

# THINK WARM THOUGHTS! NOTE! GUILD MEETS AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

Meeting Location:  
St. John Vianney Church,  
160 Hinesburg Rd,  
South Burlington, Vt

- 6.30 Social Time
- 7.00 Welcome and important announcements
- 7.10 Speaker
- 8.00 Break
- 8.15 Approval of minutes and other business
- 8.30 Show and Tell
- 9.00 Meeting ends

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## President's Letter

APRIL 2015

Happy April!!

Yay!! Camp Abnaki is coming up. Since I've never needed to clear a path through the snow to get to the dining hall, I have faith that warm days are coming and we'll have a wonderful time again, sewing away happily for 4 glorious days! I know, I know... I had that same faith last year but camp is a bit later this year giving additional time for a warmup.

It's that time of year again when we need to think about what position we'd like to volunteer for in the upcoming year. We need to fill the Vice President position which rolls into the President's position the following year. Our Program Chairs are also looking for 1 or 2 people to start working with them this year since they would like to step down in 2016. Both of these opportunities give you the chance to work with mentors for a full year before assuming the role of President or Program Chair. Connie will give a rundown of any other positions we need to fill at the April meeting.

June and the Teacup Auction will be upon us more quickly than we can imagine. Who will volunteer to coordinate this annual event for us? Please let me know if you are willing to take on this one time effort.

Collectively we are the Guild and it takes all of us to make it work successfully.

Adrian Garneau will review the Operations portion of our budget at the April meeting and will help tie all of the pieces together so that you'll have a better understanding of our expenses and income. This is a great opportunity for better understanding next year's budget which will be presented in May and voted on in June as well as to discuss what we want from our Guild.

Stay warm, happy sewing... see you on April 7 for our Guild meeting!

Marty DeNevo, CVQG President

## Tuesday, April 7 Featured Speaker— Meg Cox

**(St. John Vianney Church, S. Burlington) <http://megcox.com>**  
**400 Years of Quilts At the Click of a Mouse – Great Online Resources to Inspire Quilters**



As president of the nonprofit Quilt Alliance, Meg will lecture about the amazing online resources of the group. These include an oral history project archived at the Library of Congress, and the Quilt Index, an online repository of more than 50,000 quilts. Meg gives audiences the story behind some amazing quilts, and tells them how to document their own quilt stories. Meg will also explore issues of copyright, so quilters know which designs are protected, and which are in the public domain.

Meg is always a hit at QuiltCon, The Modern Quilt Guild's annual show and conference

### NEWSLETTER EMAIL CHANGE!!

Please send newsletter entries to:  
newsletter.nui@gmail.com

*Deadline for entries is the fifteenth of the month.*

**PLEASE BE ON TIME!**

**THANK YOU.**

2014-2015 Officers & Committees

President – Marty DelNevo  
 VP – Connie McDonald  
 Past President—Karey Young  
 Secretary – Barbara Carter  
 Treasurer – Adrian Garneau  
 Program Co-Chairs – Janet Brunet & Pat Hechmer  
 Membership: Carla White  
 Webmaster: Marty DelNevo  
 Quilt Show Chairman:  
     Linda Lazarowski  
 Librarian – Kim Portalupi  
 Community Quilts – Gail Babinger & Carol Thurgate  
 Quilt Retreat – Teela Dufresne  
 Quilts of Valor Raffle – Barbara Harrison, Andre Emmell  
 Photographer – Angela Miller  
 Historian – Joanne Guillemette  
 Storage Area – Linda Lees and Claire Graham-Smith  
 Raffle Blocks – Michele Cummings, Heather Bosen & Katherine Solbert  
 Info Booth – Pam Farnsworth  
 Bus Trips—Jeannette Harrison  
 Green Mountain Rep – Kim Portalupi  
 Sunshine – Sue Rivers

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**A Talk About Sunshine with Susan Rivers \*\***

**What does the Sunshine committee do?**

I'm the committee. I send cards and notes to members when they are under the weather. I send condolence notes to members who have had a death in their family, and to the family of members who have died. I've also written about members who have died in the newsletter.

**Is there anything guild members can do to help you?**

I appreciate it when someone sends me an email or gives me a call to let me know someone they know is ill, or has had family member die.

