



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall Everyone. I have to say I am enjoying the cooler weather...the dark not so much. I am working on my Challenge quilt-I hope you are too-yes we all know that we've known about this for a year but there are so many projects and so little time. Linda Lane puts a lot of work into sharing our talent throughout the area so let's give her many quilts to share.

I hope everyone enjoyed Gerald Roy. I was so excited to tell everyone that I held a quilt made in the 1700's! That is going to be hard to beat.

Your board has been working hard already. One of the things we are doing is updating our by-laws. Yes, I know this can be a very dry topic but it is a necessary thing. You are receiving a copy of the updated by-laws and Duties of the Officers documents. Please review and I will go over the changes in person at our next meeting. We hope to have a vote in November. As always if you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Cuddle up...it's chilly.

Jo Frymire, President

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OCTOBER 4—MARGE TUCKER—IN PERSON!

"IMPROV & ABSTRACTIONS IN ANTIQUE QUILTS"

Marge is an international award-winning quilt artist with a focus on abstract, improvisational design. She joins us from her home in Rockland, Maine and will discuss how much we can learn from antique quilts about improvisation and abstraction.



**GATHERING AT 6:30 AT HOLY FAMILY
CHURCH, ESSEX JUNCTION, MEETING
BEGINS AT 7 P.M.
(IN-PERSON AND ONLINE)**



Champlain Valley Quilt Guild

September 6, 2022

President Jo Frymire called the meeting to order at 7:00. Jo announced that she would like help to do a clean-up project at "The Shed" and sent around a sign-up sheet.

Joanne Lattrell introduced guest speaker, Gerald Roy, who gave an informative presentation "Women's Work is Never Done"; he spoke about his collection of quilt tops, concentrating on uses of color.

Business Meeting

Raffle Quilt – Sue Rivers and 30 volunteers sold tickets at the Champlain Valley Fair. Total intake was \$1,760, \$300 more than last year. More tickets will be printed, and a good picture of the Raffle Quilt is needed for publicity.

Membership – Linda Park and Catherine Symchych reminded everyone to renew membership. 39 members signed in tonight, although there were more people attending in the audience. Several people attended via ZOOM.

Community Quilts – An in-person sew-in was announced for Sept. 24 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Williston, 10 am-2pm. Thea Platt announced a significant donation of tops, pieces of fabric already cut, blocks, etc. and asked that people take them and finish them up for Community Quilts.

Challenge Quilts – Linda Lane reminded everyone that the challenge quilts are due at the next meeting, Oct. 4. The theme is Stash Buster, so no new fabric can be purchased for the quilt. They will be displayed at various libraries and other locations in the area.

Programs – Sue McGuire and Joanne Lattrell have scheduled speakers for the entire year. Marge Tucker will be the speaker at the October meeting. In November, Lynn Wheatley will be the speaker and will also hold a workshop; the workshop will require purchase of the pattern and pre-cutting of fabric.

Retreat – Marti DelNevo reported the Eco-Lodge at Common Ground Center in Starksboro has availability for a 3 night weekend (Thursday through Sunday) in the early months of 2023. For 20 people, the cost is ca. \$220. Food is not included, but catering is a possibility. Enough people were interested that Marti will pursue more information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neighbours, Secretary



RAFFLE QUILT AT THE FAIR! Thanks to everyone who volunteered time and energy at this year's raffle quilt table: Linda Lane, Lyn Hofelt, Carroll Albertson, Linda Park, Nancy Suarez, Mary Neighbours, Chris Felkey, Rita Bortz, Jo Frymire, Eileen Saxon, Patricia Ganson & Wendy Ringer, Claire Graham-Smith, Anne Standish, Heather & Philip Bosen, Marcia Ryan, Maureen Montbriand, Sue McGuire, Barbara Newman, Hope Johnson, Caroline Juneau, Carol Roach, Karey Young, Marti Delnevo. And especially Chris Wrobel who helped set up and covered several shifts and Caroline Juneau who helped cart everything back to my car! We took in \$1,760.00 this year, more than \$300 increase over 2021! Still plenty of raffle tickets to buy, hope we go over the \$2,000 budget for the year. And see page 3 for exciting news about the special raffle prize!

~ Sue Rivers, Raffle Quilt at the Fair

By-Laws changes to be discussed at October 4 meeting—see pages 4 & 5. We will be voting on the changes at the November 1 meeting. Approval is by vote of 2/3 of the members present at that meeting.

