

MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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

October 2025



Executive Committee **2025 – 2026**

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Secretary: Wendy Ward

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another quilt show has come and gone, and I'm truly amazed—every year, even the smallest changes, whether it's the setup or new vendors, make the event better than ever! I hope you had a chance to experience the dazzling display of quilts, the irresistible raffle baskets, the exciting silent auction items, the huge selection of fabric and sewing notions in the White Elephant rooms, beautifully crafted items in the Boutique and let's not forget, my favorite, the egg salad sandwiches. 😊

Our guild is simply outstanding. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of those who donated. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: it truly takes a village to create something this special. Thank you all for making this year's show unforgettable!

Oh, one final thought... I'm off to the Coheco quilt show in two weeks! I'll be on a top-secret mission—armed with my notepad, a keen eye for creative genius, and maybe a snack or two (quilt shows require stamina, after all). I promise to gather the quirkiest, cleverest, and most dazzling ideas to share with our Quilt Show Chair and Co-Chair. My goal? To make our show so spectacular that even the quilts will be talking about it! Stay tuned—greatness (and possibly glitter) is coming!

Nancy Scarfo
President, MVQ

Next Meeting:

Scheduled for Oct 16th - Susan Peland - Fast and Fabulous

Sew & Know - Carol Sullivan - Yoga for Quilters

Refreshments will be provided by members whose last names begin with A – B.

This meeting is IN-PERSON at NECC (Hartleb Technology Center).

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.

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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 November 19 at 6:30 PM. You will receive the Zoom link the day of the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our guild continues to grow. We are now up to 132 members. We have a lot of new members so make sure you introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

THANK YOU to all of you who volunteered for our quilt show. Volunteers are a critical part of a successful quilt show, and we passed with flying colors! Many members offered to help even though their shift had ended or had not yet started. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all the time volunteers spent helping our show be the great success it was.

Since we have so many new members, I will send out updated versions of our Membership List and Photo Roster. You can print them and keep them with your meeting supplies and/or download them to your phone so they're always available.

Finally, remember to wear your nametag at our meetings so others can get to know you. Your nametag gets you a door prize ticket as well as a discount on fabric lottery tickets.

Linda Lydecker
Membership Chair

A QUICK NOTE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT, BETH BELL LAVOIE

Huge Thank you to everyone who donated quilts this year to support our Comfort Quilts program. Mary Hardwick from Wellspring House joined us on Saturday afternoon at the quilt show and was overwhelmed by the beautiful quilts you all made and she was very impressed with our fabulous show. We collected 59 quilts at the show and we filled her car up with your generous donations.

If you didn't get a chance to drop off your donation quilt yet, Wellspring House will be joining us at the October meeting to thank us and tell us a little about their program, so please bring your quilts to the October meeting.

Thank you again,
Beth Bell Lavoie



SEW AND KNOW

Janice Jones

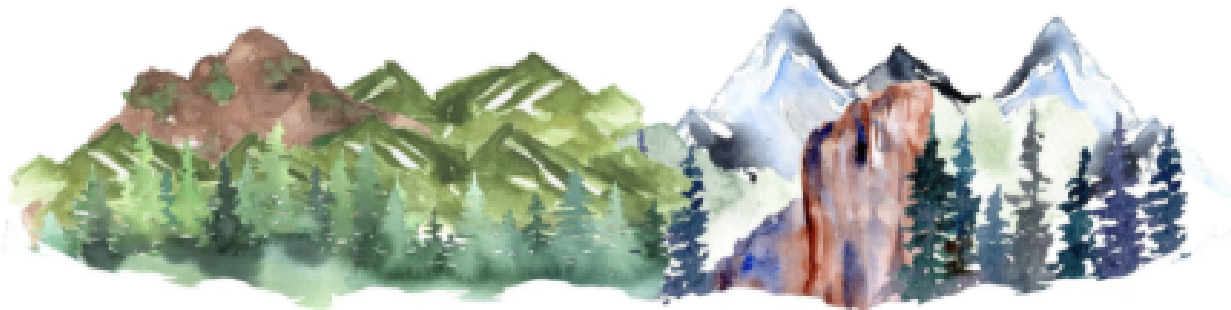
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Sew and Know is back for October! Carol Sullivan will present “Yoga for Quilters”. You can find her at the Sew and Know table in the lecture room from around 6:20 p.m. to the start of our meeting.

**Sew and Know presenters are needed for:
January, March, April, May, & June.**

Please keep Sew and Know alive by choosing one of the above months to demonstrate your favorite technique so that we can all learn together.

So, who has a favorite quilting tip or technique?
Something you’ve been working on and want to share?
Please email me!!



MVQ Quilting Retreat

Info & Updates

October, 2025

Hi everyone,

Our next retreat will be November 20-23, 2025 at the Valley Inn in Waterville, NH.

Registration for the retreat is now OPEN.

Please go to the MVQ website (guild activities-retreats) for the Retreat Information, Price List, and Registration Form.

We have a capacity of 30 attendees, and it is first-come, first-served and determined by postmark on the mailed registration. If needed, we will have a waitlist.

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

Phyllis Lauria

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October, 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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SEPTEMBER 2025 GUILD MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

President's Remarks - Nancy Scarfo

- Nancy welcomed everyone back.
- We hope you have a wonderful summer.

Secretary's Report – Wendy Ward

- The June meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Reports - Theresa Bourque, Zena Runkel

- The treasurer's report was accepted as circulated.

Membership - Linda Lydecker

- There were 120 members as of this morning, but more members have joined today.
- Linda introduced the new members.
- Door prize winners were Sheila Ramsden, Terry Taylor, and Lolly Wigall.

