

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR OPEN POSITIONS 2014-2015!

THE GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP !

Meeting Location:

Alliance Church
37 Old Stage Rd,
Essex Junction, VT

- 6.30: Hospitality Time
- 7:00: Welcome, Announcements
- 7:15: Speaker
- 8.15: 10 min. break
- 8.30: Minutes, reports, Raffle Block, Show and Tell
- 9.00: Meeting ends.

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Deadline for Newsletter

15th of every month except for June and July.

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Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild



President's Address

APRIL 2014

Happy April!!

Camp Abnaki is in about 5 weeks. I've never seen ice on the lake in late April nor have I needed to clear a path through the snow to get to the dining hall. At this rate, we may be having a new experience come this session! Only kidding! I have faith that warm days are coming and we'll have a wonderful time again, sewing away happily for 4 glorious days!

I hope you have thought about the open positions we have coming up for next year; Vice President, Community Quilts, Raffle Blocks, Membership, and Webmaster. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. If you belong to a small group, consider volunteering as a group. All except the Vice President slot could more easily be managed with multiple people pitching in. Collectively we are the Guild and it takes all of us to make it work successfully.

Stay warm, happy sewing... see you on April 1 for our Guild meeting!

Marty DeNevo, CVQG President

Tuesday April 1 Featured Speaker - Gyleen Fitzgerald

<http://colourfulstitches.com>

The Shape of Things to Come

The Shape of Things to Come is about moving beyond the box or 90 degree shapes (squares, rectangles, half square triangles and quarter square triangles). It focuses on the 60 degree angle of diamonds, pyramids, cones and hexagons. The concept is what you can do with 90 looks spectacular when you translate it to 60. The lecture is a trunk show starting with one patch quilts and moving to more complex looking quilts based on tile work. The lecture will include quilts from Gyleen's new book "Polygon Affair", which released February 2014. Her quilts blend color, pattern and texture to provide a contemporary essence to traditional quilting.



Enthusiastic About a Sewing Technique....

Consider sharing your enthusiasm for a method, technique or project by demonstrating it before our meeting and at break time. We need volunteers for the April and May meetings, and of course, for next year. Stop by the Programs table to sign up, or contact Program co-chair, Patricia Hechmer, email_programs@cvqgvt.org.

2013-2014 Officers & Committees

President – Marty DelNevo
 VP – Connie McDonald
 Past President—Karey Young
 Secretary – Barbara Carter
 Treasurer – June Sweeney
 Program Co-Chairs – Janet Brunet & Pat Hechmer
 Membership: Karey Young
 Webmaster: Priscilla Roehm
 Quilt Show Chairman:
 Linda Lazarowski
 Librarian – Jenny Russell, Kat Salemno
 Community Quilts – Janet Jaffe
 Quilt Retreat – Teela Dufresne
 Quilts of Valor Raffle – Ruth Whitaker
 Photographer – Angela Miller
 Historian – Joanne Guillemette
 Storage Area – Linda Lees and Claire Graham-Smith
 Raffle Blocks – Sue McGuire, Caroline McCray, Jeanette Mann
 Info Booth – Pam Farnsworth
 Bus Trips—Jeannette Harrison
 Green Mountain Rep – Mitzi Oakes
 Sunshine – Sue Rivers
 Newsletter—Esther Nui

Library Corner for April 2014

At the April meeting, we will be featuring books about design techniques: working with various shapes ([Liberated String Quilts](#), [Strips 'n Curves](#) & [Triangle Tricks](#)) and working with smaller cuts of fabrics (like fat quarters & fat eighths). We will also be featuring books by Harriet Hargrave: [Quilter's Academy Volume 1](#), [Volume 2](#), [Volume 3](#), and [Heirloom Machine Quilting](#) and kaleidoscope books by [Paula Nadelstern](#), [Marti Mitchell](#), and [Ricky Tims](#).

Please stop by to see some of our newest additions to the library: [10-Minute Blocks](#), [Creating Children's Artwork Quilts](#), and [New York Beauty Simplified](#).

