

NOTE: The DECEMBER Meeting will be held at St. John Vianney Church, 160 Hinesburg Rd, S. Burlington! Directions are on page 2.

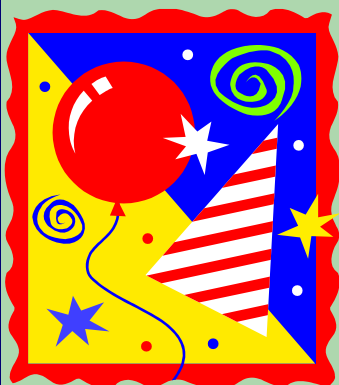
Meeting Location:
St. John Vianney Church,
160 Hinesburg Rd,
S. Burlington, VT

6:30-End:

- *Business Meeting
- *Special Activities
- *Show and Tell

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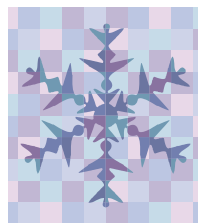


Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild



Presidential Address

DECEMBER 2011



Happy Holidays! As we enter the holiday season I want to take the opportunity to wish all of you health and happy holidays. Margo and I are looking forward to seeing our grand-daughters who have been away at college.

We have the opportunity to help victims of the Vermont floods that devastated parts of our beautiful state this year. I understand that Marty and Joanne have put a call out to the members to bring needles and pearl cotton and other threads to tie quilts at our December meeting. Please check the information in Holiday Party Invitation.

Our holiday meeting is the night we have the SWEET AND SAVORY treats to look forward to. Please bring your favorite treat to share with fellow members. Please remember that the holiday meeting will be held at Saint John Vianney in South Burlington. Drinks and paper products will be furnished by the guild for the meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Andre Emmell

HOLIDAY PARTY INVITATION

Come and share in the joy of the season at our annual HOLIDAY PARTY on December 6 at St. John Vianney Church on Hinesburg Road in South Burlington. An evening of fun is planned with refreshments, show and tell, stocking stuffing, and quilt tying.

Donna Johnson has lots of goodies for us to put in the stockings everyone has worked so hard to make. A new activity this year is the Winter Warmth Project. Marty DelNevo and Joanne Lattrell will bring along quilts that need to be tied or have a binding attached. Members will have the opportunity to work in groups, chat, and get to know each other better. Some tying floss, etc., will be available but **bring along quilting needles, floss, sewing thread, and scissors** if you have some at home.

Hospitality time, as usual, starts at 6:30 followed by a short business meeting and the special activities. This is a good time to don your holiday finery and to bring your holiday show & tell.

If you like, you may bring a sweet or savory to share.

Marty DelNevo & Joanne Lattrell

Directions to St. John Vianney Church, 160 Hinesburg Rd, S. Burlington!

This is where we are meeting on December 6, 2011.

St. John Vianney Church is on Route 116 (Hinesburg Road) between Kennedy Drive and Williston Road. If you are coming from Burlington, turn RIGHT on to Hinesburg Road. The Church is on LEFT just before the Catholic cemetery. Enter the parking lot on the **right** side of the church and drive to the back and turn left. Our meeting is in the new building that is in the far end of the parking lot. **DO NOT GO TO THE CHURCH!!** Meeting is in the Parish hall.

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild Minutes November 1st, 2011

- The Guild met at the North Avenue Alliance Church on October 1st 2011. President Andre Emmell opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introduced Program co-chair Nancy Emberley. She introduced Judith Reilly, whose talk was titled Twelve Life Lessons for Creativity. She also showed several of her exquisite quilts.
- The minutes of the October meeting were adopted as printed on motion of Teela Dufresne and Linda Lees. Ruth Whitaker requested volunteers willing to assemble a basket for the stocking raffle to contact her.
- The winner of the stocking raffle was Pat Hedman.
- Membership chair Marty DelNevo announced 22 new members joined this year. She has name tags and new member packets for them. She also has updated membership lists available for everyone. A cutting workshop will be held Wednesday November 2nd to prepare kits for quilts to be made for Irene victims.
- Raffle square chair Sue McGuire announced the winners of the block were Andre and Joanne Guilmette. She also showed the snowflake block for December.
- Librarian Claire Graham Smith reminded crate sitters to take their crates home. The library books will not be available in December.
- Community Quilts chair Shirley Fuller announced Carla White as this month's raffle winner. Quilts will be accepted at the December meeting, but kits will not be available .
- Show chair Barbara Carter reported that the show was successful and that a complete report will be available after an evaluation meeting is held by the committee in a couple of weeks.
- A request was received that a better sound system be investigated.
- Andre announced the December meeting will be at St John Vianney church in South Burlington and that the Board meeting will be held at Stitched on November 10th at 6:00 pm.
- The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell on motion of Linda Lees and Joanne Guilmette.

