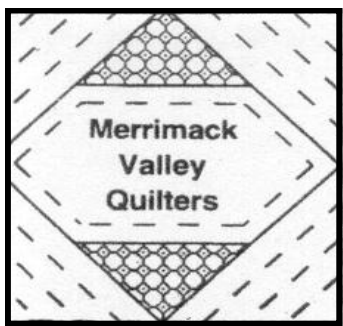


Merrimack Valley Quilting Guild

Celebrating 32 years of encouraging the art of quilting in the Merrimack Valley. MVQ was established in 1980.



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March on into Spring

We are halfway through our guild year and there is plenty of fun left!

This month our guest speaker is a quilt historian and pattern maker. Froncie Quinn loves miniature quilts and museum quilts. Froncie's lecture journeys into the life of Florrie Peto, a prolific needle worker in the first half of the 1900's, through the use of family photos and memorabilia. A captivating story about an engaging quilter and historian, which includes fun little snippets about Florrie, along with a slide show of her distinctive quilts, antique fabrics and needlework. In the workshop, Froncie will teach hand piecing and applique in the pattern of the Calico Garden. How beautiful is that quilt???

Marianne Nowacki



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Newsletter items must be in to me by the 1st of each month:
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March 15th Froncie Quinn

www.hooplapatterns.com – She will be talking to us about the story of Florence Petro and her quilt Calico Garden which will be the topic of the

Saturday workshop on hand piecing and hand appliqué. Still some openings available.

Program 2012

April Suzanne Marshall – www.suzannequilts.com – She has won awards at Paducah and Houston for her appliqué and hand quilting. She will do a talk on The Evolution of a Quiltmaker and talk about design inspirations from her award winning quilts. She will offer a Friday class on hand quilting and a Saturday class on appliqué.

May – Lenore Crawford – www.lenorecrawford.com – She will talk about fusing and fabric painting with quilts. She will do a Friday workshop on Mini Blended Fabric Collages and a Saturday workshop on fusible flowers.

June – An end of year dessert social – with a talk from Pam Potter from NH Quilt Emporium on what you can do with those jelly rolls, layer cakes, five inch squares etc.

Mary and Ann Stobbs are doing the

2011 MVQ Mystery Quilt.

Part will be posted on the Blog and copies will be available at the meeting. It is an original pattern and called "Dancing with the Squares".



Thanks, Ann Stobbs

Doris Bennett is our "SUNSHINE LADY"- So if you know of a guild member who needs a little sun in her life- let Doris know!

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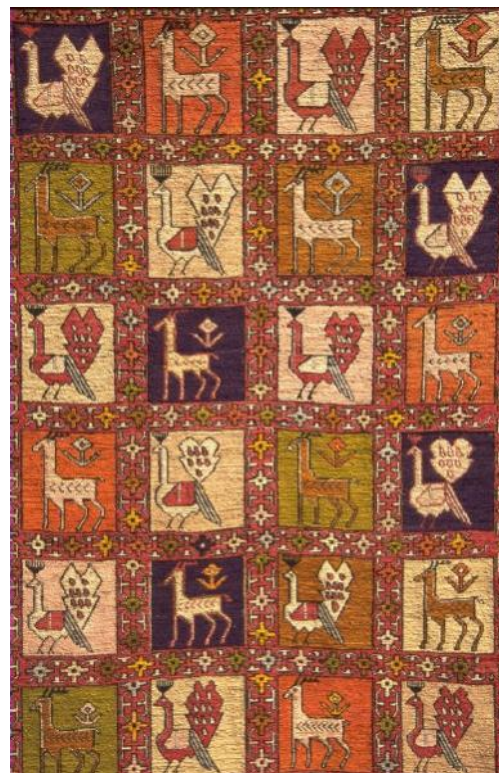
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Winter

Is there a Guild meet-
ing tonight?
I really don't like to
drive in the snow.



