

# Merrimack Valley Quilting Guild

Celebrating 38 years of encouraging the art of quilting in the Merrimack Valley. MVQ was established in 1980.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Hopefully spring is right around the corner.

Congratulations to Minda Fowler and her group of volunteers for another successful UFO auction. The final total was \$2,209.00, which is slightly higher than last year. Hopefully everyone had a fun night and went home with a treasure or two. The program for the March meeting is Pam Weeks, Curator of the New England Quilt Museum. She will be presenting "What's New About Jane Stickle". I hope you love trunk shows about historic quilts as much as I do.

It's that time of year again when we must assemble a nominating committee.

Heather Shields and Ronni Longwell are heading up the committee, however, we need three members who are not currently serving on a committee to volunteer to serve as well. The committee will present the slate of nominees for next years Executive Committee. If you are looking for a chance to volunteer, this is it. It is a fairly easy task and will give you an opportunity to get to know other volunteers. Please let us know if you wish to serve on this important committee.

A couple of years ago it was decided to change our annual quilt show from May to September. The change has been very successful. However, the wording in our By-laws conflict some what with the timing of the show. Therefore, we need to make changes to the Bylaws. And since it is necessary to do so, we will be suggesting some other minor changes as well. Information will be distributed to the members soon in preparation for a vote at our April guild meeting.

Finally, MQX is coming in April. Betty Hastings and Judy Naylor will be looking for volunteers to sit with our raffle quilt. If you plan on attending the show, please consider sitting with the raffle quilt. As always, let me know if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

Elizabeth Swan, President



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*Newsletter items must be in to me by the 1st of each month:  
Pat.lucey@verizon.net*

## March 15th

### Pam Weeks – New England Quilt Museum

What's New About Jane Stickle

### March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Workshop

Strings and Bits – Fun with Scrap Quilts



# Raffle Quilt 2016-2017



# Raffle Quilt 2017-18



The Raffle Quilt Top is complete. Will be on display in March.

Thank you from the committee - Lin Caiado and Bev Valle

## MVQ TREASURER REPORT Februray 28, 2018 Gail Forthoffer/Heather Shields

### Assets:

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Checking Balance | 19,314.25 |
| Total            | 40,767.19 |

### Liabilities:

|                        |          |                    |
|------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Uncleared Transactions | - 358.39 |                    |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>  |          | <b>\$40,410.80</b> |

### Expenses:

|                       |        |                 |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Storage               | 128.00 |                 |
| Program               | 100.00 |                 |
| Refreshments          | 83.14  |                 |
| Bank Fees             | 93.00  |                 |
| State Fees            | 31.50  |                 |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> |        | <b>\$435.64</b> |

### Income:

|                     |          |                  |
|---------------------|----------|------------------|
| Spring Retreat      | 7,000.00 |                  |
| Membership          | 145.00   |                  |
| UFO Auction         | 2099.00  |                  |
| Program             | 195.00   |                  |
| 2017 Quilt Show     | 11.38    |                  |
| <b>Total Income</b> |          | <b>\$9450.38</b> |



# Quilt Show 2018

*Theme: Stellar*

*Co-Chairs: Mary Wilkes, Winonah Schedler*

*Location: Hope Church, Newburyport*

Quilt Show 2018 update

I'm so excited about this years show. I have a wonderful, talented group of ladies helping me. You can check out who is doing what on this years committee via our guilds website.

In addition to boutique, white elephant, quilt show, vendors, penny raffle, challenge quilts, special exhibit and demonstrations the show will include a workshop and scissor sharpener. Shaun Keefe from Razor Sharp will be available on Saturday, 9/29 only from 10 to 2. He quoted me \$10 per scissors. Our workshop is with Beth Helfter of EvaPaige Quilt Designs. She will be doing two, 3 hour workshops on Friday 9/28 and one, 3 hour workshop on Saturday, 9/29. The cost to members is \$30 and non-members \$40. A sign up sheet for the workshops will be available at our meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Payment will be due at the time of sign up and is non-refundable. We will be opening up the workshop to non-members at the MQX show in April where a sign up sheet will be available at the raffle quilt table.