**Anything else you'd like us to know?**

I think communication among members is very important, especially since we have so many. I see this as a way of bringing us together.

March Board Snippets

\*\*\*\*Treasurer Adrian Garneau presented a comprehensive outline of guild expenses over the last tree years.  
 \*\*\*\*appraisal of the new raffle quilt was discussed. Members have signed up to do all the various tasks to get the quilt completed.  
 \*\*\*\*Discussion was held about raising the dues.  
 \*\*\*\* The cost of mailing the newsletter was also discussed. 12 members of the guild who have email still receive the print copy.  
 \*\*\*\*Names were suggested for the nominating committee. Barbara Carter

It's Coming Back!!!

May is the month we have our Fat Quarter Basket Raffle, and we are doing it again this year. You are invited to go through your stash and choose as many as you like to donate to the raffle. They can be the ugliest thing you ever saw or one or two of your most loved. I will be happy to receive them at both the April and May meetings. The Quilts of Valor raffle has suffered from the cold stormy weather this winter, so let's go out with a bang and build up the resources for the batting and shipping of quilts for wounded service members.  
 Barbara Harrison

**Directions to St. John Vianney Church, 160 Hinesburg Rd, S. Burlington!**

St. John Vianney Church is on Route 116 (Hinesburg Road) between Kennedy Drive and Williston Road. If you are coming from Burlington, turn RIGHT on to Hinesburg Road. The Church is on LEFT just before the Catholic cemetery. Enter the parking lot on the **right** side of the church and drive to the back and turn left. Our meeting is in the new building that is in the far end of the parking lot. DO NOT GO TO THE CHURCH!! Meeting is in the Parish hall.

The link: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/St+John+Vianney+Church/@44.462662,-73.169976,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x4cca7a2ba7de839f:0xda2801923043d324>

*Reach for the stars! 2015 Quilt challenge!*

Variable Star, Hunter Star, Texas Star, Lucky Star—the list goes on and on.

Well, for the challenge this year, your entry must show a star or stars. Traditional, modern, artsy—the sky's the limit -- no pun intended!!

The Rules:

1. A star or stars in the design
2. Perimeter not to exceed 144"
3. A 3"x5" index card attached to bottom right corner with a brief description of your quilt
4. Quilts to be displayed at the October guild meeting when members will vote for their favorite

The Shelburne town library would like to display the quilts during October and November and the Charlotte Senior Center during December and January. Having your quilt displayed is optional; however, this seems to be a good way to showcase our work and promote the guild.

### Champlain Valley Quilt Guild Minutes, March 3rd, 2015

President Marty DelNevo welcomed members and guests to the March meeting of the Guild on a stormy, cold night. She announced there would be a raffle quilt workshop on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Yankee Pride, and that Judy and Tom Thomas have donated the fabric for the front and back of the quilt.

Program co-chair Pat Hechmer introduced three members of the guild who were our guest speakers. Marya Lowe told us of her hundred blocks in a one hundred days project, and showed several of the quilts she had made from the blocks. Maureen Yates described her learning about machine quilting and displayed quilts sewn with various quilting patterns. Teela Dufresne showed several quilts she had made during her quilting life, starting with a three color sampler and ending with a double wedding ring quilt. She also described her experience as a member of a swap club and showed quilts made from those swap blocks.

Pat Hechmer gave a detailed report of the expenses involved in bringing speakers and other programs to the guild. She and Janet Brunet are responsible for planning 8 meetings a year plus workshops and many contracts are signed two years in advance, Fees include housing and travel and since Janet Brunet has graciously hosted many speakers, her hospitality is a considerable gift to the guild. This information will be posted on the website.

Teela Dufresne reported that no contract has yet been received from Camp Abnaki for the spring retreat. Information will be posted on the website as soon as it is received. She is also accepting volunteers for VQF.