Website – Cathy Harnisch

- If you have any questions regarding the website or find any errors, please reach out to Cathy.
- All the workshops have been loaded onto the website and payment can be made via Venmo, credit card or PayPal.

Sunshine – Phyllis Lauria

- If you know of anyone who needs some sunshine, please let Phyllis know.

Quilt Retreat – Phyllis Lauria

- The fall dates are November 20 to 23, 2025 at the Waterville Valley Inn.
- Participation is limited to 30 people.
- Phyllis will be sending out the details soon.
- The website will be updated with the information soon.

2027 Travel Raffle Quilt – Fran C. Daneault & Susan Nelson

- The kits are in the foyer if anyone would like to make some blocks.

Quilt Show – Lori Josephson

- Judging will occur on Monday, September 22nd.
- Judged quilts should be dropped off between 7:00 and 7:30.
- Set up will be on Wednesday, September 24th from 8:00 to 4:00.
- Show is on the 26th and 27th from 8:00 to 4:00.
- Remember to bring your raffle baskets, comfort quilts, kitchen donations, white elephant room donations, boutique items, silent auction items and non-judged quilts.
- If you have step stools or wagons, please bring them on Wednesday.

- Make sure your lint roll your quilts before bringing them on Thursday.

White elephant room – Helene Parenteau

- Donations can be brought Thursday morning.
- There will be 1 room for fabric and 1 room for notions, patterns, etc.

Silent Auction – Maureen Terrazano

- Donations can be dropped off on Thursday morning.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to Maureen.

Boutique – Marilyn Yee and Diana Gramont

- Boutique items need to be handmade by you.
- You will receive 80% and the guild will receive 20% of the sale.
- Drop off will be on Thursday from 8:00 am until noon.
- Please limit identical items to 10 at a time.
- As they sell, you may replenish the supply at the end of the day on Friday.
- There is a boutique inventory form on the website.
- See Diana or Marilyn with any questions.
- Prices should be in whole dollars.
- Items need to be picked up at the end of the day on Saturday.

Penny Raffle – Patty Hochmuth and Lisa Arsenault

- Donations are still being accepted for gift cards, lottery tickets, scratch tickets and fat quarters.
- Baskets can be any theme you desire.
- Please label the outside of the basket with what items are inside the basket.

Comfort Quilts – Beth Bell Lavoie

- Beth is accepting donations tonight or you can bring them on Thursday.
- They will be donated to Wellspring House in Gloucester.
- Wellspring House will be attending our October meeting to speak about their program so you may bring more to that meeting.

Volunteer Signups – Linda Lydecker

- There are 187 volunteer slots to fill and most have been filled.
- Please let Linda know if you need to make any changes to the slots you signed up for.
- Volunteers get in free for both days.
- Please wear your name badge.
- White gloves will be available for those who are assigned with white gloving.

Kitchen – Bev Valle

- Thank you for your donations.
- Additional items are still needed.
- Please drop off the items either Thursday or Friday. \Please do not bring them Saturday.

Parking – Lori

- Please make sure you park at Newburyport Pentecostal Church next door.

Fabric Lottery: Nancy Dempsey/Dianna Doucette

- The fabric raffle winner was Zena Runkel.

Show and Tell

- Members shared their beautiful creations.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Ward, Secretary.



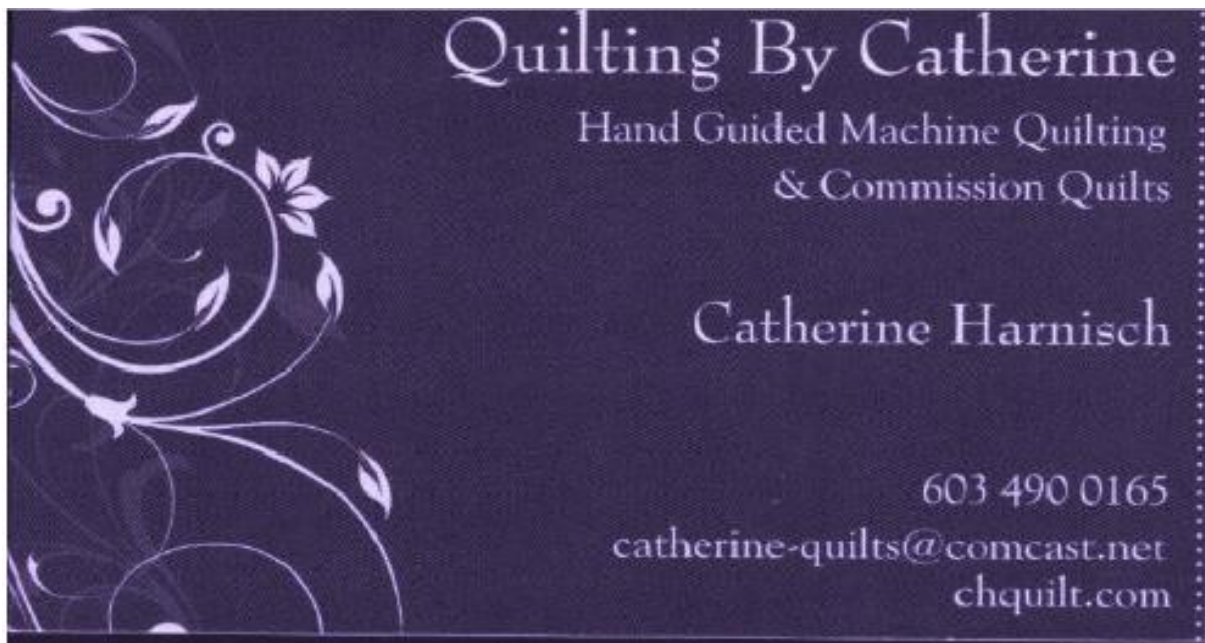
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