Barbara Carter

Board Snippets, November 10th, 2011

- It is very probable that the North Avenue Alliance Church will no longer be available as a meeting venue. Other possibilities were discussed.
- Janet Brunet reported information she has gathered about our sound system and a new microphone. The first step is to borrow something from Advance Music and test it out at our next meeting.
- June Sweeney reported a treasurer's report will be in the January newsletter. Andre will ask for volunteers to review the books. Forms will be made available to people wishing to report donations for tax purposes.
- A suggestion has been received that we look into making special quilts for Alzheimers' patients. More information about this will be solicited.

Barbara Carter

2011-2012 Officers & Committees

President – Andre Emmell
 VP – Karey Young
 Past President—Rita Bortz
 Secretary – Barbara Carter
 Treasurer – June Sweeney
 Program Co-Chairs – Janet Brunet & Nancy Emberley
 Membership: Marty DelNevo
 Webmaster: Priscilla Roehm
 Quilt Show Chairperson: Barbara Carter and June Sweeney
 Librarian – Claire Graham-Smith
 Silent Auction – Marty DelNevo
 Charity Quilts – Shirley Fuller
 Quilt Retreat – Teela Dufresne
 Stocking 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
 Christmas Stockings – Donna Johnson
 Green Mountain Rep – Claire Graham-Smith
 Sunshine – Sue Rivers
 Newsletter—Esther Nui

WINTER WARMTH QUILT KITS ARE AVAILABLE

If you were unable to attend either of the workshops held in November, Marty DelNevo will have some kits available at the December meeting for you to take home to work on. If you would like to help us reach our goal, please see Marty at the meeting. If you're not able to make the December meeting and want to help, call or email Marty at 878-7457 or ormsundbyvt@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

No regular Community Quilt table at the December meeting! Thank you to all who joined us in the workshop for the Flood victims and also working on labels/bindings for Community Quilts! We will be distributing quilts before the end of the year!
 See you in January - when you can get kits to work on during the winter snows!

Shirley Fuller safuller50@gmail.com

LIBRARY NOTES

Please return any outstanding books to the library at the Holiday meeting at St John Vianney . I will bring a box for returns. If you take care of a crate and anticipate missing January meeting please bring your crate and I will take it for you. Thanks to those who returned books between meetings, by mail and in person. Thanks so much. All your efforts are helping us keep better track of the library books. The library book list has been updated with a new, improved version. Thanks to Jenny Russell!! The list is posted to the website. Check it out.

Claire Graham-Smith and Jenny Russell

Once Upon a Time.....

The show committee met for a potluck supper and to evaluate the show and make suggestions. We are hoping to go back to the Field and are negotiating with them for a date for next October. Marty and I are going to put together a response to comments given us in the survey. We are grateful to all of you who took the time to answer the survey about the show.



Most of the receipts and expenses are in and it looks like we made just under \$4000.00, almost the same as 2010. The amount the raffle quilt earned and the admittance total were the only financial disappointments. Most of our other expenses and receipts came in very close to our budget.

We have a long list of items we noticed during the show to think about....including the fact that the change in venue means we will have to have some more volunteers setting up. We'll be thinking creatively about how to make the show even better another year.

Next year will be our 30th show — something more to celebrate. We are starting our discussion about the show and a theme which will celebrate that special anniversary, at a gathering on **Monday, January 9th, at 6:00 pm at Yankee Pride in Essex Junction**. Come and share your ideas, and see how you can join the fun. It IS fun! You should see what this group can come up with for a potluck supper!!!!

