

**WE ARE BACK AT THE ALLIANCE CHURCH!!
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR GUILD MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!**

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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Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild



President's Address

FEBRUARY 2014

I'm so excited! I can see my driveway again. Now that the holidays are behind me, I'm really getting serious about completing projects. The VQF letter reminding me that contest quilt entries need to be in soon spurred me on even more!

I really hope that the announcement of our show moving to the Champlain Valley Expo location along with the chance to collaborate with the Vermont Rug Hookers will invigorate and excite Guild members into participating in our show activities. New ideas and fresh faces are always welcome!

Putting on our show is a group activity. There is always someone to help you, someone to talk with, and someone to bounce ideas off. Many different positions are going to be available this year since those folks who have been involved, want to move on to something new. Many of the positions can also be done by more than one person so if you have a friend you'd like to work with, both of you can volunteer.

Key among the positions is Show Chair or Co-Chairs. There are also opportunities for publicity, coordinating volunteers, registrar, basket raffle/silent auction, just to name a few. Everyone is welcome to participate in our Show meetings so please join us for our Show Wrap-Up and Kick-off meeting on Wednesday, January 22, at 6 p.m. at Barbara Carter's home. Contact me for additional details, directions, etc.

Marty DelNevo

February 4 Featured Speaker - Nancy Graham <http://www.fiberbird.blogspot.com/>

Nancy specializes in fabric stamping using common household and found objects. Nancy will lecture and do a brief demo on leaf printing. She will bring several art quilts that showcase a variety of her textile design techniques. The quilts are comprised of fabrics that she has hand dyed, batiked, stamped & printed, stenciled etc. She creates her own stamps and printing tools using very simple supplies & found objects. Nancy will have lots of these on hand and will discuss how you can use them to make your own unique fabrics.



Microwave Bowl Holder Demo: Guild member Audrey Moore will be demonstrating how to make a holder to safely remove hot bowls from the microwave. Audrey will be doing her demo at a table in the lobby. Check it out at 6:30 pm before the meeting and at break time

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: Barbara Carter
 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

At February's meeting, we will be featuring books related to our guest speaker, Nancy Graham. We will be bringing books related to fiber art, fabric design and art quilting.

Again, we have recently added patterns to our library! We have a small number of quilt patterns that will be available for borrowing – of course, any pattern templates must be traced or copied, rather than cut. If you have any patterns that are in very good to good-as-new condition that you would like to donate to the pattern lending library, please contact one of us. We look forward to trying this new idea!

One reminder: if you have borrowed a book or DVD for more than a month, and have not made a special arrangement with us, please return the library materials at the February meeting OR email us to make an alternative arrangement. We will send out "overdue" notices before the next meeting. Thanks!

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

February Name Tag Raffle *Just for fun!*

Wear as many name tags as you can find or make in February. Stop by the Information Table, and make an entry in the raffle for each name tag you are wearing. Stop by the Information Table, and make an entry in the raffle for each name tag you are wearing.

Pam Farnsworth

Camp Abnaki 2014: Date: April 24 – 27 2014

Have you had it with this cold weather? Getting a little cabin fever? Well think ahead to a beautiful Spring weekend on Lake Champlain at Camp Abnaki. Come join other quilters that feel the same way.

There are a variety of options for the weekend. If you are interested on only coming for the day on Saturday to see the setup, and the variety of projects that are worked on, please contact me. The registration form should be on the website on the Camp Abnaki tab. Money is due by March 20 as we need to pay 30 days in advance of our event.

Teela Dufresne

2014 January Board Snippets

****the board voted to add \$35.00 to the \$15.00 collected at the December meeting as a donation to the New England Quilt Museum

****a proposal from the Fair to host our quilt show in October was reviewed and it was decided to sign a contract for the basic services

****plans were discussed for upcoming workshops and programs

****the process for the nominating committee was decided and names of possible candidates shared

****the storage of electronic material was discussed as well as possibilities for the web site. A new web master will be found. Teela Dufresne agreed to be the document manager.

