



# BASTING LINES

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## Letter from the President

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Hello Ladies!

Well, it has been a long Spring and Summer with Covid 19, and it continues as I write this. Luckily, the number of positive cases in CT is decreasing, so I am hoping we will be able to get together in the not-too-distant future. But, for now, everything is on hold. Patience and flexibility are key virtues to have right now.

Our new GHQG Executive Board will have its August meeting probably via Zoom. (Who knows about our September Steering Committee meeting...) We will do our best to plan for the usual events next year, but we may have to think outside the box and come up with creative and/or alternative ways to gather and share if this pandemic continues. Any suggestions?

As I think about the future, I am concerned about the ability of our Chapters to meet. We meet in churches, senior centers, health and rehab facilities, senior housing, or public libraries. Most, if not all, are closed to the public now, and for the foreseeable future. This is where our ability to meet virtually (Zoom, Skype, etc.) becomes very important. It may be the only way we can "meet" for much of the year. Has your Chapter considered where you will physically meet in the future, if your current meeting place decides to no longer accept visitors or groups?

Have you met with fellow quilters, either virtually or in person (practicing social distancing, of course)? My chapter had met twice via Zoom in the spring, and in June we were able to meet outside on a member's patio (since there were less than 25 of us). We had our annual potluck, complete with a zippered bag swap. We took turns getting food and sat 6 ft apart. Although we had seen each other at our Zoom meetings, it was so much better to see each other in person!

I hope many of you were able to participate in CT Hang-A-Quilt Day on June 20<sup>th</sup>. I hung a quilt between two windows on my second floor for all to see. We were lucky to have such a beautiful day! Thank you to Michele Saulis for posting photos on our Facebook page and to Ginny Dodd for posting photos on Groupworks. (If you scroll down the comments on the groupworks post, you can see my quilt.)

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# GHQG

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# Letter from the President

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Do not forget to post photos of your in-progress or completed projects on Groupworks or Facebook. Since we cannot go to physical quilt shows right now, we can get our fix by seeing what our fellow members have been making!

Stay strong, stay healthy, happy quilting, and I hope to see you soon!

Donna

## From your Editor:

I would like to advise all chapters and independent members that there are a number of virtual shows and classes available to quilters this year. A comprehensive listing of shows for New England may be found at Sew Many Shows, ([sewmanysshows.com](http://sewmanysshows.com)) as well as a number of past shows. I will add the web address with the email and posting.

Also, I would encourage everyone to go to Global Quilt Connection for a series of webinars to “Meet the Teachers”. The format is 30 quilting instructors each have a 3 minute time frame to explain their “resume”, to overview their class lists or lecture topics. The first session was Aug 5, but is now on their website. The next sessions are Sept 2 and 9, and new ones may be added. If you are interested, you need to register to be invited to the Zoom meeting. The website for this is also attached to the email and posting.



Enfield's 2020 Hang a Quilt Day

# GHQG CHAPTER REPORTS

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## Apple Valley Quilters

Rose Unwin

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AVQ meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September through May, 7-9pm, at a location to be determined. Guests are welcome at our meetings. There is a \$5 non-member fee if we have a paid lecturer.

Sep 8: Program overview; ice cream social; Mystery Quilt Show and Tell

Oct 13: Cheryl Kirk Lecture/Trunk Show "Modern Traditional Quilts"

Nov 10: Wool Embroidery with Nancy Trunko, Yankee Cloth (kit will be supplied)

Dec 8: Christmas Party

Jan 12: Trunk show of Karen Griska's Quilts and Stories from the Creative Journey

## Berlin Sisters in Quilting

Vreni Breakell-Caudle

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Meetings are held at 6:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month at a location to be determined. Guests and new members are always welcome. Come check us out!

Sep 1: Planning meeting to determine how to continue this year with meeting space still up in the air and discuss program for the year. Meeting at the home of Rose Dzubinski for this one time at 4:30pm

## Ellington Country Quilters

Micheline Bissell

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Meetings are (usually) held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Ellington Congregational Church, 72 Main St., Ellington Center, at 7pm. Guests and new members are welcome. Show and tell should be held every month except November.

## Ellington Country Quilters, cont.

Sep 15: (If we are allowed to meet) Potluck and Program planning. Don't forget your summer challenge!

