

**CHERYL MILLER DESCRIBES HER ARTFUL JOURNEY AT 7 PM
AT THE ALLIANCE CHURCH IN ESSEX JUNCTION. SEE YOU THERE!**

Meeting Location:
Alliance Church
37 Old Stage Rd,
Essex Junction, VT

6.30 Social Time
7.00 Welcome and important announcements
7.10 Cheryl Miller
8.00 Break
8.15 Approval of minutes and other business
8.30 Show and Tell
9.00 Meeting ends

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President's Address

FEBRUARY 2016

So far this winter, as I write, we have been blessed with fairly mild weather. But this is a good time to remind you that if we should need to cancel a guild meeting due to inclement weather, an email will be sent to all members regarding the cancellation, and a phone call will be made to members who did not provide an email address with their membership form. I am keeping my fingers crossed that our luck with weather will hold out, even though I do love how snow days give me an extra opportunity to bring a hot cup of tea up to my sewing room and play around in my stash.

Now that we've had our first meeting for October's quilt show, it seems things are really beginning to come together, and I am very excited about plans in the works. Recently, we reviewed a report compiled on the volunteers at our last show and the break-down of all the work that went into that show. My goodness, the hours that went into it were astounding! All of you who were able to help out definitely deserve to feel proud of the work you did. One thing that disappointed me was that only half of our members were able to lend a hand, so I am hoping that for this next show, our percentage of members volunteering will go up a whole lot since we've all had a one year respite. Remember there are all kinds of opportunities: for introverts and extroverts, for able bodied and those who need to be seated, for leaders and followers, and everyone else. If you are not sure which volunteer opportunities would be a good fit for you, just ask and we will do our best to find something you can feel comfortable helping out with.

Don't forget that we are still looking for a vice president and a raffle quilt manager for this year. Also, we will soon be looking to fill open positions for next year's board and committee chairs, so please be thinking about how you might be able to help out there. Lots of opportunities for teaming up with a friend and filling one of those jobs!

Connie McDonald, President



Tuesday February 2 An Artful Journey

<http://www.cherylmillerart.com/>

Cheryl Miller is a fiber artist who creates fabric collages using hand dyed cottons, batiks, vintage fabrics and paper that are stitched by machine. Her work incorporates an eclectic mix of old and new, traditional and contemporary elements. She finds inspiration for her pieces from medieval tapestries, the work of French Barbizon and Impressionist painters and Andy Warhol, as well as daily walks with her dog, music and happenstance. In her presentation, Cheryl will discuss the art history of collages and explain the techniques she uses.

Cheryl exhibits her work mostly in New England. She has a BA in Art History from Hope College, where she also studied studio art. She was a plein air oil painter for many years and learned traditional quilt making when she moved to New Hampshire in 1996. She still occasionally paints or makes a quilt by hand. She grew up in Columbus, OH and currently lives in Mont Vernon, NH. Cheryl is a juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen and the NH Art Association.

2015-2016 Officers & Committees

President – Connie McDonald
 VP – Pat Marmillion
 Past President—Marty DelNevo
 Secretary – Barbara Carter
 Treasurer – Adrian Garneau
 Program Co-Chairs – Janet Brunet & Pat Hechmer
 Membership: Carla White
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 Quilt of Valor Rep: Andre Emmell
 Librarian – Pam Farnsworth & Leah Pastel
 Community Quilts – Gail Babinger & Carol Thurgate
 Quilt Retreat – Teela Dufresne
 Challenge Quilt—Hope Johnson & Ruth Whitaker
 Quilts of Valor Raffle – Joanne Guillemette & Hope Johnson
 Photographer – Linda Lane
 Historian – Joanne Guillemette
 Rack Rentals – Adrian Garneau & Linda Lees
 Raffle Blocks – Michele Cummings and Heather Bosen
 Info Booth – Kathy Kenney
 Bus Trips—Jeannette Harrison
 Green Mountain Rep – Mitzi Oakes & Marty DelNevo
 Sunshine – Sue Rivers
 Newsletter—Esther Nui
 Webmaster: Marty DelNevo
 Publicity—Heather Bosen
 Hospitality—Kathy Kenney

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF NEW TWIN SIZE QUILTS

Helping women in Need. New Life Ministries is opening up a new woman's facility in Benson Vt. This facility will house approx 25 women who have struggled with drug, alcohol addiction or other life controlling issues. The goal is to open the facility by April 2016, which is right around the corner. Their mission is to help equip women with basic life principles needed to succeed. I am working with Mark Fay and trying to come up with possibly 25 twin size quilts (approx sizes 65"x90") If you can help in any way it would be greatly appreciated. I am working with Carol Thurgate and Gail Babinger who are doing the Community quilts for the guild and hoping to get a few from the charity quilt program. If you would like to help in any way or have any questions please contact Joanne Guillemette (862.0915) or at Sewbiz57@gmail.com. Thank you.

