

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR 2016 CVQG QUILT SHOW!

SEE PAGES 2 and 7 OF NEWSLETTER!!!

Meeting Location:
Alliance Church
37 Old Stage Rd,
Essex Junction, VT

6.30 Social Time
7.00 Meeting begins
Important announcements
7.10 Program
8.00 Break
8.15 Approval of minutes
and other business
8.30 Show and Tell
9.00 Meeting ends

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Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild



President's Address

APRIL 2016

It is so nice to have the sun stay in the sky just a little later these days. Seems like we have a few extra minutes of daylight to sew in before my eyes get tired in the evenings and I have to throw in the towel, and then, before you know it, summer will be here! Another thing that will be just around the corner is our quilt show. So many of you have volunteered already to chair or co-chair a committee to make it all come together. Thank you! However, Marty is still looking for people to be responsible for lighting at the show, decorations, and signs. Volunteer sign ups to help at the show in October will start in April.

Our speaker for April is Ann Petersen, also known as the Obsessive Quilter. You may have taken a Craftsy class she taught, or seen her on The Quilt Show. I know I am really looking forward to her demo/workshop on quilting a big project on a small machine. Now if I could just remember to get my check in and submit my time off form to my supervisor, life would be great!

Remember to bring along all of the friendship star blocks you've made from the fabric we swapped in March! It would be wonderful to be able to donate multiple quilts to Women Helping Battered Women. Drop off locations have been set up in Shelburne, Williston, and Essex Junction for those who are not able to attend the April meeting. See the article in this newsletter.

Connie McDonald, President

Ann Petersen <http://obsessivequilter.weebly.com>

Tuesday April 5 Lecture/Trunk Show Quilt As Desired?



So just what is "Quilt as Desired?" How do you know what you desire on a quilt? Ann will do a show and tell of some of her quilts and talk about the thought process for why she chose to quilt them as she did.

Ann quilts her award winning pieces exclusively on a standard domestic machine. They have been featured in numerous quilt publications and winning awards since 2002. Her latest adventure is teaching on-line for craftsy.com where she currently has five classes.

2015-2016 Officers & Committees

President – Connie McDonald
 VP – Pat Hechmer
 Past President—Marty DelNevo
 Secretary – Barbara Carter
 Treasurer – Adrian Garneau
 Program Co-Chairs – Janet Brunet & Pat Hechmer
 Membership: Carla White
 Quilt Show Chairman: TBA
 Quilt of Valor Rep: Andre Emmell
 Librarian – Pam Farnsworth & Leah Pastel
 Community Quilts – Gail Babinger & Carol Thurgate
 Quilt Retreat – Teela Dufresne
 Challenge Quilt—Hope Johnson & Ruth Whitaker
 Quilts of Valor Raffle – Joanne Guillemette & Hope Johnson
 Photographer – Linda Lane
 Historian – Joanne Guillemette
 Rack Rentals – Adrian Garneau & Linda Lees
 Raffle Blocks – Michele Cummings and Heather Bosen
 Info Booth – Kathy Kenney
 Bus Trips—Jeannette Harrison
 Green Mountain Rep – Mitzi Oakes & Marty DelNevo
 Sunshine – Sue Rivers
 Newsletter—Esther Nui
 Webmaster: Marty DelNevo
 Publicity—Heather Bosen
 Hospitality—Kathy Kenney

2016 CVQG Show Update

I'm desperately still looking to fill a few important Show Volunteer spots. I need a person or a group to sign up for the following: lighting at the show, updating our signs and setting them up primarily at the fairgrounds to provide directions between the exhibits (us and the rug hookers), someone to coordinate the special displays, and decorations immediately outside the State Building (think of the lanterns we used to have at Shelburne Farms) and decorations inside the building (think of the pumpkins and mums we usually have around the space). Thank you to all who have volunteered to fill the other 27 spots!
 Please contact Marty DelNevo at 878-7457 or msundbyvt@comcast.net if you need more info or are willing to help with these activities.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Community Quilts would like to thank the members who purchased fat quarters to make the April block of the month. The money will be used to purchase batting for Community Quilts.

Thank you to those who donated fabric and batting. Your donation is appreciated and will be put to good use.

