

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild



Essex Junction, VT

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March 2017

Meeting Location

Essex Alliance Church, 37 Old Stage Rd, Essex

Meeting Agenda: March 7

6:30 Hospitality
7:00 Welcome, important announcements
7:15 Program
8.30 Business
9:00 Meeting ends

Board Meeting: March 14, 6pm, Yankee Pride Quilt Shop

Newsletter Deadline

March 15
Submit to Janet Brunet
newsletter@cvqgv.org

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President's Snippets

In March, celebrate National Quilting Month by challenging yourself to reach out to someone in the guild you might not know. You never know what new friendships are awaiting you one row back or four seats away.

We have a special celebration in April. In the spirit of community, ask a neighbor, friend, or relative to our April guild meeting. It's free. The board has waived the guest fee for this one meeting so we can share our passion for quilting and introduce more folks to our guild. Why the April meeting? Our speaker will be Meg Cox, author, quilter, and traditions expert. Meg will lecture on Creating Meaning: How Quilters Celebrate Life. What a perfect topic to share with both quilters and non-quilters. We will also be sending invitations to the churches which have provided us space for this year's meetings and workshops. We hope the April meeting will inspire some of our guests to consider joining us. Let's create a welcoming atmosphere - smiles, hellos, come sit with me. Our guild has a wonderful diversity of talent to share at Show and Tell. So come in April to share and celebrate. Don't forget your name tags.

By-law change

The board would like to offer a reduced membership fee of \$20 to full time students, ages 14-25. Student outreach is a great way to promote our interest in the art of quilting. This change will be voted on at the June meeting

March 7 Program

[Alison Bolt](#) is a humor columnist for Quilters Newsletter Magazine for the past 2 + years and also writes an occasional humor piece for Keepsake Quilting's catalogs. Her talk is titled "Confessions of a Type A Quilter."

A light-hearted look at quilters' obsessions, which we all have in some form or another. Audience members get to rate their own Type A-ness as we examine normal and slightly "over the top" behaviors in areas like pattern selection, class preparation, stash creation and storage, ruler collecting, quilting philosophy, attention to detail, and the all-important spousal management, etc. Of course, I provide lots of anecdotes to support my contentions.



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Pat Hechmer, President





Upcoming Events

Jan. 17-March 3: Heart of Vermont Quilt Guild Show, Montpelier, <http://www.twwoodgallery.org/page5.htm>

March 16-19: Vermont Quilt Festival Retreat at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, Vermont. <http://www.vqf.org/>

April 1-2: Franklin County Quilt Show, St. Albans, Vermont <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/>

April 22-23: Northern Lights Quilt Guild Show, Hanover, NH <http://www.nlqg.org/>

June 23-25: Vermont Quilt Festival (VQF) <http://www.vqf.org/>

February Meeting Minutes

President Pat Hechmer welcomed those who braved the weather. There were 19 members in attendance. Pat announced there would be no formal business meeting given the small attendance due to weather. No minutes from January, that meeting was cancelled. Look for a rundown of upcoming events and announcements in the newsletter.

Board meetings: New location, now at Yankee Pride.

Block of the Month(s): Next month we will have magnificent drawing to include January, February, and March. Bring each month's block (all blocks) to the March meeting,.

Tonight's Program: Program Co-Chair, Carol Bloomhardt, announced program, "An Introduction to Modern Quilting by Vermont Modern Quilt Guild". Representatives, Anne Shapiro, Jess Lukas, Anya Byam and Rachel Arnold presented with educational slides entitled: "What is Modern". Following that, several incredible examples of modern versus traditional quilt block samples made by their guild members. In addition, a display of several completed modern quilts. Well received by all in attendance.

Program ended before 8pm. Upon leaving, I was taken by sounds of ice scrapers and soon recognized that the CVQG has some truly dedicated members!!

Gale Weld, Secretary

February Board Snippets

- ✧ Adrian provided a financial report; Budget discussion set for the Board meeting in April.
- ✧ Discussions about banking
- ✧ Laura Clements presented publicity ideas and opportunities with focus on membership
- ✧ Challenge quilt announcement
- ✧ Raffle Quilt update
- ✧ Community quilt committee upcoming events

Gale Weld, Secretary



Budget Discussion

The July 2017 to June 2018 Budget Discussion will be held at the April 11th Board Meeting. Members wishing to participate in this discussion are encouraged to attend. The proposed budget will be printed in the May newsletter and presented at the June 6th Guild Meeting for final discussion and approval.

