

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Committee Chairs: Budgets need to be to Thea by April meeting!

Tea Cup Auction: A reminder that we are collecting items for the tea cup auction each month by the guild library. Please donate nice items, things that you would like to receive yourself. We hope to have all the items before the June meeting, so all can sit and enjoy the pot luck supper. Please label your drop offs, tea cup auction.

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Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild



APRIL 2010

Presidential Address

As I stop and think about the months of March and April, many things come to mind. Maple sugaring, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and longer daylight hours, just to name a few. Warm weather, open windows, long walks and mud season are a few of my favorites. I feel like a bear coming out of hibernation.

I find myself seeking out more projects to finish and new ones to start. With spring around the corner I feel energized and excited.

The guild year is winding down, only a few more programs and workshops to attend. I hope you can take

advantage of the next few workshops, they look like they are going to be really good.

We are also looking to fill the open committee positions. This is a great time to be involved and do something for yourself and the guild.



“Happy St. Patty’s Day and Easter to all”

Joanne Guillemette, CVQG President

Programs At A Glance

April 6-8: Sue Nickels & Antique Sewing Machine Expo

Lecture - Apr 6: Machine Quilting Tips and Tricks with Sue Nickels

Workshop – April 7:
Folk Garden Borders: Design and Machine Appliqué Techniques

Workshop – April 8: Machine Quilting the Appliqué Quilt, 1 Day Workshop

May 4: Cathy Miller (The Singing Quilter) Performance

June 1: Potluck Supper & Teacup Auction

See Quilt Show Note on Page 7

Winter Retreat ?



It has been suggested that the guild hold a winter retreat at the Strong House Inn in Vergennes next year. This would be in addition to our retreats at Camp Abenaki - for those members who would like a similar experience but with more comfortable accommodations. We need two things to make this happen - a chairperson and interest from our members. If you would like to chair this project and/or have an interest in attending, please contact Janet Brunet, programs@cvqgv.org.

Opportunities at CVQG

Open positions:
**“Vice President,
 Membership,
 Newsletter, Bus
 Trips, Historian,
 Storage Area Key
 Person, and Green
 Mountain Rep. “**

It is that time of year again to start thinking about what you can do for your guild. Here is a list of positions that will be open for the 2010-2011 guild year. These positions will officially start on July 1 of this year. It is a great time to volunteer and have the opportunity to mentor and shadow someone and be ready to take over their position for later this year. We have complete job descriptions

of the positions, or you can download the job description from the website. Please contact a board member if you have interest in holding a committee position. Joanne Guillemette, President, CVQG

Nominating Committee

This is our nominating committee for this year: Rita Bortz (864-3516), Wendy Thompson (872-7025) and

Sally McIntyre (893-0325). The following are the positions that we need to fill before fall: Vice President, Membership, Newsletter, Bus Trips, Historian, Storage Area Key Person, and Green Mountain Rep. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please call one of the members of the nominating committee. Thank you.

Stocking Raffle

Come be surprised!!!

Take a chance on a spring surprise!!! The money from this raffle each month helps to fill the stockings and bags that the guild makes each Christmas. As you know, these gifts are warmly received by many in our area. Tickets will be for sale before the meeting and at the break. They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Barbara Carter



A special Thank You from the Lund Family Center – “Thank you so much for all of the amazing work you did for the Lund Family Center. We are so happy with the 120th Anniversary quilts you put together for us. The quilts are beautiful and we are so grateful to you for piecing together a little piece of our history. Mandy Sugrue

Community Quilts

Interesting Info: The Lowell Quilt Museum is involved with a co-op group in Haiti called Peace Quilts led by Jeanne Staples, Director. This group is endeavoring to enable Haitian Women to earn a living through meaningful creative work and improve their families lives. For more information contact the Museum www.nequiltmuseum.org.

Workshop update: What a great turnout – 25 energetic quilters with several new faces! If you were not there you missed a great time. Activities accomplished – layering quilt kits (used a whole roll of batting), cutting new piecing kits, cutting bindings, machine quilting, stitching bindings down and labels on. A special thank you to Sally

McIntyre for the delicious fruit platter, Mary Young for her sinful chocolate brownies and Barb Carter for her popcorn nibbles. We never go hungry!