After the break, the various raffles were held. The Quilts of Valor raffle chair Barbara Harrison announced Paula Fisher as the winner. The Raffle block chair, Michelle Cummings showed the block for April. The winner of that raffle was Sue McGuire. The minutes were approved by a motion of Teela Dufresne and Caroline Edmunds. Hope Johnson reported 40 blocks have been received for the "bee" quilt. Marty thanked the library angels who have been picking up boxes of books and making sure all is well. The Green Mountain Guild will hold their spring meeting in Barre on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Betty Packer moved and Thea Platt seconded the adoption of the February minutes as printed. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned for Show and Tell.

Barbara Carter, Secretary

Form also available at: <http://www.cvqgvt.org/forms.html>

#### Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild – Spring Workshop Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Check #s \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday May 6      Debby Kratovil      Hosannah Palms      \$45

(Mail check for Debby's workshop to Janet Brunet, 60 Mills Point Road,  
Colchester, VT 05446)

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, after confirming availability.

[programs@cvqgvt.org](mailto:programs@cvqgvt.org)

*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.*

**Tuesday May 5      Featured speaker – Debby Kratovil**

<http://www.quilterbydesign.com>



**Short Cuts from a Short Woman**

This is a trunk show bursting with tips, tricks, shortcuts and a variety of innovations that will satisfy any quilter. I demonstrate traditional blocks made with non-traditional methods. With 25-35 quilts I show quick ways to create otherwise difficult blocks and finishing techniques: taking out the y-seam on Lone Stars; no hand sewing of quilt labels, rod pockets and binding - no kidding! I am always making new samples, so every time I give this trunk show I have at least a dozen new quilts using the latest fabrics. I am the Queen of Tips and Tricks and I love to share these things to make your quilting life easier and more fun.

**Wednesday May 6 Workshop with Debby:      Hosannah Palms**



This very traditional block has historically been pieced with templates or foundation pieced in two diagonal halves. I updated it to be foundation pieced in ONE unit, sort of like an off-center log cabin. It goes together quickly with pre-cut strips and made beautiful with today's fabrics in rich colored fabrics.

I love teaching about quilts. As a former high school math and English teacher I have created hundreds of instructional articles about quilts with my one simple rule: make it easy to understand and help every quilter be confident that he/she can make that same project, too! Math is not a dirty word, because I do alot of it for you. All workshops are based on projects, but I cover a LOT of tips, tricks and sewing techniques during the workshop time.

**Time:** 9:00am – 3:30pm    **Cost:** \$45

**Location:** United Church of Colchester

**Minimum Skill Level:** Beginner

**Kit:** \$8.00 kit fee paid to instructor includes multi-page, well illustrated handout along with all paper foundations to make 3 blocks.