TEACUP AUCTION IN JUNE 2016

I am in charge of the annual Tea Cup Auction that we have in June. I know this is a ways off, but if we ever get substantial snow and you are housebound, Think about weeding out some of those quilty items you no longer use, or feel they need a new forever home. Gather them up, I will be at guild meeting and will accept items. I have the space to gather items from now until May. I could also use a few helpers to set up at the June meeting - just planting a seed. Teela Dufresne

SEWING MACHINES NEEDED!

Spectrum Youth and Family services (www.spectrumvt.org) needs a sewing machine. If you have a machine that is looking for a new home, please email me at crystalbubby24@comcast.net. It will be quite appreciated. Thanks. Crystal Howard

"Reach for the Stars" Challenge Quilt Exhibit Update

At the end of January, Ruth Whitaker and Hope Johnson will install the challenge quilt exhibit at the Essex Senior Center, Essex Junction, where it will be on display during February and March, 2016. Thanks to guild member Brooke Conger for suggesting the Essex Senior Center as a venue for our quilt exhibit.

A special "thank you" to Lara Keenan, Director, of the Shelburne Pierson Library for hosting our exhibit during the months of October and November, 2015, and CVQGVt theme quilts for the last five years. Judith Tuttle's help in set up of the quilts at the Charlotte Senior Center for the months of December 2015 and January 2016 was greatly appreciated. Regarding the take down of the exhibit, Mary Recchia, Director, said it "Will be sad to see this one go!"



Ruth Witaker and her quilt Wishing On a Star at the Shelburne Pierson Library



"Star Child" by Marya Lowe received a first place ribbon from the guild. Jeanette Harrison received the second place ribbon fo her quilt, "Starry, Starry Night" and third place ribbon went to Jane Masenas for her challenge quilt, "Starry Night"

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild, Minutes, January 5th, 2016

President Connie McDonald welcomed members, two new members and guests to the meeting and informed us that there are small quilting groups in Colchester and Jericho with room for new members. Interested members should contact Adrian Garneau, Connie McDonald or a board member.

The next show committee meeting will be held on January 19th at June Sweeney's home.

Program co chair Pat Hechmer introduced Hope Johnson, the speaker for the evening. Hope is a long time member of the guild and described interesting and amusing stories about her quilting journey.

The minutes of the November meeting were adopted as printed on a motion by Linda Lees and Rita Bortz. Connie announced that two members have agreed to be program interns. Michelle Cummings and Carol Bloomhardt will work with Janet Brunet and Pat Hechmer.

A nominating committee will be appointed. A new president elect is urgently needed. We MUST have a president or we cannot exist as a guild. The raffle quilt for Fall 2016 is nearing completion and a coordinator is needed to arrange places to show it off and sell tickets. Connie would like to hear from members interested in these positions. The board will meet January 12th at 6:00 pm at Marty DelNevo's home. Kim Portaluppi has passed along a letter of thanks from the Barre Town School for the quilts and pillowcases donated by guild members.

The winner of the raffle block draw was Joanne Guilmette. Michelle Cummings displayed the February block and the block for March to welcome Spring. Both will be on the website. Kathy Kenny presented the name tag draw prize to Susan Rivers. The Quilts of Valor raffle prize was presented to Joyce Dawson by Joanne Guilmette. The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell on a motion by Caroline Edmunds .

Barbara Carter, Secretary

CVQG Board Snippets, January 2016

****Adrian Garneau presented the new reporting sheet for expenses and deposits. here is a separate sheet for the Quilt Show. They will be on the website.

****The budget was discussed with expected savings and expenses mentioned. It will not be frozen at this time. Discussion was held about alternative ways to raise funds from outside the guild members. Grants were mentioned.

****Alternate venues for meetings and workshops were discussed. More research will be done.

****A closed group on facebook for quilters will be set up. Linda Lane will take care of setting this up and



Alicia Cardoza is interested in joining a Bee. Are there any others in the Waterbury area that would like to meet in the evening during the week? Contact Adrian Garneau if interested.

Karey Young is interested in joining a Bee. Are there any others in the Essex Junction area that would like to start a new Bee?!? Contact Adrian Garneau if interested.

