



# Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

## January 2023

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I'm writing this the Christmas excitement is ramping up. The snow definitely puts you in the spirit. It's nice weather to work on finishing up those last minute projects. I keep hearing about quilters setting quilting goals for the new year. I think I'm going to try that-how about all of you?

I hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday season. See you on zoom in January.

Jo Frymire, President

PS—don't forget to email your Show and Tell pictures to Marti at [info@cvqgvt.org](mailto:info@cvqgvt.org) by New Year's Day.

### JANUARY 3—ZOOM ONLY! - FROM BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA!

#### MELINDA BULA "THE POWER & SECRET OF COLOR"



Have you ever wanted more confidence in knowing how to pick the right colors? Why is it that some people gravitate to the right colors while others struggle? Learn how this artist looks at color and the science behind color. Melinda will demonstrate how this color magic works and give you more color confidence. Learn these color tricks that are sure to help you when making your next quilt.

Melinda hails from Sacramento, CA. Before becoming a quilt designer & teacher, she worked in interior design field as a fabric and wallpaper designer. Those designs have been featured in Better Homes and Gardens magazine & Sunset design books. Her Fabulous Fusible Flowers technique is featured in her 2 books- Cutting Garden Quilts, and Candy Cane Lane, both published by the Martingale Company. She has exhibited around the country and internationally, including as a featured artist at the Shelburne Museum.



All guild members will be emailed the Zoom link a few days before the meeting. Non-members can sign up and pay a \$10 fee (plus tax) on our website, [cvqgvt.org](http://cvqgvt.org). Sign in at 6:30 p.m., lecture starts at 7.



## LOBBY LIGHTS AT VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL!



Fourth time's the charm? Our guild was selected to provide quilts to hang in the lobby at VQF, way back in 2020. As we know, that show was cancelled. The next year was virtual so there was no lobby. Another cancellation in 2022—yikes! VQF still wants us and we've had great response from membership. Even knowing that we'd give priority to returning entrants, several members stepped up and offered some large quilts for the display. We're just about full, with plenty of time to finalize descriptions and details well before the February first deadline. Let either of us know if you'd like to submit a quilt, and thanks for being so generous with your talents!  
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### MEETING MINUTES

#### Champlain Valley Quilt Guild

December 6, 2022

President Jo Frymire called the meeting to order at 6:45 for the Holiday Party.

#### Announcements:

Quilting Retreat - Marti delNevo presented information for the Retreat at Common Ground in Starksboro, February 9-12, 2023, Thursday-Sunday. Several members have already signed up and paid the non-refundable \$105 registration fee. Marti urged anyone interested to sign up on the website; we need minimum 15 people and she will advertise to other guilds soon.

Challenge Quilts - Linda Lane reported that the Challenge Quilts from 2022 are now hanging in the South Burlington Library and urged members to visit this new space.

The theme for next year's Challenge is "Animals".

Community Quilts – Barb Newman announced that we have met our goal with 157 pillow cases and 102 quilts for the hospital. There are also 30 fidget quilts for the Veteran's Hospital. Way to go, Guild!

Lobby Lights – Nancy Suarez, newly-appointed Vice-President, reported that 20 quilts are needed for the Lobby Lights at VQF in the summer of 2023. Information about each quilt is needed by the Feb. 1, 2023 deadline, although quilts are not needed till June. Info will be published in the VQF brochure.

Quilts of Valor – Hope Johnson has been working with Andre for over 8 years, but now says she is moving on to other fiber media. A new coordinator is needed, and she asked for volunteers. Over this time, 60+ quilts have been distributed, especially to Vietnam vets.

There was no business, so Jo adjourned the meeting for holiday merriment – food (all really good), games, and the Yankee Swap, followed by Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neighbours, Secretary





## THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY QUILTS

We have exceeded our goal for gifts to Children's Hospital at UVM Medical Center. Thanks to all who participated we have given a total of 53 quilts and 172 pillowcases to the patients in the pediatric Children's Hospital! Thirty fidget quilts were also donated to Vermont Veterans' Hospital. Congratulations on spreading joy and comfort to the kids and their families and our veterans. If you are interested in continuing to make pillowcases and quilts for pediatric patients, we normally collect pillowcases at the June meeting to those who are in the hospital during

the summer. We also will be contributing comfort quilts to Camp Ta Kum Ta which services pediatric cancer patients. These should be anywhere from 50x60 to twin size. The ages range from elementary age to adolescents.

We have ongoing needs for families for bed and throws through Habitat for Humanity as well. Stay tuned for more news about opportunities to supply quilts to Ukrainians. Maximum size for these will be twin size. January is a great time to start making those tops and backings. If you would like to pick up fabric or pre-cut batting for your community quilts, please visit our sew-ins or contact Barbara Newman.



## CABIN FEVER RELIEF AT FUN FIRST FRIDAY SEW-IN

You will have another opportunity to join us on Friday, January 6, any time between 10 am- 2pm at Yankee Pride. Drop in for our fabulous First Friday Sew In. Get to know some new friends and spend time with old ones. Bring your lunch or take advantage of the many restaurant take-out options in the neighborhood.

We will be in the downstairs classroom. One of the staff will be happy to help you transport your sewing machine down the stairs. Community Quilts will have plenty of kits to work on, fabric to use and ideas for simple tops. If you don't wish to bring your machine, there will also be hand sewing and cutting projects to choose from.

We are working on a weekend sew-in. Look for an announcement during Zoom guild in January.

Look forward to seeing you then!

Christmas quilt by Rose Orr  
donated to Children's Hospital.



## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS—2023

January 3—Zoom meeting with Melinda Bula—see page 1

January 6—sew-in at Yankee Pride, 10-2

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February 7—Christina Cameli, Portland, Oregon via Zoom: 5 Skills for Free Motion Quilting. She will present a workshop on March 18, via Zoom, on Combining Designs. Sign-up information will be posted in January

March 3—sew-in at Yankee Pride, 10-2

March 7—mini workshops—Back in person at Holy Family. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for social time, workshops begin at 7 p.m.



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