



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

August 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer...sun, rain, sun, rain. Thoughts and prayers to anyone who was affected by the recent flooding. Your board had a lovely June meeting at Sue McGuire's house to close out our year. Sue along with Joanne Lattrell laid out the program schedule for this coming year. Stay tuned it is wonderful! As usual our treasurer, Chris Wrobel did a great job laying out our finances and we are doing well. Catherine Symchych and Linda Park are excited over our increased membership. Don't forget to renew your membership...extra donations are welcome to fill in some of our needs. You can see Sue Rivers is continuing doing her amazing job with the newsletter. Barb Newman has delivered many community quilts and pillowcases. You all did a lot of work this past year and it is really appreciated. She has some new ideas for this coming year! Thanks of course to my vice president, Nancy Suarez and secretary, Mary Neighbours who make my job much easier. The fact that you are getting this newsletter in your email is because Marti DelNevo is our everything computeree (yes I made that a word) and thank goodness I don't have to. I just wanted you to know how fortunate we are to have such an amazing team working for us.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and see the blurb on our Annual August Trunk Sale and Ice Cream Social.

Jo Frymire, President

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 1—6:30 PM



ANNUAL TRUNK SALE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 1 is our trunk sale. We started this during Covid and everyone loved it. It is a great opportunity to get back together with fellow quilters and clean out your sewing room of stuff you no longer love but others will find wonderful! So, fill up your trunks, hatchbacks, and truck beds and come to Holy Family parking lot at 6:30 PM on August 1. Remember you need to take everything back home and all moneys collected are for the guild. (except machines-we split the donation with the seller). And there will be a sign-up list to volunteer to sell raffle tickets at the Champlain Valley Fair!



Did I mention there will be ice cream!!!! See you all on the 1st.

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BENNINGTON QUILT SHOW

The Bennington Quiltfest will be on September 16 and 17, 2023 at the Mount Anthony Union Middle School, Bennington, VT. Our Featured Quilter is Timna Tarr and she is giving two different lectures on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. as well as having a display of some of her quilts.

Attached is the link to the quiltfest website with all the details and entry form for quilts. Please note that the completed entry form for quilt entries is due by August 1, but final quilt submission is not until September 13!

<https://quietvalleyquilters.com/bennington-quiltfest/>

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild
Meeting Minutes—June 6, 2023

President Jo Frymire opened the meeting at 6:03 and invited everyone to come up and eat a wonderful potluck dinner. Our guest veterans were asked to help themselves first.

President Frymire called the meeting to order at 6:45. Linda Lane, representing the Quilts of Valor group, said there were more kits on the back table to make more quilts, as well as signature blocks. Linda turned it over to Andre Emmel for the presentation. Andre gave a history of the Quilts of Valor program, which began in 2003. As of this 20th anniversary year, 345,647 quilts have been awarded nationally. He then introduced our veterans, and each was presented with a quilt.

Richard Charbonneau, US Army
Karin Kasupski, US Army
Paul Russin, US Army
Charlie Thompson, US Army
Shannon Blake, US Army
Lenny Couture, US Navy
Rose Orr, US Air Force

Chris Wrobel, Treasurer, asked if there were any questions about the proposed budget. There being none, the budget was passed unanimously.

Nancy Suarez, Vice President, reviewed the slate of officers. There were no additional nominations, and elections were unanimous:

President – Jo Frymire
Vice-President - Nancy Suarez
Secretary – Mary Neighbours
Treasurer - Chris Wrobel
Membership co-chairs – Linda Park, Catherine Symchych
Program co-chairs – Joanne Lattrell, Sue McGuire

Linda Park announced that the Membership Committee would like to receive dues for the next year from August to October. Payment can be made by check at the meetings, or sent to Linda, or on the CVQG website.

Barbara Newman reported on Community Quilts. Camp Ta-Kum-Ta has been given 25 quilts. 107 pillowcases will be delivered to the pediatric ward at the hospital later this month. Sleep in Heavenly Peace has already received 9 quilts. There is also a need for Fidget Quilts. Fabric is available from the Shed for those who would like to sew up more quilts and pillowcases.

Jo announced the theme for the Quilt Show in April is "Seams Like Spring".

Sue Rivers drew the winning ticket for the Raffle Quilt – Cheryl Bodge from St. Albans. The additional quilt, created from the leftover fabric by Carol Bloomhardt, went to Sue McGuire. Sue R. also has a schedule to sell tickets at the Fair in August for this next year's Raffle Quilt, and requested that people sign up,

Chris announced that there would be a Sew-In at Yankee Pride from 10-2 on June 10 to assemble the Raffle Quilt.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 for Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neighbours, Secretary



Raffle Quilt Winner!