Sandi Hardy is planning a fidget quilt workshop for April or May. When the date and location have been finalized, we will pass along the information. Carol Thurgate, Sandi Hardy and Gail Babinger, Community Quilts Co-chairs

CAMP ABNAKI UPDATE

The form for the 2016 retreat weekend are posted on the website under weekend retreat: Spring dates: April 28 – May 1
 Fall dates: Sept 29 – Oct 2

Teela Dufresne

TEACUP AUCTION IN JUNE 2016

Fellow guild members,

I am in charge of the annual Tea Cup Auction that we have in June. I please consider weeding out some of those "quilty" items you no longer use or think they would be more welcome in a different home. Gather them up, I will be at guild meeting and will accept items. I have the space to gather items until May.

Thank you to those who stepped forward to help organize. I will still need someone to sell raffle tickets.

Teela Dufresne

Flea Market

Ruth Whitaker and Barbara Harrison are still looking for donations to the Flea Market that we'll participate in on Sunday, April 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Donations can be anything you have in your home that would bring about \$5. It does not need to be quilt related; it can be but not fabric scraps. Do you have some older pots and pans in decent condition that you're not using, maybe one of those gifts that you'll never use or put out, a lamp that no longer suits you but still works, pottery, etc. If you have costume jewelry that you no longer wear, consider donating it! Please do not donate old electronics or items that are very worn and/or broken.

Please bring your items to the April meeting for Ruth and Barbara to collect. If you are not able to attend the April meeting, items can be brought to Ruth's home in Shelburne (153 Bacon Drive) or Marty DelNevo's home in Williston (172 Village Grove).

If you have questions or need more info, contact Ruth at 985-2950 or ruthestherwhitaker@gmail.com or contact Barbara Harrison at 264-4846 or barbara@mithrandir.com.

Ruth and Barbara are doing this to help the Guild raise funds and would appreciate additional volunteers to help at the table. If you can help for an hour or two on April 24, please let Ruth or Barbara know.

Details about the Flea Market at the Expo can be found at <http://www.cvexpo.org/FleaMarket.html>

Marty DelNevo

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild, Minutes, March 1st, 2016

President Connie McDonald welcomed members and guests to the meeting. She announced that Pat Hechmer has agreed to be president elect for this year and president next year. This was received with applause. The nominating committee of Adrian Garneau, Donna Hamill and Barbara Harrison will be asking members to fill several positions. Connie asked members to consider volunteering.

Program co chair Janet Brunet introduced the presenters of the evening. Members enjoyed hearing from the following members and friends, Sue McGuire, Marty DelNevo, Linda Lane, Anne Standish, Joanne Guilmette, Gale Kreutz, Nicole Cahlander, Ruth Whitaker, Collette Kaiser, Cathy Howell and Janet Brunet. Several other small group members helped show their quilts.

After the break, Donna Hamell led a game of "musical fat quarters". The fat quarters will be used for the April raffle block, and made into quilts for Women Helping Battered Women.

Collette Kaiser will manage the raffle quilt for 2016. It is ready for the binding. She will be soliciting volunteers to sell tickets at various venues and welcomes suggestions for other locations to display the quilt and sell tickets. Tickets are available for pick up. The raffle will take place at the December guild meeting!

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Teela Dufresne and Audrey Moore with corrections. The challenge quilt is being organized by Collette Kaiser and Jeanette Harrison. The challenge quilts from 2015 are currently exhibited at the Essex Senior Center.

The March Board meeting will be at Marty DelNevo's home on Tuesday March 8th. The challenge quilt guidelines are on the website with suggestions of possible song titles. Hope Johnson announced a reception will be held March 12th at the Essex Senior Center to open the exhibit of challenge quilts. She informed us that an article about members had appeared in the Colchester newspaper. Details regarding the "Book Bag Bazaar Fundraiser for the Shelburne Pierson Library are in the March 2016 newsletter. Ruth Whitaker \ reminded members that we are participating in the flea market at Expo in April and asked for donations and volunteers. A craft table will be on display at the show. Please note that the guild will receive 20% of the proceeds sold.

Quilt Show chair Marty DelNevo updated members on plans for the Show in October. The show will be open on Friday in order to share time with the rug hookers. Quilt receiving will be Tuesday afternoon. The reception will be Friday evening. She urged members to come up with more locations and new ideas to display the quilt and sell tickets. It alleviates the problem of only members spending money on tickets. She is still looking for a volunteer coordinator for the show. Pat Marmilion has notes from last year and is willing to serve as an advisor. The next meeting will be March 15th at June Sweeney's home.