The committee will be making ribbons this year and the samples that I saw were wonderful. Ribbon making will take place on March 3rd at West Congregational Church in Haverhill 9:30 am to 2 pm. Volunteers to assist in making them is needed. See Pat Lucey's informational statement under the home tab on the MVQ website.

Also, the kitchen staff is updating the menu. Hot Dogs will be available on Thursday only during set up. For the show the plan is for corn chowder, chili, salad with pita, chicken salad and tuna salad in a wrap or croissant. It will still be as yummy as last years food.

Just a reminder as a member of the guild the bylaws state each member will do 2 hours of volunteer time for the show. Linda Lydecker will again be signing up volunteers. Also, Jane Hamel will be taking over demonstrations. If you have something you'd like to demonstrate please contact her. Now is the time to start planning what you would like to share. It will be all hands on deck for this years show.

Mary Wilkes

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## 2018 Quilt Show Challenge

This year's quilt show theme is "STELLAR" and our current raffle quilt is a storm at sea, done in an appropriate water themed colorway. I've decided to tie the two ideas together to form the challenge. The challenge is to make a quilt 18" x 18" (size matters for display purposes) that reflects the emotion of the poem "SEA FEVER". It can be an overall interpretation or one that represents just a single line from the poem. This beautiful poem has much symbolism and I think you will find it an interesting and fun one to work on. I will provide the poem analysis which explains it more clearly at January meeting. The quilts are due on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

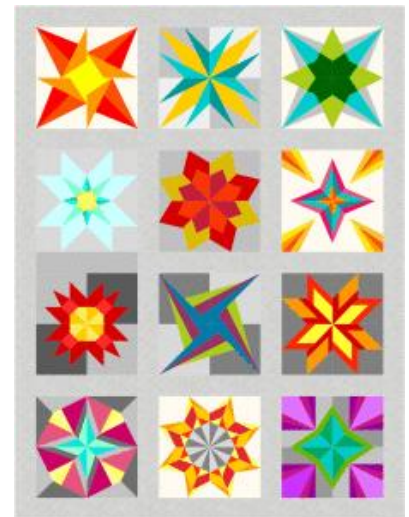


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Thank you, Ann Hockmeyer.

# Programs 2017-18

- March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018** Pam Weeks – New England Quilt Museum  
What's New About Jane Stickle
- March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018** Workshop Strings and Bits – Fun with Scrap Quilts
- April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018** Rose Ann Hunter – Newburyport Artisan  
Folk Art – Historic Techniques from the early 1800's
- April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018** Workshop Wool Pincushions and Knitted Confetti Bag
- May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018** Bonne Lyn McCaffery  
Portrait Quilts
- May 11, 2018** Photographs by Bonnie – scheduled on an individual basis
- May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018** Workshop Painted Face for Beginners
- June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018** Design RaNae Merrill – RaNae Merrill Quilt  
Magnificent Spiral Mandala Quilts
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018** Friday Workshop Magic Mirror Mandala Quilt
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018** Saturday Workshop Free Motion Mastery in A Month



## Quilt Show Ribbons



We will have a demo at the April meeting. Take some home to make and get credit for 2 hours of quilt show work.  
Workshop was cancelled due to illness.

Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild  
General Meeting  
2/15/18

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

□ President: The January 2018 meeting minutes were approved with an amendment correcting the size of the Challenge Quilts from 26 inch square to 16 inch square.

The Treasurer's report was approved as circulated. President Swan recognized Betty Hastings and Judy Naylor for their work with the Travel Quilt and those who sat with the quilt at the recent quilting event in Nashua: Nancy Dempsey, Brenda Haskell, Betty Hastings, Judy Naylor, Mary Lou Monteiro, Debbie Sancranti, Ann Stobbs, Ann Hockmeyer, Diane Kelley, Lin Caiado, Bev Valle and Carrie Zizza.

□ Ronnie Longwell presented 3 quilts Jeff from Liberty House. Jeff briefly shared with the membership what Liberty House does including housing, food and clothes pantry. Our quilts are very much appreciated.

