



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

September 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yes, it is August and we are gearing up for a new guild year. There's still time for some summer fun...try the fair...you can sign up to sit at our raffle quilt table for a shift then get a creemee and some fried dough. Contact Sue Rivers or check the website. The Trunk Sale/Ice Cream Social was a big success. See Chris Wrobel's message below. We also got some new members...you existing members get your dues to Linda or Catherine soon! I am very excited about some amazing programs coming this year. Check out the blurb from programs and you'll see what I mean. Lastly, think about coming to a sew in for Community Quilts. They are lots of fun and much gets accomplished to help our various causes.

Enjoy these "dog days" of summer. See you at the meeting!

Jo Frymire, President

APRIL 2024 QUILT SHOW: SEAMS LIKE SPRING

Hard to believe that we are starting to plan our next show. Our kick off meeting is Tuesday, September 19. This meeting is going to be in person at my house so we can all get to know each other and do some brainstorming. We will meet at 6:30 p.m.... I'll be sure to have some treats.

If you are new to guild or just want to become more involved this is a great way to meet a lot of members and get to know them better. There are many jobs-some that take hardly any time and others that are more involved. Think about joining in this great event.

If you have any questions or want to be involved and can't make the meeting just let me know.

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Jo Frymire, Show Chair

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 5 AT HOLY FAMILY— GATHER AT 6:30, MEETING AT 7 P.M.

Barn Quilts of Vermont

Our speakers will be Fern Michaels and Sharon Perry. They will tell us all about the Barn Quilt Project and show us examples from throughout the state. While we won't have a Guild workshop to make your own, Kimberly Hess will also join us and show sample barn quilts along with information on classes (and perhaps a sign up sheet) she teaches; we are sure lots of us will want to make one after this presentation.



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August 1, 2023

The Annual Trunk Sale and Ice Cream Social was held in the parking lot of the Holy Family Church in Essex. Everyone parked their cars and opened up the trunk or hatch to show all sorts of things sewing and maybe not-sewing that were for sale, kind of like a big flea market. All proceeds went to the Guild.

In addition, there were cups of ice cream for everyone.

President Jo Frymire announced:

We have 3 new members as of this evening

Sew-in on Friday at Yankee Pride to assemble quilt kits for the Community Quilts program.

Please sign up to help sell tickets for the raffle quilt at the Champlain Expo at the end of August, beginning of September.

The Raffle Quilt was shown – Geese in the Lilies. It is beautiful, and kudos to Chris Wrobel and the team for their wonderful work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neighbours, Secretary

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP!

It is that time again to renew your CVQG membership! Thank You to those who have already sent their dues.

There are 3 easy ways to pay your dues; online, check out information on our website, or mail a check, made out to CVQG, send to Linda Park, 405 Mt. Pritchard Lane, Saint George, VT 05495. But the best option is to bring a check or cash to the September 5th meeting.

The coming year will be filled with exciting programs and our biannual quilt show. Your membership dues and donations make that all happen.

See you in September!

Catherine and Linda

THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGE QUILT—ANIMALS! THE RULES:

1. Fabrics and techniques are your choice.
2. The biggest requirement is that recognizable animals are easily identified in your quilt. By that I mean, you cannot take a piece of fabric with animals on it and chop it up so small that you cannot tell what the animals are, sew it back together and say that you have animals in your quilt. (Unless they are sewn back together in the shape of an animal, of course). They can be domestic, wild or even cartoon animals, but not insects. Bugs are not animals in my opinion. Birds and water dwelling animals are OK.
3. Perimeters should be between 80 and 144 inches. It is OK to go a little bigger or smaller, if you have the perfect entry but it is outside of the parameters. Plus, I won't measure the entries, FYI. Keep in mind that I do know the difference between a bed quilt, a mug rug and a wall hanging without measuring though, so please try not to push the boundaries too much.
4. A 3" x 5" index card attached to the bottom right corner with your **NAME** and a brief description of your quilt on one side and telephone and/or email address on the other side.
5. 4" sleeve on the back
6. Please supply a dowel for your quilt WITH YOUR NAME WRITTEN ON THE DOWEL.
7. Quilts to be presented and displayed at our **October 3, 2023** guild meeting when our members will vote for their favorite.
6. Quilts to be displayed at various locations over the next year, including Charlotte Senior Center, and various local Libraries: Charlotte, Shelburne, South Burlington, Hinesburg, and Williston.