Barbara Carter.....Show Chair, again!

Upcoming Programs

Janet Brunet & Joanne Lattrell (programs@cvqgvt.org)

January 3, 2012: Kay Bergquist and Janet Block (Rutland, VT)

Kay and Janet will share their techniques for preparing quilt tops for machine quilting – domestic and longarm.

Kay Bergquist purchased her first long arm quilting machine in 1994 and has been working with quilters to make their tops into quilts since then. She is always glad to share tips with fellow quilters to help them improve their skills. Kay designs quilt patterns and teaches around Vermont using these quilt patterns. <http://www.vermontquiltdesign.com/about.php>

Janet Block, Vermont Quilt Festival Chairman, has been passionate about fabric, color and sewing since she was in the 6th grade. After designing clothing for many years she returned to Vermont and back to her first quilt. As a longarm quilter, she loves seeing what her customer's have made and coming up with ideas to suit it creatively.

February 7, 2012: Joanne Lattrell's Tips & Tools



As a former home economics teacher, Joanne Lattrell developed techniques to make sewing easy for her students. As a quilter she always keeps her eyes open for useful tools and tips – many of which were originally created for another purpose. So join Joanne in looking at helpful tools and tips to make your quilting easier.

March 6, 2012: Mini-workshops/Demo Night

A fun filled evening of demonstrations and mini-workshops by guild members. Please contact us if you would like to present or if you know of a fellow guild member whom you would like to present.

We need your help in finding our presenters!

April 3, 2012: Linda Hahn (NJ)

<http://www.froghollowdesigns.com>



Linda is the author of the AQS Best Seller "NEW YORK BEAUTY SIMPLIFIED" and also co-authored "Insider's Guide to Quilting Careers" (Quiltwoman.com).

Linda is a National Quilting Association Certified Teacher and was the 2009 NQA Certified Teacher of the Year. She is known for taking what looks complicated and breaking it down into easy to understand and "do-able" steps.

May 1-2, 2012 : Nancy DiDonato (NY)

Nancy is best known for her unusual, innovative "outside the box" art quilts. "I walk to the tune of



my own drummer, don't buy the latest quilt books, have never owned a Bernina, don't frequent my local quilt shops, find my materials at thrift shops and my own closet and create only what makes ME happy." Her 35 year old, no frills, Montgomery Ward's Signature sewing machine has served her well as she has won numerous awards, including several Best of Show, on both a local and national level – several at the Vermont Quilt Festival.

<http://quiltsmiles.blogspot.com/2010/09/nancy-didonato.html>

<http://www.quiltersnewsletter.com/articles/click>

PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

(See our website for detailed information)

December 6: Holiday Party

Loc: St. John Vianney Church

January 3: Kay Bergquist and Janet Block

February 7: Joanne Lattrell

March 6: Mini-workshops/Demo Night

April 3: Linda Hahn

May 1-2: Nancy DiDonato

June 5: Potluck Supper & Teacup Auction

CVQG Programs 2011-2012

CVQG is made up of a diverse group of members from traditional to art quilters. We try to bring in a variety of speakers and choose lectures that have an appeal to most members regardless of the type of quilting they do. More information about our programs and workshops can be found on our website and at the Programs table at the meeting. We welcome your suggestions.

Janet Brunet & Nancy Emberley (Programs co-chairs – programs@cvqgv.org)

MEMBERSHIP TABLE AT DECEMBER MEETING

Membership won't be set up as usual in December but Marty will bring along name tags and membership cards for those who need to pick theirs up.

SAVE THESE DATES FOR CAMP ABNAKI 2012

Spring Session - April 26-29 Fall Session - Sept 20-23

NO Prices available yet, contracts are not ready. Watch for more information in later newsletters.

