



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

March 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is enjoying some great quilting time. Those who went on the retreat had a great time and a big thanks to Marti, Linda P, Sue M, and Carol B.

We are back to in person meetings in March. Remember we will be in person only. This was not an easy decision but the board felt it was time. The first Friday sew-ins at Yankee Pride continue; come and enjoy some quilting and fellowship.

I am headed to Texas-a first for me. We are staying with friends and lucky for me she is a big quilter. Of course we will be hitting some quilt shops!

See everyone in March for some great demos!

Jo Frymire, President

**SEW-IN—FRIDAY, MARCH 3 AT YANKEE PRIDE, 10-2 AND
SATURDAY, MARCH 25 AT ST. JUDE, HINESBURG
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ZOOM WORKSHOP SATURDAY, MARCH 18 SEE PAGE 3**

MARCH 7 MEETING—IN PERSON! GATHERING BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

MEETING STARTS AT 7

Mini-Workshops are back by popular demand

We will have 4 short workshops offering some ideas that may be new to you and details of cool techniques. The speaker's worktable will be projected on the overhead screen for ease of following along.

This year's instructors and topics are:

Disappearing Blocks – Linda Park

You may have seen a couple of standard options but Linda will show lots more, including the one used in this year's Guild Raffle Quilt

Temperature Quilts – Catherine Symchych

Catherine has lots of ideas for making interesting quilts based on average daily temps throughout the year

Handling Odd Size Blocks—Joanne Lattrell

What do you do when a group gives you blocks not quite the same size?

Extra – Sashing Strip Trick

Bindings and Edge Finishes—Carol Bloomhardt

Carol will give us some pointers on normal and unusual bindings, facings and other ways to finish the edges of your quilts

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February 7, 2023—meeting on Zoom

President Jo Frymire called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Joanne Lattrell introduced the speaker, Christina Cameli from Portland, Oregon. Christina gave an enthusiastic and encouraging talk on the "5 Skills of Free Motion Quilting". They are: 1) Machine knowledge; 2) Handling your quilt; 3) Learning the design; 4) Training muscles and hand/eye coordination; 5) Controlling your speed.

Business:

Programs – Joanne reported that Christina will give a Zoom workshop on March 18, 12-3. Cost is \$50 for members and you can sign up online.

Sue McGuire outlined the March meeting, in person (no Zoom) at the Holy Family Church, March 7. The four mini-workshops will be led by 1) Joanne Lattrell, fitting wonky-sized blocks together; 2) Linda Park, disappearing 9-patch and 4-patch; 3) Carol Bloomhardt, different finishes for the edges of your quilt, straight bindings and more; 4) Catherine Symchych, temperature quilts.

Quilting Retreat—Marti del Nevo said that 21 people have registered for the retreat at Common Ground in Starksboro, starting this Thursday, Feb. 9 through Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neighbours, Secretary

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We're so excited to be back in person for March! Make sure you check in when you arrive, for two reasons:

- 1) Give us a record of the great attendance at guild meetings, and
- 2) Pick up a guest pass.

Some of you may remember the passes we gave out a few years ago, allowing members to bring a guest at no cost. Well, they're back. Do you know someone who's interested in landscape quilts or featherweights? Give them the guest pass and bring them along. They may just end up liking us enough to join!

Catherine Symchych and Linda Park, Membership Co-Chairs



CABIN FEVER RELIEF AT FUN FIRST FRIDAY SEW-IN

You will have another opportunity to join us on Friday, March 3, 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 some kits to work on, fabric to use and ideas for simple tops. If you don't wish to bring your machine, there will be cutting projects to choose from.

SEW IN ST. JUDE'S HINESBURG ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 10 AM—2 PM

We have scheduled a Saturday sew-in for those of you who prefer to meet on a weekend. Please bring your lunch and drinks.

Community quilts will have a few items to work on and plenty of fabric for you to look through (and organize if you'd like). If you need batting for a community quilt, bring your top or measurements. Feel free to bring your own projects if you prefer. Looking forward to seeing you there.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM VERMONT VETERANS' HOME:

On behalf of the Vermont Veterans' Home, we gratefully acknowledge your generous donation of fidget quilts.

This thoughtful contribution enables us to enhance the quality of life for our Veterans and members.

Your commitment is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us "Fulfill the Promise."

Melissa Jackson, MBA, FACHCA

Chief Executive Officer

Zoom Workshop Saturday, March 18 with Christina Cameli

Class: Combining Designs

Class Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023 via Zoom

Time: 12-3 pm

Learn how to mix and match free-motion designs into one-of-a-kind combinations with Christina Cameli, author of "Free-Motion Combinations". Using simple strategies, learn to follow your intuition without getting stuck, and end up with quilting that is completely "you"! This is an intermediate quilting class for those who have already had an introduction to free-motion quilting.



Cost is \$50.00 for members, \$55.00 non-members

Sign up at the March 7 guild meeting or on our website, www.cvqgvt.org

COMMON GROUND RETREAT UPDATE

I think we can all say that we had a very good time during our retreat in early February. New friendships were formed and old friendships rekindled. Many quilting tips were shared, wonderful lunches were prepared by several members, and dinners were catered. Although a bit crowded, the 21 attendees made do with the space we had and were still able to produce some wonderful pieces. I hope you'll see them during Show and Tell in March and upcoming months. Our sleeping space was a huge improvement over Camp Abnaki. Although our times at Camp Abnaki will always be fondly remembered, having heat, beds, linens, and indoor plumbing was a pleasure. No walking gingerly through wet grass hoping not to disturb a skunk or other wildlife! Since this was our first time at the Common Ground Conference Center in Starksboro, we'll work on our space concerns and whether to have some meals catered or not. Speaking for the group, I'm safe in saying that we'll be doing this again!

~ Marti DeNevo





Get your raffle tickets at our March meeting! Turn in your sold books and money! You might win "Moonlight in Vermont" - winning ticket will be drawn at our June 6 meeting!



And don't forget, for every book of 6 tickets you sell, you can put your name in the drawing for "Diamonds in the Sky" - lap-size quilt made by Carol Bloomhardt out of the "leftovers" from the queen size quilt!



Raffle quilts!!



Spring



April 4—in-person meeting

Sarah Ann Smith “How Did She Do That?”

Sarah is an Art Quilter, Author, and Teacher whose art celebrates the home-of-her-soul that she found in mid-coast Maine, encompassing portraits, naturescapes, Hawaiian-inspired designs and abstractions from nature. Her presentation will feature many of her quilts and she will speak to how she works from initial concept to design, construction, quilting and final finishing.



May 2—in-person meeting

Suzy Kleinfelter “All About Featherweights”

Suzy is a Vermonter and considered an expert on those treasured Singer Featherweight machines so many quilters own and love. Her presentation will tell us more about the machines and why they have stayed around so many decades. Her lecture will be followed by a Workshop for Featherweight owners on maintaining your machine on later day.



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