If you have a suggestion of other places to display our quilts, let me know and I will look into them.

Hope to see some wonderful entries this year!

~Linda Lane ~ Challenge Quilt Coordinator

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Be certain to visit the Community Quilts table at guild meetings. Each time we meet there will be a variety of "grab bag" items from the shed for you to take home. Kits for pillowcases for pediatrics will be available. We need your help to continue to provide quilts for the community. There will be items for you to sign out such as quilts that need to be quilted, and kits of tops that are ready to piece. The goal is to piece a top with width of 50 -65, length 60-90. Fabric will be available if you do not wish to use fabric from your stash.

Our website will be updated soon with more information about the different organizations we support. For now, please know that the greatest need are quilts – width 50 -65, length 60-90.

If you are making a top, batting is available by asking the Community Quilt committee to cut you the size you require, maximum length is 92".

Consider attending a sew-in to help assemble kits or work on a quilt for the community or for yourself. It's a great time to socialize and see what everyone else is doing. If you don't want to bring your machine, come anyway. There will be activities for you to do for community quilts. Our next sew-in is Thursday, September 21 from 10-2 at Yankee Pride. Stay for as long as you'd like. We plan to have some baked goodies to start the day, bring lunch if you plan to stay. We are planning some Saturday sew-ins in various places and monthly sew-ins at Yankee Pride on the third Thursday of the month.

Looking forward to another great year of spreading the joy!

Barbara and Rita

QUILT OF THE MONTH CHALLENGE

6 months of the year there will be a challenge to piece a simple scrappy quilt top.

September's quilt is rail fence. For a 50x60" quilt cut four fabrics, 1dark, 2 medium and 1 light. You'll need 28" piece of each color.

For each color cut 30 strips 3" wide by 10 1/2" (from 8 strips of 3" by width of fabric)

Assemble

Sew the strips in order: dark, medium 1, medium 2, light to form 10 1/2' blocks

Press toward the dark.

OR sew the fabric in width-of-fabric lengths, press toward the dark and cut each assembled strip into 10 1/2" squares. Align by using the seam along your mark on ruler.

Piece 6 rows of 5 blocks per row alternating vertical and horizontal blocks. That's 30 blocks.

Keep the dark strip toward the left for vertical blocks and toward the top for horizontal blocks.

Assemble the top.

Soon there will be a variation of rail fence called "Woven" on the website. The block consists of a center focus fabric cut 6 x10 with two 2 1/2' x 10' sashing strips on each side. The block is 9 1/2" finished. I made mine 6x7 blocks for a 57x66 1/2" quilt. See photo.



October 3—Challenge Quilts—Animals

Bring in your Animal quilts!

October/November

October 3 Program—Quilt Restoration by Judith Eisenberg

Judith recently moved to Vermont after a career of textile conservation and as a professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. She will tell us about her work, why and how textiles are preserved or restored and show examples of some of the quilts and other textiles she has worked on.

November 7 – Julie Poirier Mathur “There’s An App for That”



Julie joins us from Quebec outside of Montreal to show examples of her body of work including Portrait, Contemporary, and Fantasy quilts. She has exhibited works at Salon Courtepointe Québec as well as in traveling exhibits throughout Canada and Internationally. In her lecture she will speak to how she uses free apps on the computer to design quilts. She will demonstrate and present how and why she uses these apps.

Workshop—November 8—“Fearless with Apps!” Julie will lead an all-day Workshop the day after the meeting. Students will bring laptops or tablets and follow Julie’s instructions to manipulate pictures to create a pattern, then if time, they can begin constructing a quilt using the pattern. Fused applique best use for class time but you could choose to use other techniques at home later instead.

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