Please check out our [Library website](#) and email us with requests.

Thanks!

Kat Salemno (goalekat@gmail.com) and
 Jenny Russell (jqrussell@gmail.com)

May Fat Quarter Basket Raffle for Quilts of Valor

Do you have some weird fat quarters you can't remember buying? And wonder why you did? Or perhaps you won them and haven't figured out what to do with them. Or maybe, like most of us, you really have more than you will ever have time to use. They will be welcome as we hold our annual fat quarter basket raffle at the May meeting. The profits as usual will go to purchase batting and background fabric for the quilts we donate

to Quilts of Valor. You can bring them to me at the raffle table in April or May. And, thank you!!

CVQG Board Snippets, March, 2014

****Plans were discussed for the April Meeting

**** Progress was made on the recording of our assets and where they are housed.

****Discussion was held about several areas:

1. Celebration of our thirty fifth anniversary in September
2. Steps we might take to make sure members are aware of workshops and to increase participation
3. Names suggested for the nominating committee
4. Suggestions for people to do demos before the meetings

Barbara Carter

Shared Musings

Ten years ago I was president of the guild. We were in the process of planning a celebration of our twenty fifth anniversary. I had actually volunteered to be president. I know, that's a little odd. It was one of the best things I've ever done. I got to know so many people and it made coming to meetings so much more comfortable. So, what does the president do? As president elect, you have a few assigned tasks but nothing too onerous. You do go to the board meeting each month but these are not too long and often involve chocolate. (In fact, today we had brunch at June Sweeney's house because the storm did us in on Wednesday.) Yes, you have to stand up in front of two hundred or so people each month and run the meeting, and yes we have all had two or three times when nerves threaten to do us in, but most people are smiling and they are all happy it is YOU up there. It's a little more work than being a member in the seats but not nearly as much as

people fear. There are other jobs in the guild that require much more time. So, why am I rambling on like this? Because it is time to present a new slate of officers and we need your help. It will make your life more interesting and will be fun too. Think about it!!

Barbara Carter

CVQG Minutes Tuesday March 4th, 2014

The business meeting was opened at 8:05 p.m. by president Marty DelNevo. A motion to accept the February minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Teela Dufresne, seconded by Hope Johnson. Minutes were passed with one no vote. Linda Lazarowski, Show Chair for 2014, spoke about preparations. The black drapes have been organized in the storage shed. The contract for the use of the State Building at the Champlain Valley Expo is in hand and the deposit will be sent this week.

Vice President Connie McDonald needs a committee to work on nominating for next year's open offices. A Vice President for next year is needed; there was some explanation of the duties involved. Also, a new membership chair is needed. Janet Jaffe will be stepping down from Community Quilts in June. Several more "fidget quilts" have been made by members and are appreciated. Phyllis is stepping down as webmaster in June.

Next Community Quilts workshop will be April 5. Sandi Hardy will be doing a demo.

The Executive Board will meet on March 12 at Barbara Carter's house, 6 p.m. Newsletter items must be emailed to Esther Nui by March 15.

Donna Johnson needs job requirements for the show to help with volunteer scheduling. Ruth Whitaker read the challenge quilt rules for 2014. The perimeter maximum for the challenge is 144", and entries must include a basket or baskets in the quilt. Bring finished quilts to the October meeting for members to vote on; each must be registered separately to be in the show. (see rules in newsletter and on website).

Andre Emmell spoke about the next Quilts of Valor mystery clues, which will be published on the website every 2 weeks.

The business meeting was adjourned with a motion by Janet Jaffe, seconded by Mary Ann Funke.

Sue Maguire presented the raffle blocks to Alice Marsh. For April, bring your "orphan" blocks, put your name in once for each block

Pam Farnsworth - Name Tag Raffle, won by Carla White.

Barbara Harrison – Quilts of Valor Raffle – Barbara is collecting fat quarters for the May raffle, bring to the April or May meeting. (See information on [previous page](#) in this newsletter.)