Merrimack Valley Quilt Guild
Minutes of February 16, 2012 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7PM by Marianne Nowacki.

Next Board Meeting March 15th at 6PM at Church before General MVQ Meeting.

MaryLou Kilcoyne request help on February 25th to sit with our raffle quilt at the Quilt Museum in Lowell.

*Quilt Show Update: Karen Malio has save the date cards for the Quilt Show. Please see Karen to help in taking them to different locations.

*Karen is also planning a folded clothe flower workshop to make the award ribbons for the show. Please watch blog for upcoming workshop date.

*Reminder: Entry forms for Quilt Show can be found on blog. Deadline--March 15th (next meeting).

Rosalie Beard is scheduling Quilt Show Demonstrations. Please contact her to volunteer to demonstrate your talents and expertise on Friday or Saturday or both days.

Kennebunk Quilt Retreat payment due at this meeting. Please see Kathy Pearse.

Fat Bottomed Zippered Bag Work Shop March 3rd at the Nevins Library, 9am to 1pm. Please join Marianne Nowacki in making nifty Fat Bottomed Zippered Bags to sell at this year's boutique. Space is limited to 14 quilters so please contact Marianne and make two bags, one for the show and one for you. There will be a link to Marianne's website Hillsidequiltworks.com where there are directions to make some on your own.

Raffle Blocks are due at March Meeting. Contact Andre Bursaw if you want to purchase the fabric and join in.

Mystery Quilt: Last set of directions for the Mystery Quilt are available tonight and on the blog. Please see Ann and Mary Stobbs.

Block Exchanges ended tonight.

Evening Program: UFO AUCTION

Boutique and White Elephant Table

The Guild has space at the Quilt Show for items that you have made or no longer want that you would like to sell– this is the BOUTIQUE.

A form listing ALL items is available online and at the back table. ALL ITEMS MUST BE TAGGED.

You will receive 80% of the selling price and the Guild nets 20%.

See Maggie Judd or Pat Lucey for more information.

The White Elephant table is where you can donate any items you no longer want or need– fabric, notions, books, magazines, etc, etc, etc.

Please bring them on Thursday set-up or on the days of the show.

MR. JUDD and MR. LUCEY are tired of storing all these things!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Block Raffle

BLOCK RAFFLE SQUARES ARE DUE at the March meeting. If everyone who took fabric brings a square we will have 28 to divide for multiple winners. Please make sure your name is attached to each block you make with a paper that can be easily removed for the drawing. The next raffle will be launched in April for drawing in June.

Scrap Block Exchange

Thank all of you who participated in the BLOCK EXCHANGE this year. The blocks were lovely and well done. Hope you enjoyed making them and we see a quilt all made up.

Thanks Pat, JoAnne

All Aboard the Bus!

The Mystery bus trip will be Saturday, March 31st. It is a \$10 fee, that is refunded when you board the bus. We leave from Westgate Plaza (off 495) in Haverhill. A really fun filled day - got the day free – join us – only four seats left. Contact Gail Wozniak, gwozniak@andover.edu for more information or to sign up. with two shops this year.



Quilt Show 2012

Life's Moments

Start thinking how you can help **Karen Malio** put on a terrific Quilt Show, April 27th and 28th.

As members of MVQ, **we are each required to give 2 hours of volunteering at the show.** This can be done before or during the show. This is a GREAT way to meet members and form friendships.

And don't forget to finish those quilts and enter them in the Show!

CHALLENGE:

PLEASE MAKE YOUR QUILT "RESEMBLE" YOUR FAVORITE CARD, SO WE DO NOT INFRINGE ON COPY RIGHT LAWS.

Replicate Your Favorite Greeting Card

Think of all the possibilities this could be – do you have a favorite Mother's Day Card which has a lovely vase of flowers you want to replicate in fabric, did you just get a Halloween card that has the cutest idea on it, whatever think about these ideas and lots more possibilities. Make a trip to your favorite card shop and see all the ideas out there. ***The card has to be attached to the quilt when displayed***



Please make it under 30 inches on any given size and a minimum of 12 inches on any side.