Shirley Fuller [sa- fuller50@hotmail.com](mailto:safuller50@hotmail.com)

Please note the special thank you message from the Lund Family Center

Information about lectures and workshops can also be found at the Programs table at the meeting or on our website: <http://cvqgvt.org/>. Janet Brunet & Claire Graham Smith (programs@cvqgvt.org)

Quilt Retreat

Quilt retreat is fast approaching. The dates are April 29th and 30th and May 1st and 2nd, 2010. Please sign up by calling or e-mailing me. We still have spaces at the retreat. The registration form is in the newsletter. Please bring the form and your money to the March meeting. We would appreciate payment in March.

We will also be having a charm swap at retreat. The rules are quite simple. Bring a charm pack and we will be swapping with other members. You may

bring 1 pack or up to 5 packs. Max is 5 pac's. Please be sure that each charm pack has 40 - 5 inch squares. Make up your own charm packs from your stash or scraps.

Looking forward to the retreat. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or Teela.

quilt retreat coordinators

Sally and Teela

bkhome12@aol.com

See page 8 for Retreat sign up form!



QuiltPortUSA

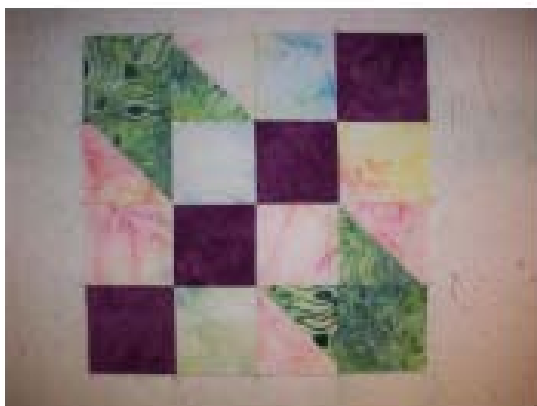
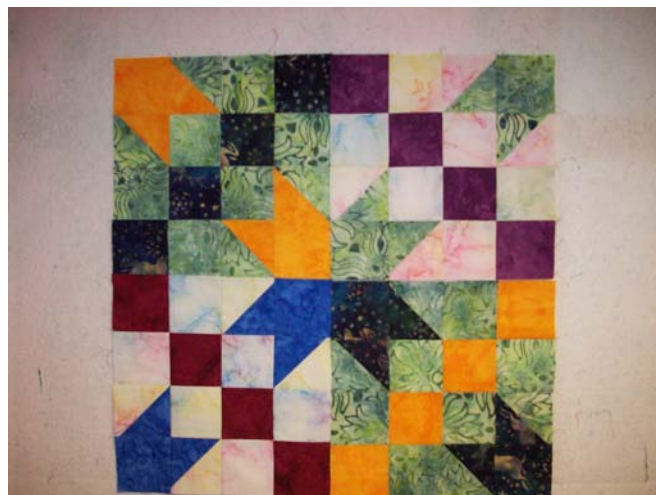


It's time for a quilting road trip! QuiltPortUSA, the first ever quilt show in Freeport, Maine is scheduled for April 16, 17 & 18, 2010. All quilting guests staying at White Cedar Inn for the weekend (any 2 nights) will receive a fat quarter

sampler as our gift. Free range quilting, shopping and dining are a short walk from the inn. FMI: www.whitecedarinn.com or call us at 1-800-853-1269 – Monica Kissane

Road to Oklahoma

May Raffle Block



May 2010 Block of the
Month
Road to Oklahoma
Makes a 10 1/2" unfinished
block

Cutting Directions:

A	Light Fabric:	6 ea 3x3 inches	2 ea 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"
B	Medium Fabric:	2 ea 3x3 inches	2 ea 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"
C	Dark Fabric:	4 ea 3x3 inches	

Assembly:

Place one A and one B front sides together draw a diagonal line on the light fabric and sew a scant 1/8" on each side of the line this making 2 ea 1/2 square triangles, make a total of 4 half square triangles for each block. Press and trim into a 3x3 inch square.

Assemble as shown in the picture.

. This block works for a Quilt for Valor as well so please make two one for BOM and a red white and blue for our veterans.