We are so thankful for all our members, old and new. It is so rewarding to be a part of a group that is growing and staying vibrant without leaving long-standing members behind!

In order to welcome as many people as possible, we've kept membership dues at \$35 again. Your dues bring in the high-quality speakers that you've come to expect from the Programs Committee as well as purchasing supplies for Community Quilts and other guild projects. Please consider making a donation to the guild when you pay your membership for 2023-2024. As always, you can pay online or send it in. Better yet, bring a check to our August meeting that will once again be in the parking lot as we resell and redistribute our stashes of fabric, patterns, and notions.

Catherine Symchych and Linda Park, Membership Co-chairs

Community Quilts

Community Quilts invites you to use your superpower to spread joy and comfort!

For this new year, the Community Quilt Committee is excited to continue to provide quilts to our local community for those who need a little joy and comfort. We need you! Last year we were able to donate 10 quilts to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, 25 quilts to Camp Ta Cum Ta, over 20 quilts to Habitat for Humanity and over 40 quilts to the Children's Hospital at UVM. We exceeded our goal of 200 pillowcases for the year (100 in December and 100 in June). Over 35 fidget quilts were distributed Thank you so very much to everyone who participated!

You certainly are welcome to donate a quilt that you have made and quilted, but please know that we have fabric and other materials available for you. When you attend a guild meeting look for our table to pick up a kit or drop off a top or quilt.

The Guild will have fabric and kits available at most in-person meetings and sew-ins. Batting is also available by asking the Community Quilt committee to cut you the size you require, maximum length is 92". Kits consist of a pattern or suggestion for piecing and some fabric. The goal is to piece a top, width should be 50" -65", length 60"-90". Additional fabric will be available if you do not wish to use fabric from your stash. Our greatest need is twin and large lap size quilts.

Consider attending a sew-in to help assemble kits or work on a quilt. We need you! Our next sew in is August 4 from 10-2 at Yankee Pride. Join us in the air-conditioned comfort. Stay for as long as you'd like. Bring lunch if you'd like. We are planning some Saturday sew-ins and monthly sew-ins at Yankee Pride on the third Thursday beginning in September. Details soon.

Our website will be updated soon with more information about the different organizations we support. For now, please know that the greatest need are quilts – width 50" -65", length 60"-90". Looking forward to another great year of spreading the joy!

RAFFLE QUILT NEWS

Our 2024 raffle quilt is nearly done! Geese in the Lilies, designed by Debbie Maddy will be on display at our ticket-selling spot in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion at the Champlain Valley Fair from August 25—September 3. Sign up to sell tickets and get free parking and admission to the fair (a \$17 dollar value). Sign up online or call Sue Rivers, 802-863-5042 (landline, leave message) or email harleysue98@myfairpoint.net before August 18. Shifts start at 10 a.m. on weekends and 12 noon on weekdays, 4 hours each finishing up by 8 or 9 p.m. Last year, 68% of the money raised in the raffle came from 10 days of fair sales. So sign up for a shift or two! Bring a friend, adult child or grandchild to help! I like to have 2 people at each shift.



Sue McGuire, last year's guild member prize winner of "Diamonds in the Sky" by Carole Bloomhardt.

Fall programs

September 5 – Barn Quilts of Vermont

Our speakers will be Fern Michaels, Sharon Perry and Marianne Kotch. They will tell us all about the Barn Quilt Project and show us examples from throughout the state. We won't have a Guild workshop to make your own, but Kimberly Hess will also join us and show sample barn quilts along with information on classes (and perhaps a signup sheet) she teaches; we are sure lots of us will want to make one after this presentation.

Challenge Quilts due at October 3 meeting! See details in June 2023 newsletter, page 4.



October 3 - Quilt Restoration by Judith Eisenberg



Judith recently moved to Vermont after a career of textile conservation and as a professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. She will tell us about her work, why and how textiles are preserved or restored and show examples of some of the quilts and other textiles she has worked on.

November 7 – Julie Poirier Mathur

Julie joins us from Quebec outside of Montreal to show examples of her body of work including Portrait, Contemporary, and Fantasy quilts. She has exhibited works at Salon Courtepointe Québec as well as in travelling exhibits throughout Canada and Internationally.

Workshop November 8 – Julie will lead a Workshop the day after the meeting on computer techniques used for quilting, more information to follow.