**In Memoriam**



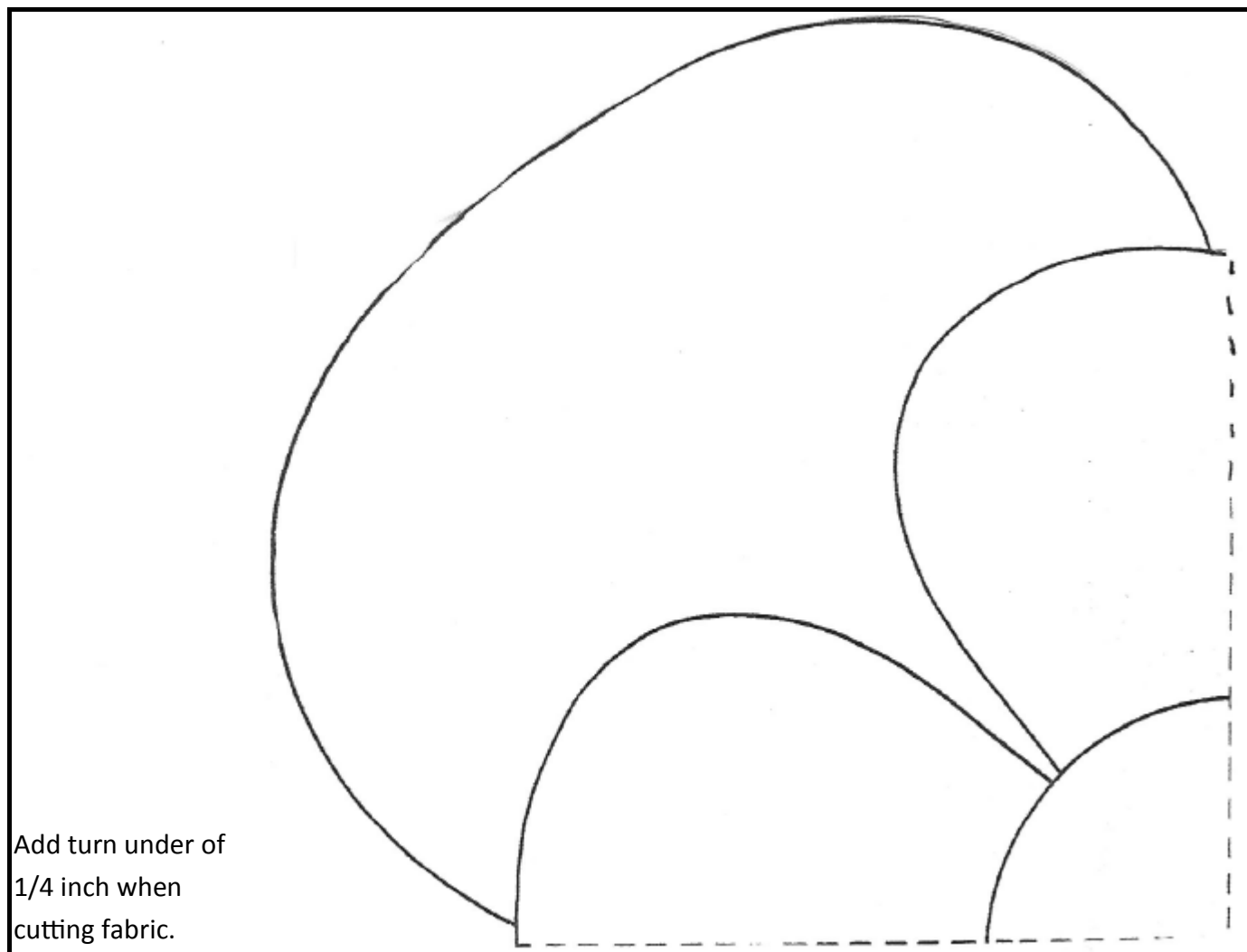
Connie Rottler  
June 27, 1931—  
February 12, 2015

Our guild lost 2 long-time members in February. Connie Rottler was a faithful member from years back, unable to be active in more recent years. She won a blue ribbon with her first quilt entered at one of our shows.



Mary Sevcik  
August 10, 1946—  
February 28, 2015

Mary Sevcik was on the Ribbons Committee back in 2010, and helped with many other projects for the guild. In spite of physical limitations, she still attended guild meetings until recently.



### **April Pretty Posy Block**

We suggest cutting your background square  $10 \frac{3}{4}$ ". After doing your applique trim the block to  $10 \frac{1}{2}$ ". Use the attached PDF and trace the  $\frac{1}{4}$  image to make templates. You may use any applique method that you are comfortable with.

Michele did needle turn, Katherine did machine applique with turned under edges. Other techniques might be freezer paper, raw edge or fusible. If you choose one other than fusible be sure to add up to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the design for turning under.

Rather than take up newsletter space I am going to suggest that you use a friendly quilt guild member or a You-tube tutorial for tips on how to applique.

You should have 4 basic pieces: (use bright or spring like colors)

10  $\frac{3}{4}$ " background square of a light color.

One center circle of your darkest color

A small scale or solid set of center pedals

A medium scale for the outer pedals.

Mark the center of your block and center your flower on this. I prefer not to have multiple layers behind the pieces. So I applique the center to the inner pedals and then the inner pedals to the outer pedals and finally the flower as a whole to the background. I trim out the bulk to within  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance after each sequence. When the final appliqueing is done give it a gentle PRESS.

As always make as many as you like and have fun.

If you have questions you can always contact a member of the block committee.



## **UPCOMING CVQG PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE 2014-2015**

For more information about our Programs, see our website [www.cvqgvt.org](http://www.cvqgvt.org)

**May 5: Debby Kratovil**

**June 2: Potluck Dinner and Teacup Auction**

**Workshop registrations will be accepted as they are received and paid for regardless of guild membership. This new policy is an effort to fill our wonderful workshops.**