Teelia Dufresne

Newsletter Guidelines and welcoming contributions to the Sharing Corner:

It would make the editing process faster if these guidelines could be followed. I am aware that the age of the software and the computer can differ but if you can, please observe these guidelines for newsletter contributions:

1. First **THE DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IS THE 15th OF EVERY MONTH** the guild meets.
2. Use the Tahoma font, regular and size 11. Make sure line spacing is single or "1sp" and that paragraphs have "0 pt" before and after. This feature alone simplifies the editing process tremendously.
3. Check your contribution for spelling errors. Make sure you have used the apostrophe 's where needed; use the ACTIVE voice whenever possible. For e.g., "I stitched it" instead of "It was stitched by me." Instead of using "...", please use the "—" OR ";", whichever seems more appropriate. Thank you.
4. I prefer word documents as I cannot edit PDF files. Exceptions of course are spreadsheets. For spreadsheets make sure they fit within the margins of a 8.5" x11" page in portrait or landscape orientation. Photographs are welcome as ".jpg" type.

I would also like to remind members of the Sharing Corner and welcome contributions. Here are the guidelines again:

5. You have to agree that I will decide whether to include your article or not. Usually, inclusion will depend upon space constraints and/or subject contents.
6. Your information must pertain to the use of needle and thread. I would love to hear from you if you have had a quilt selected for a show, book, magazine or newsletter OR if you have been a quilter for a long time and want to communicate to others the reasons why you love the art.
7. Internet links and tips on how to improve one's quilting skills are welcome. Have you discovered a gem of a quilting shop? Is there a book and/or article that you found particularly useful in our library or elsewhere?
8. Do you have a service you can offer members? Do you need a ride to our meetings or make a donation?
9. Finally, if you can, please observe editorial guidelines listed as 1 to 4.
10. No computer? Handwrite the article and mail it to me. My address is on page 8.

I hope to hear from you and please don't let this list daunt you. I am here to make this as exciting a newsletter as I possibly can and will listen to suggestions and positive and negative feedback. Please send them to newsletter@cvqgv.org. THANK YOU.

Esther Nui

JANUARY RAFFLE BLOCK **9 PATCH VARIATION**

An easy block since you will all be busy during the holiday season.



We know you can do a 9 patch in your sleep so here is just the basic information you need to make the block as pictured.

Block size is 12" finished or 12 1/2" unfinished.

To get some texture we recommend using prints that read as solids rather than true solid fabrics.

For a single block please cut:

White on White – Qty 3	4 1/2" squares
	Qty 3 1 7/8" squares
Black on Black -- Qty 3	4 1/2" squares
	Qty 3 1 7/8" squares
Red on Red -- Qty 2	4 1/2" squares
	Qty 3 1 7/8" squares

- 1) Construct the Center 9 patch as shown using all of the small squares (3 of each color).
- 2) Cut down if necessary to 4 1/2".
- 3) Use the constructed block as the center for the 9 Patch finished block. Be sure the center block is oriented correctly so the blacks and whites are together and all the reds in center and corners line up with one another.
- 4) Block should measure 12 1/2" unfinished.

The more blocks the merrier!

We appreciate the great participation this season. At both the October and November meetings, there were enough raffle blocks to divide and have 2 winners each month. So please, keep them coming and we hope you are our next winner.

Again we suggest for Extra Credit –

Make more with the personal set of fabric/colors of your choice for a sampler quilt to keep or perhaps for a Community Quilt. Feel free to do more than one of each block, skip some months or whatever works for you.

Raffle Block team – The 3 Ms – Sue McGuire (482-3075), Jeanette Mann (372-3216) & Carolyn McCray (372-4875). Call us if you have questions.



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December Sales

Dec. 3 & 4: 20% off red fabric

Dec. 10 & 11: 20% off books

Dec. 17 & 18: 20% off one notion

Dec. 26 – 30: 15% off all fabric on the bolt!
(min. ½ yd. cuts)

Also, for those 5 days,
40% off Christmas fabric,
including panels!

December Classes

Machine Quilting Workshop

NEW! Daytime Basic Quilting class

This class will start in January – call the shop
for details!

Dates: Jan. 11, 18, 25;
Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Mar. 7

Yankee Pride will close at 3 p.m. on Sat. Dec.
24, and will be closed Dec. 25 for Christmas.
We will also be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for
the holiday, and Jan. 2 for inventory.
Regular hours resume Jan. 3.