



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

May 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The world has pressed the pause button, and so has CVQGV. We are in the strangest and most anxious of times. I do hope that all of you are well, are sheltering at home with vigilance and compassion. I also hope that all of you have found more time to spend in your creative spaces, to create what moves you at the moment, and to contribute to the massive need our neighbors have for protective coverings, whether it be masks, scrub caps, or cloth bags. I know our members are contributing in huge volume. Keep up the good work.

The CVQGV board met this week, remotely. Without any idea of when the current restrictions will be lifted, we decided to put all guild business on hold until we can gather again in person. This means that the current guild officers and most committee chairs have agreed to stay on for another year. This also means that we have postponed the quilt show until October 2021. The raffle quilt will be raffled off at the quilt show in 2021. Chris Wrobel is working on tweaking the budget, and that will be published in the newsletter, but we won't hold a vote on it until we can gather as a group.

Even with guild business activity on hold, we can join together to see each other, visit, share, celebrate, laugh, and show off what we have been doing.

Zoom has been a regular part of my life at this point, and I will hold a zoom guild social gathering on May 5, starting at 5:15 pm. All of you with email will receive an invitation from me closer to the date. Come as you are, bring your quilts or photos of your quilts, and the beverage of your choice.

As always, I welcome any feedback you have regarding the guild, and the decisions the board has made. Please reach out to me.

In closing, here is a photo of the quilt I finished last night. "16 Crowns". A quilt for these times.

~ Anne Standish



Noel Patoine



IN-PERSON PROGRAMS ARE ON HOLD

Until we can meet again, we hope you will have time to continue to create beautiful quilts.

Caroline and Barbara will reschedule our April and May Speakers for next year. Look forward to seeing both Beth Maitland and Alicia Cardoza then. We have a great line up for 2020-2021. Hopefully by next month we will be able to publish the full calendar.

The plan is for us to hold our tea cup auction at the first meeting on August 4. Enjoy your time at home, stay healthy and keep sewing!

~ Caroline and Barbara, Program co-chairs

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM AGE WELL'S MEALS ON WHEELS!!

Thank You to all the wonderful quilters for making over 250 meal delivery sacks and 200 face masks! Many volunteers have commented on the beautiful and fun fabrics that were used to make the bags. They truly lifted the spirits of both the volunteers and the clients that receive the meal delivery sacks, plus keeping them safe from infection!

The face masks will be used by the volunteers and are greatly appreciated. It was very interesting to see the variety of fabrics and alternatives to elastic used in the masks. We are the "mothers of invention"!

Thank You from the Age Well volunteers and clients!

~ *Linda Park*



A few face masks—Noël



Gideon Wolf , USA
Furniture

MORE ABOUT "WHAT IS A GUILD"

In our last newsletter I talked a little about how guilds traditionally functioned, and how ours is very different from that format. This month I'll share a little about the International Guild of Miniature Artisans (IGMA). Though the guild was only formed in the late 1970s, it is much closer to the medieval kind of guild than CVQG. They want to promote miniatures as an art form and honor qualified artisans. If you hear the word "miniatures" and think of the dollhouse you or your children

played with, think again!

Anyone can join the guild, even if all you do is appreciate and collect miniatures. But those members producing work of "superior quality" can apply to be Guild Artisans. Those with work that is the "epitome of excellence" might become Guild Fellows. Representative works are submitted and evaluated. The guild website says that artists who don't score satisfactorily get constructive comments and often reapply successfully later. To get more



Susan Van Tubbergen , USA
Pottery and Porcelain

information on the guild and see some of the "masterpieces", go to their website www.igma.org. Here is a sampling of the work from the four Guild Fellows selected last year. Remember these are miniatures, with the scale of 1 inch to 1 foot!



Valeria Bonomi , ITALY
Accessories/Shoes



Tine Krijnen , NETHERLANDS
Accessories/Book Binding

~ *Catherine Symchych, Membership Committee*

CVQGV T ANNUAL REPORT 2020

What a year of investment. Our Leadership highlights below the accomplishments towards our FY2020 Strategic Goals: **Attract** new members, **Recruit** new leadership, **Start** educational programs, and **Market** our Guild by **Deficit** Budgeting & Fundraising:

Attract New Members

Linda Park and Catheryn Symchych, new Membership co-chairs, have revitalized our membership drive by warmly welcoming guests, introducing new members to sponsors, birthday recognition basket, and promoting member-guest passes.

Currently, we have retained 100+ members and welcomed 10 new members. Co-chairs also recommended a reduced half-year member fee for late year newcomers.

Recruit New Leadership

Anne Standish and Linda Lane current and past Presidents have chaired a dozen meetings enthusiastically and sagely leading the Guild in too many to count ways!

Board of Directors voted to increase representation by adding a Membership Chair and an additional month of meetings which required a Bylaws membership vote.

Joann Frymire stepped up not only as Secretary this year, but also as 2020 Quilt Show Chair building a 15+ volunteer team and developed the budget. (Quilt Show now cancelled).

Caroline Juneau is stepping down who has entertained us with Programs for several years. Barbara Newman is also stepping down. Program Chair(s) are open board positions.

Member June Sweeney, CPA, performed a review the Guild's finances recommending many ways to ensure sound financial practices.

Publicity Chair role is still open, currently shared by this quartet: Anne Standish, Christine Wrobel, Marty DelNevo and Jennifer Dawn. Consider volunteering!