Connie announced that Rose Orr has received a ribbon for a quilt in a show in Des Moines. She asked members to consider volunteering to white glove and sell raffle tickets at the show in Loudon.

Michelle Cummings won the raffle blocks. Robin Dobrowolski won the Name tag raffle and Donna Hamill won the Quilts of Valor raffle. Several gift cards which had been donated by the Adirondack Quilt Shop were given out. The meeting adjourned for Show and Tell.

Barbara Carter, Secretary

March Board Snippets

The following items were discussed.

****moving the June meeting to the Mormon church.

****the financial report shows some improvement in our bottom line, but we are not out of the woods

****how should we deal with shipping costs if someone asks for fidget quilts? It was decided we should charge what it costs and donations would be welcome.

****the nominating committee are still working to fill positions with the aim of being finished by the end of March.

****volunteers are responding for the raffle quilt ticket sales at MQS. Barbara Carter

QUILTS OF VALOR RAFFLE

For many years now we have had a fat quarter basket raffle in May, so once again, we are asking for people to bring in fat quarters and/or 2 1/2" strips so we can make a wonderful basket. Some one suggested that adding 2 1/2" strips would be fun as many people are making those fast strip quilts. Thank you for supporting the quilts of valor project. A big thank you goes out to all of you who buy tickets, and to those who help fill the basket with goodies to raffle.

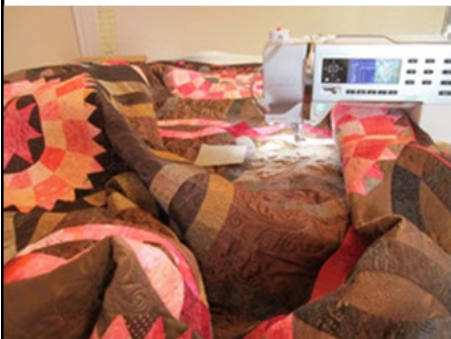
Joanne Guillemette and Hope Johnson

CVQG Programs/Workshops 2015-2016

NOTE: Ann's workshop has changed from original February announcement

Wednesday April 6 Workshop with Ann Petersen

Big Projects on a Small Machine - More Ways to Quilt a Big Quilt



All of Ann's prize winning quilts have been quilted on a standard size domestic sewing machine. If you want to learn from an expert how to handle a large quilt on a small machine, Ann's demo is for you.

Ann will show four different ways to break a large quilt into pieces that are easier to handle than the entire piece, how to split the quilt top into three or more pieces and then rejoin, how to split the batting, how to do a block by block quilting method and the medallion method. Learn how to baste to minimize tucks and wrinkles on the back, the best order for quilting, and how to physically handle a

large quilt. Lots of time will be provided for questions and answers.

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Cost: \$45 members, \$50 non-members

Location: United Church of Colchester

UPCOMING PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP

Pam Damour <http://www.pamdamour.com/>

Tuesday May 3 Lecture

Zentangle on Fabric



Now 10 years old, the Zentangle movement is an international sensation. What started as a means of meditation and relaxation, is now being used as art therapy. Join Pam for a fun evening as she teaches the step by step process of Zentangle. People all over the world are amazed with the ease with which they can create their own works of art. Pam will take you to the next level, showing how to create your own fabrics.

If you want to follow along as Pam demonstrates the art of Zentangle, bring pencil, drawing paper, fabric to draw on, Micron pen, permanent fabric pen (rolling ball pen thicker than a Micron pen), a hard surface to serve as a lap desk, and a tortillion, or smudge stick used for shading (<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Tortillon>). Don't want to follow along, bring a notebook for tips on getting started with Zentangle. Pam will have Zentangle kits and supplies for sale.

Wednesday May 4 Workshop with Pam Damour

Great Quilt Finishes



A great quilt is a combination of perfect piecing, choosing the right fabrics, the quality of the quilting, and how it's finished. In this all day workshop, you will learn how to "Kick it up a Notch" with some great ways to finish your quilts. Learn continuous prairie points, ruched inserts, piped binding, perfect scallop edges, French binding, flat piping, and more! Take your quilts to a whole new level, but also use your new skills in all your sewing projects!