****discussion was held on keeping track of physical assets of the guild

Barbara Carter

CVQG meeting minutes January 7, 2014

Following a presentation and trunk show by June Bugbee, President Marty DelNevo opened the business meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes for December as posted in the newsletter. The motion was made by Jeanette Mann, seconded by Betty Packer, approved.

Janet Jaffe announced that there will be a Community Quilts workshop on February 1 at the Church Fellowship Hall. An email will be sent out to the members with further details. Quilts were donated recently to Respite House, the VNA, and Women Helping Battered Women.

The Executive Board will meet on January 14, 6 p.m. at Yankee Pride.

The Quilt Show Committee will meet on January 22 at Barbara Carter's home. Everyone is welcome!

Andre Emmell and Colette Kaiser reported on the Raffle Quilt for 2014. There are 28 more basket blocks to be pieced, using "Uncle Andre's Rules". Two of the four appliqued corner blocks have been returned. The finished quilt will be about 102"x102" and is going to be entered at Vermont Quilt Festival in June as a group quilt. Raffle tickets will not be sold then, but it will be good exposure for the quilt.

Quilts of Valor – twelve quilts went to the national organization recently. They will be distributed to troops in Afghanistan and Germany. One quilt was given to a local WW II veteran (age 91) and two others to his two sons who are both pilots in the Vermont National Guard with our Green Mountain Boys.

Sue McGuire presented the month's raffle blocks (5 were returned) to Linda Lane. The Raffle Block for February is a large block. The directions will be on the website as well as in the newsletter.

Pam Farnsworth announced that the name tag raffle winner was Brooke Conger. For February, Pam suggested that everyone wear as many name tags as they have, and enter their names as many times as their name tags.

Barbara Harrison announced the winner of the Quilts of Valor raffle, Carroll Albertson. Barbara needs someone to help with this monthly raffle fund-raiser.

Marty spoke briefly about the plans for the 2014 Quilt Show. She met with Tom Oddy, events manager at Champlain Valley Fairgrounds. We could rent the Vermont building (12,000 square feet) for the weekend of October 18-19, the same weekend as the Rug Hookers show in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion and the Alpaca Show (fiber on the hoof!) events. This would be a great location for us, very visible and easy to find, plenty of parking, food nearby, and restrooms in the building. Please contact Marty if you can help with the show. We have a great experienced group in place and need new people to come on board.

The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan G. Rivers for Barbara Carter

Meet Esther Nui, newsletter editor



I am a first generation immigrant from Malaysia who arrived without any domestic skills to her name. However, I could read so I taught myself all the skills a model wife and mother should possess in this country. I did enjoy sewing and stitched garments for both my children and husband! Life took a negative turn and I a Liberal Arts graduate actually became an engineer at IBM! Domesticity took a back seat.

I retired in 2002 and moved to Vermont to be close to the only family I have in the States. My second daughter, lives in Scotland, UK. Music, which has always been the main passion in my Life now moved to the forefront. Having always belonged to some choral group, I joined Bella Voce, an all women's ensemble in Vermont.

Five years ago, I decided to give quilting a stab. I was not certain I had the patience for it but when the Guild needed a newsletter editor I volunteered for the position. I confess that I am still not an avid quilter and basically quilt for practical purposes. Consequently all my efforts have become window drapes, pot holders, placemats and table runners. I did make 3 quilts for my grandchildren and I am slowly acquiring a "stash" and the inevitable UFOs.

In my retirement I work as a substitute organist at various local churches and finally became a choir director at my local church. I hope to see some of you at a Bella Voce performance in the future.

FEBRUARY RAFFLE BLOCK IT'S GOOD TO BE SQUARE

This block is due for drawing at the February Meeting



We're going for a large 16" block, just think how few it will take to make a large quilt if you win the drawing!