Committees Members - Please email Adrian your budget requests by April 4th.

Adrian Garneau, Treasurer

adrian_garneau@yahoo.com



Raffle Quilt 2017!

Since this is our “off” year (no quilt show) the raffle quilt is our major fund-raiser for our guild programs.

This year’s beautiful quilt was pieced by Ruth Whitaker, who also donated the batting, quilted by Karen Abrahamovich, and binding stitched by Marty DelNevo. The fabrics for the top and back were donated by Yankee Pride Quilt Shop. The quilt’s first public appearance will be at our March 7 guild meeting (weather permitting!!!!) and raffle tickets will be available for purchase. The drawing will be held on December 7 at the conclusion of our regular guild meeting. In the meantime, the quilt will be displayed at the Women’s Expo on March 25. We also plan to bring it to the Champlain Valley Fair at the end of the summer (volunteer sign-up starts in May) and the Shelburne Harvest Festival in September.

All of these events generously allow us to display the quilt and sell tickets. If you know of any other venues/events where the quilt might be displayed and tickets sold, please contact Sue Rivers.

Vermont Women’s Expo

Saturday, March 25, 10-4 at the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds
Admission \$5.00; bring a non-perishable food item and get \$1.00 off admission. See the website, <http://www.vermontwomensexpo.com/index.html> for more information and print an additional \$1 off coupon. Free parking. Children under 12 get in free. There are over 100 exhibitors in every interest imaginable, plus free seminars and door prizes all day.

Sue Rivers harleysue98@myfairpoint.net 863-5042

Challenge

2017 Quilt Challenge

As quilters, one of the most important relationships we express through our medium is that of dark versus light. We all know that on a dark background, bright colors pop, and that adding a little white or pale grey to a stark hue will soften it. We know that if we use fabrics of the same value in our piecing, regardless of their color, the contrast will be washed out and the pattern will be difficult to discern.

The theme of our challenge this year is “**From darkness into light.**” There are so many pathways you might take. You might look at the values in a traditional block and play with settings. What about a one-color quilt that is all about shifting from dark to light? There are any number of cultural references you might look to for inspiration. Without dark, there is no light. A light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. Only light can drive out darkness. With a bit of thought, you can undoubtedly come up with plenty more examples to inspire you.

Looking at the theme with a broader perspective, it might focus on the positive things in our lives that we are grateful for – a figurative light of our life. What is your *Ray of Hope*? You might examine the light-filled values that you and your family hold dear and translate them to fiber. Perhaps you could take some time to reflect on someone who inspired you by being a light in the lives of others. Maybe create a portrait, either literal or figurative, of that person or their work. Or you might come up with something else unique, surprising, and inspired. I urge you to look into your heart and into your stash and join us for this year’s challenge, “**From darkness into light.**” *Connie McDonald*



Community Quilts

Thanks to everyone who has pieced, quilted and / or bound any quilts for donation. This truly is a group effort.

The Fidget Quilt ladies are requesting flannel pieces larger than 7 inches square. Please contact Paula Yandow or Michele Scilla to donate.

Consider taking one of the CQ tops displayed on the church pews and completing the quilt. We have a number of tops wanting to become quilts.

The Ronald McDonald House request is nearly fulfilled. We are still asking for baby/ child sized quilts to replenish the supply.

As always CQ accepts fabric and batting donations.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Franklin Square Headstart program located on North Ave in Burlington is looking for a short term volunteer or two to work with 3-4 year olds to create a classroom quilt. This could involve the children using indelible markers on quilt blocks or something else. Please contact the classroom teacher, Larissa Liddle, 540-3049 for more info.

EXTRA ...EXTRA....COMMUNITY QUILTS WORKSHOPEXTRA... EXTRA

Where... LDS Church on Swift Street in So Burlington
When....Sat March 25th from 10am to 3pm
What....bring your machine, an extension cord, scissors, rotary cutter, mat, thread and other notions you might need, fabric will be provided
Who... this workshop will be taught by Judy Sicama , who will provide tips and information galore
Why...to improve your sewing and construction skills and enjoy other guild members
Please bring your lunch, beverages (no coffee), and a simple snack to share.

*** Sign up is required as workshop size is limited.

Contact Judy Sicama at Tailend14@hotmail.com



Camp Abnaki Update

Spring dates are set for May 4 thru 7. I have just received the contract and will be pulling the signup sheet together for posting by 2/24. Prices have their annual increase, but nothing unexpected.