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Cost: \$50 members, \$55 non-members

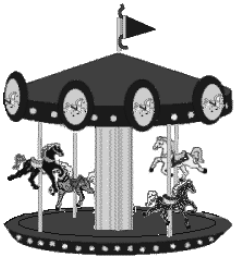
Note: workshop cost includes \$25 kit fee, a great bargain!

Location: United Church of Colchester

Workshop registrations will be accepted as they are paid for regardless of guild membership. This policy is an effort to fill our wonderful workshops. Sign up for workshops at guild meetings or use on line form (cvqgvt.org forms)

Questions? contact workshop coordinators - Peterson workshop (Janet Brunet, programs@cvqgvt.org, 846-7392); Damour workshop (Pat Hechmer, phechmer@mac.com, 878-3725).

Raffle Tickets—Starry, Starry Night!



The signup sheets for the 2016 Champlain Valley Fair raffle ticket sales will be available at our **May and June** meetings. I know that summer isn't even here yet, but be thinking about your schedule for the end of August—beginning of September!

Meantime, see the raffle quilt sales ticket table—pick up your 3 books of tickets and check your name off my list! Thanks,

Sue Rivers 863-5042 harleysue98@myfairpoint.net

Starry, Starry Night at the Women's Expo



Our 2016 raffle quilt made its public debut at the Women's Expo on March 12. Raffle Quilt Manager Colette Kaiser set up the table and several guild members helped during the day with ticket sales. The total tickets sold was \$128.00, a good start! People were very interested in the fidget quilts (pictured at right) as well as the "What's My Name" blocks on the front of the table.

Thanks to all who helped on a beautiful Saturday!



BLOCK FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Block of the Month news

We are planning ahead for the April Block! The collection of blocks in April are intended to be pieced together into a quilt(s!!) donated to the Women Helping Battered Women in Burlington.

STEP 1: (deadline Guild meeting in March): Shop your local quilt store or your stash and find two fat quarters in soft feminine colors that have good contrast that would equate with a light and dark. Bring them to the March Meeting for a fun exchange.

STEP 2: make as many blocks as you can of the Friendship Star pattern from the fat quarters. (My sample made [5] 8" blocks (finished size 7.5"). The winner will be responsible for making up a group to help assemble the top, quilt and bind it. At the June meeting we would like to show the quilt and then donate it to the shelter.

☺ If you did not exchange blocks in March you can still make blocks with your own fabric

Friendship Star

Cut- background [4] 3" squares
[2] 3 7/8" or 3 5/8" squares (used to make half square triangle blocks)
Contrast- [1] 3" square
[2] 3 7/8" or 3 5/8" squares (used to make half square triangle blocks)

Note: Using 3 5/8" cuts down on some waste when cutting the half square triangle blocks.



1.
Your cut pieces



2. Draw a line diagonally from corner to corner on the wrong side of the lighter 2 5/8" squares. Sew 1/4" away from each side of the center line



3.
Cut on the diagonal line and press the seams to the darker fabric.
Half square blocks should be trimmed to 3".



4.
You should have the following blocks available for assembly.
Line them up as follows



5.
Sew together using precise or scant 1/4" seams so that seams nest.
Press. Block should measure 8" square.

Sharing the Journey

Our building community theme has inspired popup workshops, sew-ins, a wonderful March program with guild members talking about their group projects, and great support for our friendship star project for Women Helping Battered Women. What about sharing the drive to meetings, workshops, etc.? This is a great way to meet new people, be kind to the environment, and help members who may no longer feel comfortable driving at night or who come a distance and would appreciate companionship on the long drive. If you would like to carpool as a rider or driver, let me know and I'll work to coordinate. (Pat Hechmer, phechmer@mac.com, 878-3725)

By the way...If you have a quilter friend or neighbor who is not a guild member, why not invite them to a meeting? The \$10 admission makes a great gift and our programs draw upon top notch, nationally and internationally recognized speakers. Pat Hechmer

2016 Raffle Quilt

Many thanks to those who participated in the creation of this year's raffle quilt, Starry, Starry Night. The construction team led by Colette Kaiser included Marty DelNevo, Robin Dobrowolski, Lyn Hoffelt, Crystal Howard, Pat Marmillion, Leah Pastel and Maureen Yates. Quilt design and fabric selection was done by Annie Buck, Sue Rivers and Colette, who also provided the batting and did the quilting.