Rose Orr is interested in starting a bi-weekly Bee in Malletts Bay. Contact Adrian Garneau for more info. Are you looking for new members to join your bee? Would you like to start or join a bee? Contact Adrian Garneau, Beekeeper, at adrian_garneau@yahoo.com or 802-891-6543

Established Bees in Colchester:

Monthly – 3rd Saturday each month from 9:30 am to 12 pm at the United Church of Colchester (900 Main Street) – the Colchester Quilters! Contact Rose Orr for more info: roseorr6@netscape.net .

Weekly – Fridays from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at revolving locations in Rose Orr's neighborhood – a small group with room for another quilter or two! Contact Rose Orr for more info: roseorr6@netscape.net .

Weekly – Wednesdays from 6 pm to 8 pm at either the Colchester Library (898 Main Street) or the Meeting House (830 Main Street) – for knitters & needle workers of all kinds! Contact the library for more info: (802) 264-5660.

Established Bees in Jericho:

Bi-weekly – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 1:30 pm to 4 pm at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library (8 River Road) – Library Quilters! Contact the library for more info: (802)899-4962.

CVQG Programs/Workshops 2015-2016

Ann Petersen <http://obsessivequilter.weebly.com>

Tuesday April 5 Lecture/Trunk Show



Quilt As Desired?

So just what is "Quilt as Desired?" How do you know what you desire on a quilt? Ann will do a show and tell of some of her quilts and talk about the thought process for why she chose to quilt them as she did.

Ann quilts her award winning pieces exclusively on a standard domestic machine. They have been featured in numerous quilt publications and winning awards since 2002. Her latest adventure is teaching on-line for craftsy.com where she currently has five classes.

Wednesday April 6 Workshop with Ann Petersen

This all day workshop is divided into two parts. The morning will be dedicated to tips and techniques for quilting large projects on a standard domestic machine. In the afternoon, participants will work on a sampler of various machine stitching designs that can be used in many ways and sizes on different quilts.

Big Projects on a Small Machine

See a demonstration on how to handle the quilting on a large quilt on a standard size domestic sewing machine. I will show how I baste to minimize tucks and wrinkles on the back, what I have found to be the best order for quilting, physically handling a large quilt. Lots of time will be provided for questions and answers and I will show some of my large prize winning quilts, all quilted on a small machine.

Beyond the Basics - Free Motion Quilting



If you would love to know how to do more than meandering and straight lines, this class is for you. half-day version of my [Craftsy.com](http://craftsy.com) on-line course, we will talk about how I baste and set up for machine quilting, and cover some fun things like pebbling, pumpkin seed quilting, swirls and shells. This is a class for those who have tried a little free-motion quilting, but want to learn more.

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Cost: \$45 members, \$50 non-members

Location: United Church of Colchester

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild – April Workshop Registration

Name _____ Check #s _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

_____ Wednesday April 6 Ann Petersen
 Big Projects on a Small Machine & Beyond Basics
 Free Motion Quilting

Ann's workshop is \$45 for members / \$50 for non-members

Mail checks for Ann's workshops to Janet Brunet,
 60 Mills Point Road, Colchester, VT 05446

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. programs@cvqgvt.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.

Workshop registrations will be accepted as they are received and paid for regardless of guild membership. This new policy is an effort to fill our wonderful workshops.

Sew-In Announcement!

Our next sew-in will be on Saturday, February 6th, from 10 am to 4 pm at Yankee Pride (9 Main Street in Essex Junction). Feel free to come for as long or short a period as you would like.

Bring whatever project(s) you would like to work on, as well as cutting tools and your machine if you need it. Yankee Pride has irons, ironing boards & cutting mats available, so you don't need to bring those items if you don't want to. This is not specifically for community quilts, so make sure to bring a project to work on.

This is a free event, as Yankee Pride generously offers their classroom space at no charge when they don't have classes going on. There is no need to RSVP; just come if you can, when you can.

Contact Adrian Garneau with any questions at adrian_garneau@yahoo.com or 802-891-6543.

Community Quilts

Our committee took a break over the holidays and now we're back to work. We spent some time this week sorting fabric and putting together kits for our workshop in February. We will let you know the date and place at the February meeting and by email. We will have community quilt and fidget quilt kits to assemble and fabric available to start your own community quilt. Carol Thurgate, Sandi Hardy and Gail Babinger, Community Quilts Co-chairs

Thank You From Camp Ta Kum Ta

I want to thank everyone who contributed to Camp Ta Kum Ta last year by making quilts for the kids at the camp. I am especially grateful for all the quilts donated by the Guild. Some of you were interested in making quilts again for 2016 and I wanted to let you know I will be away until May/June and will collect any quilts at that time. Camp week is in August and so there is plenty of time to get them to me. No specific size regulations, but lap size would be minimum. Contact me, Jeanette Mann at 802 734-2005 with questions. Thanking you all in advance.

