

**CHECK OUT OUR BUILDING COMMUNITY INCENTIVES THIS MONTH.
REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TWO HARMONIOUS CONTRASTING FAT QUARTERS!**

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

- 6.30 Social Time
- 7.00 Meeting begins
- Important announcements
- 7.10 Program
- 8.00 Break
- 8.15 Approval of minutes
and other business
- 8.30 Show and Tell
- 9.00 Meeting ends

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Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild



President's Address

MARCH 2016

I have great news to share! We finally have a vice president to finish out the year and to step into the president's position in September! Hooray! Many, many thanks to Pat Hechmer who has volunteered to take on those responsibilities. I look forward to passing her the baton in a few short months.

Next up will be the filling of other vacancies on the board. Our nominating committee has started identifying which positions are open and will soon be contacting people about the possibility of filling them. Will you consider helping out in some capacity so we can have a vibrant and active guild? It would make the committee's job that much easier if you are able to pitch in, and there are jobs to match each person's abilities. To volunteer or to get more information about what is available and job descriptions, contact Adrian Garneau, Barbara Harrison, or Donna Hamill.

For our March meeting, it sounds like we are going to have some great presentations from members who coordinate their efforts to work on group quilts. And I am really looking forward to the Creating Community Initiative that will benefit Women Helping Battered Women. I hear there is a fun activity planned to facilitate the fat quarter swap, so make sure you remember to bring your fat quarter when you come. See you there!

Connie McDonald, President

Building Community One Block at a Time

Tuesday March 1



Many of us belong to small quilt groups that work as a group on a single project or projects with a singular purpose or theme. In sync with our 2015-16 guild theme of building community, we've asked some of these groups to share their experiences with us. Come learn the stories of groups that share a love of quilting and fellowship.

2015-2016 Officers & Committees

President – Connie McDonald
 VP – Pat Hechmer
 Past President—Marty DelNevo
 Secretary – Barbara Carter
 Treasurer – Adrian Garneau
 Program Co-Chairs – Janet Brunet & Pat Hechmer
 Membership: Carla White
 Quilt Show Chairman: TBA
 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

TEACUP AUCTION IN JUNE 2016

Fellow guild members,

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. Consider weeding out some of those “quilty” items you no longer use or think they would be more welcome in a different 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.

Thank you to those who stepped forward to help organize. I will still need someone to sell raffle tickets.

Teela Dufresne

CAMP ABNAKI UPDATE

The form for the 2016 retreat weekend are posted on the website under weekend retreat:

Spring dates: April 28 – May 1

Fall dates: Sept 29 – Oct 2

Teela Dufresne

FOR SALE! BABY LOCK ELLISIMO GOLD -- NEW!

This machine has never been used. It comes with a carrying case and a large assortment of accessories. The warranty is transferrable. Owner is asking \$8,000 OBO. Call Ann @ 802-598-8303, or email her at anncbarlow@gmail.com for more details, including several pictures of all the accessories.

“Book Bag Bazaar” Fundraiser for Shelburne Pierson Library
Calling all Bag Ladies

For the past five years, the Shelburne Pierson Library has hosted our guild’s theme quilts in their intimate space at the library. The library is currently making plans for a much needed expansion of their space. Since our “All that Jazz” theme quilts will be on display at our guild show this year, we have offered to make book bags for display at the library for the months of October and November and to be sold to raise funds for the library. Please consider making a book bag with the following criteria and guidelines in mind:

1. Use any fabric, leather, plastic, even old books!
2. Please line the bag and have sturdy straps and/or handles.
3. Minimum size 18” x 13” to accommodate books of various sizes.
4. Embellish and add your personal touches with appliqué, embroidery, piping, knitting, collage, paint, literary fabric prints, your favorite children’s story, etc.
5. Optional and fun: Matching bookmarks, electronic device storage, reading glasses case, etc.
6. Please, no drawstring bags, kits or pre-made “blanks”. Consider tote, messenger, or weekend bags and backpacks.
7. Use any pattern of your choice. For free patterns, check out sew4home.com’s “Kid’s Vintage Book Bag”, and sewing.about.com’s “Free Bag, Tote, Clutch, Backpack, Pocketbook and Purse Patterns”.
8. Deadline for submission is September 6, 2016 and we will collect entries at the guild meeting. Please include a 3” x 5” card in the bag with your name. All participants, our Official Bag Ladies, will be entered in a prize drawing.

Any questions or for more information please contact Hope Johnson, vermontquiltbee@myfairpoint.net, or Ruth Whitaker, ruthestherwhitaker@gmail.com.
 Thank you.

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild, Minutes, February 2nd, 2016

President Connie McDonald welcomed members and guests. She asked members to consider stepping up to be president elect. As a non profit organization, we must have an executive committee. Rita Bortz spoke of the joys of her time as president, and the many members she grew to know.

Program co chair Pat Hechmer introduced Carol Miller, who showed slides of her quilts and talked about her journey from traditional quilts to the more art type quilts she makes now.

Membership chair Carla White introduced two guests.

The following announcements were made.

Marty DelNevo will host the board meeting on February 9th at 6:00 pm.

