



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

March 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. I hope you are enjoying the sunshine that we are finally getting. The ladies from Ireland were great. See Sue McGuire's blurb about doing quilt post cards. There are also some other fun quilting opportunities so please read the whole newsletter. There's a lot happening with the show...less than two months away. I hope everyone is putting those final touches on the quilt you want to enter. The best part of winter for me is spending my evenings under my latest quilt to hand quilt it. It is very relaxing and fun-you should try it:-)

~ Jo Frymire, President

SEW-IN TO MAKE BOOK TOTES

Thanks to the generosity of some of our members, some who have recently passed away, we have many wonderful quilt books that will be at the craft table at the show. Our plan is to make easy totes for customers to buy inexpensively and fill with some books! We are going to have a sew-in to make the totes on **Saturday, March 23 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at St Jude's Catholic Church in Hinesburg. We have tons of fabrics to use! Come and help us out.

SHOW CRAFT TABLE

We just to remind everyone that they can try to sell their crafty items at the craft table at the show. The guild receives 10% of the price. These can be any kind of craft item. We cannot take bed size quilts due to space constraints. Please price your items before dropping them off at the table.



MARCH 5, 2024—HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL—

GATHER AT 6:30—MEETING BEGINS AT 7 P.M.

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.

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild
February 6, 2024
Via Zoom

President Jo Frymire called the meeting to order at a special time of 5:30 pm.

Sue McGuire introduced the speakers, Cecelia O'Doherty and Mary Hunter from Ireland. They spoke about how the Irish Patchwork Society is organized and showed many of the challenges the various branches have had over the years. There was discussion about doing a postcard swap between our guilds.

Announcements

The next Community Quilt Workshop is Friday, February 16th at Yankee Pride.

Old Business

Programs – Program co-chair Joanne Lattrell announced the March speaker will be Elaine Quehl, an art quilter from Ottawa. She noted that we will meet as usual, but the speaker will be live on screen, not in person.

Community Quilts – Barbara Newman said 6 quilts were presented to a big family through Habitat & 5 to Quilts Across America. She thanked everyone that is helping make quilts and emphasized the availability of donated fabric to be used in projects.

Retreat – Jo thanked Marti DelNevo for her work on making the retreat last week a success. She expects a lot of Show and Tell in March from all the projects that were in process during the retreat.

Quilt Show – Jo reported that advertising rack cards and flyers have been mailed by Sue McGuire to quilt shops and vendors. She reminded everyone to continue work on tote bags and collect items to fill them. Community Quilts has lots of fabric available for totes, a tote only "Tote-a-rama workshop is being considered. Marti has patterns.

Registration for quilts will open in March, Carol Bloomhardt is coordinating; only one quilt per person will be accepted. All but one vendor has been contracted by Nancy Suarez. Volunteer signup sheets will be available from Linda Park soon so think about when you would like to help. There will be lots of donated books on the craft table. Jo clarified that only exhibited quilts can be sold. Small ones can be at craft table, the guild gets a share of the proceeds.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue McGuire, Secretary

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

So much is happening. I will try to highlight everything. The publicity team has sent rack cards and flyers to quilt shops, guilds and are vendors. Our vendor rooms are full-yay! There will be some ways you can help with getting the word out to your communities that we will share at the March meeting. Quilt registration will be going live by March 1. You will be able to do this 100% on line-but if you have a problem with it, you can reach out to us.

Volunteer sign ups will be starting in March also. Please block out some time to work at the show-remember this is your show!!!

Lastly for me this month is a reminder to please be putting together or gathering items for the raffle totes. This is a big part of our profits for the show.