Also see “Duties of Officers” on pages 6 & 7.



Toby watching Global Quilt Connection. He was very intent, but I doubt he learned anything!

~ Catherine Symchych

Membership Renewal Time!

It is that time of the year to renew your CVQG Membership dues!

Thank you to the 76 members that have already sent in their dues, but there are still quite a few who haven't yet.

Our dues are still only \$35, even though everything has gone up! You can pay online, or send a check made out to CVQG to Linda Park at 405 Mt. Pritchard Lane, St. George, VT, 05495 or bring your check or cash to the October Guild meeting.

We would like to have a complete membership list available by the November meeting.

Thank You,
Catherine and Linda
Membership Chairwomen

PICK UP YOUR RAFFLE TICKET BOOKS AT THE OCTOBER MEETING!

Carol Bloomhardt has made this beautiful lap quilt, 53" X 66", from the leftover raffle quilt fabrics. We're calling it "Diamond Cascade."

We would like to have it belong to a Guild member. So for each book of raffle tickets a member sells, they will get one chance in a special drawing at the June meeting. The more books you sell, the better your chances of winning this quilt! This is a separate prize, open to Guild members only!

See Sue Rivers, keeper of the tickets!



BY LAWS OF THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY QUILT GUILD, INC.

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the Guild shall be known as the Champlain Valley Quilt Guild, Inc. (CVQG)

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The purpose of this Guild shall be to promote an interest in the art of quilting for the members and the community, to educate members and the community in all aspects of quilting and to provide an encouraging environment in which members may share, practice, and exchange ideas related to quilting. Outreach efforts include providing quilts to those in need.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 All persons interested in the art of quilting shall be eligible to join the Guild.

Section 2 Membership dues shall be set by the board and approved by the Guild with a 2/3 vote of members attending at the Annual Meeting. Annual dues shall run from July 1st to June 30th and are due at or before the September meeting. Soon after the October meeting the Membership Chairperson shall notify members whose dues are in arrears and will drop anyone whose dues have not been paid by the time the official membership rolls are prepared for distribution at the November meeting.

Section 3 Classification of Members

Active Members – An active member shall participate in and support the activities of the guild, have the privilege of voting and holding office, receive newsletters and pay annual dues.

Honorary Members – Members of the executive board and the quilt show chairs shall be granted honorary membership. The Board may appoint other honorary memberships with the approval of the general membership. Honorary members will have the privileges of an active member but will not be obliged to pay annual dues.

Non-members – Non-members shall be admitted to general meetings twice as a guest before they must pay dues in order to continue attending meetings. Non-members may not vote at any general meeting. Guests – A nominal fee will be assessed each guest.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Section 1 The elected officers of the Guild shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, Program Chair, and Membership Chair. Committee chairs shall be appointed by the President as appropriate. The Officers shall perform their duties prescribed Guild Policies and the parliamentary authority adopted by the Guild. They shall abide by Duties of the Officers that can be amended by the board.

Section 2 Nominations for officers will take place at the regular meeting in May. Officers shall be elected by a show of hands vote at the Annual Meeting in June. A written vote will be used in the case of a tie vote.

Section 3 Officers and Chairpersons will serve a one year term. Officers and chairpersons may serve more than one term consecutively. The President shall not exceed 3 consecutive years but may remain on the board in another capacity. New officers and chairpersons shall assume their duties at the end of the Annual Meeting in June.

Section 4 Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS, CHAIRPERSONS AND COMMITTEES

All Officers, Chairpersons and Committees shall follow the guidance of the Duties of the Officers and Guild Policies.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1 The regular meetings of the Guild shall be held on the first Tuesday evening during the months of August through June unless alternative plans are agreed upon by the membership. Meeting times and meeting

locations shall be established by the membership as necessary. The official year end shall be June 30th.

Section 2 The regular meeting in June shall be known as the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of the Executive Board and committees, adoption of a budget and for any other business that may arise.

Section 3 Each paying member has one vote at any and all meetings and must be present at the meeting to cast a vote. Decisions made at a meeting are considered official with a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 The Executive Board shall consist of all officers and the past President. If a position is co-chaired that office receives only one vote. Chairpersons of standing committees and chairpersons of special committees will be encouraged to attend Board meetings. If necessary, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

Section 2 The Executive Board shall meet at the discretion of the President. Meetings will generally take place before newsletter deadlines.