Challenge quilt chair Ruth Whitaker announced the challenge quilt theme will be All That Jazz, and should have some connection to a jazz piece of music. Information is on the web site. Treasurer Adrian Garneau reported we have raised 65% of the total budgeted. Some budgets will be frozen. A Sit and Sew will be held at Yankee Pride on Saturday the 10th at Yankee Pride.

Quilt Show Chair Marty DelNevo said two meetings have been held, and several committees still need chairs, including the very important volunteer committee. The Williston Library is looking for quilts to exhibit. Contact Marty if you know of or have a quilt that could be exhibited.

Ruth Whitaker and Barbara Harrison will organize a table at the flea market at the fairgrounds on April 24th. People may bring donations which would sell for at least \$5.00 to the next two meetings. Hope Johnson reported that the challenge quilt exhibit has been moved to the Charlotte Senior Center. The quilts will be returned at the April meeting.

The Bees for Development Sunflower Quilt was featured in the December 2015 Bees for Development Journal and in the Quilting Bee feature of the February/March 2016 Quilters Newsletter Magazine.

Since our challenge quilts this year need to be available for our guild show in October, Hope proposed an exhibit of handmade book bags ("Book Bag Bazaar") to benefit the library's new building campaign.

Joanne Guilmette asked members to consider making a quilt for a women's shelter in Benson. Community Quilts Chair Gail Babinger announced a workshop will be held February 15th at Yankee Pride. Teela Dufresne announced Quilt Camp will be held at Camp Abnaki April 28th. She will have the details out as soon as she has them.

The minutes were approved as printed on a motion of Ruth Whitaker and Linda Lees. The name tag raffle was won by Anne Standish. Michelle Cummings showed the raffle block for March and presented this month's blocks to Alice Marsh. There will be a fabric exchange at the March meeting. Hope Johnson presented the Quilts of Valor raffle prize to Eileen Saxon.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Marty DelNevo and Brook Conger.

Barbara Carter, Secretary

CVQG Board Snippets, February 2016

1. Adrian Garneau reviewed our treasurer's report. Since our 2015 raffle quilt sale was \$3K below anticipated revenue, we are looking for ways to save money and/or increase revenue. \$1.5K of savings has been identified but we will need to continue to look for additional ways to reduce our budget or save.
2. Linda Lane has started a 'closed' CVQG Facebook group which is a place for our guild to share information, photos of quilts, have conversation, etc., among Guild members. It was decided to limit this group to guild members only since our CVQG Facebook page will remain available as our 'public' presence to the community. Our hope is that all of our members will join the new CVQG group so that we can share among ourselves between meetings.
3. Plans are being made to visit 2 additional alternate locations that we could use for those months when Essex Alliance is not available, such as most Decembers and various other months over the past years.
4. Programs discussion for March which will showcase several small group activities and continue to promote building community.

Marty DelNevo

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.

NOTE: Ann's workshop has changed from original February announcement

Wednesday April 6 Workshop with Ann Petersen

Big Projects on a Small Machine - More Ways to Quilt a Big Quilt

All of Ann's prize winning quilts have been quilted on a standard size domestic sewing machine. If you want to learn from an expert how to handle a large quilt on a small machine, Ann's demo is for you.

Ann will show four different ways to break a large quilt into pieces that are easier to handle than the entire piece, how to split the quilt top into three or more pieces and then rejoin, how to split the batting, how to do a block by block quilting method and the medallion method. Learn how to baste to minimize tucks and wrinkles on the back, the best order for quilting, and how to physically handle a large quilt. Lots of time will be provided for questions and answers.



Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

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

Location: United Church of Colchester

Workshop registrations will be accepted as they are paid for regardless of guild membership. This policy is an effort to fill our wonderful workshops. Sign up for workshops at guild meetings or use on line form (cvqgvt.org forms)

Questions? contact workshop coordinators - Peterson workshop (Janet Brunet, pro-grams@cvqgvt.org, 846-7392); Damour workshop (Pat Hechmer, phechmer@mac.com, 878-3725).

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

Tuesday May 3 Lecture

Zentangle on Fabric



Now 10 years old, the Zentangle movement is an international sensation. What started as a means of meditation and relaxation, is now being used as art therapy. Join Pam for a fun evening as she teaches the step by step process of Zentangle. People all over the world are amazed with the ease with which they can create their own works of art. Pam will take you to the next level, showing how to create your own fabrics.

If you want to follow along as Pam demonstrates the art of Zentangle, bring pencil, drawing paper, fabric to draw on, Micron pen, permanent fabric pen (rolling ball pen thicker than a Micron pen), a hard surface to serve as a lap desk, and a tortillon, or smudge stick used for shading (<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Tortillon>). Don't want to follow along, bring a notebook for tips on getting started with Zentangle. Pam will have Zentangle kits and supplies for sale.

Wednesday May 4 Workshop with Pam Damour

Great Quilt Finishes

A great quilt is a combination of perfect piecing, choosing the right fabrics, the quality of the quilting, and how it's finished. In this all day workshop, you will learn how to "Kick it up a Notch" with some great ways to finish your quilts. Learn continuous prairie points, ruched inserts, piped binding, perfect scallop edges, French binding, flat piping, and more! Take your quilts to a whole new level, but also use your new skills in all your sewing projects!