I am stepping down as coordinator of weekend retreats. My work, quilting and personal lives have taken a huge upswing in activity. I feel I need to let something go, and this is a very easy portion on my plate to pass along. Lyn Hoffelt and Linda Lane have volunteered to be co-coordinators. I will work with them through the planned retreats this year, as I still plan on attending, but only as a participant.

Save the date Fall Retreat Sept 28 thru Oct 1

Teela Dufresne



Tips & Tricks

Some storage tips from HGTV.COM:

- ✧ Cut strips from inexpensive vinyl/cling wrap and wrap it around a thread spool and bobbin to keep the thread from unraveling!
- ✧ Tape a pen cap to the sewing machine to hold a seam ripper.
- ✧ Store glue sticks in the refrigerator to keep them from drying out or molding
- ✧ Use a pants hanger to hold your pattern book to keep it from getting lost under fabric. Hang the hanger on a bulletin board, a nail in the wall or a kitchen-cabinet knob
- ✧ Organize and store cut fabric strips by hanging them on an over-the-door towel rack or a wooden or plastic drying rack.



Busy Bees

Sew-in Organizers Needed - Very Easy Job

If you would like to attend a sew-in, please consider hosting one. All you need to do is choose a date and place, post the information in the newsletter, and show up! We have several venue options and will be happy to help you reserve. Please contact Janet Brunet newsletter@cvqgvt.org

Quilts of Valor National Sew Day

On February 4th, guild members participated in the Quilts of Valor National Sew Day during a workshop at Andre Emmell's studio. The group completed four quilt tops, enjoyed a delicious pot luck lunch, good humor and sharing of ideas. Not pictured but in attendance were Andre Emmell and Hope Johnson.



Would you like to sew with new friends?
 We have the places if you have the time to sponsor one!
 Please contact
 Janet Brunet
newsletter@cvqgvt.org

Officers & Committees 2016-2017

Officers

President.....Pat Hechmer
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 Marty DelNevo
 Quilts of Valor.....Andre Emmell

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Bus Trips.....Jeannette Harrison

Community Quilts.....Jane Henley-Stone, Rita Bortz,
 Challenge Quilt..... Jeannette Harrison , Connie McDonald
 Historian.....Joanne Guillemette
 Hospitality.....Sarah Page
 Info Booth.....Claire Graham-Smith
 Librarian.....Pam Farnsworth, Leah Pastel



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 Publicity..... Laura Clements
 Quilt Show..... Marty DelNevo
 Quilts of Valor Raffle..... Joanne Guillemette, June Sweeney
 Rack Rentals..Adrian Garneau, Linda Lees
 Raffle Blocks.....Donna Hamill
 Raffle Quilt Manager 2017.....TBD
 Spring/Fall Camp Retreat.....Teela Dufresne
 Sunshine.....Sue Rivers
 Teacup Auction.....TBD
 Webmaster.....Marty DelNevo

Make New Friends - Get Involved - Requesting Volunteers for Next Year

Programs & Workshop

April 4th 2017: [Meg Cox](#) – Nationally known thought leader on the topics of quilting and family traditions.

Meg Cox's writing and lecturing on FAMILY TRADITIONS is informed by her experience as a mother, stepmother and step-grandmother, as well as more than a decade of interviewing psychologists, religious leaders and hundreds of families about rituals. Her expertise on QUILTING stems partly from the 25 years that she has been a passionate quilter. She also writes a popular free monthly e-newsletter called Quilt Journalist Tells All.

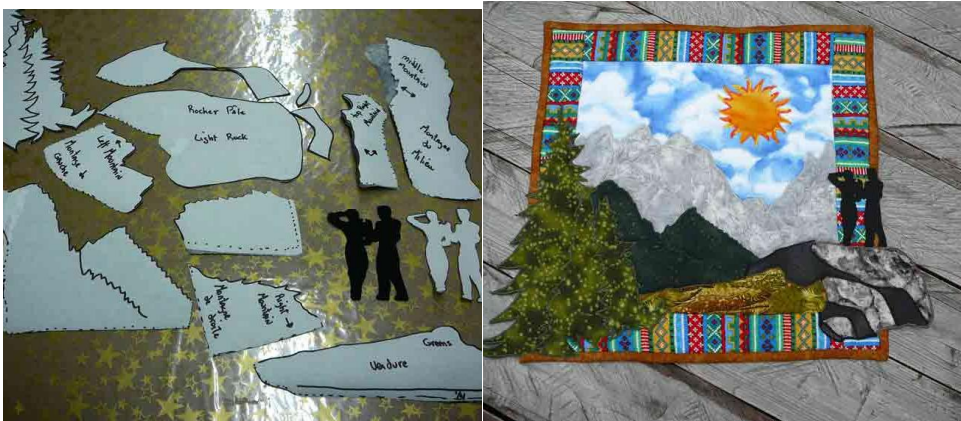
Meg's talk is titled "Making Meaning: How Quilters Celebrate Life". A fun, inspiring lecture that changes lives: perfect for keynotes and evening programs. An expert on tradition who has written four books on ritual, Meg Cox shares examples of quilters' celebrations but also shows powerful ideas from her own life. She shares what she has learned in 20 years of research about what makes traditions unforgettable. Whether you're looking for a way to liven up your monthly quilt group or mark major life milestones, you'll come away with concrete ideas.