Oct 20: Make and Take Wonderclip holder (wrist) taught by Jean Carver and Laurie Lanka

Remainder of year still to be determined.

## Enfield Quilters

Maureen MacDonald

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Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Hazardville United Methodist Church, 330 Hazard Ave, Enfield, at 7pm with social time beginning at 6:30pm. No meetings are held if schools are closed due to bad weather.

Sep 1: We hope to hold our September meeting if we are able to use the church. Our program is still to be determined.

## Friendship Quilters of Windsor

Elissa Dunn

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We usually meet at 6:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month, however, no "face to face" meetings are planned at this time. We are meeting monthly on Zoom. We are planning a Mystery Quilt challenge with will be presented later in the year and we are currently working on a table runner which makes good use of our scraps.

We will be making blocks for snowball and nine patch quilts to be given to the Social Services Department of Windsor for their clients.

All our projects are selected with the idea of making use of our scraps. Hopefully we will be "out of lockdown" before our scrap piles are used up!

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## Heritage Quilters

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Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, at a location to be determined. All meetings start promptly at 6:30pm.

## Quilters West

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Meetings are held at 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at West Hartford Health & Rehab Center, lower level, 130 Loomis Dr, West Hartford. Guests are always welcome.

Our officers for this year are as follows:

Co-President—Ellyn Mansfield

Co-President—Donna Killoran

Treasurer—Linda Jacobson

Secretary—Michele Saulis

Sep 16: Virginia Mikilowsky will introduce us to charm squares and how they are used in a charm square quilt. We will be exchanging fabric squares every month. This is way more fun than exchanging baseball cards!

Oct 21: Diane Hamm will be our speaker and the talk will be entitled "Whose Style is it Anyway?" It is about distinctive types of quilting or applique that were associated with a region or nation.

Nov 18: we will have two of our members present different rulers to us. Pat Hopkins will demo the Omni Arc template that makes circles and rings for a ring toss quilt that she is working on. Michele Saulis will present a demonstration based on Marty Mitchell's kaleidoscope ruler. She attended an evening workshop on this technique at Sew Inspired and has made a baby quilt that she will share with us.

Dec: we will be gathering for a holiday party at a location to be determined.

## Newington Schoolhouse Quilters

Judy Van Blarcom  
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Newington meets on the 2nd Monday of the month (except October, when we meet on the 3rd Monday) at the Senior Center in Newington. Meetings start at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend and join the group. We always welcome new members and guests

## Stafford Mill Town Quilters

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Stafford Mill Town chapter meetings were cancelled during the months of March through May, due to restrictions mandated by COVID-19. As of June, we are meeting via Zoom until it's safe for us to congregate in person again. Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30—9:30pm. Program for upcoming months is yet to be determined.

Saturday open sews, usually held on the third Saturday of the month at the Stafford Fire House, Willington Ave, Stafford, have also been suspended until further notice.

During our June meeting, officers for the chapter year of July 2020 through June 2021 were elected, as follows:

President—Kathy Melhorn

Vice President—Nancy Schwanda

Secretary—Jeanne Dumphy

Treasurer—Mary Shaw, Assistant Treasurer—Barbara Hull

Steering Reps—Adi Sutherland and Colleen Sheridan

## Vernon Nutmeg Quilters

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the First Congregational Church at 695 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon. We are an active group that enjoys Saturday Sews as well as 2-day Mini Retreats. Guests and new members are always welcome.

## West Hartford Quilters

Judy Holcomb  
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Meetings are held at 7pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month. During the summer, the group decided to no longer meet at the West Hartford Rehab facility. For the near term, at least, we will be meeting at individuals' homes.

Programs for the year are being developed.

Remember that our 2019-2020 challenge, a completed 'Yellow Brick Road' quilt of any size, is due at the September meeting.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## At the New England Quilt Museum:

Through Aug 16—Stories of West Africa, works by Hollis Chatelain

Through Sep 26—Deeds Not Words: 100 Years of Women’s Suffrage

Through Sep 26—The Quilts of Cecilia K. Macia

The museum will be observing all safety precautions required by the state of Massachusetts, so there may be a slight wait until you are allowed inside. See their website for more information.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st		BSQ EQ	WHQ	GHQG Exec. Board/ Steering Committee	
2nd	NSQ	VNQ AVQ		FQW	
3rd		SMTQ	QW	ECQ	
4th		HQ			