



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

February 2024



NOTE: FEBRUARY 6 ZOOM MEETING STARTS AT 5:00 P.M.!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a great start to the new year. I am happy to announce that Sue McGuire and Mary Neighbours have switched rolls on your board. Sue wanted to step down as program coordinator but wanted an active role so this works out great. The board voted for this change and they will be on the ballots in June for a full guild vote. There are many roles in our guild that you can help with so please give it some thought for the coming year.

To those going to the guild retreat the first weekend of February have a great time. It would be great if we could expand this in years to come, so come back with lots of good stories to share.

Stay warm and safe,
Jo Frymire, President



FEBRUARY 6—ZOOM SIGN IN STARTS AT 5:00 P.M. PROGRAM STARTS AT 5:30 P.M.



We have 2 quilters from Ireland, Mary Hunter and Cecelia O'Doherty joining us by Zoom to tell us the doings of the "Irish Patchwork Society". They will tell us about their organization, what quilting techniques are popular there and how they coordinate with other European societies. This earlier than normal meeting helps to accommodate their time zone. It will be 9:30 p.m. for them.

SEAMS LIKE SPRING-Quilt Show April 26, 27, 28, 2024



The committee is moving into high gear to get the show going. We only have 1/2 of a room left for vendors-great job Nancy Suarez. Carol Bloomhardt, our spreadsheet queen, is getting closer to releasing the information to register your quilts for the show...so keep working. Please remember we need items for the raffle totes/baskets so keep planning that. If you are in a small quilt group, think about putting a tote together. You should start to see our advertising rack cards and flyers in your quilt shops! Talk it up!!!

Jo Frymire, Show Chair

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild
January 2, 2024
Via Zoom

President Jo Frymire called the meeting to order at 7:00

Sue McGuire introduced the speaker, Jane Hauprich, from Maryland. Jane is an award-winning free motion quilter and stressed that the way to do free-motion quilting is to plan your design. Practice for this by doodling on a picture of the quilt, trying out several different ideas. She also gave us many good tips for free-motion quilting.

Announcements

There will be a Sew-In at Yankee Pride on January 19, from 10-2.

Old Business

Programs – Program co-chair Joanne Lattrell said that planning for the next year will begin this month. Any ideas, techniques, people, etc. you would like to have as a speaker, please contact Joanne or Sue McGuire

Quilt Show – There will be a meeting in 2 weeks, January 16, on Zoom. Anyone who is interested is welcome; let Jo know so she can add you to the Zoom call.

Retreat – Marti delNevo said that room assignments have been made and distributed. Please send the remainder of your deposit to Marti ASAP.

New Business

Raffle Quilt 2025 - Marti and Chris Wroebel showed pictures of two patterns that could be used for the raffle quilt for 2025: Flood Waters and Quatrefoil. Decision needs to be made soon to begin sewing.

Membership – Catherine Symchych said she had just recently sent out the membership list with updates and corrections.

Program in February – Next month’s program will feature 2 quilters from Ireland. In order to accommodate the different time zones, the program will begin at 5:30 pm. Sign in time is 5:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Neighbours, Secretary

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The treasurer's report at our last board meeting told us that we are just a little short of our ambitious budget for membership. Thanks to all new and returning members for keeping us vibrant! Before you pull out your checkbook to renew a second time this year and help us hit our budget target, let me tell you about the discussion we had as a board. Several times each year a generous (or forgetful) member pays twice in one year. It creates a paperwork headache as we try to keep our books straight. We welcome members, and love donations above and beyond our reasonable dues, but can no longer accept second payments and try to track them. It's hard enough to keep track of new members who join at the quilt show, getting the last few months of the current fiscal year free and then continuing for the entire following year. We love that program, instituted when the show date changed to April, but it is one more spreadsheet to monitor. So enjoy the comfort of your couch for the next meeting, look forward to getting back with members soon, use the member directory as often as needed, and know you don't need to pay again until August!

Catherine Symchych and Linda Park, membership co-chairs



"Geese Crossing"

Join us on March 5—raffle tickets will be available for "Geese in the Lilies" and every member who sells/buys a book of 6 tickets for \$5 will have their name entered to win "Geese Crossing" made by Carol Bloomhardt. Both quilts will be raffled off on Sunday, April 28 at the close of our 2024 quilt show.



"Geese in the Lilies" by Debbie Maddy

MARCH 5 - ELAINE QUEHL "FROM INSPIRATION TO ART QUILT"



Elaine shares how she moved into designing her own quilts, what inspires her, and how she turns that inspiration into an art quilt.

Note - This meeting will be held in our normal meeting space for the attendees but the speaker will be live on a screen not in person.



APRIL 2—JOAN SHORTSLEEVE "TUCKERIZING YOUR PATTERNS"

Joan is a local Certified Studio 180 instructor for Deb Tucker designs. She will discuss how to use Deb's techniques on patterns not designed specifically using Studio 180 rulers.

This is a LIVE, in-person presentation.

**JOIN US STARTING AT 6:30 P.M. AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH!
PROGRAMS BEGIN AT 7 P.M.**