Show and Tell started at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted, Susan G. Rivers, for Barbara Carter



Meet Pam Farnsworth, Information Booth:

Hi! I'm Pam Farnsworth. At Guild meetings look for me at the Information Station when you sign up for the Name Tag Raffle.

Textile "manipulation" has consumed much of my life. When I was 4, some how I convinced my Mom to teach me to use her treadle sewing machine. My Mom continued to be my sewing instructor and 4-H leader for years. Today I own a small business where we make hand woven garments, handbags and accessories. My hobbies include quilting and knitting (more textiles). Occasionally when the snow recedes, I do go outside and play golf.

APRIL RAFFLE BLOCK CALLING ALL ORPHANS

This block is due for drawing at the April, 2014 Meeting

Got pesky Orphan Blocks kicking around? You know them –

- Samples made in a class
- Blocks made to try out a pattern or fabric
- Extras left over from a project
- Oops blocks made the wrong size
- Batch from a block swap

If you are like us, all are thrown into a box or bag for 'someday'. Well, someday is NOW. They can be a treasure trove for you or someone else that wins the raffle.

So for this month's raffle there is no new sewing required. Just bring any and all orphans you have and put your name in the bucket once for each block as usual.



RULES – Almost none.

Blocks can be any size, any colors.
No borders or partial blocks, please.

SUGGESTION – If you have a lot to unload, write your name on an appropriate number of slips of paper ahead of time at home.



DRAWING(s) – We expect a boatload of entries, so we plan

to sort them into similar-size batches. First name drawn will pick the batch they prefer – by size of block or height of batch. Ditto for other batches.

Suggestion for winners – A sampler made from these would make a great top for a Community Quilt.



As usual, the more you make (have made in this case) the more chances you have to win a big batch. Have fun, good luck cleaning out your supply and at the drawing.

SPECIAL NOTE – We plan to 'retire' after 3 Guild years of doing this job. It was great fun but time for fresh ideas – good to share with one or two others. See us for info!

Raffle Block team – Sue McGuire (482-3075), Jeanette Mann (372-3216) & Carolyn McCray (372-4875). Call if questions.

Upcoming CVQG Programs 2013-2014

For more information about our Programs, see our website www.cvggvt.org or stop by the Programs table at the meeting. We welcome your suggestions. Janet Brunet & Patricia Hechmer, Program co-chairs, programs@cvggvt.org

Wednesday April 2 Workshop - Engaged with Gyleen Fitzgerald

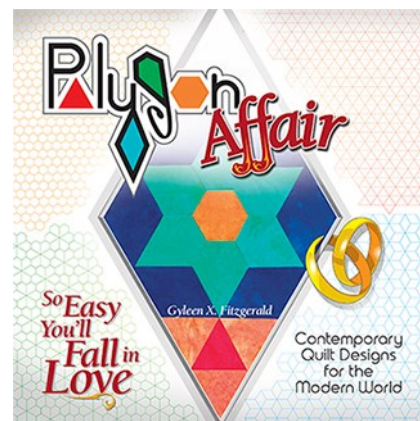
Are you ready for love? It's a Polygon Affair. This class combines 4 shapes (diamonds, pyramids, hexagons and cones) into stunning blocks all cut from your stash. You will learn how to construct a "Butterfly Seam" for effortless stitching. It's so easy...you'll fall in love. The pattern makes 11 ½" x 10" blocks.

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Cost: \$45 (includes Polygon tool)

Location: United Church of Colchester

Kit fee: option - \$5 for pattern or purchase book



Tuesday May 6 Featured speaker Rayna Gillman

<http://www.studio78.net/index.html>

Pushing Creativity with "What If?"