CVQG
2010 CHALLENGE/THEME QUILT

*“HOMAGE TO GRANDMOTHER
New Quilts from Old Favorites”*

*We, once again, have tied the theme for the 2010 CVQG Challenge
Entry to the above show title.*

*Our show this year is honoring our heritage – our forbearers, our
grandmothers.*

*Your entries shall incorporate this theme into your 2010
Challenge.*

*What wonderful memories have to be brought to mind when you
read this year’s theme title.*

*Your entries can be of anything you want – as long as they can
invoke memories of our Grandmothers (or even go back further
to the Great Grandmothers).*

*As quilters, we already are familiar with our past, so go for it –
we can already imagine the wonderful things you enter.*

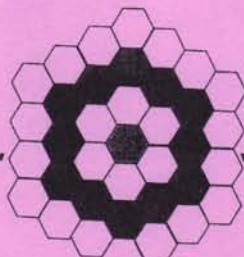
RULES FOR THIS CHALLENGE

1. Quilts must have a connection to the theme.
2. Size may NOT exceed 144 inches perimeter.
3. A brief paragraph MUST accompany the entry explaining how you feel it relates to the theme. This should be entered on an index card (3”x5”) and attached to the front right lower corner of the entry.
4. ALL entries are due at the OCTOBER 2010 CVQG Monthly Meeting, where they will be on display for voting by the Guild’s Members.
5. In order to be part of this year’s show, individual entries MUST be registered with the Registrar (as are non-theme entries).
6. Theme quilts may be judged by this year’s contracted judges.

*We look forward to a great variety of quilts. If you have any
questions give us a call.*

*Ruth Whitaker
(802) 985-2950*

*Mitzi Oakes
(802) 863-2160*



Please help by spreading the word! It is our goal to provide the guild with a variety of speakers who are known nationally and regionally in addition to our local favorites. When we contract for a speaker it is often necessary to book one or two workshops along with the lecture. It is not worthwhile for those coming from a distance to come only for a lecture as travel time is time away from their studio where they can be working. When flying they need to make travel arrangements in advance. Cancellation for under enrollment in a class is not a simple or good option for either party. Our guild has developed a good reputation with the lecture circuit and we also need to protect that reputation by honoring our commitments. We ask for your support in filling these classes which are offered at prices much lower than those at the popular quilt shows. Even if you are unable to attend you can help by notifying your non-member friends. Janet Brunet & Claire Graham Smith (programs@cvqgvt.org)

Lecture – April 6: Machine Quilting Tips and Tricks with Sue Nickels

Sue will discuss how machine quilting has progressed over the last 20 years. Using actual quilts, Sue will share her enthusiasm for traditional machine quilting on the home sewing machine. Discussion will include her favorite tips and tricks for successful machine quilting. Time allowed for discussion so bring your questions on machine quilting for Sue! (Short power point presentation will begin lecture)



Sue has been quilting for 31 years, starting by hand and gradually focusing on machine work. Sue has taught and lectured nationally for shops, guilds and major conferences, including AQS, IOA and NQA. She has also taught internationally in England, Norway, Australia, New Zealand and Spain. Sue's major awards include 1998 AQS Best of Show for "The Beatles Quilt" made by Sue and her sister, Pat Holly. Sue's current books are "Machine Quilting: A Primer of Techniques" and "Stitched Raw Edge Appliqué" co-authored with Pat. Sue has also been a judge for many quilt shows, most recently part of the team judging the 2009 IOA Show. Sue's priority in the workshops she teaches is to provide a relaxed environment for students to learn machine techniques

that are timesaving. Sue emphasizes the best quality workmanship, never compromising quality for speed! <http://www.sue-nickels.com/>

Videocast - interview with Bonnie McCaffery <http://www.bonniemccaffery.com/wordpress1/?p=50>

Workshop Sue Nickels (1 Day- Wed, April 7) <http://www.sue-nickels.com/>

Folk Garden Borders: Machine Appliqué Techniques (Advanced Beginner/Intermediate)

Time: 9:00-3:30 Cost: \$40 Location: United Church of Colchester



We chose this workshop because, not only does Sue teach her special raw edge appliqué techniques, but she will also discuss how she designs her borders. You can make your quilts spectacular by adding beautiful appliqué borders. Project can be the start of the quilt or can be made into a small runner. Full description and supply list can be found on Sue's website.