Start Community Outreach Educational Programs

Caroline Juneau and Barbara Newman Program Co-Chairs contacted, contracted, and hosted 6 demos and 5 speakers including Richard Cleveland Antique Critique, plus 2 full day workshops providing exceptional educational events to our members this year.

Noel Patoine new Community Events chair successfully organized and promoted 4 Sew Ins this year with 18 attending in January generating dozens of community quilts and placemats donated this year. (The last Sew In was postponed due to Stay at Home mandate.)

However undaunted, Members got busy as COVID-19 Mask makers who are challenged to donate 1000 masks to Champlain Valley residence homes and Age Well.

Librarian Pam Farnsworth boosted educational opportunities by purchasing our Program speaker's book and CD and more...meanwhile providing monthly access to educational books, CDs, and magazines. Check out the Library at the next meeting (TBD).

Linda Lane took over as Quilts of Valor representative to ensure our returning home Veterans are gifted lovely patriotic quilts.

Carol Bloomhardt and Barbara Newman Co-Chairs of Educational Block of the Month have consistently provided new challenges to the members each month and raffled the results.

Market our Guild

Webmaster Marti DelNevo boosted our Facebook presence by many friends, posted multiple Front Porch Forum announcements, and emailed countless reminders this year. Marti tested board-approved small funds investing in social media outreach.

Continued on next page

Market our guild continued:

Recently, Across the Fence TV spot recorded our Publicist Anne Standish highlighting the mask making this spring -- attracted by the Front Porch Forum posted by Marti DelNevo and other members. Great cross marketing!

Sue Rivers Newsletter Chair produced 11 interesting and fun Newsletters with dozens of photos and event notices. Hope you are reading your newsletter and sharing your quilt accomplishments for the next newsletter.

Jennefer Dawn Social Media expert joined the Guild and our Leadership setting up the Guild's first Instagram account now registering several dozen visitors. She also provided Instagram workshop to members and individual instruction. Post your works in progress in Instagram to engage in Social Media outreach to the Community!

Despite posting on Handshake.com to local universities, no social media intern volunteered but Modern Quilt Guild publicist presented their purely social media marketing methods to the Board this year. (BTW, we learned Modern Quilt Guild charges \$40-member fee and their membership has doubled.)

Future President Claire Graham-Smith coordinated collection of 25 Members' large quilts for special VQF Lobby Lights Exhibit opening Wed. June 24, 2020. (now postponed)

Budget & Fundraising

Marti DelNevo coordinated the Indigo Circles Quilt Raffle construction design selection, multiple workshops, assembly, generously top quilted by Karen Abrahamovich, and pieced by dozens of volunteers undertaking our greatest fundraising effort this year! A shout out to all!

Sue Rivers Raffle Quilt fundraiser extraordinaire successfully met the \$2600 goal, and rallied dozens of members to volunteer many hours selling tickets and promoting membership at various venues in the Valley.

Membership efforts have yielded \$3,675 towards our goal of \$4,000 this fiscal year. Use your member-guest passes when we resume meetings after this unusual year of social distancing.

Marti DelNevo and Catherine Symchych coordinated the 2021 Raffle Quilt and Runner ready for future fundraising.

It was a very productive year, full of enthusiasm engaging our Community and quilt contributions. Its sad to see the Vermont Quilt Festival and our own CVQG Quilt Show cancelled this coming fiscal year... fundraising opportunities lost. Let us use our time at home to make masks, tackle unfinished objects (UFOs), plan future quilt creations.

Stay healthy and safe.

Treasurer Christine Wrobel



Community Quilt in progress



QUARENTINED QUILTERS KEEPING BUSY!

- 12 meals on wheels placemats
- 2 community quilts
- 95 masks- for COTS, neighbors, non sewers and Holderness School in NH.
- 2 quilts for gifts



But the best is successful bagel making via a King Arthur post!!!!

And a "partridge in a pear tree"!

Eating and sewing, nothing wrong with that!

~ Donna Hamill



During this crazy time my sewing room is my happy place.. I have made a dozen placemats that I need to get to Noel, made 20 bags for Age Well, bound two quilts for Respite House and have two more tops done and ready to be quilted and made about 75 face masks for family, neighbors and friends. My next project is to do quilts for Camp Ta Kumpta. I'm wondering if they will open this summer. I miss seeing everyone but try to stay on the positive side. It is what it is so make the most of it.

~ Ruth Whitaker

Ruth at Quilts of Valor workshop



Masks—Mary Neighbors



More masks—Noel Patoine



More masks from Noel

QUILT SHOW 2020NE!

Unfortunately we, the board, have voted to cancel the show for October 2020 and reschedule for October 2021. It just isn't possible to do the work that needs to be done now and in the next few months to get the show ready. Hopefully in the fall you will all be on board to start planning our 2021 show.

Keep an eye out for alternate venues!

Thanks everyone for your commitment to this undertaking and hopefully we'll get going again soon.

Take care and stay safe,

~ Joann Frymire, 2021 Show Chair



Round Robin exchange, staying one cow apart!



Block of the Month quilt—Linda P.

Next meeting—via Zoom—May 5 at 5:15 p.m.

Watch your email for the invitation!



c/o Susan Rivers
237 Shelburne Street
Burlington, VT 05401