Rayna brings her intuitive sense of color and design into her work and her classes, infusing her students with a sense of play and encouraging them to use the words

"what if?" - two powerful words that can push the boundaries of your work and increase creative courage. A look at this artist's journey from traditional to self-expression

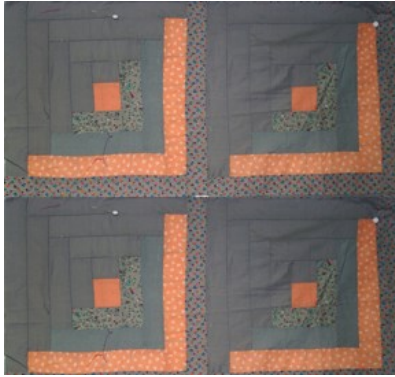
Rayna was nominated for the Teacher of the Year Award in 2010 by Professional Quilter Magazine



Monday May 5 Workshop - Cinderella Quilts - Reinventing the UFO

Get those UFOs out of hiding, turn your rotary cutter into a magic wand and wave them over your unfinished tops and orphan blocks. Work magic as you cut, add, delete, and completely transform those stalled projects into beautiful new work you never imagined they could be. Total fun!!

UFO - before



UFO - transformed



Wednesday May 7 Workshop - Jump-Starting the Art Quilt with "What If?"

Fresh out of ideas? Want to move away from traditional and not sure how? Spark your creativity and banish "blank design wall" syndrome! Leave class with a new way of working and a ton of new ideas!

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Cost: \$50 for either 1 day workshop or \$90 for both workshops

Location: United Church of Colchester



Programs at a Glance

May 6, 2014: Rayna Gillman <http://www.studio78.net>

June 3, 2014: Annual Potluck and Teacup Auction

June 4, 2014: Nancy Graham Workshop (Rescheduled from February)

Upcoming Quilt Shows:

Jan. 16- Apr. 12 [Quilt Japan](#) at New England Quilt Museum

April 5-6 [Franklin County Quilt Guild](#), St. Albans, VT

April 5-6 [Maple Leaf Quilters](#), Castleton, VT

Apr. 10-12 [MQX New England](#), Manchester, NH

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild – Workshop Registration

Name _____ Check #s _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed, Apr 2	Gyleen Fitzgerald	Engaged	\$45
	(mail check to Patricia Hechmer, 34 Maple Tree Lane, Westford, VT 0594)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mon, May 5	Rayna Gilman	Cinderella Quilts - Reinventing	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed, May 7	Rayna Gilman	Jump Starting the Art Quilt	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Both Gilman workshops			\$90
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed, June 4	Nancy Graham	Fabric Stamping and Printing	\$30

Mail checks to: Janet Brunet, 60 Mills Point Road, Colchester, VT 05446

Member Non-member

Payment is required at time of sign-up. Please write separate checks for each class and make payable to CVQG. Sign up at the meeting or, after confirming availability, mail to Janet or Pat as indicated above. Questions/ signup programs@cvqgv.org

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.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Community Quilts is the name we use to describe our guild's charitable activities. Each year, we donate quilts, completed by our members, to individuals (and/or organizations) in need of the comfort a handmade quilt might bring.

NEW COMMUNITY QUILT CHAIR SOUGHT FOR 2014-2015 GUILD YEAR

Our community service effort needs a new leader to keep the momentum moving forward. Looking for greater guild involvement? Wanting an opportunity to get to know other guild members? Seeking a service project? Consider putting your organizational and people skills to work for the guild. This is a role that can be filled very creatively—by co-chairs, by committee, etc.—and run very creatively as well. The job can be as complex or simple as you'd like it to be. If you're at all curious, feel free to contact current chair, Janet Jaffe at janetEjaffe@gmail.com or 878-2344.

Comments? Questions? Suggestions? Information? Contact Janet at janetEjaffe@gmail.com or 878-2344
Workshop Announcement on back of this page.

SAVE THE DATE* NEXT COMMUNITY QUILTS WORKSHOP* SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 5th, 2014: 9am-3pm

Essex Alliance Church - Fellowship Hall

Potluck Luncheon – please bring dish to share!

SPECIAL SKILL BUILDING WORKSHOP: STRIP QUILT OR STRING QUILT?

No matter what you call it, come learn how to make these unique quilt blocks using this simple foundation piecing method taught by Sandi Hardy--guild member and amazing scrap quilter!

All skill levels welcome. All materials provided. Just bring your machine, basic sewing supplies and join us!!!