Workshop Sue Nickels (1 Day- Thurs, April 8)
Machine Quilting the Appliqué Quilt (Advanced Beginner/Intermediate)
 Time: 9:00-3:30 Cost: \$40 Location: United Church of Colchester

Not an appliqué quilter? You can still learn. Listen to what Sue says: "Even though I am a more traditional quilter, the concepts I teach can be used for any style quilt. In all my machine quilting classes I teach basic skills- so I really think anyone can take this workshop. The technique I teach with these is how to outline stitch, echo, etc. This concept can be used on art quilts, landscapes, etc. These machine quilting workshops usually fill first and are almost always full! (I have a friend who is an exceptionally talented art quilter and she finally took one of my machine quilting workshops to really up the level of her machine quilting and she said she really learned a lot!)"



You can bring your own appliqué quilt tops for discussion on how to quilt them. Full description and supply list can be found on Sue's website. The two sample blocks can be fused and not stitched.

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild – Spring Workshop Registration

Sue Nickels

Name _____ Check # _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

Wed, April 7 Folk Garden Borders \$40

Thurs, April 8 Machine Quilting the Appliqué Quilt \$40

Location (both workshops) United Church of Colchester, 900 Main St, Colchester

Time (both workshops) 9:00 – 3:30 (setup 8:30)

Member **Non-member** (Non-members will be put on the wait list, first-come first-served, and will be notified of any openings on March 3.) Payment is required at time of sign-up. Please write separate checks for each class and make payable to **CVQG**. Sign up at the meeting or mail to:

Janet Brunet, 60 Mills Point Road, Colchester, VT 05446

Workshop Cancellation Policy: *A refund will be given only if a) the paid student cancels one month or more before the workshop or b) the slot this person has paid for can be filled from the waiting list or c) the workshop is canceled.*

Help wanted! Catalog/brochure

The 2010 Quilt Show Committee is searching for a person (people) to produce this year's catalog or 1-sheet brochure. Chocolate provided! Please call Sue Rivers, 863-5042 (e) or 658-6110, ext. 1214 (d) or email harleysue98@myfairpoint.net.

Help wanted! Publicity Coordinator(s)

The 2010 Quilt Show. Some of the long-range publicity is done, but a person (people) needed NOW to coordinate the very important job of getting the word out about our show. Chocolate provided! Please call Sue Rivers, 863-5042 (e) or 658-6110, ext. 1214 (d) or email harleysue98@myfairpoint.net.



CVQG Spring Quilt Retreat 2010

Where: Camp Abnaki, North Hero, Vermont on the beautiful, peaceful shores of Lake Champlain
When: April 29, 30 May 1,2 2010
Hours: 8:00 am on Thursday the 29th through 2:00 pm on Sunday the 2nd
 8:00 am on Friday the 30th through 2:00 pm on Sunday the 2nd

Sewing Space: We can set up our sewing spaces in the dining hall using the large round tables provided (2 people per table) or bring your own table. You will need sewing lights and, if you prefer, your own sewing chair. Because space is limited and ironing stations worked so well in the past, we plan to have them again, so unless you are asked to bring your iron, please don't.

Sleeping: Most of us sleep in the cabins, which have four sets of bunk beds in each. You will need to bring your sleeping bag and pillow as well as towel and washing stuff. The South Village cabins are equipped with heaters, While the North Village has none. Some quilters choose to sleep on a cot beside their sewing machines to maximize sewing time.

Bathhouses: There are two bathroom blocks, both simple, but adequate with hot water.

Meals: You are responsible for your own meals Thursday, breakfast & lunch on Friday. Meals will be provided for us from Friday dinner to Sunday brunch. Water will NOT be provided.

Sign-up Procedure: Quilt camp is open to fully paid-up members of the Guild. Space is limited to approximately 50 participants. Guests (non-guild members) will only be accepted if space is available. Once the spaces have been filled, a waiting list will be kept. If you are unable to attend after you register, replacement will be taken from the waiting list. If there is no waiting list, you will be responsible for finding a replacement. No refunds will be given after 4/14/10 if there is no replacement. If you have questions, please contact Sally McIntyre @ 893-0325. **Fill in the form below and return it to the March meeting with your check for \$115 (full retreat plus Thurs with no meals) \$97 (Full Retreat-night and meals) or \$60 (Day attendance-meals only) payable to CVQG .** or mail it so Sally McIntyre P.O. Box 872, Milton, VT 05468 You will receive confirmation of your place via email from bkhome12@aol.com (or snail mail if no computer) This can be a fun filled weekend and a great opportunity to relax, visit with friends and even get some sewing done!