Fabric -- For each block choose

- White background fabric
- Crazy geometric print (any colors)
- Complementary color to the print – fabric to read as solid (florals may not work – go for plaid/stripe, etc)

Cutting— 13 pieces in all

<u>White</u>	<u>Geometric</u>	<u>"Solid"</u>
3 x 16 ½	2— 3 x 10 ½	4 x 10
3 x 14	2— 3 x 5 ½	4 x 6 ½
4 x 5 ½		4 x 4
2 x 4		
2— 4 x 4 ½		

Construction – (Note picture above)

Press after each step, direction isn't fussy – toward dark is fine

Important – use SCANT ¼" seam, if sections don't go together well, try using a smaller seam allowance.

1. To end of each solid oblong add a white 4 x 4 ½
Set these aside for now
2. To side of the solid square add the white 2 x 4
After pressing, add the 4 x 5 ½ to top of this block
3. **Keep the solid on the bottom right** and sew to #2 the shorter geometric strips to the sides, then the long ones to the top and bottom. Should look like this



4. Sew the shorter solid / white section to the bottom of your new square, with white to the left
5. Sew the longer solid / white section to the right of the square, with white at the top
6. Sew the shorter white strip to the bottom, press and sew the longer white strip to the right

Final Block should measure **16 ½" square** (unfinished)

As usual, the more you make the more chances you have to win the entire batch. Have fun, good luck at the drawing.

Winter Lectures and Workshops

Wednesday February 5 Workshop - Stamping and Printing Techniques

Nancy Graham will offer a workshop on fabric stamping and printing techniques. She will share "Tons of time-tested, tried & true, terrific textile tips & techniques for the timid, trepidatious & truly terrified".

Join the fun! Release you inner child.

Time 9:00am – 1:00pm

Cost \$40

Location Essex United Methodist Church
119 Center Road (Route 15) Essex



March 4 Featured Speaker - Anne Standish <http://annestandish.com/> From Photo to Quilt - The Journey and The Process

Anne has been a CVQG member since 2006. She will describe the details of her quilting journey from the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, to the Mennonites in central Pennsylvania, to her 2005 bicycle ride across the US, to the mountains and river flats of her hometown, Cambridge, Vermont. Anne admits that Guild members "have seen ALL my quilts over the years, so this will not be a trunk show." This lecture will be about what makes a good (and bad) photo for a quilt, translating that photo into a good quilt design, the process of puzzling out construction (best done from the seat of a bicycle), and then finding the time to GET IT DONE!

Saturday March 8, 2014 Workshop - Threadpainting

Ann Standish has designed this introductory workshop i to give participants the skills to thread paint a raw edge fabric collage. Dense or loose free motion machine stitching can greatly enhance a collage with texture and color. This step is done prior to making the quilt sandwich and stitching through all three layers. I take the "anything goes, there are no rules" approach to thread painting. I will base my teaching on the interests and skill level of the group. Free motion technique, tools and tricks, thread types, shading, double needle technique, fillers, doodling and scribbling will be included. Participants will practice on a stabilized piece of muslin, a printed fabric with a large design, or a fabric collage prepared from my Raw Edge Collage Landscape Quilt Design class



Time 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Cost \$30

Location United Church of Colchester

Kit fee None

Upcoming CVQG Programs 2013-2014

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

CVQG Programs At a Glance 2013-2014
 March 4, 2014: Anne Standish
 April 1, 2014: Gyleen Fitzgerald <http://www.colourfulstitches.com>
 May 6, 2014: Rayna Gillman <http://www.studio78.net>
 June 3, 2014: Annual Potluck and Teacup Auction

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild – February Workshop Registration

Name _____ Check #s _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

____ Wed, Feb 5 Nancy Graham Fabric Stamping and Printing \$40
 (mail check to Janet Brunet, 60 Mills Point Road, Colchester, VT 05446)

____ Sat, Mar 8 Anne Standish Threadpainting \$30
 (mail check to Patricia Hechmer, 34 Maple Tree Lane, Westford, VT 05494)

____ 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.

From the Respite House

THANK YOU NOTES

From Camp Ta-Klum_Ta

Dear Friends -
 Our sincere thanks for your recent donation of the absolutely beautiful quilts! They are the perfect size for the Twin beds our residents use. We are most appreciated of your generosity. Thank you all again.
 Sincerely,
 Sharon Kibegan
 House Administrator
 December 20th