May 2nd 2017: [Dominique Ehrmann](#) – "From technique to magic" plus trunk show.

May 3, 2017 Workshop with Dominique Ehrmann: "From the Idea to the Pattern"

This is a theoretical workshop - no finished project.

- How to start a project.
- Finished pattern of your artistic quilt and a list of the technics you could use to realize it.



Workshop Registration Form

Payment is required at time of sign-up. Sign up at the meeting or, after confirming availability.

Name _____

Check #s _____

Email address _____

Phone _____

_____ Wednesday May 3, Dominique Ehrmann - From the Idea to the Pattern

Location: United Church of Colchester, 900 Main Street Colchester, VT **Time:** 9:00 am – 3:30pm

\$45 for members / \$50 for non – members, Mail check and form for Dominique's workshops to
Carol Bloomhardt
1381 Silver St.
Hinesburg, VT 05461

Workshop Cancellation Policy: A refund will be given only if a) the paid student cancels one month or more before the workshop or b) the slot this person has paid for can be filled from the waiting list or c) the workshop is canceled.



March Raffle Block

(Due March meeting)

*** Bring your January and February blocks in March! Make more if you have time....., no one will know!!! Then choose some bright colors for the March Block of the Month. There will be separate drawings for each month.

BLOCK- 16 PATCH

SIZE (finished)- 8" (8 ½" unfinished)

FABRIC CHOICE- two bright, "happy" spring colors

CUTTING- for one block

From each color cut one strip 2 ½" x 21"

SEWING- (use a 2.0mm stitch length and ¼" SA)

1. Sew the two strips together with right sides together

Press towards darker fabric

Cut the unit in half (two 10 ½" segments)

2. Alternating the colors, sew the two strips together with right sides together along the length; press the seam allowance towards the darker fabric

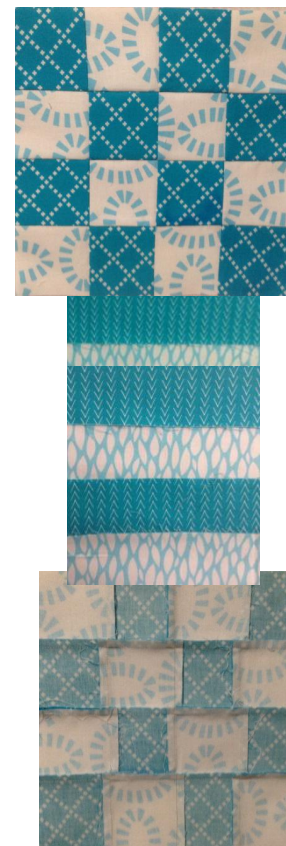
3. Cut the unit into 2 ½" strips

4. Turn two of the strips in the opposite direction

5. Sew the strips together; press all seams to one side;

Block should measure 8 ½" square

PROJECT IDEAS- 16 blocks = table topper, 48 blocks = lap quilt



April Raffle Block

BLOCK - FLOATING STAR

SIZE - 10" (10 ½" unfinished)

FABRIC CHOICE - two contrasting fabrics

CUTTING -

1. Background- 8 4" squares

2. Star - 1 4" square (center)

8 3" squares (star points)

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS can be found on our website or in the April newsletter.

PROJECT IDEAS- table runner = 8 blocks lap size= 30 blocks



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2016-2017 Programs-at-a-Glance

March..... Alison Bolt
April..... [Meg Cox](#)
May..... [Dominique Ehrmann](#)
June..... Teacup Auction & Pot Luck Supper

Remember to Bring !!!

Name tag
January, February, & March raffle blocks
Show & Tell