BLOCK FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Editor's Comments:

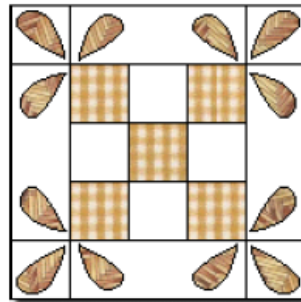
These pages were copied from the website so that those who do not have access to the website can create this block. Since you have internet access, it would be better for you to access the website information at: <http://www.quilterscache.com/H/HoneyBeeBlock.html>. Ignore the "Click here" and "Now on to .." if you are using these pages. Both the template and both pages are shown here.

Michelle Cumming has just relocated and was unable to provide the necessary information except for the link. I am reproducing what is on the website.

Honey Bee

This makes a 10" block, and is a 1920's-30's era pattern !

Please abide by the [Terms and Conditions of use!](#) :o)



[Click here for the templates!](#)

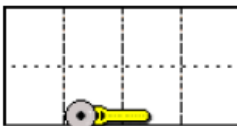
** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block **



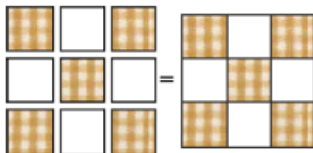
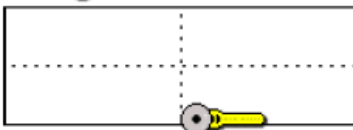
Using the template provided cut out twelve petal shapes from the Color 1 5" x 15" strip, adding 1/8"- 3/16" seam allowances as you do this...



Next mark and cut the Color 2 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" strip into five 2-1/2" squares...



Now mark and cut the Color 3 5" x 10" strip into eight 2-1/2" squares. Mark and cut the Color 3 5" x 13" strip into four 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles...



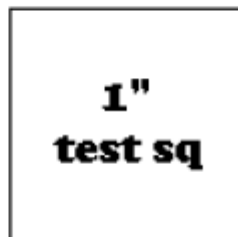
Using a scant 1/4" seam, sew together the center nine patch as shown at left, pressing all seams to the darker sides(shown in smaller scale here)...



Now piece the block as shown at far left. Pin on and appliqué the petal shapes using threads to match the petals. Once this is done, so are you! :o)

...Now on to [Page 2!](#)

Template for HoneyBee Block



add 1/4"
seam allowance !

** Supplies List **



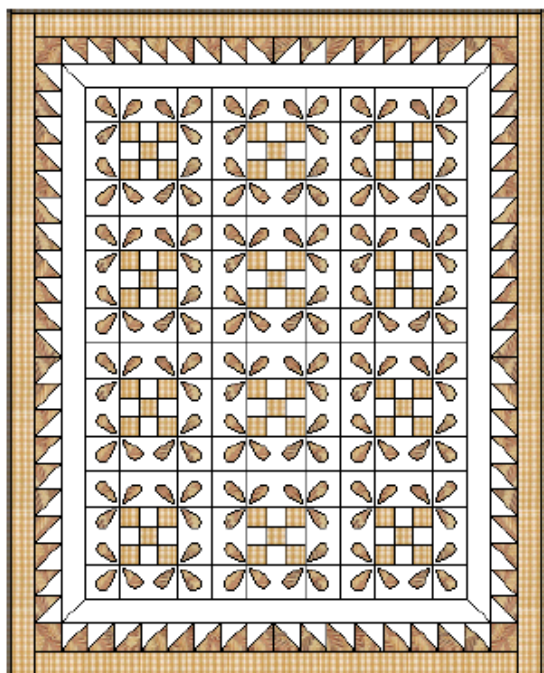
Color 1 Color 1 needs: one 5" x 15" strip



Color 2 Color 2 needs: one 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" strip



Color 3 Color 3 needs: one 5" x 10" strip AND one 5" x 13" strip



Block shown in a 3 block by 4 block
quilt.

A decorative border made of small green arrows pointing inwards, forming a rectangular frame around the text.

CVQG PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE 2016

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

March 5: TBD

April 5: Ann Petersen <http://obsessivequilter.weebly.com/>

May 3: Pam Damour <http://www.pamdamour.com/>

June 7: Potluck Dinner and Teacup Auction