Dear Janet:
 Camp Ta-Kum-Ta thanks you for the donation of ten quilts from the Champlain Valley Quilt Guild. What a fabulous and generous donation. We all understand the work that goes into these quilts the children will love them. Thank you for your support.
 Fondly,
 Fred & Hattie

December 26, 2013

Janet Jaffe
Champlain Valley Quilt Guild
1248 Osgood Hill
Westford, Vermont 05494

Dear Janet,

Thank you for your generous contribution to Women Helping Battered Women. With your support we are able to address violence against women and provide necessary services to members of the community.

Women Helping Battered Women serves victims of domestic violence and children who need emergency shelter from domestic abuse, transitional housing, employment readiness, credit counseling, and legal support. We also provide education and outreach to the community and schools. For almost 40 years, we have operated as a nonprofit organization in Chittenden County; your support keeps us going.

Together we will continue to address the serious issue of violence against women.

Thank you for your support.

With best regards,
Michelle Hough
Michelle Hough
Community Engagement Manager
Women Helping Battered Women

Donation: 14 Handmade Quilts

Your quilts have given so much joy!

December 18, 2013

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild
Janet Jaffe
1248 Osgood Hill
Westford, VT 05494

Dear Friends:

On behalf of Camp Knock Knock and the Adult Day Program of the Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties, thank you for your very generous donation of such beautiful quilts. They always do bring so much joy and comfort to all of us. We appreciate your thinking of us!

As a community-based nonprofit, we value and depend upon support from our neighbors. Our friends like you in the community, who know the importance of the care we provide, represent our most effective means of telling the community how much our care means to families. Therefore, we especially appreciate your support of our work and your interest in our programs. You make our work possible!

Our auditors have advised us that we are unable to provide information regarding the value of your gift for income tax purposes. It is up to the donor to establish the value.

We appreciate your generous gift and kind gesture to the VNA. Many warm thanks. ☺

Sincerely,
Ann Irwin
Ann Irwin
Vice President
Development and Community Relations

We are very grateful for your skill and generosity. Happy Holidays to all!

Alzheimer's Quilt Project: Carol Thurgate and Gail Babinger

The members of the quilt guild have made 43 quilts for the Alzheimer's Quilt Project since we announced the project in September 2013. The quilts are beautiful and we have received thank you notes from several of the organizations who received them. We have donated 22 quilts so far to the Green Mountain Nursing Home, the Converse Home, and Armistead Caregiver Services. Karey Young has taken some quilts to share with her clients also. We have 21 more quilts to distribute. These are quilts we have received so far in January. Thank you to all who have donated quilts. As long as you keep on making them, we will find homes for them. If anyone has suggestions about places to donate the quilts, please email Carol Thurgate (cthurgate@comcast.net) or Gail Babinger (gail@babinger.net).

December 18, 2013


Dear Janet,

Although we have never met, I really appreciate the quilts that were made by the Champlain Valley Quilt Guild for Camp Ta Kum Ta. I will be in South Hero for the holidays

and have made arrangements with Kerry the assistant operation manager to get them to camp. I'm certain you will be hearing from her soon.

Once again, extending thank you and appreciation to your group.

Mary Pringle



COMMUNITY QUILTS

NEXT COMMUNITY QUILTS WORKSHOP

Saturday, Feb 1st, 2014

Fellowship Hall at Essex Alliance Church

Old Stage Rd., in Essex

10 am -3 pm

It's a potluck affair, so bring a dish to share!

******11AM MINI WORKSHOP******

Disappearing Nine Patch with Marty DelNevo

Learn how to make this quick and easy quilt block. Wild or tame—the choice is yours. Perfect for all skill levels.

NEW QUILT LABELS ARE IN! Finally! We've got brand new customized woven quilt labels to sew on the back of our donation quilts so the recipients will know where they came from. If you are finishing up a quilt for donation on behalf of the guild, please pick up a label at the next guild meeting.