Donations Needed

. . . for the Quilt Show's Penny Raffle Baskets please! MV Quilters' donations have been stellar in the past, and I'm hoping that the tradition will continue, starting at the next guild meeting. Anything new in its original packaging would be appreciated. Perhaps you bought a pattern and decided it's not your technique of choice, perhaps you own a business and would like to donate a gift certificate for your services, perhaps you bought a fat quarter bundle but several fabrics are leftover, perhaps you bought a zipper for a new purse but haven't made it yet or the color choice has changed, perhaps you bought a charm pack but have decided that you need bigger hunks of fabric to accomplish your project, perhaps you bought a tool and now can do without it, perhaps you have an extra rotary cutting blade for a size cutter you no longer use, perhaps you have an extra spool of thread, and so on.

We could use empty baskets as well. In the past members have donated entire baskets filled with goodies. Wonderful! All donations will be appreciated. There will be a collection area at the next three Guild meetings to accept whatever you have to offer.

Commercial sources are also being contacted for donations.

If you have any questions, please contact me. In the meantime, many thanks for your help.

Adeline Rieger

Penny Baskets Raffle

2001 MVQ Quilt Show

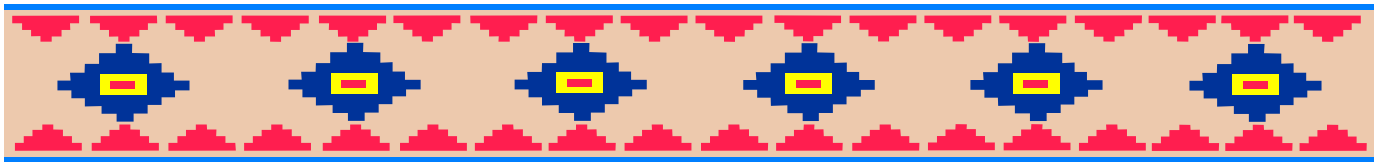


**Help the Quilt Show-
Bring soda & water
donations
to March & April meet-
ings.**



I am asking for donations of bottled water and canned soft drinks for the Quilt Show. If you would like to bring your donation to either the March or April Guild meeting, I will be happy to take it from your car and I will store it and then bring all the donations to the Quilt Show myself. Let me know when you arrive that you have it and I will make the transfer either before or after the meeting. This will allow me to determine what, if anything, I will need to have the guild purchase, and hopefully, it alleviates the heaving lifting for you. Your donations are VERY much appreciated!!

Deb Zukas



Talented Quilters Wanted for Quilt Show Demonstrations Please consider sharing your talent demonstrating a technique at the quilt show. You can do a demo on Friday or Saturday or both days if you are so inclined. You choose what you want to demonstrate. Some ideas are demos on paper piecing, ribbon embroidery, hand quilting, needleturn applique, redwork, etc. If you feel this is something that you would like to do, please email me at rose-lieberard@yahoo.com or see me at the March meeting.

**QUILT SHOW ENTRY FORMS WILL BE
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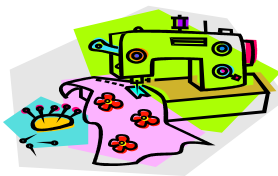


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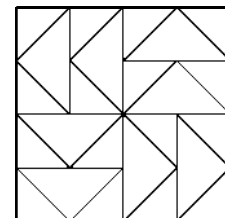


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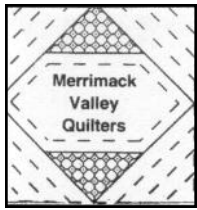
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Next Meeting: March 15th
Froncie Quinn



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- Show and Tell
- \$ for raffle
- Refreshments [if it is your turn!]
- \$ for membership

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