



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

December 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On my drive home today I remember I'd not booked an appointment to change over my snow tires, and it was sleeting. It is after all mid November. I should have known. All too soon, after the languid fall days we are hurtling towards winter. I do hope you all gather around a festive table with loved ones next week. Giving thanks, in our second pandemic Thanksgiving, not quite as dire as last year, thankfully. Less than two weeks later we will host our 2021 version of the holiday party. I will join in on Zoom, from a quilt retreat in Maine. You are in good hands with Joanne Frymire once again.

As we finished putting gardens to bed and raking leaves for the umpteenth time. Toss another log on the fire and cozy up under a wonderful hand made quilt I know you all have. I wish you all the best of the season and may you find joy. And spend plenty of time quilting because it's good weather to quilt.

Claire Graham-Smith



Our guild needs a president for next year—June 2022-June 2023! Contact Claire or Anne Standish (past president)

DECEMBER 7 HOLIDAY MEETING—ZOOM & IN-PERSON; SIGN IN 6:30, MEETING AT 7



We will host a hybrid Holiday Party of sorts. As we hope you can appreciate this is an unusual time in the world.

While trying to do something special by way of programming to mark the season, it's tough to do via Zoom. During this time of differing comfort around masks and eating we've decided to forgo the shared food part altogether. Although you are welcome to bring your own snack.

The board has decided to offer a fun interactive game of 'old photos' at the beginning of the meeting. You are invited to send in pictures of yourself during a holiday time- from your past. Marti will collect these digital pics and create a

slideshow. Just send them to CVQG info.org the way you do show and tell quilts. (Get close enough to capture the whole photo.) We will have the chance to guess who's is who. Some may remember an in person version of this, Janet Brunet did some years ago. After that we will wish our Zoom friends a fond holiday farewell and end the Zoom session with "Jingle Bells". Those attending in person can participate in a few modest door prize giveaways and show and tell.

We will also be gathering pillow cases to gift for children in need, through Community Quilts. Burrito method, easy and fun. If you are not attending the meeting we can arrange a pickup for you. Please contact Barbara Newman, Community Quilts or myself, Claire Graham-Smith

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild of Vermont—November meeting minutes

November 2, 2021 Hybrid meeting

6:30 PM social time

7:03 PM

Sue McGuire introduced Roz Daniels

Roz showed us many diverse quilts

7:54 PM

Business Meeting

Claire Graham-Smith reported that the library is not here because Pam Farnsworth is away

Community Quilts: Barb Newman

-Barb reminded members that they can do a portion of a quilt for community quilts like piecing, quilting, or binding

-reminder to bring pillow cases in December for the Pediatric Ward

Membership: Linda Park and Catherine Symchych

-name tag raffle winner was Mary Neighbors

-2 new members

-reminder to register or you will no longer receive any notifications from the guild

-the membership list will be coming soon

-shared information about the Basin Harbor Retreat

Programs: Sue McGuire and Lois Nial

-Sue shared that we are all Zoom in January and February

-our speakers are Britta Nelson in January with an on-line workshop on disappearing blocks

Pat Holly in February on challenging yourself

-March is TBA in person

-April is Sherry Noel in person

Holiday Party: Jo Frymire

-first part of the meeting will be hybrid- with shared holiday memories: get pictures to Marti by Nov 30

-Carroll Albertson is donating centerpieces to be given away

-no food unless you bring your own snack

-will end the zoom portion with a rousing rendition of Jingle Bells (no I am not kidding)

-each table will have a Yankee Swap-Jo will send out a separate email (via Marti) about the party

2022 Quilt Show: Jo Frymire

-the show is April 22, 23, 24, 2022 at Holy Family

-we are hoping to get the registration materials out in December; all be on line

-a reminder that the show will be smaller so plan accordingly

Show and Tell

Adjourned 8:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jo Frymire, Secretary

CHALLENGE QUILT NEWS

See the January newsletter for pictures! Next year's theme is "Stash Busters" - create a quilt using only fabric from your stash!

Current challenge quilts on display at various places until July 2022.

Linda Lane

A NOTE FROM MEMBERSHIP

We now have over 90 members! Those of you renewing have been joined by 8 new members. Perhaps better news, though, is the engagement levels of our membership. With an average of 50 people attending meetings, we know that you are taking advantage of the programs, speakers, and activities our guild has to offer. So thanks!

Catherine Symchych and Linda Park, membership co-chairs



Raffle Baskets—last chance until March 1, 2022! Looking for winter sports theme quilted totes, wine bags, fat quarters. The baskets (totes) will be raffled at our quilt show next April.

Quilts for the show can be entered on-line starting in January. See the website, cvqgvt.org for more information.

April 22-24, 2022—Holy Family Parish Hall

Contest Quilts—vendors—special displays—featured artist Catherine Symchych

BERNINA BOBBINS TO TRADE OR SELL

I have too many Bernina mid era bobbins and too few Featherweight ones. Does anyone want to trade? or buy my Bernina bobbins? .50 cents each

Claire Graham-Smith

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A NOTE ABOUT POSTPONED NOVEMBER SPEAKER



Dianne Shullenburger was to have been our November speaker. She was preparing to sell her home and hosted an Open Studio mid Oct so she had to cancel. I have known her for nearly 30 years. I found her in her home studio—the original Snowflake Bentley house - even before I became a quilter. Fascinated by her 'footless' stitching technique even back then. During Open Studio Weekend, I paid her a visit on a rainy Saturday and was charmed as ever. If you don't know her work, I'll try to do it credit. She is deeply rooted in the effect of nature and recording change. Her art reflects her observations in many ways.

One series of thread pieces chronicled a marsh and accompanying 3D shrubs and bushes. All made of fabric snippets, her textile pieces read as picture landscapes. On closer look, they are made of small pieces of fabric and crazy thread patterns, built up over the surface. She doesn't consider herself a quilter in the formal sense- not even an art quilter. She's really a textile artist. Dianne builds her pieces on tissue paper! No batting or backing either and most are mounted in the most elegant frames she does herself.

Claire Graham-Smith, president



DOG BITES QUILT—While on vacation attending the Pacific International Quilt Festival, Ellie Mae missed me so much that she chewed a bite from my Goodwill Towards Men III quilt to my dismay. I spent a weekend mending the quilt but know it can now never be entered for show.

Chris Wrobel

JANUARY 4, 2022-Brita Nelson, The Questioning Quilter, will be presenting on Zoom at our meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Brita's lecture, Now You See It, Now You Don't. The Magic of Disappearing Blocks, will present how easy it is to turn simple blocks into beautiful complex patterns using different block designs and color combinations. This delightful lecture may just jump start your next project! We will follow up with a 6 hour workshop on Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 9:30am – 3:30pm, Making Magic: a Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt, based on the lecture above. The fee for this Zoom based workshop is \$40. Sign up and pay on our website, cvqgvt.org.



February 1– Pat Pauly "Challenging Yourself -Unpredictable Outcomes from Obtuse Ideas" Zoom Meeting only www.patpauly.com

March 1—In-person again! To be determined



April 5 – Sherri Noel "Finding My Quilt Voice" (In person)



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