Section 3 The Executive Board shall conduct business on behalf of the Guild. Duties shall include setting dues to be approved by the membership at the annual meeting, to update and revise the bylaws of the Guild, and to set policies that govern the Guild. Matters requiring membership approval will be addressed at the next general meeting.

Section 4 Actions prohibited by the Board

Annual Budget is to be approved by the membership

Cannot authorize any payment over \$1000 unless provided for in the budget

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Section 1 Committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as the Guild shall, from time to time, deem necessary to carry out the work of the Guild. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern in all cases in which they are not consistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order that the Guild may adopt.

ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION

The Champlain Valley Quilt Guild shall cease to exist when and only when a two-thirds majority of the membership votes by written ballot to dissolve the organization. In the event of dissolution, the net assets of the organization shall be distributed to a 501C(3) organization whose purposes are similar to this organization. No funds shall inure to the benefit of any of the organization's members.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Guild by a two-third (2/3) vote of those paid members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

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Section 1 Duties of the President shall include

- To preside at all general and Executive Board meetings
- To call the meeting to order at the appointed time
- To announce business to the membership
- To state and put all questions properly brought by the membership
- To decide all questions of order
- To appoint Chairpersons as necessary
- To appoint Special committees
- Must appoint someone annually to evaluate the financial records of the guild for apparent discrepancies
- To be informed of communications
- To preserve order and decorum
- To be an ex-officio member of all special committees
- To provide signature when necessary
- Store the Guild banner and bring them to meetings.

Section 2 Duties of the Vice President shall include

- To preside and perform the duties of President in the absence of the President
- To schedule use of the meeting hall
- To maintain Front Porch Forum List and send out non-program updates
- To head nominating committee should it be convened
- Other duties as identified by the President

Section 3 Duties of the Program Chair(s) shall include

- To develop and schedule programs and workshops for the monthly meetings as far in advance as possible (generally 1-1/2 to 2 years)
- To send out Front Porch Forum announcements regarding programs
- To bring and set up any needed audio visual equipment

Section 4 Duties of the Secretary shall include

- To keep minutes of general meetings and the Executive Board meetings -Minutes of Executive Board meetings will be recorded in full and archived with the Historian. Highlights of these minutes will be published in the newsletter.
- Minutes of general meetings will be recorded in full, archived with the Historian, and published in the newsletter.
- To preside in the absence of the President and Vice-President
- To maintain a list of all Executive Board members, Chairs, and Committees
- To conduct correspondence as directed

Section 5 Duties of the Treasurer shall include

- To receive and bank all monies due the organization
- To keep bookkeeping records of such funds
- To disperse funds according to the approved budget
- To prepare a written budget with the assistance of the Executive Board and Chairpersons for presentation and adoption at the Annual Meeting in June
- To pay any donations or rental fees required for use of meeting place (s) or other fees necessary for the functions of the Guild
- To ensure that proper documentation is presented for items for payments
- To make all financial records available for inspection to the person evaluating the financials for any apparent discrepancies.
- To present the results in writing to the guild board

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Section 6 Duties of Membership Chair(s) shall include

- To maintain a record of paid members
- To deposit membership dues in the bank, or designate someone to do that
- To record attendance at meetings
- To follow up with guests who attend meetings to encourage them to join the guild
- To notify members whose dues are in arrears
- To prepare an annual membership for distribution to the guild members at the November meeting.

Section 7 A Nominating Committee may be appointed by the President no later than the March meeting. It shall be the duty of this committee to solicit candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Program Chair(s), Membership Chair(s), Secretary and Treasurer. This committee may be asked by the President to solicit candidates for various chairpersons. The committee will accept nominations from the floor at the May meeting and will present a slate of candidates at the Annual Meeting in June.

2022-23 programs

November 1 - Lynn Wheatley "My Trunk Show"- . **Lynn will also lead a Workshop on the Saturday after the Guild meeting – Collage Quilt, Your Choice.**

December 6 - Social Event – details TBD

WINTER - STAY @ HOME - ZOOM ONLY MEETINGS

January 3 - Melinda Bula "The Power & Secret of Color"

February 7 - Jane Hauprich "How Should I Quilt This?"

SPRING – WE ARE BACK TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS

March 7 - Mini Workshops taught by Guild members

April 4 - Sarah Ann Smith "How Did She Do That?"

May 2 - Suzy Kleinfelter "All About Featherweights"

June 6 - Social Event TBD and we draw the winner of "Moonlight in Vermont" 2023 raffle quilt!



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