coming to the Northern Essex Community College Campus

While NECC is a Mask Flexible Campus, there are times that we strongly recommend wearing a mask, such as if you are considered a close contact, have completed the quarantine phase but are still within 10 days of your positive COVID-19 test, or are experiencing minor cold symptoms.

It is recommended that you wear the most protective mask you can that fits well and that you will wear consistently. Certain types of masks offer higher levels of protection than others. KN95 and N95 are more effective than cloth or surgical face coverings at protecting against the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

Please respect and support your fellow community members by staying home if you are ill, including if you have tested positive for COVID 19.

Updated 01/25

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 the President at least 2 days before the meeting and request an invitation.

All Committee Chairpersons are expected to attend the Board Meeting. Please make note that the next Zoom Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 2, 2025 at 6:30 PM. You will receive the Zoom link the day of the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

It was great to see so many members at our UFO Auction. That night we also had 15 guests, some of whom joined our guild. This brings our membership total to 128.

You should have received an email from me with the updated Photo Roster and Member List documents. Along with wearing your nametag, these documents are important for helping us to get to know each other better. Print them and keep them with your meeting things so they are an easy reference. You could also download them to your phone so they're always at your fingertips. If you can't print, let me know or ask for them when you check in at our meeting. As always let me know if any of your contact info needs to be updated or if you want to replace your photo.

Linda Lydecker
Membership Chair

QUILT SHOW

We have a few chair positions available for the upcoming show. It is so important that we have people volunteer for these positions. They are critical to keeping the quilt show as successful (and profitable) as it has been in the past. I promise that you will have fun, get to meet a bunch of new people, and have all the support and help that you need to be successful! Here's what we currently have open: Publicity (2 people), Silent Auction (1 person – Thanks Maureen for volunteering!!), and Penny Raffle (2 people). If you have an interest in one of these positions or would like to learn more about any of the positions on the quilt show team, please feel free to let Jamie or me know! We can't wait to convince you to be part of the quilt show committee!

Lori Josephson and Jamie Ruh
Quilt Show Chair and Co-Chair

PROGRAMS

Program: 2026-2026 – MVQ Program Poll – Ends on March 17 we will love to hear from you. [Click here](#) for the link to the poll.

Brownbag Challenge: We were excited to get such a large participation to this challenge. Reminder, the due date for the challenge is June where members will reveal their projects. If you have any questions, please forward an email to Patty at pathochmuth@aol.com.

Upcoming lectures:

1. March 20th – Patty Sawyer – Color – Simplifying the Mysteries
2. April 17th Michelle Banton – From Cotton to Customer
3. May 15th Lynn Thibault and Nancy Sullivan trunk show

Upcoming workshops:

1. March 22, 2025 – Birds of a feather
2. April 19, Giant Gemstone paper piecing
3. May 17, 5-way applique

Please view details on MVQ website - [Lecture Schedule/ Workshop Schedule « Merrimack Valley Quilters](#)

SEW AND KNOW

Janice Jones

janicemaejones@gmail.com

Unfortunately there will be no Sew and Know this month, as nobody has come forward to share their tip or technique.

I am currently seeking presenters for May and June. Please keep Sew and Know alive by showing or demonstrating your favorite technique so that we can all learn together. Contact me at the email above to schedule what month works for you.

Sew and Know is a great time to mingle with other members and learn a new tip or technique. So, who has a favorite quilting tip or technique? Something you've been working on and want to share?

Please email me!!



March, 2025

Hi everyone!

This is a friendly reminder that I am the Sunshine Chairperson for the guild. I have appreciated that people have been letting me know of people who are in need of cheer!

The updated Sunshine guidelines are posted on the MVQ website, under Committees, then Sunshine Guidelines.

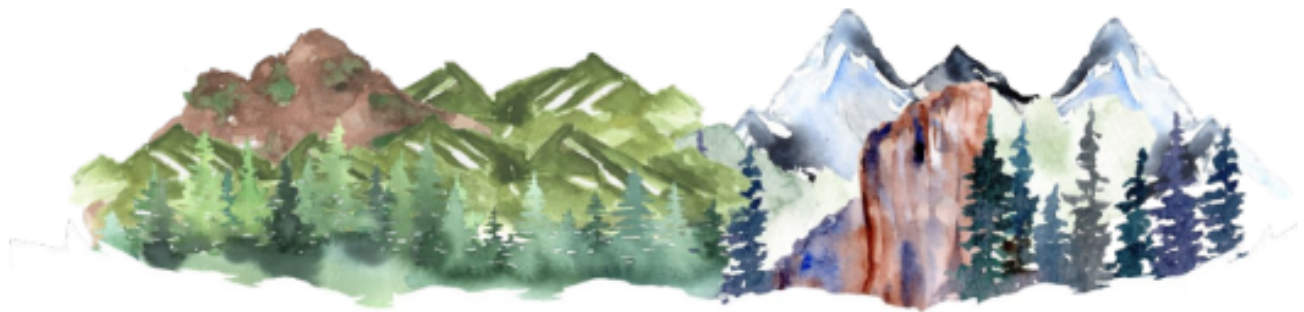
Please let me know if you know of anyone in the guild that needs some sunshine.

You can text or call (978-609-1050) or email (pmlauria17@gmail.com).

Phyllis

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MVQ Quilting Retreat

Info & Updates

March, 2025

Hi everyone,

Our next retreat is scheduled for May 15-18, 2025 at The Valley Inn in Waterville Valley. Registration will be open in a week or two and will be announced in an email blast. There is a lot of interest in this retreat so please check your email and spam folders!

If you have any questions, feel free to email me.

Phyllis Lauria

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FEBRUARY 2025 GUILD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

President's Remarks – Nancy Scarfo

- Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with the auction.
- **NEQE:**
 - Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help.
 - PA few volunteers are still needed for NEQE.
 - Please see Nancy for details.
- **ECNG (Essex County Needlework Group):**
 - ECNG has openings in an upcoming workshop.
 - The workshop is “Absolutely Positively Perfect Bias Binding” with Sarah Ann Smith.
 - It will be held on Wednesday March 5 from 1:00 to 4:30 following her morning presentation for ECNG at the Congregational Church of Topsfield. The address is 9 E Common St. The cost is \$55.
 - Please speak with Janice Bye if interested.
- **Raffle Quilts**
 - Thank you to Terri Leeman for coordinating the 2026 raffle quilt.
 - Thank you to Susan Nelson and Fran Denault for coordinating the 2027 raffle quilt.

Secretary's Report – Wendy Ward

The January Secretary's Report was approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Reports –Theresa Bourque

The January Treasurer's Report was approved as circulated.

Quilt Show – Lori Josephson

- The dates for this year's quilt show dates September 26th and 27th.
- The theme is Hidden Treasures.
- Still need chair people for Penny Raffle and Publicity.
- The Boutique would also appreciate some additional help.

Programs – Terry Taylor

- A new poll went out.
- Please take a few minutes to respond to it.
- It is important that we have your feedback.
- There are openings for the March and April class.

Membership - Linda Lydecker

- We have many guests in attendance tonight and hope they consider joining our lovely group.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Ward, Secretary.



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