□ Mary Wilkes shared the workshop details for this year's quilt show. Beth Helfter from EvaPaige Quilt Designs will be doing two workshops on Friday and one on Saturday. Sign up is available at our meetings and will be open to the public in April. Cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. She referred members to the MVQ website.

□ Bev Valle & Lin Caiado have next year's raffle quilt almost done and are looking for a person to quilt it. Anyone who would like a chance to quilt it should let one of them know. At the March meeting one person will be selected via a drawing and will be given the quilt at that time.

□ Pat Lucey asked for volunteers to assist in making ribbons for this year's show. The workshop is March 3<sup>rd</sup> at West Congregational Church in Haverhill beginning at 9:30. People can learn how to make them and take them home to complete.

Program: UFO Auction – Minda Fowler and Bev Valley

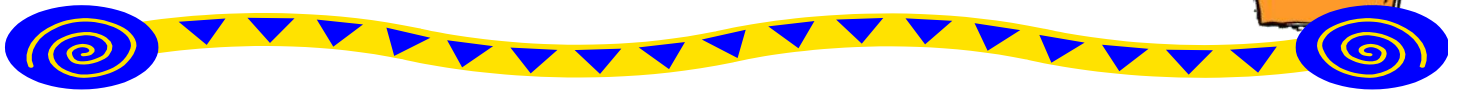
□ Live and silent auction was a success and many great deals were had. What was left

over will be held for the White Elephant sale at the 2018 quilt show.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

• Respectfully  
submitted by Mary Wilkes, acting secretary.

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# Programs

## Program News – March 2018

Thank you to Carol Robinson for teaching February's collage workshop. We had a great time and I, for one, am addicted to this technique and style of quilt. I'm hoping you'll get to see some finished (or almost finished) works of art at this month's meeting. Visit our Facebook page for photos from the workshop. Thank you also to Shirley Reed for hosting and providing us with delicious homemade goodies.

This month, Pam Weeks, the Curator of the New England Quilt Museum, will be with us and talking about **What's New about Jane Stickle**. She will also have a sales table of books, patterns, and cuts from her Civil War fabric lines available. Her workshop on Saturday, **Strings & Bits: Fun with Scrap Quilts**, still has openings. The workshop will be held at Mary Kendall's studio in Derry and will be a great way to use up some of those fabrics you bought at the UFO auction!

Please remember that Mary Kendall is offering an "Open Sew" at her studio, Aunt Mary's Quilt Shop in Derry, NH, on the first Saturday of each month from 10 to 2. There is no charge for MVQ members. You can use that time to work on a charity quilt or any project of your choice. It is a fun and cozy environment so please consider joining us for some sewing time and many laughs!!! It's a great way to work on those projects while surrounded by friends and fabric! There can never be too much fabric, right? Please see Mary at the membership table if you have questions or need directions.

A reminder that Bonnie Hunter will be speaking at the Amoskeag Quilt Guild on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$10 and the location is Emmanuel Baptist Church, 14 Mammoth Road, Hooksett, NH. This is usually our meeting night but because of the room issue we had last year, our meeting with Bonnie McCaffery is on May 10<sup>th</sup> instead so this works out perfectly. Her lecture topic is String Fling and she is a fantastic speaker. Unfortunately both of her workshops are full, but the lecture is worth the trip if you can make it. Check out Amoskeag's website for any further details.

We also have sign-ups started for the workshops at our Quilt Show. Beth Helfter of Eva Paige Quilt Designs will be teaching 3 workshops. On Friday, the Suite Life and Give it a Scrap Slap. On Saturday – Syncopated Ribbons. The cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members and the fee includes admission to the Quilt Show. Stop by and sign up at the meeting. Supply lists are also on the table.

There are openings in all of our workshops so please stop by the table and sign up. Please also remember that all workshops must be paid in full at time of sign up. If you have not done that, I cannot factor you into the count for the instructor. Please stop by the table and make sure you are all signed up and paid.

Ronnie Longwell And Nancy Dempsey



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