

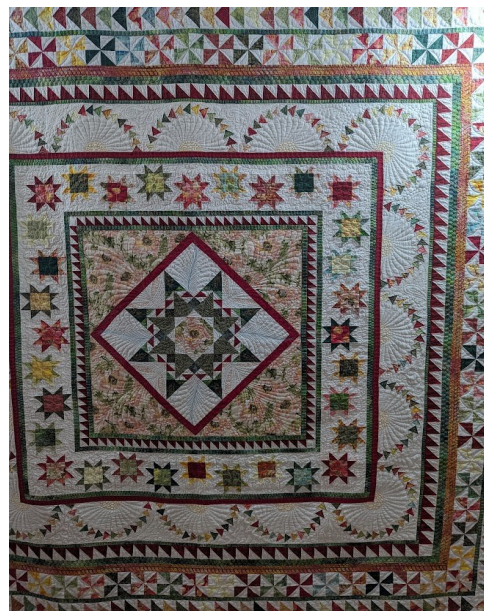


Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

May 2024



Viewer's choice 2024—Anne Standish



Best of Show—Rose Orr

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this we are gearing up for the show and by the time you read this the show will be history. I hope everyone had a great time. This is one thing that makes our guild special. I have to say working with this show committee has been absolutely amazing. Our guild is so fortunate to have women who are willing to give so much of themselves. Be sure to thank them when you see them:

Nancy Suarez, Carol Bloomhardt, Anne Standish, Sue McGuire, Linda Park, Mary Neighbours, Debbie Hernberg, Chris Wrobel, Marti DelNevo, Brooke Conger, and Sue Rivers.

Now that Spring is here enjoy some time outside and of course keep quilting.

Jo Frymire, President & Show Chair

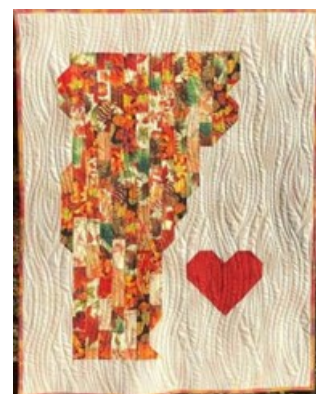
MAY 7—KAREN ABRAHAMOVICH!



Well known to all in the Guild and our featured artist for the April 2024 Quilt Show, Karen will tell us about her journey designing quilts for all 50 states plus some countries and provinces of Canada.

This is a LIVE, in-person presentation.

Gather at 6:30, program begins at 7 p.m.



Workshop May 11, 2024 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Strip Piecing Re-imagined - State or Country Quilt

Instructor – Karen Abrahamovich - 6 Hour Workshop

Sign up online at cvqgvt.org

CVQG FY2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

Per Board approval, here is the fiscal year 2025 proposed budget for membership review and discussion at May 7 Guild business meeting. At the June 4 Guild meeting, members are urged to cast their votes for next year's budget. Due to ample assets and rising costs, the Board is proposing a deficit budget to provide exceptional programs with the aim to grow membership.