And all this couldn't be possible without the generous support of Yankee Pride Quilts Shop, which donated the batiks and notions. Please thank them next time you're at the shop!

Look for monthly updates about ticket sales progress. Contact Sue Rivers to pick up your 3 ticket books to sell, prices are same as last year, 6 for \$5. Drawing is Dec 6 at the guild meeting.

Please contact Colette with your ideas about places where the quilt can be displayed for ticket sales, and also if you're interested in leading one of these display events. Sue will again manage volunteers for the CVE Fair, and the Guild Show volunteer coordinator will manage that event, but we need leaders for other activities like the Shelburne Harvest Festival, farmer's markets, etc.

Thanks again to everyone who built this beautiful quilt! I look forward to working with all guild members to achieve this year's fundraising goal! Colette Kaiser cbk.vermont@yahoo.com, Raffle Quilt Marketing Coordinator

2016 CVQG QUILT SHOW REGISTRATION INFO

Our quilt show planning is well underway! Are you thinking about which quilts you'd like to register to show? Registration information is available on the website under the 2016 Quilt Show at Champlain Valley Expo tab on our Home page at www.cvqgvt.org

Registration forms will be available at our upcoming monthly Guild meetings or can be printed from the website. Call Marty DelNevo if you need one mailed to you. I can be reached at 878-7475.

2016 Quilt Show Craft Table

Ruth Whitaker and Barbara Harrison are again hosting the Craft Table at our October Show. Start thinking about items that you have made or will make that you would like to sell. Items must be quilt related or craft items. Any size quilt may be sold, including wall hangings.

For more information about selling items at our craft table and the rules associated, please read the information available on our website's Home page under the 2016 Quilt Show at Champlain Valley Fair Expo. Questions? Contact either Ruth Whitaker at 985-2950 (ruthestherwhitaker@gmail.com) or Barbara Harrison at 264-4846 (barbara@mithrandir.com).

2016 CVQG QUILT SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Signups to volunteer at the CVQG Annual Show October 21 through 23 or help with set up on October 19 and 20 will begin at the April meeting. Look for June Sweeney in the Lobby before the meeting or during the break. She'll have the signup sheets available for you.

Many hands make light work! We need all your help and expertise whether for a block of time or just a couple of hours. Volunteering for two hours gets you into the show free the day you volunteer! Thanks for your support!

LET'S CARPOOL TO A SHOW!!

These are the shows in our area during the month of April.

1. Franklin County Quilters Guild: 18th Annual Quilt Show, St. Mary's Parish Hall, St. Albans, Sat., April 2 – 9 am to 4 pm; Sun., April 3 – 10 am to 3 pm Free Admission Website: <http://franklincountyquilters.org/>

2. MQX Quilt Festival, Radisson Hotel, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH
Thurs., April 7 – 10 am to 6 pm; Fri., April 8 – 10 am to 5pm; Sat., April 9 – 10 am to 5pm Admission: \$12.00
Website: <http://www.mqxshow.com/MQX/Home/index.cfm>

3. Maple Leaf Quilters 28th Festival of Quilts, "Bountiful Baskets"
Holiday Inn at the Junction of Route 4 & 8, Rutland, VT Sat., April 9 - 9am- 5 pm; Sun: April 10 – 10 am – 4pm
Admission: \$6 Website: www.mapleleafquilters.org

Please call Jeannette Harrison at 871-5025, or email at sspdy55@gmail.com if you are interested in going and carpooling to any of the shows.



CVQG PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE 2016

For more information about our Programs, see our website www.cvqgvt.org or stop by the Programs table at the meeting. We welcome your suggestions. Janet Brunet & Patricia Hechmer, Program co-chairs, programs@cvqgvt.org.

April 5: Ann Petersen <http://obsessivequilter.weebly.com/>

May 3: Pam Damour <http://www.pamdamour.com/>

June 7: Potluck Dinner and Teacup Auction

Oct. 4, 2016: Kathryn Greenwold www.kathryngreenwold.com

Nov.1, 2016: Wendy Butler Berns <http://www.wendybutlerberns.com/>

April 4, 2017: Meg Cox megcox.com

May 2, 2017: Lisa Calle www.lisahcalle.com