Sally McIntyre
 Quilt Retreat Coordinator

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CVQG Fall Quilt Retreat – Camp Abnaki, North Hero, Vermont
 April 29, 2010 thru May 2 ,2010
Sign-up Form

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Full Retreat: \$97 Day Attendance: \$60
 Full Retreat & Thursday with no meals: \$115.

Quilt Camp News Flash – Back by popular demand, Karen Abrahamovich will lead us in a game of “QUILTER’S CRAPS”. If you want to play, please bring 15 strips of fabric, 2 1/2” by WOF and join the fun.

Champlain Valley Quilters Guild, Minutes, M0arch 2, 2010

President Joanne Guilmette opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing new members. She reminded those present to check the information table at each meeting. The minutes were adopted as printed on motion of Wendy Thompson and Linda Lees. The treasurer's report was approved as printed on motion of Anne Standish and Nichole Chalander. Treasurer Thea Platt is preparing the budget for next year. She asked that chairs of committees that need money to contact her, otherwise she will use the same amount as this year.

Wendy Thompson, for Community Quilts reminded members of the workshop to be held March 6th, in the teen center from 10 to 5. There is a need for people to machine quilt and to make more kits. Lunch will be served. Paula deMag won the raffle for community quilts.

Tammie Schmitt reminded people that if they have a problem with either the print version of the newsletter or e mail, she should be contacted.

Anne Standish reported 16 raffle blocks were turned in. They were won by Audrey Moore. She demonstrated next month's block.

Sally MacIntyre reported plans for the spring quilt camp weekend are progressing. She would like to have the money by April first.

Andre Emmell thanked everyone for the great response to the request for blocks for Quilts for Valor. 148 blocks were turned in and are being put into quilts. There will be another opportunity to make more blocks in May.

Pam Faruham reminded members of the information table . The winner of the nametag raffle was Carol Muncie.

Mitzi Oakes announced the Green Mountain Guild Spring meeting will be the third Saturday in May. Richard Cleveland will be the speaker. The guild will be highlighted at VQF and quilts representing Vermont are needed.

Sue Rivers, quilt show chair announced the next committee meeting will be March 16th at Yankee Pride at 6:00 pm. The price for Shelburne Farm has not gone up.

Alexandra Nickerson, volunteer coordinator for VQF, announced the brochures for this year's show are out. If anyone received multiple copies, they are asked to contact the VQF office. Registration on line is beginning to work. Volunteer info is also on line. She reminded members that there are many jobs before and after the show, so volunteers can still have the show days clear. If you volunteer 4 hours or more, you get advance registration privileges. People who white glove four hours or more, get a chance at a draw for a free class.

Ruth Whitaker announced 16 seats are still open for the August 21st trip. She offered copies of the challenge/theme quilt info for the show. Marty Sundby will be handling the Silent Auction at the show and she will do the judge's luncheon.

Joanne announced the following openings being filled by the nominating committee....President Elect, Membership, Newsletter Editor, Bus trips, Historian, Storage Shed key keeper, Green Mountain Guild Representative.

Janet Brunet, program co chair announced the April workshops with Sue Nivkels still have many openings. Antique sewing machines and tools will be on display in April. She announced the various mini workshops and their locations.

The business meeting was adjourned on motion of Linda Lees and Sarah Page.

Barbara Carter

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April Sales

Sat. April 3: 20% off yellow fabric

Sat. April 10: 20% off one notion

Sat. April 17: Fat Quarter Sale!

Traditional fat quarters: \$1.25

Batik/Asian: \$1.40

Sat. April 24: 20% off one book/pattern

Yankee Pride will be closed
Sunday, April 4 for Easter.
Enjoy the day with your family!

New at Yankee Pride

*Collections Charity from Moda

*Essentials from Wilmington

*Butterfly Garden from Moda

*Tonga Batiks from Timeless Treasures

*2010 Shop Hop fabrics from Hoffman

April Classes

Paper Piecing

Machine Quilting

Spring Table Runner