~ Christine Wrobel, Treasurer

CVQGV T 2025 BUDGET	FY 2023 General		FY 2025 General	Rationale
	4-22-2024 Actuals	2024 Budget	2025 Proposed Budget	
Income				
Contributions - General	300	630	0	Contribution reduction based on 2024 actuals
Fundraisers (quilt show 2024)	3,950	9,675	450	one trunk sale in August ice cream social. No quilt show in 2025.
Guest Fees	248	150	200	estimate based on 2024 actuals
Interest income	876	750	750	\$68 monthly \$25K CD interest matures Sept2024. Reinvestment advised.
Quilts of Valor Raffle		0	0	
Membership Dues	2,960	3,500	4,000	Increase from \$35 to \$40 member dues assumes x 100 members
Raffle Quilt	2,150	2,200	2,000	Fewer volunteers, no monthly collections, no quilt show venue in 2025
Rental Equipment income	300	250	0	Discontinue renting equipment decision by Board.
Retreat Income	5,486	8,000	5,500	Net zero. 4-3-2024 The Board does not want the retreat to make any money. This should be an in and out amount.
Workshops	50	700	300	Net zero
Total Income	16,320	25,855	13,200	
Expense				
Community Quilts Expense	380	400	1,200	Please increase the community quilt budget to \$1200 to cover cost of extra batting and possible fabric should our donations of fabric decrease. Barbara Newman
Donations - VQF, QOV, NEQM, GM	0	585	0	No more VQF nor QOV. Not in a position to donate with deficit projection.
Fundraiser Expenses	3,921	6,000	400	Ice cream social/trunk sale only fundraiser planned
Hall Venue Rental	2,022	2,200	2,200	Assumes no increase \$200 x 11 meetings
Insurance	602	670	650	Assumes no increase in FY2025 and no quilt show coverage
Library	0	50	50	
Marketing	698	1,000	1,000	Website, Zoom, Square, Facebook - no quilt show
Office Expenses	281	530	500	Supplies, postage, equipment, maintenance, banking
Professional Fees	81	100	200	Tax filings, QuickBooks subscription
Programs	2,186	5,000	9,000	Board increased to \$6000* and assumes \$3000 rollover from FY2024
Quilt Show Expense	0	0	0	No quilt show in 2025 (biannual)
Raffle Quilt Expense	269	600	600	Raffle tickets, fabric, batting, machine quilting
Retreat Expense	5,332	7,000	5,500	Net zero. 4-3-2024 The Board once again decided that it does not want the retreat to make any money. This should be an in and out amount.
Storage Unit - 1/3 Comm. Quilts	340	340	340	1/3 fixed expense \$85/month x 4 months
Storage Unit - 2/3 Quilt Show	680	680	680	2/3 fixed expense \$85/Month x 8 months
Workshop Expense	42	700	300	break even workshop income to expense
Total Expense	16,834	25,855	22,620	
Net Loss FY2024 vs FY2025	(514)	0	(9,420)	Deficit Budget - Assets \$38,793/ \$9220 deficit spending
				*Programs being reduced is not acceptable because all speakers are costing more. They need an increase to \$6000. Zoom speakers are at least \$500 most are more. Plus we lose a lot in having zoom speakers. In addition it was voted to roll over the remainder of the ir 23/24 budget. It was noted that programs used to be \$9000. We all realized this increases our deficit but without programs we would lose membership. 4-3-2024 President Joann Frymire

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild

April 2, 2024

President Jo Frymire called the meeting to order at 6:58.

Announcements

Karen Abrahamovitch will teach a workshop on May 11 on her techniques for the state and country quilt patterns she has developed recently. A sign-up sheet was sent around and 7 members have indicated they will attend.

Joanne Lattrell introduced the speaker, Joan Shortsleeve, a Certified Studio 180 Instructor, who spoke on how to "Tuckerize" a quilt pattern. Using Studio 180 tools and technique sheets, one can achieve more precise and often easier piecing when sewing a quilt top.

Business:

Programs: Mary Neighbours encouraged everyone to sign in to the Sampler Platter on YouTube on April 13 and 14, presented by the Global Quilt Connection and featuring 18 quilters with short workshops. An access code will be sent out next week to all members.

Joanne Lattrell reminded everyone that the speaker at the May meeting will be our own Karen Abrahamovitch.

Challenge Quilts, 2024, are due at the June meeting. Jo asked if there were members that would be interested in displaying quilts at the various venues in the area to fill up the space for display. Some of the displays will be up for 3 months. Quite a few members said they would be interested.

The Billings Museum in Woodstock will have a quilt show for the entire summer. Our CVQ Guild will be featured on Saturday, July 27. Although our displays, demonstrations, etc. have not yet been planned, we will be showing our Raffle Quilt for 2025 in order to sell tickets. Catherine Symchych and Nancy Suarez have been sewing on the Raffle Quilt, and they showed the half of the quilt which is complete. It features Camel's Hump and a Vermont scene.

