MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

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

December 2026

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2026 – 2027

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As another year winds down, I've been reflecting on everything our guild has accomplished over the past few months—and there is so much to celebrate! Our membership has continued to grow, more hands than ever have stepped up to volunteer, and fresh ideas are constantly breathing new energy into our group.

Most importantly, though, our meetings are always filled with non-stop fun, camaraderie, and laughter. Being part of this creative community is truly a joy, and I can't wait to see what we stitch together in the new year!

With warm regards,
Nancy Scarfo
President, MVQ

Next Meeting:
Scheduled for December 3rd – Holiday Party!!

This meeting will be in person at NECC. It will begin at 7:00 pm.

Sew & Know - No Sew & Know due to the holiday party setup.

All Members are asked to participate in the holiday party potluck.

Barbara Ullman will be accepting orphan blocks at the next meeting.

Nancy Scarfo, Lori Josephson, and Beth Bell Lavoie will have block sewing packets for the next raffle quilt available at the holiday party!

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 January 6, 2027, at 6:30 PM. You will receive the Zoom link the day of the meeting.

Open Positions

Hi Members,
We currently have a few open volunteer positions we are looking to fill! If you are interested in stepping up or just want to learn more about what a specific role involves, please reach out directly to the volunteer currently holding that position.

We'd love to have you get involved! Thank you!

Accounts Payable Treasurer - Theresa Bourke
Accounts Receivable Treasurer - Zena Runkel
Sew and Know - Janice Jones (Looking to fill asap)

SENDING sunshine

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November, 2026

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

November, 2026

Hi everyone,

Our Fall retreat was recently held at The Valley Inn at Waterville Valley, NH, and it was a wonderful weekend, with lots of camaraderie, creativity and cheer. Thank you to the retreat participants that shared their talent and generous spirit.

Our Spring 2027 retreat is scheduled for April 29th to May 2nd at The Valley Inn.

Our Fall 2027 retreat is scheduled for November 18th to November 21st at The Valley Inn.

If you have any questions, please email me.

Phyllis Lauria

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MVQ Guild Meeting

October 15, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:02

President's Remarks - Nancy Scarfo

Thank you all so much for volunteering your time, talents, and energy to make our quilt show a **HUGE success**! Every contribution—from planning and set-up to welcoming guests, assisting throughout the event, and cleaning up afterward—helped make the show truly special.

Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork brought everything together beautifully. The quilts, displays, and warm hospitality reflected the creativity and spirit of our guild, and we could not have done it without each and every one of you.

I am deeply grateful for all you did. Thank you again for helping make this year's quilt show such a wonderful and memorable event!

Secretary's Report –Fran Daneault – September minutes were accepted as circulated.

Treasurer's Reports - Theresa Bourque - They are in progress and will be available soon.

Terry Taylor - Holiday Party - December 3

Look forward to Holiday Stocking Challenge. Additional non-competetive stockings are encouraged as they will go to St Anne's. Member gifts will be swapped.

Sign up-s for gift giving to St Anne's kids is going strong.

Membership – Linda Lydecker & Janice Bye - We welcome new members Dee Gomes, Jennifer Pituck, and Kathy Silva and guests Judy Roy, Lisa Hunt and Patti Dagata. Thanks to all who brought water bottles. Door prizes went to Maureen Terrazzano, Marianne Karp, and Ruth Caisse

Quilt Show – Lori Josephson -Thanked all and especially co-chairs, Jamie and Liz

First place winners:

Best of Judged: Elizabeth Swan; Phat Tuesday
Judges Choice: Patricia Knoerl Johnson; Color Inside the Lines
NACQJ Award: Elaine Rando; Night Watch
Traditional Small: Susan Webster; Polar
Traditional Medium: Susan Webster; Balance
Traditional Large: Beth Bell Lavoie; Rosie's Garden

Mystery Quilt: Deborah Conlon; Home is Where the Meow Is
Challenge Quilt: Susan Dodge; I'm Tickled Pink
Modern Quilt: Beth Bell Lavoie; Indi-Go Modern
Contemporary Small: Susan Webster; Spectrum
Contemporary Medium: Linda Lydecker; Escargot et tous ses amis
Contemporary Large: Michelle Mailloux; Sleep Well
Best Longarm Quilting: Elizabeth Swan; Desert Garden
Best Domestic Quilting: Elaine Rando; Night Watch
Best Use of Color: Susan Dodge; Friends Forever
Best Binding: Jamie Ruh; Sophie's Sampler
Best Use of Embellishment / Embroidery: Linda Lydecker; Escargot
Best Applique: Beth Bell Lavoie; Rosie's Garden
Best Piecing: Michelle Mailoux; Sleep Well
Viewer's Choice: Linda Lydecker; Escargot

Quilt Chair (Lori): Fran Daneault: 672 (aka I Know the Points Are Cut Off)
Quilt Co-Chair (Jamie): Maria Carter; Misty
Quilt Co-Chair (Liz): Linda Lydecker; Loose Lips

Viewer's choice: Linda Lydecker's Escargot. Note that most quilts received at least one vote.

Brown Bag Challenge – Patty Hochmuth

5 fat quarters in a brown bag. 6 to 9 months later something is created with additional optional fabrics. Will there be another session in January? Word on the street is,"yes."

The reveal of objects made by participants included quilts, bags and table runners. Most did not recognize their fabrics but everyone was happily surprised with the project they received.

"Adjourn Business Portion of Meeting" at 7:34

Break –

Fabric Lottery – Nancy Dempsey & Diana Doucette- Winner Lisse Sandoval.

Guest: Michelle Cain: Not Your Typical Jelly Roll Quilts Trunk Show

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Daneault



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