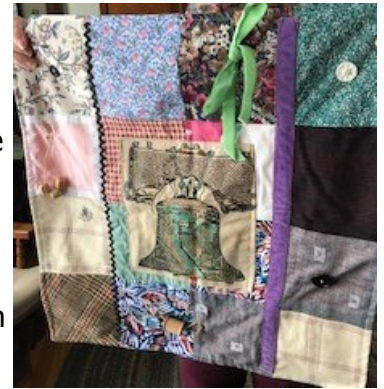
Jo Frymire, Show Chair

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Thank you so very much to those of you who have donated items to Community Quilts. We have donated 6 more quilts to Habitat for Humanity, 20 fidget quilts to memory care units, 9 quilts to Quilts Across America for Sleep in Heavenly Peace so far this year. We continue to collect pillowcases and juvenile quilts for Children's Hospital at UVM. Look for pillowcase kits at the guild meetings and sew-ins.



If you are making a top for the community, batting is available by asking the Community Quilt committee to cut you the size you require, maximum length is 92". We have also recently acquired some larger pieces of fabric that may be used to piece backings for community quilts. Remember the best size for community quilts is twin size. The minimum size for most cozy quilts is 50x60.



There will be a monthly sew-in in March at Yankee Pride on the third Friday of the month, March 15 from 10-2. You are welcome to attend to work on a quilt for the community or for yourself. It's a great time to socialize and see what everyone else is doing. Stay for as long as you'd like. Bring lunch if you plan to stay. Hopefully there will be a Saturday sew-in sometime in March.

Again, thanks for sharing your gift of quilting to spread comfort and joy to those in our community.

Barbara and Rita

CALENDAR LISTING

WHAT: 24th Annual Franklin County Quilt Show

WHEN: Saturday, April 6th and Sunday, April 7th, 2024

SHOW HOURS: Saturday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Sunday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

WHERE:

Saint Albans City Hall Auditorium, 100 North Main Street, Saint Albans, VT 05478

Sponsored by the Franklin County Quilters Guild with FREE admission for all!

"The best and largest quilt show in Franklin County, Vermont!" Features over 100 quilts, viewers' choice awards, Mayor's Award, Sponsors' and Vendors' awards, vendors, members' boutique, and quilt raffle. Special exhibits include 2024 Something Blue Challenge, 2024 Charity Quilt, and smaller charity quilts for numerous local organizations in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.

For more information, call 802-933-5149,

email: franklincountyquilters@gmail.com, or www.franklincountyquilters.org on the web.

For handicap accessibility, enter the door to the left of the stairs at the main entrance. Lots of on-street parking along with a parking garage on Lake Street, a 2-block walk from the venue. Lots of restaurants available within a short walk in Saint Albans City on Main Street and side streets.

FABRIC POSTCARDS – WOULD YOU LIKE TO SWAP INTERNATIONALLY?

Our February speakers from Ireland suggested a postcard swap and showed some examples. It sounded like fun. We've decided to have CVQG members make the first ones, Mary from Ireland is compiling a list of addresses of Irish Patchwork Society members that would like to receive and reciprocate with us. It would be especially appropriate if you chose a Vermont theme for your cards (i.e. snowy landscape, syrup, skiing) but that is not a requirement.

This is a website with good info on making them:

<https://suzyquilts.com/handmade-quilted-postcard-tutorial/>

Postcard size is 4 x 6".

Sue has some heavyweight Pellon that she will bring to meeting if anyone would like to use it, it is double iron-on to affix to both your fabric creation and to the cardstock you use for addressing and stamping.



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.

APRIL 6 & 7—Franklin County Quilt Show—see page 3

APRIL 13 & 14—Once again this year, CVQG is participating in the on-line Sampler Platter produced by the Global Quilt Connection. There will be 18 different teachers and the topics range from potholders, to printing your own fabric to scrappy quilts to de-boning a shirt (?). For a preview, check out the Sampler Platter at the Global Quilt Connection website. The actual streaming starts on Saturday, April 13 from 3-6 pm, and continues on Sunday, April 14 3-6:30 pm. If you can’t watch then, it will be available for the next couple days. More details to follow.



April 26, 27, 28 CVQG Show—see page 1&2

MAY 7—Karen Abrahamovich; **MAY 11**—Workshop with Karen, sign up \$55—details in April newsletter



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