Quilt Show: The Show will be Friday-Sunday, April 26-27. However, set-up will begin on Tuesday, and take-in of quilts is Tuesday evening. Carol Bloomhardt said there is still room for more entries, lots of room with only 28 registered now and room for 50.

The 2 biggest needs are:

Volunteers. We need lots of people to help set-up, take-down, man the admissions, etc. etc. Jo encouraged all members to sign up to make this a successful show.

Tote bags or baskets for the basket raffle. Please donate a full tote, or donate items that can be added to fill a basket or tote.

Nancy said the vendors are all set-up and ready to come.

Publicity is going great. Everyone was encouraged to take more cards and post them. There will be an article in Seven Days. Across the Fence will do a show on WCAX. Jo said there are lots of yard signs for everyone to take and place in prominent spots.

The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Neighbours

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Those of you who volunteered at the show and welcomed new members may have noticed that those new members paid \$40. When you renew in August, you will as well. The board has discussed membership dues for quite a while, and feels that with rising speaker costs and a highly active Community Quilts program, now is the time to increase our dues. We hope you know how seriously we take our joint missions, and want to continue to operate the guild as we've done in the past while keeping membership low-barrier.

Catherine Symchych and Linda Park
Membership co-chairs

POSTCARDS TO IRELAND

Everyone who signed up should have received a name of an Irish quilter to send their postcard. Those ladies have been given your name as well and will be sending one to you, maybe crossing in the mail. Please send them as soon as possible – remember to include your return address and take a picture in case of loss in the mail, we have their emails just in case. Any questions? Contact Sue McGuire suemcguire.vt@gmail.com



Community Quilts at the Show

COMMUNITY QUILTS THANKS YOU- REMEMBER THE SEW-IN ON MAY 17

Thanks to all who have given so graciously to community quilts. Remember we have backing and batting available for you. At guild, check out the table for pillowcase kits. The shed is overflowing with fat quarter-ish size fabric so there will be some available for you to use in any project also. We collect pillowcases for Children's Hospital year-round.

Community Quilts Committee is currently collecting quilts for Camp Ta Kum Ta summer camp. Camp is designed for pediatric oncology patients to give them a healthy "normal" camp experience. "Until there is a cure, there's camp!" The kids range in age from 8-17. Some of them are in active treatment for their cancer. The quilts should be bunkbed size, minimum 50 x 60 or for the teens- minimum 60 x 75. If you have a pet or smoker at home,

please launder your quilt in unscented detergent before delivering it to us. We have exceeded our goal of 35, but there may be as many as 70 campers!

Please deliver them to the guild in May or to the sew-in on Friday, May 17 at Yankee Pride 10-2. We will deliver them before the June guild meeting. Contact Barbara Newman with questions.

Thanks for brightening the lives of the kids and their families.

Community Quilts has been blessed with lots of fabric and busy piecers, but now has unquilted tops piling up. What's that you say? You do too?! Here's a solution to those problems. Long-arm quilting is faster and easier on the body than quilting on your home machine. In addition to quilting for people, I teach people to use the machine. You may have seen the machine at work on the recent "Stuck in Vermont" episode. A real lesson with me involves a threaded machine and more than a minute of education. You will learn to quilt on a baby or lap-sized quilt, practicing for whatever project of your own you want to quilt. Then, every time you rent the machine you can warm up on a Community Quilt for free, honing your skills and helping us serve the community. Feel free to contact me with questions.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 11—WORKSHOP WITH KAREN ABRAHAMOVICH

MAY 17—COMMUNITY QUILTS SEW-IN AT YANKEE PRIDE

JUNE 4—POT LUCK DINNER; election of officers; vote on 2025 budget

Meet at 6 p.m. for dinner; bring a dish to share (main course, fruit, dessert, bread)

Bring your own place settings please!