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Cost: \$50 members, \$55 non-members

Note: workshop cost includes \$25 kit fee, a great bargain!

Location: United Church of Colchester



Community Quilts

Our Community Quilts workshop on Monday, February 15 at Yankee Pride was a huge success. We have finished quilts ready to deliver, quilt tops to quilt, and more quilt kits ready to assemble. Thank you Barbara H., Rita B., Donna H., Lorraine, Jackie, Pat H., Jane H., Jane S., Gale W., and Ruth W. for a productive, fun day. Thank you Yankee Pride for letting us use your space.

Carol Thurgate, Sandi Hardy and Gail Babinger, Community Quilts Co-chairs

BLOCK FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Block of the Month news

We are planning ahead for the April Block! The collection of blocks in April are intended to be pieced together into a quilt(s!!) donated to the Women Helping Battered Women in Burlington.

STEP 1: (deadline Guild meeting in March): Shop your local quilt store or your stash and find two fat quarters in soft feminine colors that have good contrast that would equate with a light and dark. Bring them to the March Meeting for a fun exchange.

STEP 2: make as many blocks as you can of the Friendship Star pattern from the fat quarters. (My sample made [5] 8" blocks (finished size 7.5"). The winner will be responsible for making up a group to help assemble the top, quilt and bind it. At the June meeting we would like to show the quilt and then donate it to the shelter.

☺ If you did not exchange blocks in March you can still make blocks with your own fabric

Friendship Star

Cut- background [4] 3" squares
[2] 3 7/8" squares (used to make half square triangle blocks)
Contrast- [1] 3" square
[2] 3 7/8" squares (used to make half square triangle blocks)



1.
Your cut pieces



2. Draw a line diagonally from corner to corner on the wrong side of the lighter 2 5/8" squares. Sew 1/4" away from each side of the center line



3.
Cut on the diagonal line and press the seams to the darker fabric.
Half square blocks should be trimmed to 3".



4.
You should have the following blocks available for assembly.
Line them up as follows



5.
Sew together using precise or scant 1/4" seams so that seams nest.
Press. Block should measure 8" square.

Pop-up Work Groups

These provide an opportunity to meet up with fellow quilters in small groups on a one-time basis. Have fun, get to know other guild members, share skills and be inspired. Anyone can be a leader and advertise here. Any member can join in.

Meeting ideas are endless. Would you like to work with others on a free online tutorial? Work together in Crafts classes? Make small gifts? Community project? Design? Work on UFO's and get some inspiration to finish? Or just get together and quilt?

To submit a pop-up, contact Janet Brunet. [Jbrunetvt @ gmail.com](mailto:Jbrunetvt@gmail.com) or phone in guild directory.

January Pop-up Creating Accidental Landscapes



Six of us met in January to create landscapes guided by Karen Eckmeier's youtube video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObTxKp7U9VE> The pop-up provided the inspiration to get started and the opportunity to learn from and get advice from others. It was a great group of people and wonderful project for a group. We want to get together again!

2016 CVQG Show (October 21 to 23, 2016) Update

We've been meeting since November and progress is being made. We are working with the Rug Hookers and will again share the weekend and the Champlain Valley Expo location.

We decided to have our show open during the same hours as the Rug Hookers so we will be open on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in addition to our hours on Saturday, and Sunday. Our reception will still be held on Friday evening starting at 7 p.m. Because of an earlier start, quilt drop off will be a day earlier on Tuesday.

Admission prices were discussed as well. After many years of not increasing the fee, we've decided to move to \$8 for one day. We'll be offering a weekend fee of \$10.

Quilt registrations will need to be in by the September meeting. More details to follow along with updated forms on the website.

I have a critical need for additional volunteers!! Needed immediately is someone to be the **Volunteer Coordinator** since we usually start volunteer signups for our show at the April or May meeting. Also, needed are people to coordinate the following activities: **Demonstrations** at our show, **Kids' Activities, Lighting, and Special Displays.**

Demonstrations are such a wonderful way to engage the public attending the show and provide us an opportunity to share our art. The show dates are **October 21 to 23, 2016.**

Please contact Marty DelNevo at 878-7457 or msundbyvt@comcast.net if you need more info or are willing to help with these activities.

March's Celebrating Community Activity

Our focus this year has been on building community among guild members by providing opportunities at each meeting for each of us to meet people we don't know or haven't had an opportunity to get to know. To continue that effort, all Guild members are asked to bring 2 **contrasting** fat quarters to the meeting which will be exchanged with another person during one of the breaks. You'll be asked to make friendship stars during the month of March which will be brought to the April meeting to be made up into a quilt to be donated to Women Helping Battered Women.

Fat quarters will be available for purchase in the lobby during the meeting.

We hope that all of our members will participate in this effort to build friendship within our own organization and, in doing so, contribute to an effort to support an organization that helps so many women and children in our own communities.

Michele Cummings



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.

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

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

June 7: Potluck Dinner and Teacup Auction